



# leisure

## FORTUNE FORECAST

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**ARIES**  
You have to take care of your health, and at last you realise the importance of diet and exercise. However, today you may wish to eat something new, or try some different cuisine. Ganesha says go out with some old friends whom you have been neglecting of late.

**TAURUS**  
Be prepared for taking instant decisions and acting promptly on them. Today you are likely to meet several such situations Ganesha is pleased to see that you have the acumen and experience to deal with such contingencies. You will have no trouble finding the right solutions and seeing things through. Your exemplary managing skills will be noticed, appreciated and admired. Others are likely to come to you for consultation and advice.

**GEMINI**  
There is a likelihood of some household disturbance cropping up today. Your family members could make a lot of demands from you. You may feel angry because of your inability to meet all their needs and wants. Unexpected expenses are also indicated. You need to control your spending, says Ganesha.

**CANCER**  
Minor ailments like cough and cold may bother you, warns Ganesha. So avoid cold or sweet items. People admire your helpful nature. Take special care of your health, says Ganesha.

**LEO**  
You need to curb down on your expenses. You need to moderate the risks you take on in the share market. It is a good day for financial gains though. You need to understand the value of compromise, says Ganesha.

**VIRGO**  
In all likelihood you will indulge in some writing or artistic work, which will bring about wonderful results. As you are passionate about these things, you may convert them into your hobbies, if you are not involved in them as a professional. Ganesha gives you the green signal to enjoy the clout that you wield over others with your sweet words.

**LIBRA**  
Ganesha says that there are chances that today you might start some long-pending renovation project for your house. You may decorate your home with new paintings and items. There may be guests over in the evening that will make you very happy. You may also go out for dinner with your family and friends or, more probably, with your sweetheart.

**SCORPIO**  
The one thing that we neglect the most about ourselves is health. But today you are unable to do that. Your health needs to be paid enough attention as you may be suffering from ailment/s. Try to regularise your routine along with healthy food and regular exercise, advises Ganesha.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Time to open up that can of confetti at the workplace today. Success never smelled sweeter. But you may bleed on the purchase front, says Ganesha, as in your revelry, you may just unknowingly end up shelling an extra buck or two on ordinary items.

**CAPRICORN**  
Your accomplishments may take you on cloud nine today. Success may come easily to you, but don't try your luck too much, advises Ganesha. Make the most of today as tomorrow may not be the same as today. You will be popular today, especially in your social circle as you'll impress everyone with your wit and humour.

**AQUARIUS**  
Today is the day to turn dreams into reality and how! With your talent, wit, and intelligence you will make a great impression on everyone's mind, feels Ganesha. Icing on the cake will be the cash inflow. You know your cards and you play them well to your advantage. There may be a catch though, keep yourself guarded, advises Ganesha.

**PISCES**  
Just as melting ice caps on faraway mountains can swell the oceans, concerted efforts you make now will have far-reaching beneficial consequences, says Ganesha. Do not be disheartened in the face of obstacles and keep soldiering on.



## PATAKY TO STAR IN THE MARK

Actor Elsa Pataky, best known for her roles in the *Fast & Furious* franchise, became the latest addition to the star cast of the upcoming spy thriller, titled *The Mark*. The film is directed by Justin Chadwick and is currently in production in Queensland, Australia. It is written by Ronnie Christensen.

## ALBA, RAMIREZ GO PUBLIC WITH THEIR ROMANCE

Jessica Alba and Danny Ramirez have officially confirmed their romance, making their relationship Instagram official at the Baby2Baby Gala. The couple, who had been seen together previously, shared cozy pictures from the event, showcasing their undeniable chemistry.



# Tamannaah claps back at trolls

**Mumbai:** Tamannaah Bhatia recently addressed rumours surrounding her physical transformation, specifically accusations that she used Ozempic, a weight-loss drug. The actress, who has been in the spotlight since she was 15, opened up about her evolving body and the pressures she faces under constant public scrutiny. "I've been in front of the camera for so long, so there's nothing to hide," she said. While she was once known for her slender frame in her early years, she explained that the body she has now is something she's always had, even if it might be new to some of her Hindi film audience.

Tamannaah also acknowledged the changes in a woman's body over time. "Every five years, we see a different version of ourselves," she shared. Reflecting on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on her body, she admitted to struggling with maintaining her weight during that period. "I love food, and I had to face the camera while being conscious of my body," she said. She emphasised that women's bodies naturally shift, especially in their 30s, and for her, curves are a part of her Sindhi heritage. "My curves are not going anywhere," she affirmed, urging women to embrace their natural bodies and reject unrealistic beauty standards. On the work front, Tamannaah has several films lined up, including *O' Romeo*, *Ranger*, and *Vvan*.



# Sidharth's loss sparked Shehnaaz's growth!

**Mumbai:** Shehnaaz Gill, who gained fame through *Bigg Boss 13*, recently opened up about the profound impact the loss of her close friend, Sidharth Shukla, had on her life. Though the two never confirmed their relationship, Shehnaaz shared how his passing significantly changed her. Speaking to Ranveer Allahbadia, she revealed, "I think he has left me with a lot of maturity. I became mature after everything that happened. Before, I would have been laughing and giggling like I did in *Bigg Boss*. That girl hadn't seen so much."

When asked about her relationship status, Shehnaaz kept things private, saying, "Let's keep this a secret. You can't give surety to any relationship, even marriage." She also stressed her desire to keep her personal life away from the public eye, adding, "I won't even show the faces of my kids when I have them until they want to appear." On the topic of marriage, Shehnaaz clarified that she's open to marrying outside her Sikh culture, mentioning, "I don't have the demand to marry a Sikh guy. I want to experience something different." She also expressed her reservations about marrying a Punjabi man, citing potential personality clashes and the controlling nature she perceives in Punjabi men. Laughing, Shehnaaz joked about marrying a cricketer, saying, "It will be interesting, but will he stay loyal?"

AGENCIES

**Mumbai:** Shilpa Shetty, the fitness icon of Bollywood, recently shared an inspiring fitness challenge with her followers on social media.

The 50-year-old actress showcased a challenging dumbbell exercise, where she lifted a dumbbell from behind with one hand while squatting. Although she struggled on the first attempt, Shetty exemplified the motto of never giving up, successfully completing the move on her second try.

In her post, she encouraged her followers to try the exercise themselves, emphasising the importance of trusting one's core and the dumbbell. "Looks easy... until you actually try it! Trust your core (and the dumbbell behind you). Now it's your turn to give this a go and show me your version," she captioned the video. Her fans quickly filled the comment section with words of admiration and motivation.

In addition to this challenge, Shetty often shares her fitness routines, motivational quotes, and workout tips. Earlier this year, she posted a video of her functional training, demonstrating jumps on a fitness stool, and highlighted its benefits, including boosting heart health, burning calories, and toning legs and hips.

While promoting fitness, Shilpa and her husband Raj Kundra are also dealing with legal matters. They have requested the dismissal of a Rs 60-crore fraud case filed against them by Mumbai's economic offenses wing, seeking protection from coercive actions during the legal proceedings.

AGENCIES



# Madhuri on pay disparity

**Mumbai:** Madhuri Dixit, one of Bollywood's most iconic actresses, made her debut in 1984 with *Abodh* and came a dominant force in ering memorable performances in films like *Sailaab*, *Hum Aapke Hain Koun..!* and *Devdas*. Her timeless appeal and immense talent continue to captivate audiences today. Earlier, in a candid conversation, Madhuri shared her thoughts on the long-standing issue of gender pay disparity in Bollywood, a topic that has often been overlooked.

She revealed the harsh reality for women in the industry, stating that they often have to work twice as hard to prove their worth and earn paychecks equal to their male counterparts. "For women, we have to prove ourselves time and again. We have to show that we can bring the audience to the theaters, but we have to prove it every single time," she explained. Madhuri acknowledged the ongoing disparity, admitting that progress has been slow but that the fight for equality continues. "It's baby steps. We are still a long way from a time when disparity won't exist. We have to work every day toward that," she added.

On the professional front, Madhuri was last seen in *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3* and is now gearing up for the comedy-drama *Ma Bhen*, directed by Suresh Triveni, which also stars Triptii Dimri and Ravi Kishan.

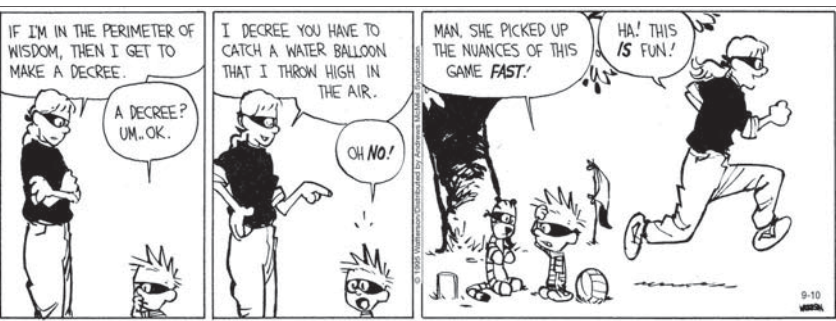
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## PEANUTS



## CALVIN AND HOBBS

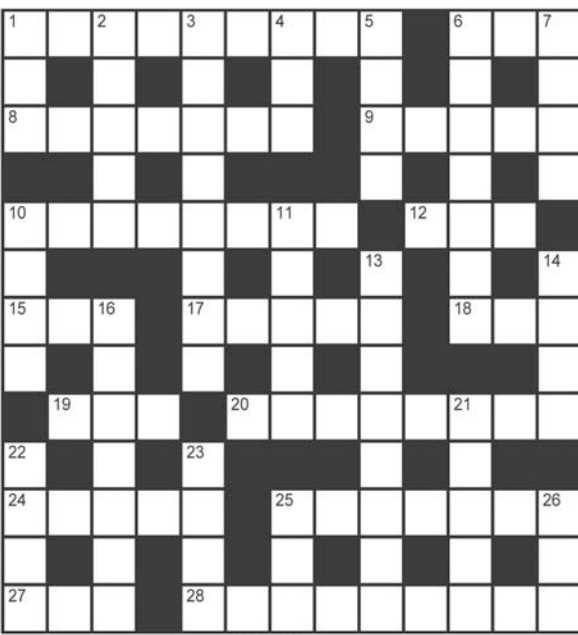


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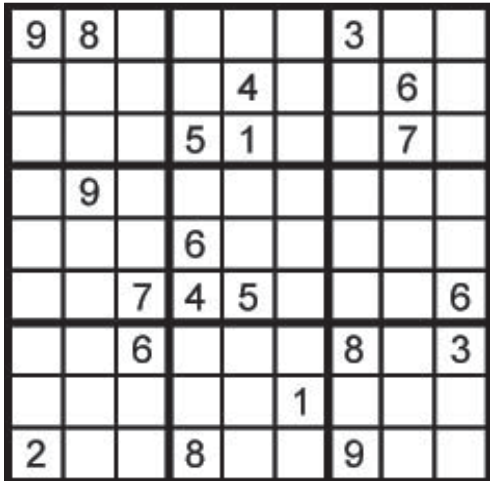


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  - 12 Piña coloda ingredient
  - 15 Maid's cloth
  - 17 Tropical Asian starling
  - 18 Tavern
  - 19 Wildebeest
  - 20 Sequoias
  - 24 Gallic goodbye
  - 25 Excavators
  - 27 Amazement
  - 28 Tried
  - 10 Medical breakthrough
  - 11 Dentist's order
  - 13 Car dealer's venue
  - 14 Treaty subject
  - 16 Authentic
  - 21 For all to see
  - 22 Spanish sparkling white wine
  - 23 Big brass
  - 25 Collector's goal
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- Down**
- 1 Sign before Virgo
  - 2 Lazybones
  - 3 Password's pal
  - 4 Aquatic shocker
  - 5 Tall story
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## SUDOKU

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

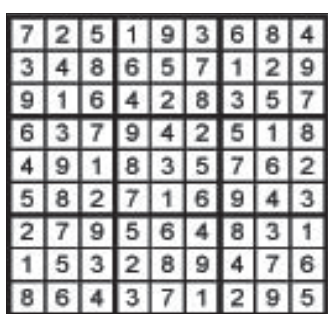


## SOLUTIONS

## CROSSWORD



## SUDOKU



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW



# Mission PoWaR to bridge infra gaps across state



Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Minister Naik sets 2027 deadline for universal drinking water coverage in Odisha

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 11:** Power, drinking water, and roads are the three fundamental amenities essential for citizens, whether in rural or urban areas. To address gaps in these sectors and enhance the overall quality of life, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has directed the launch of an integrated implementation framework called Mission Power, Water & Roads (PoWaR).

To realise the Chief Minister’s vision and directives, a preparatory meeting was held Tuesday under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo. The meeting was attended by Panchayati Raj & Drinking

Water and Rural Development Minister Rabi Narayan Naik, Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja, and Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary Anu Garg, among others.

As discussed in the meeting, an inter-ministerial committee comprising officials from line departments will be constituted to regularly review the progress of works under Mission PoWaR. District Collectors will be required to submit Panchayat-wise status reports as part of a structured roadmap and timeline.

“Providing power, drinking water, and last-mile road connectivity to every village is the core objective of Mission PoWaR,” said Deputy CM Singh Deo. He emphasised that the mission will operate on three key principles — Speed, Scale, and Standard (Quality) — ensuring integrated implementation and timely completion of projects across the state.

Minister Naik emphasised the goal of achieving univer-

- KEY HIGHLIGHTS
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sal drinking water coverage across the state by March 2027. He stated that fluoride-affected areas would be brought under a fluoride removal plan to ensure safe and healthy living conditions. To achieve last-mile connectivity, a saturation drive will be undertaken by all line departments in coordination with District Collectors, ensuring that left-out habitations and hamlets are covered through small or standalone projects.

The meeting was also attended by Principal Secretary, Energy, Vishal Kumar Dev; Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, SN Girish; Director, Drinking Water, Vineet Bhardwaj; Director, Special Projects, Sidharth Shankar Swain; and senior officers from the Energy, Rural Development, and Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water departments.



