

Experience counts

Actor Nikita Dutta reflects on entering industry sans formal training, learning her craft through hands-on experience

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Trump signs government funding Bill, ending shutdown after a record 43-day disruption, restoring pay & normal operations

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SORRY STATE: A man rides a boat in the polluted Yamuna river, in New Delhi, Thursday

No mining near nat'l parks, sanctuaries: SC

New Delhi, Nov 13: The Supreme Court Thursday banned mining within an area of one km from national parks and wildlife sanctuaries, noting that such activities will be hazardous to the wildlife.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran was considering pleas on issues related to the notification of Jharkhand's Saranda forest area as a wildlife sanctuary and the Sasangdaburu as a conservation reserve.

"It has been the consistent view of this court that mining activities within one km of the protected area will be hazardous to the wildlife. Though in the

said directions were issued with respect to the State of Goa, we find that such directions need to be issued on a pan-India basis," the SC bench said.

"We direct that mining within national parks and wildlife sanctuaries and within an area of one km from boundary of such national park or wildlife sanctuary shall not be permissible,' the bench said, directing the Jharkhand government to notify 126 compartments in the Saranda forest area as a wildlife sanctuary within three months.

Observing that the state government cannot run away from its duty to declare the extent of 31,468.25 hectares as Saranda Wildlife Sanctuary, the bench.

compartments designated for mining.

"We direct that the state government shall notify the area comprising of 126 compartments as notified in 1968 notification, ex cluding six compartments i.e., compartment numbers KP-2, KP-10, KP-11, KP-12, KP-13 and KP-14, as a wild life sanctuary within a pe riod of three months from the date of this judgment,

Notably, compartments are used to divide sanctuaries for administrative purposes.

it said.

It clarified that the rights of the tribals and forest dwellers in the region should be protected as per the Forest Rights Act and asked the state government to widely publicise it.

Bihar, Nuapada: Stage set for vote counting today

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Patna/Nuapada, Nov 13: The stage is set for counting of votes in Bihar and Nuapada Friday.

Elaborate security arrangements have been made for counting of votes polled in the Bihar Assembly elections, across 46 centres in 38 districts of the state. officials said.

"Counting arrangements have been made in all the 243 Assembly constituencies. The exercise will be conducted by 243 Returning Officers in the presence of 243 Counting Observers and the candidates or their agents," they said, adding that the counting will commence at 8 am

"As per the EC's directions, postal ballot counting will begin first, and counting of EVMs will start at 8.30 am," they said.

"Adequate CAPF and Bihar Police personnel have been deployed across the state to ensure smooth counting, and prevent any untoward incident," a senior officer said.

Meanwhile, the counting of votes for the Nuapada bypoll will be done under a three-tier security arrange-

District Election Officer (DEO)-cum-Nuapada Collector Madhusudan Dash said the counting will commence with postal ballots at 8 am. followed by EVM at 8.30 am at 14 tables. There will be 26 rounds of counting of votes,

He said that the entire counting process will be CCTV-monitored and video-recorded. **P5 & 8**

IRREGULAR by MANJUL

The footage of our leader

meeting blast victims looks

amateurish-we should use

EDITING ROOM

education in varsities forensic audit, ED probe

ARINDAM GANGULY, OP Bhubaneswar, Nov 13:

The higher education system in Odisha is in the throes due to a severe leadership vacuum, with more than half of the staterun universities functioning without permanent Vice-Chancellors (VCs). Moreover, after months of delays, the state government's effort to appoint regular VCs is mired in controversy, fuelling concerns over the future of academic

leadership in the state. The recruitment process began in June 2025, when the state government advertised for 13 VC posts, promising to adhere to University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines for selection. However, nearly five months later, none of the positions have been filled, and the state's universities continue to suffer from administrative paralysis. Altogether 13 out of 17 public universities remain under the leadership of interim VCs or are completely

without permanent heads. Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati attributed the delay to the lack of clarity in the Odisha Universities Act, which was only amended recently. "The appointment of VCs was delayed due to lack of clarity in the Act." Kambhampati said during a media interaction recent-

Altogether 13 out of 17 public universities in Odisha remain

under the leadership of interim VCs or are completely without permanent heads

ly. "Now, the Act has been amended. We have a set of selection panels. We hope the universities would have full-time VCs in the next two to three months."

However, some reports have suggested that the shortlisting panels at prominent varsities have favoured candidates whose qualifications do not align with UGC's merit-based criteria. Defending the process, Higher Education Minister Survabanshi Suraj said, "We've received an overwhelming number of applications, and the process is being conducted with utmost caution to ensure that only the best

candidates are appointed." Former UU VC Sabita Acharya stated that like the VC of Fakir Mohan University, whose tenure was extended by the Governor, hers could have been extended as well. She said, "I was eligible and serving as the current VC at the time, but for reasons unknown to me, my tenure was not extended. I wonder if my gender played a role in this decision. While I can't say being a woman influenced the outcome, despite my qualifications and my active role as the VC.

About the delay in VC recruitment, she said, "I believe it was simply due to a delay in the process from the authorities."

The Odisha Universities (Amendment) Act, 2024 which came into effect earlier this year introduced key reforms like enhancing the age limit for VCs from 67 to 70 and inclusion of education experts in VC selection committees while ensuring that merit and academic experience are prioritised over political considerations.