**BOITA RACE:** The Mahanadi Boita Race, part of the Bali Yatra Water Festival, was held Tuesday at Gadagadia Ghat. The event was organised by the Tourism department in collaboration with the Cuttack District Administration, Dragon Boat India, and the Traditional Sports Federation

# State-level children fest ‘MAHAK’ kicks off

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 11:** A state-level children’s festival ‘Mahak’ was inaugurated Tuesday at Kalinga Stadium here amid much enthusiasm and colour. The five-day celebration, organised by the departments of Women and Child Development (WCD), Mission Shakti, and the Odisha State Child Protection Society, aims to provide a platform for children to express their talents.

More than 500 children from across Odisha are participating in a range of competitions, including solo singing, group dance, debate, painting, and quiz contests. The festival not only highlights the rich pool of young talent from every corner of the state but also promotes inclusivity and equal opportunity for all children, regardless of background.



On the inaugural day, Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida, Law, Works and Excise Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan, WCD Principal Secretary Shubha Sarma, ICDS Director Monisha Banerjee, and WCD Additional Secretary Krutibas

Rout, among others, graced the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries emphasised that every child represents the promise of a brighter future for Odisha. They encouraged the young participants to dream big, and use their talents as instruments of positive change

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# Odisha Vig to pioneer AI use in anti-corruption



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 11:** In a major move to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into its anti-corruption efforts, Odisha Vigilance Tuesday organised a one-day workshop on “Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Anti-Corruption Work” at the State Vigilance Academy here. The hybrid-mode workshop brought together Vigilance investigators and prosecutors from across the state, both in person and online.

The workshop featured eminent experts, including OCAC advisor Sanjay Mohapatra, NIC Bhubaneswar senior director Sambit Panda, and IIT-Bhubaneswar Computer Science head Debi Prosad Dogra, among others.

The programme was inaugurated by State Vigilance Director YK Jethwa, who highlighted the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence in combating corruption. In his inaugural address, Jethwa described corruption as not merely a financial crime but a governance deficit that undermines public trust, weakens institutions, and deprives citizens of fair access to opportunities.

He stressed that Vigilance officers must stay ahead of those who exploit systemic loopholes and noted that Artificial Intelligence can provide that critical edge—if applied “wisely, ethically, and effectively.”

Jethwa urged officers to embrace AI as a strategic partner across the entire anti-corruption spectrum, from prevention and detection to investigation and prosecution. The experts engaged in interactive sessions with Vigilance officers, discussing practical applications of AI tools to enhance the efficiency and precision of anti-corruption investigations.

They also explored potential collaborations between academia and Vigilance to develop intelligent technological solutions for data analysis, corruption detection, and identifying systemic leakages.

In a forward-looking initiative, Odisha Vigilance has established a dedicated AI Cell at the Vigilance Directorate, along with AI teams at the divisional level. These specialised units will harness technology for AI-driven financial profiling of individuals under investigation, digital footprint analysis, digital forensics, data processing, and documentation standardisation.

# Man held for ₹19L land fraud in City

**Bhubaneswar:** The Commissionerate Police Tuesday arrested 57-year-old Manoranjan Pattanaik for allegedly duping a man of ₹19 lakh in a land fraud case. Pattanaik was nabbed near ID Market, Nayapalli, following a tip-off. Police said he posed as an agent for a property at Giringaput, claiming it belonged to his sister, and took ₹19 lakh from the complainant after a sale agreement. He later failed to transfer the land or refund the amount, returning only ₹4.5 lakh. Investigation revealed he impersonated the owner. Pattanaik, with a past criminal record, was booked under Sections 318(4) BNS turned to U/s-318(4)/338/336(3)/340(2) BNS.



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 11:** Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandara Patra Tuesday met Elisabeth Faure, Representative and Country Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), to discuss key priorities and strategies for strengthening food security and nutrition initiatives

across the state.

During the meeting, both sides shared perspectives on strengthening Odisha’s nutrition and food security systems. They explored avenues to deepen collaboration between the WFP and the state government to achieve sustainable food security and improved nutritional outcomes for all citizens.

The discussions also focused

# Capital to host Design Carnival & Build Expo

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 11:** The Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Odisha Chapter is set to host its prestigious annual event Design Carnival & Build Expo 2025 in the Capital from November 14 to 16. The three-day event will explore the intersection of artificial intelligence and architectural design under the theme “AI – Architecture Intelligence”, showcasing how emerging technologies can revolutionise the design process and contribute to the future of architecture.

The event will be inaugurated by Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja and attended by senior members of the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) and the Council of Architecture (COA). This year’s Design Carnival promises to be a dynamic platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and creativity, bringing together architects, academicians, students, and industry professionals from across Odisha.

The opening evening will feature the grand launch of the Build Expo 2025, which will present cutting-edge innovations and products from leading brands in the building and construction industry.



One of the key attractions of the evening will be a Master Class led by renowned architect Nuru Karim, who will delve into the evolving roles of architecture, urbanism, and computational design in the age of AI.

The second day will be packed with interactive student competitions and workshops, aimed at fostering creativity and interdisciplinary collaboration among architecture students across Odisha. A special Master Session by Sahil Tanveer will offer insights into the integration of artificial intelligence with speculative design and urban planning, highlighting the potential of AI as a creative collaborator in shaping the future of our cities.

In the evening, a panel discussion titled “Synergy in Architecture: Dialogue between the COA, IIA, Academia, and Practicing Architects” will provide a platform for open dialogue on how different sectors within the architectural community can work together for a more cohesive and sustainable future.

The day will culminate with student cultural performances and a fellowship dinner, celebrating the spirit of camaraderie and collaboration within the architectural profession.

The final day of the event will feature the much-anticipated Street Carnival, held at Janpath in the City, in collaboration with the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC). This public event will showcase vibrant art installations, architectural displays, and performances, offering a glimpse into the creative energy of local architects and students. The Street Carnival will be inaugurated by BMC Commissioner Chanchal Rana.

The Design Carnival & Build Expo 2025 is set to be a landmark event in Odisha’s architectural calendar, fostering innovation, creativity, and professional development in the architecture and construction industries.

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WEATHER

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| Min Temp | 16.2° | 16.5° |                      |
| Humidity | 73%   | 76%   |                      |
| Rainfall | NII   | NII   |                      |

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# Class II girl suffers burns in hostel fire

The 40-bed government-run facility operates under the care of a cook

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Patana, Nov 11:** An eight-year-old girl suffered severe burns after her clothes caught fire while she was warming herself near a hearth at a government-run hostel in Patana block of Keonjhar district Monday night.

The victim, identified as Jayanti Munda, a Class II student and daughter of Tutu Munda of Sanagambharia under Turumunga police limits, sustained burn injuries on her chest, back, and abdomen. She was first taken to Patana Community Health Centre (CHC) and later shifted to Keonjhar District Headquarters Hospital (DHH).

According to reports, Jayanti and her friends were sitting near a fire to keep themselves warm when her dress caught



fire. The incident occurred at the 40-bed low-cost hostel attached to Dumuria Nodal Upper Primary School.

School headmaster Ananta Charan Murmu said the hostel cook, Gobardhan Naik, had briefly stepped out for work when the accident took place. “Jayanti went near the fire to warm herself, and her

clothes caught fire. Hearing her screams, the cook rushed in and rescued her. She was immediately taken to the hospital,” he said.

Radhamohan Sahu, who is treating the child, said that the patient sustained around 25 per cent burns.

Block Education Officer (BEO) Purna Chandra Amat,

who visited the hospital, confirmed that a “show-cause notice” would be issued to those found negligent. “I have personally inspected the girl’s condition. Action will be taken for any dereliction of duty,” he said.

The incident has raised serious questions about the safety and supervision at government-run hostels. Locals have criticised the authorities for leaving the 40-bed facility under the care of a single cook without adequate staff or oversight.

District Welfare Officer (DWO) Shipra Rani Mahanta said, “We are ensuring that the girl receives all necessary medical support. Discussions are underway with higher authorities to shift her to a specialised hospital for advanced treatment.”

# Prathamashdami: Keonjhar turmeric farmers make hay



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Keonjhar, Nov 11:** With every Odia household all set to celebrate Prathamashdami – a festival celebrating the birth of first progeny – Wednesday, the demand for ‘Enduri Pitha’ (a steamed pancake made with turmeric as a wrapper) has reached the pinnacle.

The entire Keonjhar market fills with the aroma of turmeric leaves, turning it into a bustling trade hub as these leaves are a key ingredient in making sweet dish. There is a huge demand for these leaves during this period, according to sources.

Turmeric leaves are sold

everywhere in Keonjhar and nearby markets, with buyers carrying bundles in hand. The steamed snack has become a favorite not only among Odia families but also among other communities for its unique flavour.

With the turmeric harvest approaching, farmers and tribal cultivators earn extra income by selling unused leaves. Each bundle fetches at least ₹20 in local markets, though traders resell them at higher prices in cities and urban areas.

Buyers from other districts arrive in pickup vans to collect leaves and transport them to urban areas. “Before harvesting turmeric, we earn by selling

the leaves in the local market. Demand is high in urban areas, while rural supply is abundant, so we bring them to Keonjhar,” said Meena Nayak, a tribal woman from Banspal block.

“The cake is prepared from the batter of black gram, rice, cheese, jaggery and pepper wrapped in turmeric leaves. It is a light snack and has laxative effect because of the turmeric leaves that are used to wrap the pitha. That’s why it’s also called haldi pitha. No oil or spices are used, making it healthy,” said Jyotshnamayee Mohanty, a housewife from Keonjhar town.

“This cake has the aroma of turmeric leaves, which enhances its taste. It’s delicious and eaten plain or with porridge, curries or even meat,” said Gulab Ahmed Rayeen.

“It pairs well with meat and other curries,” said Anil Shankar of the locality, adding, “On this day, turmeric plants begin to dry, signaling maturity. Before digging up the roots, farmers and forest dwellers pick the leaves to sell it in the local market and earn extra income.”

“Traders buy these leaves at lower cost and sell them at a higher price outside,” said Ramakant Swain, an educationist.

“Turmeric leaves are used least on other days as no one eats them, not even cattle. But during Prathamastami, they become a big business. Demand can spike, though sometimes it drops, leaving farmers to discard unsold bundles at a throwaway price by the roadside,” said Sangram Mallick, a local youth.

# 3 killed in jumbo attacks



Grieving villagers and kin in Jamankira

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Sambalpur/Rourkela, Nov 11:** Three people, including an elderly woman and two farmers, were trampled to death in separate wild elephant attacks in the state late Monday night and early Tuesday, sparking fear and outrage over growing jumbo incursions into human settlements.

In Sambalpur district, two farmers — Gangaram Patel, 45, and Pradeep Ghatual, 60, of Kutaba village under the Badarama forest range — were killed after being attacked by a herd while guarding their ripening paddy crops around 9pm Monday. Their mutilated bodies were discovered Tuesday morning along a forest path near their fields, with elephant footprints found nearby.

Villagers alleged inaction by the Forest Department, claiming officials had tracked elephant movement in the area but failed to issue timely alerts. Forest Range Officer Giridhari Pradhan said both families would receive ₹10 lakh in ex gratia compensation each, with 10 percent to be released within seven days.

In a separate incident in Rourkela, a lone tusker entered the city’s Bandhamunda area and went on a rampage before killing 79-year-old Purnima

# BARGARH BURGLARY CRACKED IN 24 HRS

AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar, Nov 11:** Bargarh police have cracked a daring house burglary case, 24 hours after commission of the crime, police said Tuesday.

Two persons – Jaga Meher and a juvenile delinquent – had barged into the house of Chanchal Kumar Meher of Jamla village in Bargarh district when the family members were on an outdoor trip on November 9. The duo has been taken into custody for further interrogation.

The valuables stolen by the duo included among other things around 400 grams of gold valued at ₹30 lakh and ₹40,000 in cash.

After commission of the crime, they left the Barpali area and planned to escape to Tamil Nadu when police acting on a tip-off arrested them, said Bargarh Superintendent of Police, Prahlad Sahai Meena.

# Youth stabbed to death by younger brother

POST NEWS NETWORK

**R Udayagiri, Nov 11:** A youth was stabbed to death by his younger sibling following a heated argument over some issue at Rebidi village under R Udayagiri police limits in Gajapati district Monday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Anja Arem Dalabehera, 27 and the killer brother Sudip Dalabehera, 24, sons of Sujay Dalabehera.

The matter came to the fore after R Udayagiri police sent the body for postmortem and launched an investigation over a complaint filed by the father of the deceased Tuesday. The accused has been absconding after the incident.

Police said that Anja, Sudip and the latter’s wife lived in the village while their father resides in Gunupur. On Monday, Anja, Sudip and his wife



went to harvest paddy. They returned home and the brothers went together to take bath around 4pm.

A dispute erupted between them, over an unspecified matter. Enraged, Sudip grabbed a knife and stabbed Anja in the chest, killing him on the spot, police said. Sudip’s wife alerted villagers, who Sujay in Gunupur.

Villagers brought Sujay to the village overnight, and he reported the killing to police. Mohana police OIC Basant Sethi, overseeing R Udayagiri police station, said a case was registered in this connection and further investigations underway.

# Ganjam beaches all set for Olive Ridley nesting

**Chhatrapur:** Podampeta-Gokharkuda sea coast is all set to welcome the Olive Ridley turtles for mass nesting during the 2025-26 season. Much like previous year, lakhs of turtles are expected this season, given the favourable atmospheric conditions. Berhampur Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Sunny Khokhar stated that the 20km stretch starting from Aryapalli beach to Prayagi beach has been declared as ‘no fishing zone’. Fishermen have been strictly barred from entering the nesting sites and violators will face action, the DFO added. The Forest department is said to have put in place all the necessary safety measures for the arrival of the Olive Ridelys. During the last season, Podampeta-Gokharkuda coastline witnessed nesting of a whopping 8,00,000 Olive Ridelys. Early February till mid-March is believed to be their nesting period. The warmth and moisture beneath the sea sand supported by the salty sea breeze helps the eggs to hatch properly.



## EAST COAST RAILWAY EMPANELMENT OF RAILWAY ADVOCATES

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| Notification No.01/2025, Dated 10.11.2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |
| EAST COAST RAILWAY INVITES APPLICATION FROM ADVOCATES HAVING REQUISITE QUALIFICATIONS, ELIGIBILITY AND EXPERIENCE FOR EMPANELMENT OF RAILWAY ADVOCATES FOR CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL/CUTTACK, RAILWAY CLAIMS TRIBUNAL /BHUBANESWAR AS PER RAILWAY BOARD'S LETTER NO. 2024/LC/15/1 DATED 06.10.2025. |                                        |
| For application, eligibility and other details, please refer to <a href="https://eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in">https://eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in</a>                                                                                                                                     |                                        |
| The last date for submission of the application is 11.12.2025.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                        |
| N.B.: Please follow the above website for updates, if any.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                        |
| PR-791/Q/25-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Dy. General Manager (Law), Bhubaneswar |

## E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR VARIOUS CONTRACTS OVER KHARAGPUR DIVISION

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| <b>E-Auction Notice No.: KGP/Catg-MPS/2025 Dtd. 10.11.2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur Division, South Eastern Railway for and on behalf of the President, Union of India invites e-Auctions for : ● Provision of Catering units at <b>Kharagpur</b> (3 Nos.), <b>Haur</b> (1 No.), <b>Andul</b> (1 No.), <b>Kolaghat</b> (1 No.), <b>Abada</b> (1 No.), <b>Dasnagar</b> (1 No.), <b>Giri Maidan</b> (1 No.), <b>Amta</b> (1 No.), <b>Birshibpur</b> (1 No.), <b>Bauria</b> (1 No.), <b>Mourigram</b> (1 No.), <b>Mecheda</b> (1 No.), <b>Uluberia</b> (1 No.), <b>Santragachi</b> (3 Nos.) and <b>Shalimar</b> (6 Nos.) Railway stations over Kharagpur Division for a period of 05 (five) years vide <b>Catalogue No.: CATG-KGP-25-21, Auction Date : 24.11.2025, Auction start/close time : 10.00 hrs. &amp; 14.30 hrs.</b> ● Provision of MPS units at <b>Panskura</b> (1 No.), <b>Kharagpur</b> (3 Nos.), <b>Shalimar</b> (7 Nos.), <b>Belda</b> (1 No.), <b>Roopsa</b> (1 No.), <b>Basta</b> (1 No.), <b>Jhargram</b> (1 No.), <b>Jaleswar</b> (5 Nos.), <b>Kanthi</b> (2 Nos.), <b>Digha</b> (2 Nos.), <b>Chakulia</b> (1 No.), <b>Markona</b> (1 No.) and <b>Dantan</b> (1 No.) Railway stations over Kharagpur division for a period of 05 (five) years vide <b>Catalogue No.: KGP-MPS-25-11, Auction Date: 24.11.2025, Auction start/close time 10.00 hrs. &amp; 14.50 hrs.</b> which are notified in the <a href="https://www.ireps.gov.in/website">https://www.ireps.gov.in/website</a> . Agency/Catering Contractor to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details and related information about the e-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications, if any, please contact the office of the undersigned. |  |
| (PR-825) <b>Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|  <b>South Eastern Railway</b><br><i>We serve with a smile</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |



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## TENDER NOTICE

IREL (India) Limited, Rare Earths Division, Udyogamandal invites tender for the following item/ job description:

| Item/ Job Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Availability of Tender in CPP Portal |
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| Fabrication, supply, erection, including all structural & accessories, inspection, testing and commissioning of all specified equipment & accessories related to Process, Mechanical, Civil and Electrical & Instrumentation alongwith integration of existing plant for capacity augmentation of HPRE plant. | 11.11.2025                           |

**For details visit the following websites:**

[www.irel.co.in](http://www.irel.co.in) / tender-information  
<https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp>

Any corrigendum/extension to above tenders shall be hosted in above websites only.

**Date:08.11.2025**  
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# Student found dead in hostel; probe ordered

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Nabarangpur, Nov 11:** A 10-year-old student was found dead at a private school hostel in Nabarangpur district, prompting a probe that has uncovered serious irregularities in its operation.

The deceased, identified as Lipsa Kandhapan, daughter of Babula Kandhapan of Jhadiaguda village in Koraput district, was a Class II student of Podaluguda Upgraded High School and stayed at the Miracle Boarding School hostel in Purnapaniguda village under Podalaguda panchayat of Nandahandi block.

According to reports, Lipsa had dinner and went to bed Monday night but did not wake up the next morning. Hostel director Jerimaya Hial rushed her to the district headquarters hospital (DHH), where doctors declared her dead. Hial later said the child had been suffering from fever for two days.

Following the incident, a team comprising District Child Protection Officer Suresh Pattnaik, Nandahandi BEO Srikantha Jani, ADEO Keshab Meher, Child Welfare Committee Chairperson Ajanta Priyadarshini, member Santosh Sarangi, Child Helpline representative Chinmayee Nayak, and N. Narayan Bisoi visited the hostel for an inquiry.

Preliminary findings revealed that the hostel, run by the Miracle Charitable Society, was operating without official permission or registration at its current location. The society is registered in Taragaon village of Nabarangpur but had shifted to Purnapaniguda without notifying authorities, as required by law. Officials said the facility lacked basic documentation and infrastructure — no attendance registers, no health records, and no medical equipment, not even a thermometer. About 60 students — 25 girls and 35 boys — were staying there without regular medical check-ups or supervision during their daily 1-km walk to school. The premises were unfenced and failed to meet basic safety norms.

Teachers from Podaluguda High School were present during the inspection. The inquiry team has submitted its findings to the district collector, and further administrative action is expected.

|  <b>UCO Bank</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                      | <b>Zonal Office, UCO Bank</b><br>Building, 2nd Floor, C-2, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751009 |                                     | <b>GOLD AUCTION NOTICE</b>        |                   |
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| The following persons, who have availed loans against pledge of gold ornaments, from <b>CONCERNED BRANCHES of UCO Bank</b> , have not repaid the amount in spite of our demand notice. Therefore, please take notice that if the principal, interest and other charges are not paid on or before <b>Dt.27.11.2025</b> , the pledge ornaments will be publicly auctioned on <b>Dt.28.11.2025 at 12.00 Noon</b> at the <b>Respective Branch premises</b> . The Bank reserves the right to cancel/postpone the auction to any other convenient date without assigning any reasons. |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| Sl. No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Name & Address of Borrowers / A/c. No.                               |                                                                                            |                                     | Balance Outstanding               | Weight in (Grams) |
| <b>RANPUR BRANCH, At: Ranpur, PO.: Rajranpur, Dist.: Nayagarh, Name of the Manager: Gangadhar Behera, Mob.: 9230500436</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Rama Chandra Sahoo, At: Ranapur, Dist.: Nayagarh / 04360600500504    |                                                                                            |                                     | ₹ 47,400/- + Interest and Charges | 31.50             |
| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Prafulla Behera, At: Ranapur, Dist.: Nayagarh / 043606005005020      |                                                                                            |                                     | ₹ 66,054/- + Interest and Charges | 66.30             |
| 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Rabi Behera, At: Ranapur, Dist.: Nayagarh / 043606005005030          |                                                                                            |                                     | ₹ 55,973/- + Interest and Charges | 59.20             |
| 4.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Asutosh Sahoo, At: Ranapur, Dist.: Nayagarh / 04360600500510         |                                                                                            |                                     | ₹ 76,370/- + Interest and Charges | 63.20             |
| 5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Sarat Kumar Mahapatra, At: Ranapur, Dist.: Nayagarh / 04360600500427 |                                                                                            |                                     | ₹ 22,440/- + Interest and Charges | 10.30             |
| <b>KONARK BRANCH, At: Konark, Dist.: Puri, Name of the Manager: Kishore Chandra Maharana, Mob.: 9778031638</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Prakash Chandra Biswal, At Sarada, Konark, Puri / 20060610039045     |                                                                                            |                                     | ₹ 21,500/- + Interest and Charges | 6.48              |
| <b>NAYAGARH BRANCH, At: Itamati, Dist.: Nayagarh, Name of the Manager: Priyabrata Nayak, Mob.: 7437998151</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Bikash Kumar, At/PO./Dist.: Nayagarh / 18460610028544                |                                                                                            |                                     | ₹ 66,000/- + Interest and Charges | 22                |
| <b>The intending bidders may participate in the auction by fulfilling the following terms:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 1. The Bank does not guarantee the weight or purity of the jewellery/coins, either of its gold contents or otherwise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 2. The jewel is available for inspection by the intending bidders during business hours on any working day in the bank.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 3. The intending bidders have to contact the <b>Respective Branch Head for the Reserve Price of each account.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 4. The intending purchaser shall make an earnest money deposit of <b>25%</b> of Reserve Price (to be computed as per the balance outstanding).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 5. The jewel to be handed over to the highest bidder on payment of the balance amount within <b>24 hours</b> or on the next working day of the bank during its business hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 6. If the successful bidder fails to pay the amount, the earnest money will be forfeited and the jewel may be resold within <b>30 days</b> from the date of auction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 7. The unsuccessful bidder shall be entitled for the refund of the earnest money immediately after the auction is over.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| 8. It shall be lawful for the Bank to stop the auction at any stage without assigning any reason thereto in which case the earnest money shall be returned to whoever makes the deposit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| <b>N.B.: For further details please contact Zonal Office Co-ordinator, Mob: 7873016821</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                     |                                   |                   |
| <b>Place: Bhubaneswar, Date: 11.11.2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                      |                                                                                            | <b>Authorised Officer, UCO Bank</b> |                                   |                   |

## EAST COAST RAILWAY

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| e-Tender Notice No. ETCECONIBBS 2025053, Dated : 05.11.2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>NAME OF WORK : WELDING OF 60KG/60EI-R260 GRADE RAILS BY ALUMINO THERMIC PROCESS AS PER RAILWAY'S SPECIFICATION BY AT/SKV PROCESS (SINGLE SHOT CRUCIBLE TECHNIQUE) AT LOCATION IN BETWEEN DASPALLA - BUGUDA - BANIGUCHHA SECTION OF KHURDA ROAD - BOLANGIR NEW B.G. LINE PROJECT.</b>                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>Approx. Cost of the Work: ₹ 42.13 Lakh, EMD: ₹ 84,300.00, Completion Period of the Work: 12 (Twelve) Months.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <b>Tender Closing Date &amp; Time : At 1200 hrs. of 27.11.2025.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| No manual offers sent by Post / Courier / Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration. Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> |  |
| <b>Note :</b> The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 15 (Fifteen) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / corrigenda issued for this tender. The tenderers/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidder can participate on e-tendering.                                                                        |  |
| The tenderers should read all instructions to the tenderers carefully and ensure compliance of all instructions including check lists, para 3.1 (additional check-list) of Tender form (Second sheet) Annexure-I of chapter 2 of Tender documents, submission of Annexure-B duly verified and signed by Chartered Accountant.                                                                                                                      |  |
| Chief Administrative Officer (Con)/ Bhubaneswar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| PR-158/CI/25-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |

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

SRI AUROBINDO



## COP 30 Under A Cloud

UN climate talks, known as Conference of Parties or COP, have begun in Brazil from 10 November. With the participation of about 50,000 delegates from almost every country, this marks the 30th edition of the conference known as COP 30. The conference is to continue till November 21. The administration of US President Donald Trump is a notable absentee, though the White House has stated it does intend to send some high-level representatives to the summit.

About 10 years ago, the signing of the Paris Agreement raised high hopes in the fight against climate change. But now the enthusiasm has largely ebbed. One of the agreement’s most ambitious goals was to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. But it is on the verge of being exceeded, while 2025 is set to be one of the hottest years in history. The US, the world’s second-largest emitter of CO2, is all set to withdraw from the Paris Agreement with its President Donald Trump denigrating, in the worst possible language, the very rationale of the fight against climate change. Barely two months ago, speaking at the United Nations, he called the global initiative to reduce carbon emission and use of fossil fuel as “the greatest con job ever perpetrated on the world.” Not content with weakening multilateral climate action, he is now trying to draw other countries into his denial.

In such a bleak backdrop the challenge for this COP is to send the message across that despite the virtual backstabbing by Trump, momentum in the fight against climate change will not be decelerated. The summit could try tell the world that the commitments would be realized, funding promises might be honored and the shift from fossil fuels to low-carbon energy sources must finally begin. It is necessary that this effort remains unaltered and does not get derailed just because one temporary politician, although very important, wants to play the role of the disrupter. There are, no doubt, immense difficulties by way of shifting budget priorities toward rearmament due to global tension and the slowing down of climate diplomacy in the absence of global leadership. The European Union’s determination is beginning to flag. It still remains the only major bloc to have reduced its CO2 emissions in 2024, but its resolution to implement the anti-climate change agenda is getting weakened under growing populist pressure and the threat posed by Russia and the protracted war it is waging in Ukraine. This is also impacting China’s willingness to take over the baton from the US and lead the world in the fight. Beijing’s insistence on considering itself a developing country to minimize its responsibilities shows it is no longer willing to position itself as a leader in the energy transition.

In such a situation Brazil - the venue of COP30 - has a vital role to play. The country can use its experience in environmental diplomacy and make willing countries committed to multilateralism and try to bridge the gap between the Global South and North. But Brazil itself is in a dilemma, caught between its climate commitments and growing ambitions in oil extraction. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva called for “planning a just way to undo deforestation, overcome fossil fuels and mobilize the resources needed for those aims.” That promise has yet to be fulfilled.

World leaders may need to realise that the fight against climate change is no longer a theoretical proposition, but a grim reality as was shown by the recent deaths and devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and other Caribbean countries and typhoon Fung Wong in Asia killing about 200 people in the Philippines and Vietnam. Last week’s five-day rainfall in Jamaica was made twice as likely by higher temperatures, according to initial findings from studies by experts. Jamaica’s Prime Minister Andrew Holness estimates that the damage in his country is roughly equivalent to one third of the country’s GDP.

It has to be a wake-up call and pretending that there is no imminent danger as is being done by the fossil fuel lobby and its latest champion, the US’ President Trump, is nothing but a wish for total destruction.

### WISDOM CORNER

Not only does God play dice, but... he sometimes throws them where they cannot be seen.

STEPHEN HAWKING

Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.