However, educationists like NK Pujari highlighted administrative inefficiencies as a major reason for delays in the appointment process. "Bureaucratic bottlenecks, such as delays in forwarding necessary documents, have slowed down the selection of VCs. The complexity of the new procedures further compli-

cates the process," he said. Subhalaxmi Jayasingh, a student of Rama Devi Women's University (now headed by an in-charge VC), said the absence of a permanent VC has led to delays in resolving key issues at her varsity such as hostel facilities, educational trip approvals and examination schedules.

VC posting delay mars Al Falah Univ: Govt orders

New Delhi, Nov 13: The government has ordered a forensic audit of all records of the Al Falah University, which is under the scanner following the Delhi blast, besides asking the ED and other financial investigative agencies to check the money trail of the Haryana-based institution, sources said.

The decisions have been taken following a high-level meeting chaired by Union the ongoing investigation into the November 10 blast **AIU SUSPENDS**

which reviewed for one-and-

a-half hours the progress of

MEMBERSHIP near Red Fort in which 13

people lost their lives and several were injured. "An order has been is

sued to carry out a forensic audit of all records of Al Falah University. The ED

Home Minister Amit Shah (Enforcement Directorate) and other financial agencies were also asked by the government to check the money trail of Al Falah University," the sources said.

Another car believed to be linked to the Delhi blast case was found parked at the university Thursday, police said. Meanwhile, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) suspended membership of the university in connection with the blast case, officials said.

CISCE Class X tests

to start February 17 New Delhi: The board examinations for Class X wil begin February 17 and those for Class XII February 12, the Council for the Indian School **Certificate Examinations** (CISCE) said Thursday. About

2.6 lakh candidates from Feb 12 will appear for the Class X examination, while about 1.5 lakh candidates are set to take the Class XII examination this year, it said. "This year's exam schedule has been carefully crafted to ensure a balanced academic calendar, allowing candidates a

reasonable preparation time,"

and Secretary, CISCE

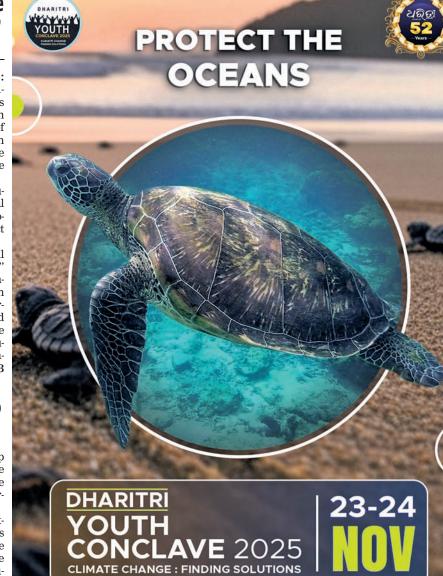
said J Emannuel, Chief Executive

'Health in '47 will be key to Viksit Bharat'

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Union Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh Thursday said the health of India's people in 2047, when the country will celebrate 100 years of freedom, will be the key to 'Viksit Bharat'.

Singh said this while inaugurating the two-day national conclave on 'Longitudinal Cohort Studies: Cohort Connect 2025' at CSIR-IMMT here.

"India's health in 2047 will be the key to Viksit Bharat." he said. Singh said that metabolic disorders in India often emerge as clusters of interconnected conditions and cannot be separated from the broader landscape of communicable and non-communica-



PARTNERS

End of an era: US penny dies at 232

Philadelphia, Nov 13: The US ended production of the penny Wednesday, abandoning the 1-cent coins that were embedded in American culture for more than 230 years but became nearly worthless.

When it was introduced in 1793, a penny could buy a biscuit, a candle or a piece of candy. Now most of them are cast aside to sit in jars or iunk drawers, and each one costs nearly 4 cents to make.

"God bless America, and we're going to save \$56 mil-Treasurer Brandon Beach said at the US Mint in Philadelphia before hitting a button to strike the final professional actors next time penny. The coins were then

carefully placed on a tray for journalists to see. The last few pennies were to be

auctioned off. Billions of pennies are still in circulation and will remain legal tender, but new

ones will no longer be made. The last US coin to be discontinued was the half-cent in 1857. Beach said.

Most penny production ended over the summer, of-

ficials said. During the final pressing, workers at the mint stood quietly on the factory floor as if bidding farewell to an old friend. When the last coins emerged, the men and women broke into applause and cheered one another.

"It's an emotional day," said Clayton Crotty, who has worked at the mint for 15 years. "But it's not unex-

President Donald Trump ordered the penny's demise as costs climbed and the 1-cent valuation became virtually obsolete.

'For far too long the United States has minted pennies which literally cost us more than 2 cents," Trump wrote in an online post in Febru-

ary. "This is so wasteful!" Still, many Americans have a nostalgia for them, seeing pennies as lucky or fun to collect. And some retailers voiced concerns in recent weeks as supplies ran low and the end of production drew near. They said the phaseout was abrupt and came with no government guidance on how to handle transactions.

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ADELE TO MAKE **ACTING DEBUT**

British singer-songwriter Adele will make her acting debut in *Cry to Heaven*, an upcoming feature film by former fashion designer Tom Ford. The movie, based on Anne Rice's 1982 novel, explores the 18th-century world of "castrati" - male singing stars who were castrated to preserve their high voices

GLEN POWELL SAYS NO TO REMAKES

Nikita's

unusual

journey

Mumbai: Actress Nikita Dutta recently reflected on her

decade-long journey in the entertainment industry,

marking 10 years since her debut. In an interview,

Dutta spoke candidly about entering acting with-

out any formal training and the unconventional way she learned her craft. "I hadn't taken any

acting lessons or workshops before starting,"

she shared. "I was thrown directly onto a

television set, working 14-15 hours a day,

63 days straight without a break. As tough

as it sounds, I learned a lot from that ex-

Starting her career in television before

transitioning to films and streaming projects,

Dutta described her early years as her acting school. "Being on a set and in front of the cam-

era every day was where I truly learned how to

act." she explained. "I was surrounded by people

who had formal training from places like the New

York Film Academy, and I often felt out of place.