ISAAC NEWTON

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

THOMAS A EDISON

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1833:** The great Leonid meteor shower, in which hundreds of thousands of meteors were observed in one night, was seen all over North America, initiating the first serious study of meteor showers.
- 1912:** Spanish Prime Minister José Canalejas was assassinated by the anarchist Manuel Pardiñas.
- 1918:** One day after Emperor Charles's abdication, the National Assembly of Austria resolved unanimously that “German Austria is a democratic republic” and “German Austria is a component part of the German republic.”
- 1930:** The first Round Table Conference, called by the British government to consider the future constitution of India, opened in London.
- 1970:** The Bhola cyclone struck East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), killing hundreds of thousands of people in the densely populated Ganges-Brahmaputra delta; it was perhaps the deadliest tropical cyclone in recorded history and one of the greatest natural disasters.
- 1990:** Japanese Emperor Akihito—according to tradition, the 125th direct descendant of Jimmu, Japan’s legendary first emperor—was formally enthroned on this day in 1990, nearly two years after the death of his father, Hirohito.

### LOL OUT OF FOOD SUPPLIES

With four daughters and one son always dashing to school activities and part-time jobs, our schedule was hectic. To add to this, we kept running out of household supplies. I instructed them all to let me know when they used the last of any item by writing it down on a note pad on the refrigerator. As a reminder, I wrote at the top:



“IF WE ARE OUT OF IT, WRITE IT DOWN.” When I checked the pad a few days later, to my delight I found the following message: “MOM, YOU MAY BE A BIT OLD-FASHIONED, BUT YOU ARE NOT ‘OUT OF IT.’”

FOCUS

INDO-EUROPEAN TIES

# DE-RISKING & REBALANCING



**The EU protects the logic of the market; India redraws the geometry of the chain. Europe builds defensive walls of rules; India lays adaptive bridges of cooperation. Yet both face the same paradox: how to remain open in a world that increasingly rewards closure**

In the past three years, both the European Union and India have been forced to redefine what “strategic autonomy” actually means.

For Europe, the shock came from the pandemic, Russia’s war against Ukraine, and the deep realization that its prosperity had been quietly built on external dependencies—on Russian gas, American tech, and Chinese supply chains.

For India, the shock was geopolitical as well as civilizational: the limits of China’s power had become visible, but so had the limits of disengagement.

Today, both Delhi and Brussels are experimenting with new grammars of dependence — not decoupling, but de-risking; not confrontation, but repositioning.

In October 2025, Beijing introduced a fresh round of export controls on technologies linked to the processing of rare earth metals and the production of high-performance magnets. It was a political gesture with measurable economic weight. Once again, China reminded the world that it can govern the time of global supply chains. It doesn’t need to raise tariffs or ban exports; a simple delay in licensing or a pause in shipment is enough to make the entire system tremble. This subtle mastery of timing — of making the world wait — has become the new dimension of resource geopolitics. Both India and Europe have learned this lesson. The question is: how to respond without turning protectionism into dogma?

European Union’s answer has been to regulate. The Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), now in force, sets measurable targets for mining, processing, and recycling by 2030. The EU has also launched anti-subsidy measures against Chinese electric vehicles — with temporary tariffs reach-

ing up to 37 percent — and introduced new instruments for screening foreign investments and state aid transparency. An example from an EU member state – Poland - the electric car project Izer (based on Chinese Geely’s platform), shows how fragile this balancing act can be: a European ambition wrapped in an Asian supply chain.

For Brussels, the goal is not to exclude China entirely, but to turn interdependence into a calculated risk, not an existential one. The last EU-China Summit, prepared during the Poland’s Presidency to the EU Council in the first half of 2025 and held finally in July (under the Danish presidency) was not an easy one. We are committed to deepening our bilateral partnership and pursuing constructive and stable relations, anchored in respect for the rules-based international order, balanced engagement and reciprocity—declared the President of the European Council Antonio Costa, but in reality the meeting did not bring any concrete results.

India, by contrast to the European Union, builds networks rather than regulations. Its Atmanirbhar Bharat and Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes have created an ecosystem for domestic manufacturing, while partnerships with Africa and the Quad members help secure access to critical minerals. Delhi’s diversification drive has already reshaped global expectations: autonomy is no longer defined by separation, but by multiplicity.

Over the past year, relations between the European Union and India have accelerated — and not by coincidence. The Joint Trade and Technology Council (TTC) is already operational, focusing on supply-chain security, semiconductors, and artificial intelligence. In parallel, the 14th round of negotiations on the EU-India Free Trade Agreement is underway, with a political goal of conclusion before the end of 2025. These developments mark a shift in perception: Brussels increasingly sees Delhi not merely as a market, but as a strategic

partner in re-balancing Chinese influence across Eurasia.

In this sense, India and Europe meet not in rhetoric but in practice — in their shared understanding that diversification is no longer a slogan, but a language of survival.

India’s own policy toward Chinese investment has never been doctrinaire. While the 2020 Press Note 3 restrictions still limit direct investment from China, New Delhi is now considering selective relaxation in low-risk, non-strategic sectors — particularly consumer goods and low-tech manufacturing. This signals a form of conscious balancing: neither isolation nor full openness, but managed interdependence. It is perhaps the emerging model of the post-global era — not cutting ties, but calibrating connection.

The EU protects the logic of the market; India redraws the geometry of the chain. Europe builds defensive walls of rules; India lays adaptive bridges of cooperation. Yet both face the same paradox: how to remain open in a world that increasingly rewards closure.

For Europe, the universality of its solutions — the CRMA’s quantifiable targets, the principle of conditional market access, the rhetoric of “de-risking” — may serve as templates, not as transferable laws. India, on the other hand, turns these templates into practice, guided less by regulation than by intuition.

If there is a common denominator, it lies here: Both sides know that China no longer controls the space of globalization — it controls its tempo. And that, for the first time in decades, makes time itself a strategic resource.

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### IN JEST THIS

## Annual check-ups can help keep you healthy

Recently had my annual physical, which was really my annual blood analysis. The nurse practitioner who conducted the check-up barely examined me physically. What she mostly did was review the data from a laboratory’s analysis of my blood. I had given the lab a sample of my blood and a week later I sat down with the nurse practitioner, hoping to find out that I am the healthiest human alive.



Melvin Durai

DYEING YOUR HAIR MAY MAKE YOU LOOK YOUNGER, BUT IT WON'T REDUCE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE. TRUST ME, I'VE TRIED

No such luck. Diabetes runs in my family and for the last few years I’ve had prediabetes. That means that my blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough for a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes. Having prediabetes is like being called to the principal’s office, sitting in the waiting room and trying your best to avoid going in.

Because I’m at high risk for diabetes, I try to exercise regularly and step on the scale every time I go to the gym, making sure I keep my weight under control. But what I real-

ly need to control is my intake of sugar and carbohydrates. That’s much harder to do, because it requires willpower. And though my blood analysis doesn’t show it, my willpower level is quite low.

Aside from showing that I’m still prediabetic, my annual physical uncovered another area of concern: prehypertension. The nurse practitioner took my blood pressure and found that it’s higher than normal, but not high enough to require medication. What I need to do is make some lifestyle changes, including reducing the amount of salt I consume.

As you can imagine, the idea of reducing both salt and sugar in my diet is not too appealing. Perhaps I can handle some sort of compromise: no salt on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; no sugar on Tuesdays and Thursdays. “What about weekends?” you may ask. Well, on weekends I will make up for the weekdays. As I noted, I suffer from low willpower.

According to the World Health Organization, 1.4 billion adults aged 30 to 79 worldwide had hypertension in 2024. That represents one-third of the population in that age range. What’s particularly concerning is that 600 million adults with hypertension (44%) do not know they have the condition. I didn’t know either – until I had my annual check-up. That’s why it’s important to have an annual physical, especially if you’re like me – old enough to have turned the pages of a dictionary.

Knowing you have something is better than not knowing, especially if you can do something about it. Catching a disease or health condition in its early stages can make a huge difference in your ability to beat it.

The WHO lists several factors that increase the risk of having high blood pressure, including older age, genetics, being overweight, not being physically active, having a high-salt diet, and drinking

too much alcohol.

You can’t do much about your age or genetics. Dyeing your hair may make you look younger, but it won’t reduce your blood pressure. Trust me, I’ve tried.

However, you can work on the other factors. The WHO suggests several lifestyle changes that can help alleviate high blood pressure. Among them: eating more vegetables and fruits; sitting less; being more physically active; and losing weight if you’re overweight or obese. (Please don’t lose weight if you’re slim. This can be dangerous. There are too many cracks in the pavement.)

Perhaps most importantly, the WHO recommends this: “Keep appointments with your health care professional.” Indeed, your health care professional can diagnose conditions that you shouldn’t ignore. I know this from personal experience. After my check-up, I have no intention to ignore hypertension.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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



**Quit before it’s late**

Sir, Apropos the report “Blast near Red Fort kills 8” (November 11), I would like to comment that the internal security of the country continues to be fragile and under the circumstances the people start questioning about the professional efficiency of the Union Home minister. The demand of his immediate resignation is quite justified for we cannot continue to experiment with any incapable minister responsible for taking due care of the internal security of the country. It is expected that in the interest of the country, the PM Modi must take cognisance in the matter and direct the Home Minister to step down before it is too late.

**Save precious lives**

Sir, Through your esteemed daily, I wish to draw attention to the alarming rise in road accidents across Odisha. Reckless driving, speeding, and poor road maintenance have become major causes of fatalities, especially on highways and urban stretches. The government must enforce strict traffic rules, install speed cameras, and improve road lighting and signage. Awareness campaigns among youth and public transport drivers are also essential to save precious lives.

**Betrayal of humanity**

Sir, It is deeply distressing that those who once swore to save lives have now turned instruments of destruction. The recent Red Fort blast has exposed a chilling nexus where healers became harbingers of death. Operating under the guise of medical practice, this so-called “White Coat Brigade” had amassed nearly 2,900 kg of explosives, camouflaged by the respectability of their profession. That men and women of science could distort their skills to craft instruments of doom is a betrayal not just of the Hippocratic Oath, but of humanity itself. The government must act decisively—tighten surveillance on radical networks infiltrating professional circles and ensure that the white coat never again becomes a cloak for terror.

**Sidhartha Kar Mohapatra,**  
BARIPADA

**Gopalaswamy J,** CHENNAI

**Arun Gupta,** KOLKATA

# Farmer in debt after son's wrongful NSA detention

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Bhopal, Nov 11:** In a case of administrative negligence, a farmer was forced into debt and legal struggle to save his son from wrongful detention under the NSA in Madhya Pradesh, while his pregnant daughter-in-law endured severe mental distress amid the ordeal.

The Madhya Pradesh High Court recently imposed a fine of Rs 2 lakh on Shahdol Collector Kedar Singh in connection with wrongful action taken under the National Security Act (NSA) against Sushant Bais, who said that he spent one year and five days in jail.

However, a former senior police official and a human rights activist said this does not compensate for agony suffered by the family. Sushant, who was released in September this year, has returned to his village Saman in Shahdol district. He spoke to PTI about the trauma his family faced, including a Rs 2 lakh debt incurred by his father in the fight to save him.



“There were a lot of problems. I didn't have the money to fight the case. So I had to stay in jail for a year. My father somehow managed to arrange the money. We borrowed it from here and there, and some relatives helped,” he said. His father owns three acres of land, and the family survives on farming. Sushant, a graduate, said his wrongful detention has ruined his job prospects.

“Now, who will give me a job? So I help my father with farming,” the victim said.

He was married in February last year and jailed in Septem-

ber. His wife, pregnant at the time, gave birth to a daughter in March this year while he was still imprisoned.

“My entire family faced problems, and my wife also suffered mental agony. There were also social problems because the action taken against me was related to national security,” he said.

Madhya Pradesh's former Director General of Police SC Tripathi called it a case of complete “administrative negligence”. The court has now imposed a fine of Rs 2 lakh on the collector, he noted without commenting on it further. But that this does not compensate for the loss suffered by the family, he added.

A former member of the Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission also said the victim has lost more than a year of his life, and Rs 2 lakh cannot compensate for it.

The victim's family should appeal to the National or State Human Rights Commission and seek compensation, he said on condition of anonymity.

# Kalaloka store opened at Bangalore airport

A total of 45 GI-certified products from Karnataka will be showcased and sold at Kalaloka store

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Bangalore, Nov 11:** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah Tuesday inaugurated Kalaloka, a store set up by the Department of Industries at Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport to showcase and sell Karnataka's GI-certified products to domestic and international travellers.

He inaugurated the store by painting a symbolic artwork and ringing a ceremonial bell.

“This is a moment of joy in the industrial map of Karnataka. The Kempegowda International Airport ranks third in the country in terms of passenger traffic, with tens of thousands of travellers arriving every day,” Siddaramaiah said in a statement.

“The Kalaloka store has been established to give visitors an immediate glimpse of Karnataka's pride and cultural essence as soon as they arrive. Through this initiative, our State's distinguished products will receive global recognition, branding, and market reach,” he added.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Large and Medium Industries Minister MB



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SIDDARAMAIAH | CHIEF MINISTER, KARNATAKA

Patil, and other ministers and officials were present.

Patil said the Kalaloka store features Karnataka's traditional products such as Mysore sandal soap, sandalwood oil, incense sticks, Mysore silk, Channa-

patna toys, LIDKAR leather goods, coffee, handloom products, Ilkal saris, Lambani garments, sandalwood artefacts, Bidriware and Mysore-style paintings.

A total of 45 GI-certified

products from Karnataka will be showcased and sold, he said.

“The objective is to introduce Karnataka's traditional and geographically distinctive products to global audiences,” Patil said.

He added that State-run enterprises such as Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited, Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation, KSIC, Coffee Board and LIDKAR have jointly supported the initiative.

# K'taka CM renews push for Mekedatu reservoir

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**Mysuru (Karnataka), Nov 11:** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah Tuesday renewed his push for the contentious balancing reservoir at Mekedatu in Kanakapura Taluk of Bengaluru South District on the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border, saying it won't harm the interests of the neighbouring state.

Noting that the state received heavy rains this year, Siddaramaiah said Tamil Nadu

received excess water this year.

“Tamil Nadu should be given only 177.25 TMC water but we have given 150 TMC in excess, which means we released double the quota,” the CM during a conference in the district headquarter town of Mysuru.

Explaining further, he said, “The balancing reservoir at Mekedatu will not harm Tamil Nadu. We gave them more water this time.”

Tamil Nadu has been opposing the project, claiming that



the reservoir would take away its share of cauvery water.

Expressing satisfaction over

adequate rains this year, Siddaramaiah said all the reservoirs in the state are full.

However, he said that 90 per cent crop loss was reported in certain districts in North Karnataka. “There was a crop loss in 11 lakh hectares across the state.”