But I soon realised that while they had the train-

ing, they weren't working anymore. What I

picked up was through hands-on experience.'

Having worked across television, films, and

OTT platforms, Nikita has steadily built a di-

verse portfolio of roles. Her recent release was

Jewel Thief, a direct-to-OTT film. Reflecting on

her journey, Dutta emphasises that acting is

a craft learned through practice rather than

Hollywood actor Glen Powell, known for his roles in Top Gun: Maverick and the Twister sequel, is done with remakes. His latest project is a new version of Arnold Schwarzenegger's 1987 hit The Running Man, but Powell is now committed to focusing on original films moving forward



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Your sportsman spirit will find its way into both your professional and personal life. Today may be an important day in your life, and Ganesha says you must not forget your special quality.

TAURUS

You will put your heart and soul into whatever you do today, says Ganesha. But there may still be dark clouds hovering over the results. Don't let that bother you. You must keep up the hard work throughout the day. Finally, you will hit the deck with a feeling of happiness and satisfaction, predicts

Today, your emotions will cloud your ability to reason. You may try to find a refuge in devotional and spiritual activities. A visit to a couple of religious places may help you restore your peace of mind. A laid-back mindset will work wonders for you today.

Today is a fabulous day for your love life. Your happiness may make a few people go green with envy, but they can do you or your relationship no harm, so ignore them. However, it may be important for you to make sure that you safeguard your

Even an emperor, when struck with an ailment, is

not a pretty sight. Bearing

this in mind, today you shall make health your number one priority, says Ganesha. You will do wise to chart out some sort of a workout regime for yourself, and inculcate a sense of discipline in maintaining it, even if it is anything as simple as a thrice-a-week routine.

The day will bring unexpected changes and pleasant surprises. You may hit the road with your loved ones, and the journey will not only be exciting but also calm your nerves. Overall, a bright, happy day to make most of, says Ganesha

LIBRA

It's time to take what is already good, and turn it into something better. Take this day as a day to bring about improvements in your life and yourself. You may also consider taking up some extra courses in the evening. Maybe it's time for a salsa lesson, or learn how to toss a few Italian delicacies.

SCORPIO

You might just blow your fuse today, warns Ganesha. Anger will melt all sense and sensibilities. But if logic does prevail eventually, things may just improve as the day passes. Ganesha says it is high time you awakened your softer side.

SAGITTARIUS

A demanding day today, as you find yourself in charge of arranging and attending high-voltage meetings. Those dealing in stock and share will have profitable returns in the afternoon. But don't count your chickens before they hatch, says Ganesha.

CAPRICORN

To many, you will seem to have got your senses back after a long time. Reason? You will finally have a definite career plan in mind. It's not really a big deal, but considering that you Leos are always in two minds about everything, it's quite an achievement, says Ganesha. Having a clear idea about what you exactly want from life will help you save a lot of your precious time, energy and money.

AQUARIUS

It's family time, and your near and dear will be might pleased. You will pamper and fuss over them, and will even pull funny faces to make them smile. Your love and affection will undoubtedly pay off, and come back to you in more ways than one. Ganesha says you deserve a pat on the back for being so devoted to family.

says Ganesha.

PISCES You have been neglecting your health of late, a fact which is hammered home by your ill-fitting trousers today! So, while you ignored the adage of prevention being better than cure, you could still make a stitch in time to save nine! Head for the gym, and watch those calories,



Mumbai: Yami Gautam is making waves with her performance in *Haq*, and it's not just because she's delivered a powerful portrayal, it's because she's finally being recognised for her true potential. In Haq, Yami fully inhabits her character. Every look, every pause feels deliberate and earned. There's a quiet intensity about her that pulls you in; she doesn't demand attention, yet she commands it effortlessly. Her performance is a rare kind of art: honest, unhurried, and deeply emotional. It's no wonder that many are now saying she deserves a National Award for

What's even more striking is how organic this moment feels. Yami hasn't reached this point overnight. It's been a steady journey, with standout roles in films like Vicky Donor, Badlapur, Uri, Bala, A Thursday, and Article 370. Each performance has been a step forward, adding more depth to her craft. You can sense the confidence of someone who has grown in public, yet evolved in private.

With Haq, Yami ends the year on a high note. It's not a loud triumph, but a lasting one. A performance that lingers in your mind long after the credits roll. Yami reminds us that an actor doesn't need to shout to be heard; sometimes,



The intrigue deepened with her post week later, which featured a mix of celebratory moand snapshots of friends and food. However, it was one particular picture that drew attention, a

subtle fifth image that had fans and even her colleagues buzzing. Soha Ali Khan commented, "Hbd KK... I see what you did there!" while Pooja Gor cheekily added, "Ahem ahem." Fans joined in, with one asking, "Is it a soft launch?" and others eagerly discussing the mystery. Kritika added fuel to the speculation with a minimalist mirror selfie shared

formal instruction.

on her Instagram Story, where she posed alongside someone, both faces intentionally left out. Through these playful yet private glimps-Kritika es, seems to be keeping things coy, leaving just enough to spark curiosity. While the identity of the mystery man remains unclear, sources suggest that love is no longer just a possibility for Krit-



Maddy talks about evolving Indian stereotypes

Mumbai: Actor R Madhavan recently reflected on how perceptions of Indian men abroad have evolved over the years, sharing a humorous anecdote about how white women now often assume Indian men are entrepreneurs rather than flirtatious. During his appearance on BookMy-Show's Unscripted YouTube show, alongside his De De Pyaar De 2 co-stars Ajay Dev-

gn, Rakul Preet Singh, and Meezaan Jafri, Madhavan recalled, "A few years ago, when we went abroad, all the white women would look at us like we were there to hit on them. Now, when an Indian enters a space, four white women walk up thinking we are entrepreneurs." He joked, "I have not seen that Indian in the movies Madhavan also spoke about

his desire to work with new directors, blending his experience with fresh storytelling techniques. 'The thing that's getting in my way right now is the

> ies to please their mentors," he said. Madhavan will soon be seen in De De Pyaar De 2, directed by Anshul Sharma, alongside Ajay Dev gn and Rakul Preet Singh. The sequel to the 2019 hit releases Nov-2025. He is also starring in Dhurandhar, directed Aditya Dhar, alongside

film industry's mind-

set. They make stor-

Ranveer Singh, Arjun Rampal, and Dutt, Sanjay releasing December 2025 AGENCIES

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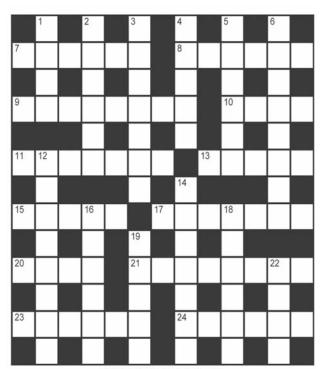
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PROTEST FOR REHAB

Members of Rashtriya Dalit and Adivasi Mahasangha stage a protest near Lower PMG in Bhubaneswar, Thursday, demanding immediate rehabilitation of displaced Dalits and tribals at Narayanapatna in Bandhugaon region



Push for speedy clearance of forest diversion proposals

the Capital Region Ring Road

Project, Gorumahisani New

Railway Line by South East-

ern Railway, and the 4G-based

Mobile Service Project of Re-

liance Jio. According to the

ACS, substantial progress has

been made, particularly in

the areas of optical fiber cable

(OFC) laying and mobile tower

installations by Bharat Sanchar

Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and RJIL.

Additionally, Odisha Power

Transmission Corporation Ltd's

transmission line projects and

Geological Survey of India's

exploration proposals have also

The ACS also praised the

progress made in the Capital

Region Ring Road (CRRR-I

and CRRR-II) projects, which

were among the focal points

of review. However, the ACS

instructed the Principal Chief

Conservator of Forests (Wild-

life) to address wildlife-related

issues without delay to avoid

The primary objective of the

meeting was to accelerate the

further hindrances.

shown positive movement.



Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: In a bid to streamline the approval process for critical infrastructure projects, the state government held its third monthly coordination meeting on the expeditious processing of forest diversion proposals recently.

The meeting chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary of Forest, Environment, and Climate Change department Satyabrata Sahu reviewed the progress of major projects requiring forest clearance, such as roadways, railways, telecom infrastructure, and steel plants.

The meeting focused on expediting the processing of forest diversion proposals for key projects under National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Indian Railways, OPT-CL, GSI, and companies like Reliance Jio Infocom Limited (RJIL), BSNL, and SAIL.

During the meeting, Sahu reviewed updates on several high-profile projects, including

₹29.40 lakh for Red Sanders conservation

Bhubaneswar: In a bid to promote India's endemic biological resources the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) released Rs 29.40 lakh to the and Benefit Sharing (ABS) mechaof Red Sanders (Pterocarpus santalinus). The ABS fund was generated from benefit-sharing amount wood logs sourced from Paralakhedistrict. These trees, believed to be planted by the then Maharaia of Par lakhemundi. Red Sanders trees had naturally fallen during the Cyclone **Development Corporation auctioned**

approval process for forest diversion proposals, which are crucial for the timely implementation of major infrastructure projects. The ACS directed all Regional Chief Conservators of Forests (RCCFs) and Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs) to prioritise the processing of these proposals and clear any pending issues at local levels.

The meeting also included a stern reminder to the user agencies, urging them to submit all required documentsincluding maps, survey reports, and environmental impact assessments—without delay.

The ACS urged the Forest department to collaborate more closely with industries that have signed MoUs with the government. The department was asked to facilitate forest diversion proposals from industries such as Kalvani Steels Ltd.

'Zero Road Fatality' fortnight from November 16 to 30

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: In a bid to curb deaths in road accidents and to spread road safety awareness among commuters, the state government is set to observe "Zero Fatality Fortnight" from November 16-30 in the State. The 15-day campaign comes on the heels of recently observed "Zero Accident Day."

In this period, the Commerce and Transport Department will organize a series of programs focusing on the four Es — Enforcement, Engineering, Education, and Emergency Care.

As per reports, during the

observance of the Zero Fatality Fortnight, a policy of zero tolerance will be adopted against those violating traffic rules. Strict checking will be conducted across the state. The department has issued detailed guidelines to all district administrations. In collaboration with the district administration, police, and other departments, the Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) will intensify enforcement drives.

Special teams will be deployed at crowded places, traffic junctions, educational institutions, malls, and marketplaces, an official said. Legal action will be taken under Motor Vehicles Act against reckless drivers. Similarly, special focus will be placed on accident-prone roads. The department has directed district authorities to take necessary steps to reduce accidents in such areas. Road engineering agencies have been asked to take corrective measures such as fixing road defects and installing proper signage

COHORT CONNECT 2025

Indian treatment for Indian patients: Union Min Singh

biobank, referred to as the

Bharat Biobank to facilitate the

prevention, early detection and

development of India-specific

health parameters through use

of longitudinal cohort students,

where individuals are followed

over time to track disease prog-

Speaking on the occasion, the

ress and risk patterns.



Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Cohort Connect 2025, a two-day national conclave on longitudinal cohort studies kicked off at CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT) here Thursday.

Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of Earth sciences Ji tendra Singh attended the event as chief guest. Besides, CSIR-IM-MT director Ramanuj Narayan, principal investigator CSIR Health Cohort Knowledgebase (PI-CheCK) Shantanu Sengupta co-principal investigator Viren Sardana attended the conclave.

The programme brought together doctors, scientists, public health experts, and cohort investigators from across the country to discuss the expanding landscape of longitudinal cohort research.

The programme Phenome India: CSIR Health Cohort Knowledgebase (PI-CheCK)

on four critical determinants o health; biological, environmental, genetic and lifestyle factors each shaped by the country's extraordinary diversity in diet, environment and genetic make up. Metabolic disorders in India often emerge as clusters of interconnected conditions and cannot be separated from the broader landscape of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

The minister cautioned that new therapies and modern drugs must be assessed through long-term data. Stressing that nearly 70 per cent of the pop ulation under 40, Singh said India must prioritise prevention, early intervention and technology-driven health solutions. "Through the studies like this we want to ensure Indian treatment for Indian patients Indian prevention strategy and Indian data for India solutions,' said the minister.

Phenome India to transform preventive healthcare: Narayan

Speaking to OrissaPOST, CSIR-IMMT director Ramanuj Narayan said, "The programme Phenome India: CSIR Health Cohort Knowledgebase (PI-CheCK) moves healthcare from treatment to prediction and prevention. Based on one's test profile, the aim is to estimate the likelihood of developing diabetes or liver fibrosis even before symptoms appear." He added, "In one case, our data A medical check confirmed the issue, and timely treatment began. This is the preventive healthcare and make every Indian's health safer and more predictable." "A duration of minimum three years is required to analyse all the sample properly. Today, we celebrated and interacted as the phase II has concluded. If the study is expanded across the country, then we will get personalised medicine. And the data will give warning signals before any disease impacts our body. This initiative will give a push towards building a Swasth Bharat. Keeping the view of our country's vast population, we are now slowly integrating the process in our country," Narayan added.

Odisha unites for 'Ekta Padayatra'

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Odisha ioined the nationwide celebration of 150th birth anniversary of Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, with the launch of the Ekta Padayatra at Nilagiri in Balasore, Thursday. The event was inaugurated

by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, who led the march propagating national unity and

Thousands of students, youth, citizens, and government officials participated in the 9-km march from Nilagiri to Mitrapur, carrying messages of unity and patriotism. Students proudly held a 100-foot-long Tricolour, symbolising the spirit of togetherness.



Before the march, the Chief Minister offered prayers at the Jagannath Temple in Nilagiri and visited a photo exhibition on "Balasore's Role in the Freedom Struggle" and "The Life of Sardar Patel" organised at the Police Ground.

Addressing the public gathering, Chief Minister said the Ekta Padayatra was "not merely a march but a symbol of Indianness," reflecting every citizen's

duty to preserve national unity. 'The land where we stand today, Nilagiri, is not just a geographical place; it is the pulse of people's power and democracy," he remarked, recalling the historic Nilagiri People's Movement as a shining chapter in Odisha's freedom struggle.

He highlighted that the movement represented the unity of local youth, farmers, laborers, and educated citizens

against exploitation and injustice — a collective voice that stood for rights, dignity, and self-respect.

Drawing parallel between the past and present, Majhi said, "Today's march conveys the same message of unity in diversity. Regardless of caste, religion, or language, we are all Indians. This unity is our strength and our identity."

The Chief Minister reaffirmed his government's commitment to youth empowerment through initiatives in employment, education sports, and creativity, inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision based on four pillars — farmers, the poor, women, and youth.

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: In line with the vision of Viksit Odisha 2036, the state is all set to finalise its Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy 2.0 following a stakeholder consultation meeting here at the City.

The revamped policy aims at strengthening the state's position as a leader in clean and green mobility.

The meeting, chaired by Usha Padhee, Principal Secretary of the Commerce & Transport department, emphasised the importance of inter-departmental coordination and active private sector participation.

It also proposed amendment to the Odisha Electric Vehi-



Odisha set to bring EV Policy 2.0

Odisha EV Policy 2.0. Padhee highlighted the need for capacity building and policy align ment to ensure a smooth and inclusive transition to electric mobility across the state.

Senior officials and experts from multiple departments, including Transport, Housing & Urban Development, Energy, Finance, and Skill Development & Technical Education, participated in the discussions. Key attendees included Trans port Commissioner Amitav Thakur, CMD of OSRTC NBPS Rajput, and MD of CRUT Sanjaya Biswal.

Participants deliberated on several critical areas, including enhanced purchase incentives, vehicle retrofitting and scrappage benefits, the development of charging infrastructure under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, and the creation of a dedicated State EV Fund to support the long-term sustainability of EV initiatives in Odisha.

PITABAS PANDA MURDER CASE

Cong slams Berhampur SP, questions govt's silence

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: The Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) Wednesday came down heavily on Berhampur Superintendent of Police (SP) Saravana Vivek M, accusing him of presenting a "web-series-style fabricated story" in the Pitahas Panda murder case, and questioned the state government's silence even after the SP offered an unconditional apology before the High Court.