According to the Chief Minister, a compensation of Rs 31,000 per hectare is being given to the farmers growing perennial crops and Rs 25,500 to those in the irrigated region.

On the cabinet expansion, he

said he has sought time from Rahul Gandhi during his visit to Delhi for a book launch November 15.

Siddaramaiah said, “if Rahul Gandhi gives time then he will discuss the cabinet expansion, or else he would return to Bangalore the same night.”

To a question on Delhi car explosion, the Chief Minister said the incident will have a bearing on the Bihar elections and it could go against the BJP.

# MP school gets steel plates after kids eat on newspapers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA



**Sheopur (MP), Nov 11:** A primary school in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district has got steel plates after a viral video showed its students having mid-day meal on a newspaper, drawing severe criticism, including from Congress MP Rahul Gandhi.

BJP leader and former state minister Ramniwas Rawat and Sub-Divisional Magistrate Abhishek Mishra joined the students of the government school in Hullapur under the Vijaypur block and ate mid-day meal with them Saturday.

A video posted on social me-

dia showed the school premises spruced up and children enjoying their lunch on brand new stainless steel plates.

“Today, our entire team visited the spot and inspected the food. It was found that the meal was properly served on plates. I myself, along with public representatives, also ate the meal there,” Mishra told reporters Saturday.

“In the same way, we are monitoring this matter to ensure that no such incident happens again,” he added.

The video of food served on newspapers went viral Tuesday, following which the authorities

Friday cancelled the contract of the self-help group responsible for preparing meals and handed over the job to the school management committee, the official said.

While the school in charge, Bhogiram Dhakad, has been suspended, notices have been issued to two other staffers, he said.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, Saturday shared a video on X of the school children having mid-day meal on newspaper and targeted the state and the central government over it.

He alleged that the ruling BJP's “development” is just an illusion and the party's real secret of coming to power is “vyavastha” (the system).

“These are the same innocent children on whose dreams the future of the country rests and they are not even getting a plate of dignity,” Gandhi said in his post in Hindi.

“Such a chief minister and prime minister should feel ashamed for nurturing the future of the country's children in this pitiable state,” the Congress leader added.

VANDE  
MATARAM  
AT 150

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Indore, Nov 11:** A room in Zafar Ansari's humble home in Indore is a gateway to the past, housing prized possessions that trace India's journey to independence, including those associated with ‘Vande Mataram’, the national song, which completed 150 years last week.

Ansari (53) has collected rare items related to the national song, including gramophone records and historic buttons with ‘Vande Mataram’ engraved on them, which he has sent to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the 150th anniversary of the patriotic hymn.

Talking to PTI, Ansari said that he has collected



numerous items of national importance related to the legacy of ‘Vande Mataram’ from various places over the last 30 years.

These rare finds include 20 gramophone records of Vande Mataram in various languages, including Bengali, Hindi, and Marathi versions.

Ansari said that his collection also includes

‘Vande Mataram’ buttons, which were worn by freedom fighters on khadi jackets.

“These metal buttons have ‘Vande Mataram’ engraved in Hindi along with the tricolour, and the spinning wheel. I sent a set of these buttons to President Murmu and PM Modi on the 150th anniversary of the national song,” he said, beaming

with pride.

Ansari's precious collection includes a 1937 paper replica of the tricolour that freedom fighter Madame Bhikaji Cama hoisted at an event in Germany in 1907.



**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**e-Procurement Notice No. e-CHID-05/2025-26**

1. Type of Work: Road Work, 2. Total No. of Works: 01 (One) No., 3. Amount put to tender: Rs.96.57 Lakh., 4. Period of Completion: 11 (Eleven) Calendar Months. 5. Paper Cost : Rs.10000/-, 6. Class of Contractor: 'B' Class Contractor.

| Procurement Officer                                             | Bid Identification No. | Name of Work                                                                                                              | Bid Amount (Rs. in Lakh) | Availability & Submission of Bid On-line           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Superintending Engineer, Chikiti Irrigation Division, Berhampur | SE (CHID)- 33/ 2025-26 | Improvement to Dam top Road from RD 0.00 Mtr to 1645.00 mtr of Baghlati Irrigation Project of Chikiti Irrigation Division | 96.57                    | From 15.11.2025, 10.00 AM to 01.12.2025, 5.00 P.M. |

Date of Opening of the Technical Bid: 02.12.2025 at 11.30 AM.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in). Any addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation of the tender can be seen in the above website only.

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Sd./- Superintending Engineer, Chikiti Irrigation Division, Berhampur

**Government of Odisha “e” procurement Notice**  
e-mail ID- [rw\\_sambalpur@yahoo.co.in](mailto:rw_sambalpur@yahoo.co.in); Phone No. 0663-2401850  
**No. 4748, dated. 27.10.25**

**Bid Identification No. TENDER ONLINE SBPR-09 OF 2025-26**

No.O-1330:-

- Name of the work : Building Works as per DTGN available in the website. [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
- Total No. of Work : 52 (Fifty Two) Nos.
- Estimated Cost : Varies from Rs.1.26 lakhs to Rs.10.92 lakhs
- Period of Completion : 02 (Two) Calendar months.
- Period and time of availability of bid document in the portal for bidding : 10.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. to 24.11.2025 upto 5.00 PM
- Date and time of opening of Tender : 25.11.2025 at 11.00 AM
- Name and address of the officer : S.E.R.W. Divn., Sambalpur inviting bid

- Other details can be seen from detailed notice inviting tenders, available in website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
- Corrigendum if any shall only be published in the website: [www.tenderodisha.gov.in](http://www.tenderodisha.gov.in)

Sd./- Superintending Engineer,  
Rural Works Division, Sambalpur

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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**  
**MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, MAYURBHANJ**  
Tel.No.(06792) 260788, e-Mail ID:[m.yayurbhanj@yahoo.co.in](mailto:m.yayurbhanj@yahoo.co.in)  
**“e” Procurement Notice**  
**No.3954, Dated 06.11.2025**

**Identification No.S.E.M.I.D. MBJ. No.17/MID,MBJ/2025-26**  
The Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Mayurbhanj on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids through e-procurement to be received in online mode only for the works as detailed in the table below.

- Name of Works : Civil Construction works as mentioned in the website
- Total No. of Work : 1 No.
- Tender Amount : 22.15 Lakh (Detail of work Annexed)
- Class of Contractor : As Mentioned against Work
- Period of Completion : As Mentioned against Work
- Date & Time of availability of Bid document in the Portal : 13.11.2025 at 10.00 AM to 24.11.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.
- Last date/time for receipt of Bids in the Portal : 24.11.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.
- Date/Time of Opening of Technical Bid : 25.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M.
- Name and Address of the Officer Inviting the Bid : Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Mayurbhanj
- Mode of Payment of Bid Cost : Online
- Further details can be seen from the “e” Procurement Portal “<https://tendersorissa.gov.in>”.

Sd./- 06.11.2025  
Superintending Engineer  
Minor Irrigation Division, Mayurbhanj

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**Government of Odisha**  
**Office of the Superintending Engineer**  
**Rural Works Division, Dhenkanal**

No.O-1340

E-Mail: [eerwdivisiondhenkanal@yahoo.co.in](mailto:eerwdivisiondhenkanal@yahoo.co.in)  
**e-Procurement Notice No.12/**  
**Road & Building Works/2025-26**

- Name of the Work : Road Works
- Total No. of Works : 06 Nos.
- Estimated Cost : Rs.6.44 to 37.28 Lakh (Approx.)
- Class Contractor : “D” “C” & “B” Class
- Period of Completion : 02 (Two) Months
- EMD Required : As mentioned in the Annexure at Column-04
- Online for Bidding : 10.11.2025 at 11.30 AM to 20.11.2025 upto 5.00 PM
- Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification : 19.11.2025 upto 4.00 PM
- Date & Time of opening of Tender : 21.11.2025 at 11.00 AM

Other details can be seen from the website <http://tendersorissa.gov.in>.

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R.W.Division, Dhenkanal

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**e-Procurement Notice**  
**for Road Works Identification No. 14/SERW/JLS/2025-26**

No. O-1381

- Procurement Officer : Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Jaleswar
- Name of the Work : Roads
- Total No. of Works : 04 Nos.
- Estimated Cost : Approx. Estimated Cost Rs.25.42 Lakh to Rs.32.63 Lakh
- Class of Contractor : C & B Class
- Time of Completion : Three Calendar Months (As per Annexure)
- Availability of tender Online for bidding : From 12.11.2025 at 11.00 P.M. to 24.11.2025 upto 05.00 P.M.
- Last date & time of seeking tender clarification : 22.11.2025 upto 05.00 P.M.
- Date & time of Opening of tender in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, R.W. Division, Jaleswar : Date & time of Opening of Technical & Financial bid 25.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the website: [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in).

Sd./- Superintending Engineer  
R.W. Division, Jaleswar

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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
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**PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, BALANGIR**  
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No. C-1381

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement**  
**Bid Identification No. ACEPHBGR 11/2025-26 Dt.30.10.2025**

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| 01. Name of the Work                                          | : 07 No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 02. Estimated Cost                                            | : Rs.8.79 Lakhs to 62.63 Lakhs                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03. Period of Completion                                      | : 03 Months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 04. Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal | : From 11.00 AM of dt. 11.11.2025 to 5.00 PM of dt. 25.11.2025                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05. Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal         | : 5 PM of dt. 25.11.2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 06. Date & Time of opening of bids                            | : At 11.00 AM of dt. 26.11.2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 07. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid              | : The Superintending Engineer, Office of the Superintending Engineer, Public Health Division, Balangir, At: Tulasingar, Po:Dist.- Balangir, Pin- 767004, Odisha, Phone:- 06652-234647, E-mail: <a href="mailto:eephbgr@yahoo.co.in">eephbgr@yahoo.co.in</a> |

Further details can be seen from the website <https://tenders.ori.nic.in> or [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)

Sd./-Addl. Chief Engineer,  
P.H.Division, Balangir

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**No. 4806, dated. 29.10.25**

**Bid Identification No. TENDER ONLINE SBPR-10 OF 2025-26**

No.O-1331:-

- Name of the work : Road & Building Works as per DTGN available in the website. [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
- Total No. of Work : 15 (Fifteen) Nos.
- Estimated Cost : Varies from Rs.4.20 lakhs to Rs.21.01 lakhs
- Period of Completion : 01 (One) Calendar month to 02 (Two) Calendar months.
- Period and time of availability of bid document in the portal for bidding : 10.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. to 19.11.2025 upto 5.00 PM
- Date and time of opening of Tender : 20.11.2025 at 11.00 AM
- Name and address of the officer : S.E.R.W. Divn., Sambalpur inviting bid

- Other details can be seen from detailed notice inviting tenders, available in website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
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Sd./- Superintending Engineer,  
Rural Works Division, Sambalpur

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of the day

quote

India's daughters have made the nation proud by winning the Women's Cricket World Cup! Had an energetic interaction in Gandhinagar with Radha Yadav from Vadodara, a key member of the victorious team. Congratulated her and #TeamIndia for their stellar performance and wished them a bright and successful future ahead

**BHUPENDRA PATEL** | GUJARAT CM

Educational institutions inspire students to have a vision and show them how to put that vision into action. Both vision and positive action are equally important

**CV ANANDA BOSE** | WB GOVERNOR

I pay my heartfelt tributes to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, a symbol of Hindu-Muslim harmony, a great freedom fighter, educationist and former Union Minister, on his birth anniversary

**MAMATA BANERJEE** | WEST BENGAL CM

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POST

OF THE DAY

**SHOCKING**  
Many victims who died in #RedFort terror are not on the official list. Their families are called to the hospital, made to identify bodies & asked to carry dead bodies on their own. Is BJP Govt trying to manipulate the official data again?

@mr\_mayank

SHORT TAKES

Container hits pilgrims; 1 dead

**Pune:** A woman 'warkari' or devotee of Lord Vitthal was killed and 10 other pilgrims were injured after a container truck ploughed into their group near Kamshet on the old Mumbai-Pune Highway Tuesday morning, police said. The accident took place around 6.30 am, an official said.

Weapon smuggling network busted

**Chandigarh:** Punjab Police Tuesday said it has unearthed a cross-border weapon smuggling network with the arrest of two persons in Ferozepur. Those arrested have been identified as Gurpreet Singh alias Gori, a resident of village Ruhela Hazi of Ferozepur and Vikramjeet Singh alias Vicky, a resident of Jalalabad in Fazilka, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here Tuesday.

CPI to hold protest Nov 18

**New Delhi:** The Communist Party of India will hold a nation-wide protest November 18 on issues of equality and justice, party General Secretary D Raja said, claiming that atrocities against women, Dalits and minorities are increasing.

Heightened security in Kolkata

**Kolkata:** In the wake of the blast in Delhi, heavy security arrangements have been put in place in and around Kolkata, where the first cricket Test between India and South Africa is set to begin at Eden Gardens this week, a senior police officer said Tuesday. Amid heightened vigilance, Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma Tuesday held a virtual meeting with officers at various levels.



Words fall short in condemning such a heinous act of terror. These blasts are not only an assault on the lives of innocent citizens but also on the very spirit of humanity and peace

FAROOQ ABDULLAH | NC PRESIDENT

SCHOOL CINEMA FESTIVAL TO KICK OFF NOVEMBER 14 ACROSS COUNTRY

More than 100 curated films from 25 countries including France, Spain, Germany, Kyrgyzstan and the UAE are set to be screened at over 40,000 government and 1,000 private schools across the country during the eighth edition of School Cinema International Film Festival (SCIFF), officials said



Pulwama doc had links to terror module

The Red Fort car blast probe was handed to the NIA Tuesday as investigators focused on a Pulwama doctor linked to a "white-collar" inter-state terror module

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi/Srinagar, Nov 11:** The probe into the deadly car blast near the Red Fort was Tuesday handed over to the premier anti-terror agency NIA as investigators zeroed in on a doctor from Pulwama in south Kashmir with suspected links to an inter-state "white collar" terror module.

Dr Umar Nabi was driving the i20 car that exploded on Monday evening and is believed to be one of the 12 people killed, officials said. Jammu and Kashmir police took a DNA sample from his mother to match with the parts found at the scene of the blast, an official said in Srinagar.