Addressing a presser at Congress Bhavan, senior spokesperson Sonali Sahu and spokesperson Bibhuti Bhushan Mahapatra alleged that the SP's statements were "politically motivated" and part of a larger BJP-RSS-administrative nexus to influence Nuapada by election and divert attention from the alleged links between the Chief Minister and the sand mafia.

"Under BJP rule, there are bomb blasts in some places, and in others, officers narrate web-series scripts. The Berhampur SP presented an imaginary story without evidence, for which he was reprimanded by the High Court and forced to apologise. This incident has brought shame to Odisha," she said.

Sahu further alleged that the BJP government wants to turn Odisha Police into RSS Police, claiming that the administration is suppressing facts and evidence to protect its interests. "Both SP Saravana Vivek M and CM Mohan Majhi, who holds the Home portfolio, are equally responsible," she said, demanding the SP's immediate transfer from Berhampur.

Spokesperson Mahapatra questioned why the government continues to retain Vivek M in such a key position. "Before the 2024 general elections, he was known as a loyalist of Naveen Patnaik. Despite a change in regime, he remains untouched. After apologising unconditionally, he has lost moral authority to continue as SP," Mahapatra said.

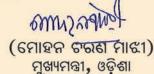
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ଶିଶୁ ଦିବସ ୨୦୨୫ ଅବସରରେ ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କୁ ମୋର ସେହ, ଶୁଭେଚ୍ଛା ଓ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ ।

ଶିଶୁମାନେ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ଆସନ୍ତାକାଲିର ନାଗରିକ ଓ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ର ନିର୍ମାତା । ଶିଶୁମାନଙ୍କ ବିକାଶ ଉପରେ ନିର୍ଭର କରେ ଦେଶର ବିକାଶ । ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଶିକ୍ଷା, ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଓ ସୃଜ<mark>ନଶ</mark>ୀଳତାର ବି<mark>କାଶ ଆମର ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଦାୟିତ୍ୱ । ଯଦି ଆ</mark>ମେ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଶିଶୁମାନଙ୍କର ଉପଯୁକ୍ତ ଯତ୍ତ୍ୱ ନେଇ ତାଙ୍କୁ ଉଚିତ୍ ମାର୍ଗରେ ନେବା, ତେବେ ଆମେ ଏକ ସ୍ୱନ୍ଦର ଭାରତ ପରିକଳ୍ପନା କରିପାରିବା । ଆମ ରାଜ୍ୟର ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କ ନିମନ୍ତେ ଗୁଣାତ୍ପକ ସେବା ପ୍ରଦାନ ଆମ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଆଭିମୁଖ୍ୟ ।

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ପବିତ୍ର ଶିଶୁ ଦିବସ ୨୦୨୫ ଅବସରରେ ସମୟ ଶିଶୁମାନଙ୍କୁ ମୋର ଆନ୍ତରିକ ଭଲପାଇ<mark>ବା ଏବ</mark>ଂ ଶୁଭେଚ୍ଛା ।

ଭଗବାନଙ୍କ ସୁନ୍ଦର ସୂଷିରେ ଶିଶୁଟିଏ ଅମୃତ ସଦୃଶ୍ୟ । ଜୀବନ ସଙ୍ଗଠନରେ ଶିଶୁ ଭୂମିକା ଯେତେ ପ୍ରଭାବଶାଳୀ ହୁଏ, ସମାଜ ଓ ଦେଶର ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ ସେତେ ଉଜ୍ଜ୍ୱଳ ହୁଏ । <mark>ଗ</mark>ଭୀର ସ୍ନେହ ସୌହାର୍ଦ୍ଦ୍ୟ ଭିତରେ ପରିବାରରେ ପିଲାଟି ବଢ଼ିଥାଏ ଓ ଏକ ସୁସ୍ଥ ପରିବେଶରେ ତା'ର ଶାରୀରିକ, ମାନସିକ ଓ ନୈତିକ ଜୀବନର ମୂଳଦୁଆ ପଡ଼ିଥାଏ । ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ ସମାଜ ନିର୍ମାଣରେ ସେସବୁକୁ ଉପଯୋଗ କରିବାର ସେମାନେ ସାମର୍ଥ୍ୟ ଅର୍ଜନ କରନ୍ତି ।

ମୋର ଆଶା ଓ ବିଶ୍ୱାସ, ଆମ ରାଜ୍ୟର ପିଲାମାନେ ନିଜର ପ୍ରତିଭା ବଳରେ ଆଗାମୀ ଦିନରେ ଶ୍ରେଷ ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ କରିବେ ଏବଂ ଆମ ରାଜ୍ୟକୁ ବିକଶିତ କରିବା ଦିଗରେ ସହଯୋଗ କରିବେ ।

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CBI begins probe into SI recruitment scam

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has begun a probe into the multi-crore sub inspector (SI) recruitment scam.

The case was registered Wednesday, while the federal agency has entrusted the investigation of the scam to one of its ditional Superintendent of Police.

Sources claimed that the CBI has reportedly sought all the case-related details from the Crime Branch.

Acting on the request of the state government, the Union government, through a notification issued November 11. transferred the recruitment scam case (7/25), which was being investigated by the Crime Branch of the Odisha Police, to the CBI for further investigation into the irregularities in the combined Police Service Examination (CPSE), 2024 which was scheduled to be held Octo-

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By this affidavit sworn

Magistrate, Jharsuguda

No.-8087, date-13.11.25,

I, Pramananda Meher,

S/o.- Nilamber Meher,

At-Ranakata, P.O.-

Chandanimal, P.S.-

Brajrajnagar, Dist.-

Jharsuguda declare

wrongly mentioned

as Dayanidhi Meher

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instead of Pramananda

Meher in my postal life

insurance policy. That

both the names relates

to same and one person.

Affidavit (For major) By

virtue of an affidavit

Executive Magistrate,

At/P.O.- Ichhabatiguda

Nabarangpur, PIN-764

059, Odisha. Declare by

this affidavit No.- 1003

dated 12.11.2025. I have

changed my name from

Padmabati. Henceforth,

I shall be known as Atti

Padmabati for all future

By virtue of an affidavit

Executive Magistrate, Berhampur, Ganjam, I, Rudrayu Patro,

aged 45, son of Prasad

Brajanagar 2nd Lane,

Ganjam, Odisha, vide

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name is mentioned as

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instead of RUDRAYU

PATRO. From 13.11.25

now onwards I will be

known as RUDRAYU

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purpose.

No.- Z3219967, my

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dated 13.11.2025, do

Ext., Berhampur, Dist.-

Chandra Patro, Resident

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Atti Padmabati,

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had first busted the large-scale scam with the arrest of 114 aspirants and three middlemen following the interception of three buses in Andhra Pradesh on the night of September 29.

Subsequently, the state Crime Branch took over the investigation of the case (447/2), originally registered at Golanthara police station in Ganjam district September 30, by registering a separate case (7/2025) October 1, 2025.

It is pertinent to mention here that Odisha Police Recruitment Board (OPRB) had entrusted the conduct of the Combined Police Service Examination (CPSE)-2024 for SI recruitment to ITI Limited, which later sublet the work to M/s Silicon Tech Pvt. Ltd.

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Gov-

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Thursday called upon the grad-

uating engineers to become job

creators, innovators, and entre-

preneurs who can transform

challenges into opportunities.

vocation of BPUT. Rourkela.

Kambhampati said the world

is being rapidly reshaped by

emerging technologies such as

artificial intelligence, robotics.

renewable energy, data science,

biotechnology, and space explo-

ration. "India is not a spectator

in this transformation—it stands

as a leader. Initiatives such as

Digital India, Startup India, and

Make in India have created vast

opportunities for engineers to

the third-largest startup eco-

system in the world, the Gov-

ernor noted that the success of

voung Indian entrepreneurs

in clean energy, healthcare

technology, space research,

Highlighting India's rise as

innovate and lead," he said.

Addressing the 12th Con-

12TH CONVOCATION OF BPUT

Guv urges engineers to be

job creators & innovators

The private agency, in turn, engaged Panchsoft Technologies Pvt Ltd, located at Patia in Bhubaneswar, where the alleged mastermind of the entire scam, Sankar Prusty, was a director, to handle key stages of the examination process.

The police have so far ar rested 126 people, including the prime accused Prusty, his Mohanty, Srikanta Maharana alias Rinku, Arabinda Das, etc.

Meanwhile, during the investigation, suspicion arose that the roots of the corruption may extend beyond Odi sha to other states, including Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal. There were also indications of the involvement of an inter-state organised criminal gang in the case. Subsequently, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi recommended a CBI probe into the matter to the Centre. Acting upon the Chief Minister's request, the Centre directed a CBI investigation into the case.

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barriers. He urged students

to carry forward the spirit of

innovation and entrepreneur

Congratulating the graduates

and their families, the Governor

said, "The nation today needs

builders of technology, enterpris-

es, and ideas that serve humanity

adoption of the National Edu-

cation Policy (NEP) 2020, the

Governor lauded BPUT's fo-

cus on industry collaboration.

innovation cells, and incuba-

tion centres that are prepar-

ing students for leadership in

research, development, and

Odisha's steady emergence as

a hub of technological progress,

driven by new investments in

semiconductors, renewable

energy, defence manufactur-

ing, and digital infrastructure.

"As proud sons and daughters

of this soil, you have a vital role

in shaping a Viksit Odisha that

The Governor also praised

social transformation.

and the environment alike.'

ship nurtured at BPUT.

ASI lands in Vig net for accepting bribe of ₹4K

BHUBANESWAR: An Assistant

was the Investigating Officer (IO) in the said case. According to Vigilance sources, Palei had demanded ₹ 4,000 from the extending undue favour and threatened arrest if the amount was not paid. Acting on a complaint, Vigilance officials laid a trap and apprehended the ASI while he was accepting the bribe money inside Balianta police station. The entire possession and seized as evidence Following the trap, simultaneous searches are being carried out at three locations linked to Palei to verify his assets and check for any disproportionate property.

Odisha readies for Prez's Nov visits

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: The Odisha government has begun preparations for two visits of President Droupadi Murmu this month - November 20 and November 27, officials said.

November 20, the Presi dent will make a brief stop at the Veer Surendra Sai (VSS) Airport in Jharsuguda while en route to Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh, they said.

A week later, she will em bark on a two-day official visit to Odisha, during which she will inaugurate a new guest house within the Raj Bhavan premises and address the Odi sha Legislative Assembly. She is slated to depart the state November 28.

Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja Thursday chaired a high-level preparatory meeting on the upcoming visits, attended by Development Commissioner Anu Garg, Additional Chief Secretary S Sahu, DGP YB Khurania, and

other senior officials "Although the President will only make a brief stopover at Jharsuguda November 20, all arrangements - including security, health, and logistics must be thoroughly in place,' Ahuja said at the meeting.