As the Delhi police filed an FIR calling the explosion "a



bomb blast" and invoked sections relating to conspiracy and punishment for a terror attack under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Prime Minister Narendra Modi vowed that all those responsible will be brought to justice.

"Our agencies will get to the bottom of this conspiracy. The perpetrators behind it will not be spared," Modi said in an address at a public event in Bhutanese capital Thimphu. Officials involved in investigations said they did not rule out the possibility of the explosives in the car getting detonated accidentally as Umar may have panicked. It has emerged during investigations that Umar waited in the Suneh-

ri Masjid parking lot near the Red Fort for nearly three hours while scouring the internet about updates regarding his associates' arrest in Faridabad. The investigators have also managed to establish an 11-hour trail of Umar's vehicle.

There was no clarity yet on how many people were in the car during the blast. While initially there were claims that there were three people, another account said only Umar, who was on the run after the busting of the Faridabad terror module, was the lone occupant.

At his review meetings, Shah instructed the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to match the samples collected from the bod-

NITHARI KILLINGS

SC acquits Surendra Koli



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, Nov 11:** Surendra Koli, the only convict in the sensational 2006 Nithari mass killings, is now a free man as the Supreme Court Tuesday acquitted him of charges in the last such case and ordered his forthwith release if not required in any other matter.

This was the 13th case in the Nithari killings in which Koli was acquitted. He was already acquitted in the 12 other related cases. The Nithari killings had come to light with the discovery of the skeletal remains of eight children from a drain behind businessman Moninder Singh Pandher's house at Nithari in Noida December 29, 2006. Koli was the domestic help at Pandher's house at that time.

Allowing Koli's curative petition challenging his conviction in the case related to the alleged rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl in Nithari, the apex court said criminal law does not permit conviction on conjecture or on a hunch. A curative petition is the last legal recourse available to a party af-

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ter exhausting other remedies, including a review petition.

A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justices Surya Kant and Vikram Nath said the offences in Nithari were heinous and the suffering of the families was beyond measure.

"It is a matter of deep regret that despite prolonged investigation, the identity of the actual perpetrator has not been established in a manner that meets the legal standards," the bench said. It said that suspicion, however grave, cannot replace proof beyond a reasonable doubt, and the courts cannot prefer expediency over legality.

"The presumption of innocence endures until guilt is proved through admissible and reliable evidence; and when proof fails, the only lawful outcome is to set aside the

conviction even in a case involving horrific crimes," the bench said.

The top court said it must remark on the abiding faith in the capacity of police and investigative agencies of the country.

"When investigations are timely, professional and constitutionally compliant, even the most difficult mysteries can be solved and many crimes can be prevented by early intervention," it said.

The bench said it was "genuinely unfortunate" that in the case, negligence and delay corroded the fact-finding process and foreclosed avenues that might have identified the true offender.

"The scene was not secured before excavation began, the alleged disclosure was not contemporaneously recorded, the remand papers carried contradictory versions, and the petitioner was kept in prolonged police custody without a timely, court-directed medical examination," it said.

The bench noted that crucial scientific opportunities were lost when post-mortem materials and other forensic outputs were not promptly and properly brought on record and when searches of the house yielded no incriminating traces that could be forensically anchored to the alleged events.

It said the probe did not adequately examine obvious witnesses from the household and neighbourhood and did not pursue material leads, including the organ-trade angle flagged by a governmental committee.

"Each lapse weakened the provenance and reliability of evidence and narrowed the path to truth," the bench said.

RED FORT BLAST



ture of love became the only proof of his identity. For some others, even clothing became the last link between the living and the dead. Around 9 pm Monday, Zunman's GPS signal

went silent. "They showed us four bodies, which we couldn't recognise." As the family sat at the Shastri Park police station to file a missing report, a call came, turning their world



Health workers under the banner of Maharashtra Association of Resident Doctors (MARD) participate in a protest march demanding improved workplace safety and justice following violent incidents and alleged harassment, in Mumbai, Maharashtra

PTI PHOTO

India offers ₹4,000-crore for Bhutan energy projects

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Thimphu, Nov 11:** India and Bhutan Tuesday inaugurated a 1,020-MW hydropower project built with Indian assistance as Prime Minister Narendra Modi said progress and prosperity of the two countries is closely linked and that there will be greater focus on boosting connectivity.

Modi and King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck inaugurated the Punatsanchchhu-II project following their wide-ranging talks. Electricity generated from the project will be supplied to both countries.

The Indian side also announced a concessional credit line of ₹4,000 crore to fund energy projects in Bhutan.

"Energy cooperation remains a key pillar of the India-Bhutan partnership. Today, we inaugurated the Punatsangchhu-II Hydropower Project. This is an enduring symbol of friendship

between our countries," Modi said on social media.

The two leaders exchanged views to further enhance and strengthen bilateral ties and held discussions on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

King Jigme Khesar conveyed condolences on the loss of lives in the Delhi blast and his appreciation for India's support for Bhutan's socio-economic development. The two leaders also witnessed the finalisation of three pacts that will provide for cooperation in renewable energy, healthcare and medicine, and mental health services.

Earlier, addressing an event to mark the 70th birth anniversary of Bhutan's former king Jigme Singye Wangchuck, Modi underlined the importance of connectivity and referred to New Delhi's decision to link Gelephu and Samtse in Bhutan to India's rail network.

Two temple watchmen murdered; cash looted

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Nov 11:** Two guards at a temple in Rajapalayam in the district were hacked to death and cash from the hundi (offering box) was stolen, police said Tuesday.

The double murder triggered political outrage in the state, with parties criticising the police and demanding the immediate arrest of the culprits.

Police had to pacify the victims' relatives, who had gathered in front of the temple, and assured them of stringent action against the accused.

A senior official said special teams have been formed to trace and arrest the culprits, who had also damaged CCTV cameras in the temple and taken away the digital video recorder (DVR).

A guard on the morning shift noticed the bodies of the two watchmen—Shankarapandian (65) and Pechimuthu (50)—lying with multiple cut injuries near the flagmast inside the Nachadai Thavirtharuliya Swamy temple at Devadanam and immediately informed temple officials and police.

UPES confers PhD on Acharya Balkrishna

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Haridwar, Nov 11:** Addressing the 23rd convocation of University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES) in Uttarakhand Monday, Acharya Balkrishna said that the spirit of service should never diminish. "Patanjali's strength lies in its continuous service, and it is expanding its network worldwide under the inspiration of Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev," he said.



Acharya Balkrishna, who attended the ceremony as the chief guest, was conferred with an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in recognition of his achievements. He added that receiving such an honour for him and his organisation would further motivate them to serve humanity with greater dedication.

UPES Vice-Chancellor Dr Ram Sharma praised Acharya Balkrishna's commitment and contribution to the service of humanity. "Graduating students should draw inspiration from him and begin the next phase of their lives with renewed energy," Sharma said. He also lauded his leadership in establishing the Patanjali model as a leading business model in the country.

On this occasion varsity president, Dr Sunil Roy; Pro-VC, Dr Jaishankar; Registrar, Prof Manish Madaan; Director School of Business, Prof Rahul Nanwal; Dean Research, Dr Ashwani Nangiya; MD, Lalit Aggarwal; academic council and governing body members and students were also present on the occasion expressed gratitude towards Balkrishna.

of the day

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Saddened by news of the explosion in Delhi last evening, Sri Lanka stands in solidarity with the people of India. Our thoughts are with all those affected

ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKE | PRESIDENT, SRI LANKA

Israel stands with India in its fight against terror

GIDEON SA'AR | FOREIGN MINISTER, ISRAEL

Cambodia remains committed to working closely with Thailand to promote peace and stability between the two countries, especially ensuring the security and safety of civilians

MALY SOCHTEA | DEFENCE MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON, CAMBODIA

SHORT TAKES

Antiques stolen

**Damascus:** Thieves broke into the national museum in the Syrian capital and stole several ancient statues dating back to the Roman era, officials said Tuesday. The National Museum of Damascus was temporarily closed after the heist was discovered early Monday. The museum reopened in January as the country is reeling from the 14-year civil war and the fall of the 54-year Assad family rule last year. The museum in central Damascus, the country's largest, houses invaluable antiquities dating back to Syria's long history.

Drone fragments discovered

**Bucharest:** Possible drone fragments were found inside Romania's southeastern border region following Russian strikes on Ukrainian Danube River ports overnight, the Romanian Ministry of Defence said Tuesday. Romanian radars detected groups of drones near the NATO country's airspace just after midnight Tuesday, prompting the ministry to issue an alert to residents of the southeastern region. Weather conditions did not allow for fighter jets to be deployed, the defence ministry said, but military teams were able to recover possible drone fragments some 5 kilometres (3 miles) inside Romania's border with Ukraine.

Houthis stop Red sea attacks

**Dubai:** Yemen's Houthi rebels have signalled they've stopped their attacks against Israel and shipping in the Red Sea as a shaky ceasefire holds in the Gaza Strip. In a letter to Hamas' Qassam Brigades published late Monday, the Houthis offered their clearest signal that their attacks have halted. "We are closely monitoring developments and declare that if the enemy resumes its aggression against Gaza, we will return to our military operations deep inside the Zionist entity, and we will reinstate the ban on Israeli navigation in the Red and Arabian Seas," the letter reads.

Taiwan evacuates 3,000

**Taipei:** Taiwan evacuated more than 3,000 people Tuesday, issuing a land warning for the arrival of Typhoon Fung-wong, which is expected to dump large volumes of rain on its mountainous east coast, recently lashed by another typhoon. The weakening Fung-wong is forecast to hit land Wednesday on the island's southwestern coast around the major port of Kaohsiung, after it killed 18 people while powering through the Philippines as a much stronger system.



Tehran is not seeking nuclear bombs and... is prepared to assure the world about it. We are very proud of our home-grown nuclear programme

SAEED KHATIBZADEH | DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, IRAN

UK PLEDGES 850 MN POUNDS FOR GLOBAL DISEASE FIGHT

Britain Tuesday pledged 850 million pounds (\$1.14 billion) to an international initiative to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, in what amounted to a cut of 15% from the previous commitment as the nation struggles with a tighter budget



Statue of Maharaja Digvijaysinhji Ranjitsinhji unveiled

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Nevatim (Israel), Nov 11:** A statue of Maharaja Digvijaysinhji Ranjitsinhji was unveiled in this southern 'Moshav' (community of farmers) in recognition of his efforts to rescue hapless Polish children during World War II, including some Jews.

The Maharaja of Nawana-gar, a princely state in India now known as Jamnagar in the state of Gujarat, was honoured by Indian Jewish Heritage Centre (IJHC) and Co-chini Jewish Heritage Centre (CJHC) Monday evening for his "exemplary compassion" during the war.

During World War II, when Europe was engulfed in the flames of conflict and persecution, the Maharaja emerged as an unlikely saviour rescuing around a thousand Polish children, some of them Jews.

He adopted these children and built a home for them in 1942 at Balachadi village in Jamnagar, saving them from the horrors of the war.

India's Ambassador to Israel JP Singh, who was present at the ceremony, spoke about the "Good Maharaja's compassion" describing him as "a beacon of hope" reminding that humanity rises above all boundaries.

Polish Ambassador to Israel Maciej Hunia also attended the ceremony calling it "a very emotional moment".

Recalling that a part of his family also suffered during WWII, the Polish ambassador said that when asked by the prime minister of his country as to how they can "repay him for this great act", the Mahara-ja had said to name a street in liberated Poland in his name in Warsaw. "Today not only is there a square named after him, but also a monument and a tram in the western city was named after him," the Polish envoy said.

Pak suicide blast kills 12

While Prime Minister Shehbaz accused groups 'active with Indian support' of being involved in the attack, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said that the Afghan Taliban has sent a message through the bombing

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Islamabad, Nov 11:** A suicide bomber Tuesday detonated his explosives near a police vehicle outside a court in Pakistan's capital, killing at least 12 people and wounding 36 others, officials said.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, who visited the site of the blast, said the attacker wanted to enter the court complex, but on failure, he detonated his explosives near a police vehicle at the gate of the building in the G-11 area of the capital at 12.39 pm.

No group or individual claimed responsibility for the attack, but such strikes are usually carried out by the Teh-reek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Naqvi said that 12 people were killed and 27 others injured, including security personnel and a lawyer, in the blast near the Islamabad Dis-trict Judicial Complex.

However, the spokesperson for the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Dr Mubahshir Daha, said the number of injured had risen to 36.

Sharing details of the blast, Naqvi said that the attacker stood outside the court for around 12 minutes before he detonated the explosives.

"Our first priority is to identify the attacker...Whenever the attacker is identified, we will share with the media," Naqvi said as he vowed to bring the perpetrators to justice.

"We are linking today's blast with many factors. Things will be clear in the coming hours. There are several messages of it...", he said. "I don't want to say anything at this point, as often the Indians do (start blaming soon after such incidents). We will come with full evidence and details."

Naqvi said Pakistan is clear



Court bomber detonates device outside building

Interior minister says whoever is responsible won't be spared

Separate suicide bomb attack at military school kills three

No group has claimed responsibility yet for either attack

that Afghanistan should stop terrorism coming from their soil, "otherwise we will have to take action against them."

President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif strongly condemned the suicide blast and expressed deep condolences to the be-reaved families.

While Prime Minister Shehbaz accused groups "active with Indian support" of being involved in the attack, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said that the Afghan Taliban has sent a message through the bombing.

"The rulers of Kabul can stop terrorism in Pakistan, but bringing this war all the way to Islamabad is a message from Kabul, to which - praise

be to God - Pakistan has the full strength to respond," Asif said in a message on X to express his reaction to the attack in Islamabad.

"In this environment, it would be futile to hold out greater hope for successful negotiations with the rulers of Kabul," he said.

The attack came days after the third round of talks between Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban failed to reach any agreement to tackle the issue of terrorism emanating from Afghanistan.

Asif warned that Pakistan was in a state of war.

"Anyone who thinks that the Pakistan Army is fighting this war in the Afghan-Pakistan border region and the remote areas of Balochistan should take today's suicide attack at the Islamabad district courts as a wake-up call: this is a war for all of Pakistan, in which the Pakistan Army is giving daily sacrifices and making the people feel secure."

Meanwhile, security around the Judicial Complex, adjoining courts, and other sensitive buildings in Islamabad has been further tightened.

David Szalay wins Booker Prize for 'Flesh'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**London, Nov 11:** Hungarian British author David Szalay was named the winner of the Booker Prize 2025 for his novel 'Flesh', beating Indian author Kiran Desai's 'The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny' at a ceremony in London.

Szalay, 51, was presented with 50,000 pounds and a trophy Monday night by last year's Booker winner Samantha Harvey for his novel about an emotionally detached man who is unravelled by a series of events beyond his grasp.

"Using only the sparest of prose, this hypnotically tense and compelling book becomes an astonishingly moving portrait of a man's life," the Booker Prize judges said of their winning choice.



Desai missed out on becoming only the fifth double winner in Booker Prize's 56-year history, having won the coveted literary prize for fiction back in 2006 for 'The Inheritance of Loss'.

"I wanted to write a book about global loneliness through the lens of a long, unresolved love story," Desai has said of her new novel.

"I wanted to write a present-day romance with an

old-fashioned beauty. In the past of my parents, and certainly my grandparents, an Indian love story would mostly be rooted in one community, one class, one religion, and often also one place. But a love story in today's globalised world would likely wander in so many different directions," she said.

At 667 pages, 'The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny' was described by the Booker judges as "an epic of love and family, India and America, tradition and modernity" revolving around a pair of young Indians - Sonia and Sunny.

"An intimate and expansive epic about two people finding a pathway to love and each other. Rich in meditations about class, race and nationhood, this book has it all," the judges said of the Indian author's latest work.



Costumed revelers wear watering cans on their heads in the central Heumarkt in Cologne, Germany, as thousands of carnival enthusiasts parade through the streets Tuesday

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Iraqis vote in election they expect to bring little reform

Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani seeks a second term in an exercise that a growing young electorate increasingly views as a vehicle for established parties to divide up the Middle East nation's oil wealth

REUTERS

**Baghdad, Nov 11:** Iraqis began casting ballots Tuesday in parliamentary elections to choose a new 329-member legislature, state television said, with nationwide polling set to close at 6:00 pm.

Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani seeks a second term in an exercise that a growing young electorate increasingly views as a vehicle for established parties to divide up the Middle East nation's oil wealth.

Sudani's bloc is forecast to win the most seats but fall short of a majority, potentially meaning months of post-election talks among Shi'ite and Sunni Muslim as well as Kurd-ish parties to divvy up government posts and pick a prime minister.

Elections in Iraq are in-



« Continued state capture has left many disillusioned

« Prospects for raft of new candidates are uncertain

« Populist Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr boycotting vote

« Next government will have to navigate between US and Iran

DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE POLITICAL SYSTEM

The vote this year features a raft of young candidates hoping to break into politics, but their chances against old patronage networks are uncertain.

"This election will not depend on popularity. It will depend on spending money,"

former prime minister Haider al-Abadi said during a televised interview last month.

Analysts warn that low participation among civilians could further erode confidence in a system critics say benefits the few while neglecting the many.

"For Iraq's 21 million registered voters, Tuesday's ballot may do little more than endorse a familiar political order," said Baghdad-based political analyst Ahmed Younis.

"The results are not expected to make dramatic changes in the Iraqi political map."

Still, the vote, in which results are expected after several days, comes at a sensitive time for the country.

The next government will need to navigate the delicate balance between US and Iranian influence, and manage dozens of armed groups that

are closer to Tehran and answerable more to their own leaders than to the state, all while facing growing pressure from Washington to dismantle those militias.

PRESSURE TO DELIVER

Iraq has so far avoided the worst of the regional upheaval caused by the Gaza war, but will face US and Israeli wrath if it fails to contain militants aligned with Iran.

Those elected will also face domestic pressure to deliver tangible improvements in everyday life and prevent public discontent over corruption from spilling into unrest, as it did during mass demonstrations in 2019 and 2020.

Iraq began voting for its politicians in 2005, after the 2003 U.S. invasion which toppled autocrat Saddam Hussein.

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We expect the Indian two-wheeler market to still keep growing, especially as the middle income class is now increasing

ITARU OTANI | YAMAHA MOTOR  
INDIA GROUP CHAIRMAN

The country needs big and world-class banks, and discussions are on with the Reserve Bank and lenders in this regard

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN |  
FINANCE MINISTER

Guided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, the government has placed the citizen at the heart of every policy

MANSUKH MANDAVIYA |  
UNION LABOUR MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Visa on arrival for medical treatment

**New Delhi:** Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal Tuesday said offering visa on arrival facilities for medical treatment can be considered to patients from countries such as the US. The idea was floated in the CII's annual health summit here in Delhi. "The idea about visa on arrival is a good idea. We will pursue that...For many countries, we allow visa on arrival, we allow e-visas...both these can be considered let's say for the United States, most of the European countries... not all by the way ...for most of the countries where we have a fair amount of comfort and where detailed investigations or enquiries are not required," Goyal said. He suggested the CII to work on the idea and share with the government. "Off course one has to look at what will be the certifications and which are the countries for which we can allow that," he added.

India's first vanadium redox flow battery system

**New Delhi:** Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Tuesday inaugurated the country's first MWh-scale vanadium redox flow battery (VRFB) system of 3 MWh capacity, an official statement said. Lal inaugurated the project at NETRA, the R&D centre of NTPC, the Ministry of Power said. "The minister inaugurated India's largest and first MWh-scale Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) system of 3 MWh capacity. This milestone project marks a major step forward in the nation's journey towards long-duration energy storage (LDES) solutions, enhancing renewable energy integration and grid resilience," it said.

Welspun Enterprises Q2 net profit grows

**New Delhi:** Welspun Enterprises Tuesday said it has posted a 59 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at ₹98.08 crore in September quarter of FY26, aided by reduced expenses. Total income fell to ₹803.26 crore in the latest second quarter from ₹837.92 crore in July-September FY25. During the reporting quarter, Welspun Enterprises trimmed expenses to ₹677.42 crore from ₹736.33 crore in the same period a year ago. "We continue to sustain strong growth momentum, delivering a 17 per cent year-on-year rise in EBITDA and achieving a record-high consolidated EBITDA margin of 23.9 per cent in Q2 FY26. We remain on track to meet our annual revenue guidance of ₹4,000 crore at a consolidated level," Managing Director Sandeep Garg said.

Aggressive festive promotions and flexible financing options drove strong mobile phone shipment volumes in the third quarter of 2025

UPASANA JOSHI | IDC ASIA PACIFIC,  
SENIOR RESEARCH MANAGER  
FOR DEVICES RESEARCH

India's job market shows 11% hiring intent for 2026: Report

AGENCIES

**New Delhi, Nov 11:** The overall hiring intent in India for 2026 stands at 11 per cent, up from 9.75 per cent in 2025, signaling a discernible improvement in employment sentiment, a report said Tuesday.

This uptick reflects India Inc's transition from a phase of cautious replacement hiring to active workforce expansion. The optimism is led by the banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) sector.

The sector leads hiring sentiment at 20 per cent, followed by core industries such as metal and mining, power, utilities, steel, and cement at 12 per cent, a report by Taggd in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) stated.

According to the report, the year is emerging as the year of experienced professionals, with companies increasingly prioritising mid- and senior-level talent.

Candidates with 6-15 years of experience are projected to make up 55 per cent of total hires, up from 39 per cent last



year, signaling India Inc's growing focus on leadership depth and executorial agility.

Hiring intent for candidates with 6-10 years of experience is expected to rise to 28 per cent (from 26 per cent), while those with 11-15 years and over 15 years are set to jump to 15 per cent and 12 per cent, respectively, compared to 9 per cent and 4 per cent recorded last year.

Meanwhile, early-career professionals (0-5 years) will continue to find opportunities, comprising 45 per cent of

projected hires and reflecting steady demand for young talent.

Tier-2 cities strengthen their foothold in India's employment landscape, accounting for 32 per cent of projected jobs in 2026, as organisations, especially GCCs, tap into new regional talent hubs for both cost efficiency and emerging skill sets, the report noted.

Tier-1 cities lead at 53, while tier-3 locations at 15 per cent show early signs of inclusion, reflecting a steady democratisation of India's job market

Smartphone market at 5-yr high



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, Nov 11:** The smartphone market in India reached a five-year high in the festive third quarter of 2025, growing 4.3 per cent year-over-year (YoY) to 48 million units, according to the International Data Corporation (IDC) data released Tuesday.

Apple recorded its highest-ever quarterly shipments in India in the 2025 (Q3), reaching 5 million units and securing the fourth position in the market for the first time.

The iPhone maker achieved a strong 25.6 per cent YoY growth, driven by sustained demand across both new and existing models. The iPhone 16 remained the most-shipped smartphone in India during the quarter, contributing 5 per cent of total market shipments, while the newly launched iPhone 17 series and iPhone Air saw a record-breaking debut, accounting for 16 per cent of Apple's Q3 shipments — the strongest launch-quarter performance for any iPhone since 2021.

The mid-premium segment grew 10.7 per cent YoY, with share rising from 3 per cent to 4 per cent. Samsung climbed to the top position, followed by OP-

PO and OnePlus.

The Galaxy S24 contributed nearly one-quarter of total shipments in this range, driven by steep discounting on e-tailer platforms.

"Aggressive festive promotions and flexible financing options drove strong shipment volumes in Q3 2025. However, consumer demand remained concentrated in the premium segment, leaving the mass market under pressure and resulting in a significant inventory build-up heading into Q4 2025," said Upasana Joshi, senior research manager, Devices Research, IDC Asia Pacific. This surplus has been further exacerbated by rising component costs — particularly in memory — and currency fluctuations, prompting brands to raise prices post-Diwali.

"As a result, IDC forecasts a year-over-year decline in shipments for Q4 2025, leading to an overall annual contraction, with total smartphone shipments expected to fall below 150 million units for the year," Joshi mentioned. Smartphone average selling prices (ASPs) surged to a record \$294 in Q3, growing 13.7 per cent year-over-year (YoY), driven by strong demand for premium and higher-spec models.

Bimalagarh station to be redeveloped under ABSS

**Kolkata:** Bimalagarh Railway Station, between Rourkela and Barsuan in the Chakradharpur division of Sundargarh district, Odisha, has been selected for upgradation under the flagship Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS), a Railways press release said. The total estimated investment for the redevelopment of the station is pegged at ₹9.84 crore. The Railways hopes it will provide a significant boost to regional infrastructure and passenger convenience. As per the Railways statement, the revamped station will feature a new building with a modern façade, upgraded entry and exit gates, a redesigned circulation area, improved platform surfaces, and a new shelter. Special provisions have been made for Divyangjan passengers, including ramps, toilets, water booths, tactile paths, and Braille signage. Additional amenities such as a spacious waiting hall, enhanced seating arrangements, and local art and cultural motifs will enrich the aesthetic appeal and comfort of the station, it said. Noteworthy, Ministry of Railways has launched the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) to modernise railway stations across India, enhancing passenger experience and boosting regional connectivity. The initiative aims to transform stations into cleaner, more accessible and passenger-friendly hubs while promoting local tourism and economic growth.



SBI holds FPO Connect program in City

**Bhubaneswar:** State Bank of India, Bhubaneswar circle, APMAS and CYSD organised a day-long SBI 'FPO CONNECT' program at State Bank Institute for Learning & Development, Bhubaneswar. As per a press release, a total of 49 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO) & 16 representatives of FPO promoters attended the event along with over 20 officials from SBI. The desk appraisal of 47 FPOs was undertaken and 45 FPOs were given in-principal sanction letters. A brief overview of FPOs in India and how FPOs can be developed into thriving business organisations with FPO financing as the main driver was shared with the participants. For FPOs to effectively utilise financing, they were advised to improve member-ownership, their systems of accounting & bookkeeping and their business-readiness with business planning & market linkages. Worthwhile to mention here that the State Bank of India is organising such FPO Connect Programs across India in collaboration with different CBBOs/ NGOs. It was the 14th program in this series.



Odisha hoteliers' body urges members to tighten security

DELHI BLAST

**Bhubaneswar:** In light of the recent alert issued by the government of Odisha following the tragic car blast in Delhi Monday, Hotel & Restaurant Association of Odisha (HRAO) urged all its member hoteliers to remain extra vigilant and tighten security while admitting guests. In a press release, HRAO said, "There is high concern that anti-socials may target key tourist destinations and vital installations such as Hirakud Dam and other prominent locations. Hotels could be among the first points of entry and stay for such individuals." The HRAO urged all hotel owners to tighten security measures within their establishments and ensure that security personnel conduct guest screening and frisking in a courteous and professional manner, without annoying them. In case of any suspicious individuals or activities, please seek immediate assistance from local police authorities, the Association stated. Requesting the tourists and guests to cooperate, the hoteliers' body said that it is important that they (Tourists) understand the need for these enhanced security measures and extend full cooperation to hotel staff during screening or verification procedures. Calling upon to work together to ensure the safety and security of the guests, staff, and properties, the HRAO asked its members to uphold the image of Odisha as a safe and welcoming tourist destination.

INDIA STOCK MARKET CONTINUES UPWARD TREND

The domestic equity indices closed at a higher note for the second consecutive day Tuesday amid buying in IT, auto, metal and FMCG sectors. The rally was further sustained by positive global cues as the US Senate passed a bill to end the longest-ever federal shut-down. Sensex ended the session at 83,871.32, up 335.97 points or 0.40 per cent.



Tata Trusts names Noel Tata's son Neville, Bhaskar Bhat as Trustees

AGENCIES

**Mumbai, Nov 11:** Tata Trusts Tuesday inducted Neville Tata, son of Tata Trusts chairman Noel Tata, and group veteran Bhaskar Bhat, to the board of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT) with effect from November 12 for a period of three years.

The Board of Trustees of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT) also decided to appoint Venu Srinivasan as Trustee for a period of three years, with effect from November 12, "in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and to designate him as Vice Chairman of SDTT".

"The Board of Trustees of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT) held a meeting today and unanimously approved the induction of Bhaskar Bhat and Neville Tata as Trustees with effect from 12th November 2025 for a period of 3 years," according to a Tata Trusts statement. Neville Tata, 32 and a Bayes Business School graduate, currently serves on the boards of JRD Tata Trust, Tata Social Welfare Trust, and RD Tata Trust, and could also be inducted into Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT), which, together with SDTT, holds more than



51 per cent of Tata Sons. Meanwhile, Bhat, 71, began his career at Godrej & Boyce in 1978 before joining the Tata Watch Project which later became Titan. As managing director from 2002 to 2019, he expanded Titan's portfolio beyond watches into eyewear, jewellery, fragrances, accessories, and more.

Established in 1892, the Tata Trusts are India's oldest and amongst Asia's largest philanthropic institutions. They have played a pioneering role in bringing about an enduring difference in the lives of the communities they serve, advancing equity, resilience, and shared progress. Inspired by the vision of the Founder Jamsetji Tata and guided by a legacy of proactive philanthropy, the Tata Trusts work to catalyse systemic and sustainable change across diverse areas by building institutions, strengthening public systems, and accelerating socio-economic development in a wide variety of areas.

76% of India's influencers violating disclosure norms

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**Mumbai, Nov 11:** The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) Tuesday said 76 per cent of India's top digital stars have been found wanting on disclosure norms while peddling sponsored content.

The self-regulatory body said digital platforms reported 97 per cent of the violative ads during the April-September 2025 period, with Meta contributing nearly 79 per cent to the violations and Google at under 5 per cent.

The half-yearly report said 76 per cent of India's top digital stars, as per the Forbes list, were found in violation of the disclosure norms required by ASCI and the Central Consumer Protection Authority.

"This sets a poor standard for authenticity and honesty in influencer advertising," it added.

Offshore or illegal betting, personal care, healthcare, food and education emerged as the top sectors breaching ASCI's guidelines, an official statement said. The self-regulatory organisation reviewed 6,841 complaints and investigated 6,117 advertisements, it said, adding that 98 per cent of these required modification.

India, NZ FTA negotiations almost concluded

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, Nov 11:** The negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement between India and New Zealand have almost concluded, a senior government official said Tuesday.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal recently visited Auckland to give an impetus to the trade talks.

"Negotiations are almost completed...may take a few more weeks," the official said, adding that New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McClay will be here on Friday for the trade talks. The FTA negotiations were formally launched March 16, 2025. India's bilateral merchandise trade with New Zealand stood at USD 1.3 billion in 2024-25, registering a growth of nearly 49 per cent over the previous year.

The official also said that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is also keen to negotiate a pact with India.

Bahrain and Qatar have already shown keen interest in a trade deal separately.

GCC members are Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. India has implemented an FTA with the UAE.

# Gill & boys sweat it out at nets

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Kolkata, Nov 11:** Transitioning from shorter formats to the rigours of red-ball cricket takes time, and India captain Shubman Gill spent close to an hour and a half at the nets, fine-tuning his technique ahead of the opening Test against South Africa, starting here Friday.

The Proteas arrive high on confidence, having secured a hard-earned 1-1 draw in Pakistan last month in challenging conditions. Gill, who struck a fifty and an unbeaten century in the two home Tests against the West Indies last month, has been searching for runs in white-ball cricket.

He managed just one score above fifty -- a 46 at Carrara Oval -- from eight innings across the ODIs and T20Is in Australia.

Now back to leading the Test side, Gill batted with determination at nets and looked keen to regain rhythm after a lean white-ball run. Gill later joined his teammates for slip-fielding drills before padding up alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal for an intense net session.

## Spotlight on Sai Sudharsan

Another batter to spend significant time at the nets was Sai Sudharsan, who managed just 84 runs in two unofficial Tests for India A against South Africa A.

The team management continues to back him for the No. 3 slot, though he is yet to make it his own, with only a 61 against England in Manchester and 87 versus West Indies at home to show so far in Tests.

His India A teammates -- KL Rahul, Jurel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj -- skipped the optional practice after joining the squad only a day earlier after a demanding A series in Bengaluru, which concluded Sunday.

Among pacers, only Jasprit Bumrah turned up, keeping it light with spot bowling at two



stumps for about 15 minutes, targeting the off stump.

Overall, only seven players turned up for the optional practice session, as the likes of Pant, Jurel, Rahul, Siraj, Kuldeep, Akash, Devdutt Padikkal and Axar Patel skipped.

## Focus on pitch

After nearly three hours of training, the team's think tank

-- Gambhir, Kotak, Morkel, and Gill -- gathered at the centre wicket for a long pitch inspection.

Morkel and Gill checked the firmness before summoning curator Sujan Mukherjee for a 15-minute discussion. Judging by their expressions, the management did not appear entirely pleased with the surface.

The pitch, which has not been watered for a week now, appeared dry and brown with light grass patches.

Later in the evening, after South Africa wrapped up their session, CAB President Sourav Ganguly along with other officials walked up to the centre strip for a close inspection and held discussions with local curator Sujan Mukherjee.

While the groundsmen watered the adjoining areas of the square, the main pitch was deliberately left dry.

## Special gold toss coin

A special gold coin featuring Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela will be used for the toss in the first Test match between India and South Africa at Eden Gardens November 14, says a report. The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) has introduced a special gold coin that features Mahatma Gandhi on one side and Nelson Mandela on the other, symbolising the values of peace, freedom and non-violence to be used for the toss in the opening Test at Eden Gardens, a report from India Today read. CAB President Sourav Ganguly revealed that the coin was made specifically for the series and will be used during the toss.

# Aishwary, Esha-Rana's silver haul at ISSF WC



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Cairo, Nov 11:** Olympian Aishwary Prapat Singh Tomar equalled the qualification world record and then won his first-ever individual World Championship medal by settling for silver in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions final here Tuesday.

Newly-crowned air pistol world champion Samrat Rana and defending champion Esha Singh also ended with a silver medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team competition, after they went down 10-16 in the gold medal match to China's Kai Hu and Qianxun Yao.

Before that Aishwary, the two-time Olympian, managed 466.9 in the 45-shot final to finish behind China's reigning Olympic champion Liu Yukun, who ended 0.2 ahead with 467.1.

India continued to hold the second position in the medal tally behind China with three gold, five silver and three bronze in their kitty. China have so far won eight gold in a total of 14 podium finishes.

Aishwary, the reigning Asian champion, shot like a dream throughout the day, scoring an astonishing 200/200 in the kneeling position of the qualification round and followed that up with yet another perfect 200 in the second prone position.



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He lost just three points in the standing position to end up with a tally of 597 and top the 66-strong field. It also matched the men's 3P qualification world record score, hitherto jointly held by Liu and his fellow Chinese Linshu Du.

Niraj Kumar, the second Indian in the field, qualified fifth with a score of 592.

In the eight-man final, Aishwary had a poor start by his standards on the day, an 8.6 for his sixth kneeling shot setting him back early. The recovery began in his favourite prone position and a defining series of 53.3, 52.7 and 52.7 lifted him to second, just 0.2 behind leader Liu.

Teammate Niraj's fortunes went the other way as after being fourth at the end of the kneeling position, he slipped to sixth going into the final standing position and although he managed to cover some ground, he could only manage a fifth-place finish in his first ever worlds final.

When the eliminations began, the difference between Liu and Tomar was 0.2. The lead alternated between the Indian and the Chinese shooters going into the final shot.

As Liu fired a 10.1, Tomar needed a 10.2 or more to win gold, but a 9.8 meant the Chinese Olympic champion was also crowned the new world champion. Talented Frenchman Romain Aufrere won bronze.

## Esha, Samrat outgunned by top Chinese pair

In the second final of the day -- the 10m air pistol mixed team -- the Indian pair of Esha and Samrat did exceedingly well to top qualifications with a combined effort of 586, with both shooting identical scores of 293.

The second Indian duo of Suruchi Singh and Shravan Kumar shot 579 to end in eighth position.

Esha and Samrat were up against it as they faced Kai Hu and Qianxun Yao of China in the gold medal match, the world number one and two individually and in-form, having won silver and gold respectively in the individual event Monday.

The race to 16 points lasted for 13 rounds and both pairs were tied at nine points apiece after nine rounds. The Chinese then took the next three rounds and despite India tying the 13th, the match could not be salvaged

## SHORT TAKES

### Historic pole, podium for Atiqa Mir in COTFA

**Abu Dhabi:** Indian racing prodigy Atiqa Mir stormed to a historic pole position before finishing third on the podium in the opening round of the Formula 1 Academy backed COTFA UAE karting series here. The 10-year-old is the first Indian to be supported by Formula 1. Already part of the Champions of the Future Academy (COTFA) international series, Atiqa last month was picked by Formula 1 Academy for the two-round COTFA UAE championship. She clinched the pole position, becoming the first-ever female in the world to achieve this feat in COTFA mini class before adding a Heat win to a successful weekend. She capped off a memorable week by finishing third in the final.

### All five Indians play out draws

**Panjim:** Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi remained in the hunt for a place in the finals as all the five Indians drew their first game of the fourth round of World Chess Cup here Tuesday. Erigaisi did not have to face too many problems against Peter Leko who was happy with a draw with white pieces. Erigaisi employed the Sicilian Taimanov and got a heated opening survey from one of the main lines. Pragganandhaa was worse when Daniil Dubov decided it was not much to look forward to. It was clear that Dubov was hoping to take his chances. As things turned out, Grandmaster P Harikrishna also did not mind the draw against Nils Grandelius of Sweden. Nils is someone known to be chasing the higher prize fund but for Harikrishna, it does not matter much.

### Anahat makes winning start; Abhay, Senthilkumar bow out

**New Delhi:** India's reigning women's national champion Anahat Singh made a winning start at the China Open in Shanghai Tuesday but compatriots Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar lost in the men's opening round. Delhi teenager Anahat, ranked 38th in the world, beat Egypt's Menna Hamed 11-6, 11-8, 11-3 in their round of 32 contest of the PSA Gold event. Anahat will next meet Egyptian eighth seed and world No. 15 Sana Ibrahim. Abhay lost to Baptiste Masotti, with the French world No. 17 winning by margin of 11-8, 11-7, 11-4.

## WOMEN'S T20 WC - CRICKET FOR THE BLIND 2025

### India beat SL by 10 wickets



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, Nov 11:** India emerged victorious over Sri Lanka by 10 runs after former union sports minister Anurag Thakur Tuesday declared open the first-ever Women's T20 World Cup - Cricket for the Blind 2025 at the Modern School Ground here.

The ceremony commenced with the national anthem, presented in sign language by specially-abled students from the Delhi branch of Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.

Speaking at the inauguration, Thakur said, "I wish all the teams the best of luck for the World Cup. You may give

your best and perform well. We are going to watch you on television."

Post the inauguration, India locked horns with Sri Lanka and began their campaign on a winning note.

Opting to bat first, Sri Lanka were restricted to just 41 runs in 13.3 overs, as India's bowlers and fielders delivered a spectacular performance.

India's sharp fielding led to seven run outs, while Deepika TC, Ganga Kadam, and Jamuna Rani Tudu claimed a wicket each. In reply, India chased down the modest target in emphatic fashion, reaching 43 without loss in just three overs.

# Rekhade's five-for powers Vidarbha to win over Odisha

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Nagpur, Nov 11:** Left-arm spinner Parth Rekhade returned with a five-wicket haul as Vidarbha registered a 100-run win over Odisha to move to the top of Group A in the Ranji Trophy here on Tuesday.

Chasing 345 for victory, Odisha were bowled out for 244 in 84 overs after a promising 100-run opening stand between Swastik Samal (65) and Gourav Choudhury (47).

Vidarbha now lead the table with 19 points, while Odisha remain second from bottom with just one point.

Resuming at 44 for no loss, Samal and Choudhury added 56 more runs before Rekhade provided the breakthrough in the 24th over, trapping the latter leg before wicket.

Samal too became his victim soon after, while Sandeep



Pattnaik's painstaking 27 off 105 balls ended when he was trapped in front by Praful Hinge in the 38th over.

Skipper Subhramshu Senapati (28) and Govinda Poddar (46) tried to steady the chase but failed to convert their starts, as Odisha kept losing wickets at regular intervals.

Rekhade (5/80) led the bowling effort with Hinge (3/41) providing able support, while Nachiket Bhute (1/50) also chipped in.

In Vadodara, opener Shi-

## King's Baton Relay for Glasgow CWG kicks off

AGENCIES

**New Delhi, Nov 11:** Union Minister of Youth Affairs, Sports, and Labour & Employment, Mansukh Mandaviya, Tuesday unveiled the King's Baton for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games (CWG) at DLF Avenue, Saket. The event was graced by the presence of Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to the Republic of India, and PT Usha, President, Commonwealth Games Association of India.

The ceremony, hosted by the Commonwealth Games Association of India (CGAI), also saw the presence of various Olympic and CWG medallists, including Yogeshwar Dutt, Achanti Sharath Kamal, and Gagan Narang, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Youth Affairs Sports and the Commonwealth Games Federation and Sports Authority of India. The Baton will remain on public display in Delhi from November 12 to 14 for viewing in DLF Avenue Mall, before travelling to Ahmedabad November 14.

# Deepika, Dhiraj lead in Asian Archery C'ship

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Dhaka, Nov 11:** Star archers Deepika Kumari and Dhiraj Bommadevara were back to their best after missing out on the team berths, as India secured at least three individual medals in recurve events of the Asian Archery Championships here Tuesday.

Top-ranked Indians Deepika and Dhiraj, who had failed to make the team events after finishing last among their compatriots in qualification round on the opening day, bounced back strongly when the individual eliminations got underway.

Deepika stunned Shanghai World Cup gold medallist Lee Gahyun of Korea 7-3 to storm into the women's recurve semifinals, where she will face compatriot Ankita Bhakat.

Ankita, meanwhile, produced one of the biggest upsets of the day, toppling top seed

and former world champion Jang Minhee of Korea 6-4.

Sangeeta too joined the party, defeating Iran's Zare Reyhaneh 7-1 to enter the last-four, where she will meet Korea's Nam Suhyeon.

With Deepika, Ankita and Sangeeta all in the semifinals, India stand a strong chance of completing a clean sweep in the women's recurve individual category.

In the men's recurve section, Dhiraj made amends for his poor qualification round by defeating Uzbekistan's Amir-khon Sadikov in a shoot-off, both shooting 10s before the Indian prevailed with an arrow closer to the centre after being locked 5-5 in four sets.

He will take on Korea's Jang Chaehwan in the semifinal.

Rahul, the 11th seed, also put up a solid show to beat Lin Zih-Siang of Chinese Taipei 6-2 and set up the other semifinal against Korea's Seo Mingi.