For the November 27 visit, the Chief Secretary issued spe cific instructions to the Home Health, and other departments to ensure seamless coordina tion. A separate review meeting was also held at the Assembly premises, chaired by Speaker Surama Padhy.

"This will mark the first-ever visit of the President to the Odisha Legislative Assembly, said Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan.

Global Energy Leaders' Summit Dec 5-7

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Nov 13: Odisha will host the Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025 in Puri from December 5 to 7, the state Energy department announced at an event where the GELS 2025 logo, symbolising harmony between naveiled by Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy Shripad Yesso Naik along with Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo. The official website — www.gelsodisha2025. com — was also launched on the occasion.

The theme for the summit 'Powering India: Sufficiency, Balance, Innovation' focus on ensuring sufficient and efficient power, balancing ecology and economy, and fostering innovative solutions for the sector. Energy ministers from Malayasia, Indonesia, Singapore and Bhutan are expected to join the summit.

GELS will bring together Union and state Energy ministers and secretaries, policymakers, innovators, researchers and industry leaders to drive India's shared energy future. The summit will enable the process to set up a platform for dialogue between energy leaders of various states with national and global leaders in the sector.

The event will focus on meeting India's rising energy demand and strengthen reli-



ability and security of supply, promoting sustainable growth

ecological imper atives, and ac-IS BEING **ORGANISED IN** PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TONY **BLAIR INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL** CHANGE (TBI) AND THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KANPUR (IIT-K)

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and futuristic trends in the energy sector. Topics including small and modular nuclear plants, green hydrogen and digital security of grids

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will be discussed. The initiative is being or ganised in partnership with Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (TBI) and the Indian In-

stitute of Technology, Kanpur

Speaking at the event, Naik said, "Energy sufficiency is not only about meeting demand but ensuring reliability and resilience. GELS

play an im-

portant role

in achieving

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of sustainability and cooperative federalism and for India to achieve Net Zero by 2070.

Deputy CM Singh Deo, who also holds the Energy portfolio said, "Through GELS 2025, we aim to create a platform where states can learn from one another and turn innovation into progress, inspired by the vision of PM Modi of stronger and active role of states.

Chaos at Shreya Ghoshal's concert at Bali Yatra; 1 hurt

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Cuttack, Nov 13: Chaos erupt ed during Bollywood singer Shreya Ghoshal's concert at the Bali Yatra ground Thursday evening, leaving one per son injured.

District administration of ficials said that the situation number of people surged towards the stage as Ghoshal appeared for her live perfor mance. The programme was briefly halted but later resumed after the police brought the situation under control.

One person fell unconscious and was taken to a nearby hospital, amid the pushing and shoving. Thou sands of fans had gathered to witness Ghoshal's performance on the concluding day of the festival.

However, Twin-City Police Commissioner S Dev Datta Singh denied reports of any major mishap, saying, "There was no such unpleasant situa tion. It is true that there was a huge crowd, but we managed it

Senior police officers, including Singh-who was monitoring the event from the control room—reached the spot to as sess the situation and restore normalcy.

The incident occurred despite deployment of 70 platoons (around 2.100 personnel) for crowd control at the Bali Yatra, one of India's largest trade fairs.

Cultural fervour marks Janiativa Gaurav Varsh celebration at SCSTRTI

BHUBANESWAR: As part of Janiativa Gauray Varsh celebration, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI) organised a vibrant cultural programme here Wednesday, showcasing the rich tribal heritage of Odisha. The event featured enthralling traditional Paroja and Dhurua dance performances, reflecting the artistic diversity and deep-rooted traditions tribal communities of Koraput district. The programme was graced by SC-STRTI director Sudhakar Sabara and deputy director Santosh Kumar, along with other senior officials and staff members of the institute. Over 100 visitors and 200 school students attended the event, witnessing the colourful and rhythmic for their outstanding performances and lauded their efforts in preserving and

and sustainable materials contributes to a Viksit Bharat demonstrates how passion by 2047," he added. OHRC seeks report on faculty shortage in varsities, colleges

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13: Expressing concern over the deteriorating state of higher education in Odisha due to severe faculty shortages, the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC) has sought a report from the Higher Education secretary on vacant teaching posts across state universities and colleges. Acting on a petition by the Odisha Parents' Federation (OPF), Commission chairperson Justice Shatrughna Pujahari directed the department to submit a factual report detailing measures taken to fill the vacancies and strengthen

According to data submitted, over 4,147 lecturer and professor posts remain vacant



in Odisha's higher education institutions — 67 per cent in universities and 31 per cent in colleges. Out of 2,073 UGC-approved posts, 1,404 are unfilled, while government and aided colleges have 760 and 1,983 vacant positions, respectively.

The association alleged that the dependence on 1,753 guest and contractual lecturers has severely affected education

quality, as these short-term teachers cannot match the dedication or stability of permanent faculty. It also claimed that while more than 30 lakh qualified youth remain unemployed, the state's failure to recruit them violates their right to employment and the students'

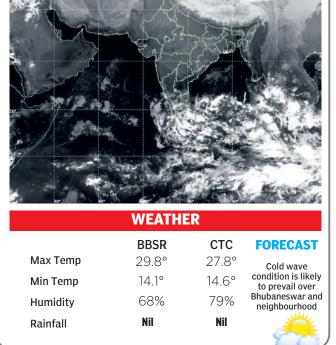
right to quality education. Citing violations of Articles 21 and 21A of the Constitution

and provisions of the UGC Amendment Act, 2018, which mandates permanent appointments, the association demanded that all 4,147 vacant posts be filled before the 2026 academic session, and the engagement of new guest faculty be stopped immediately.

The body further argued that older lecturers nearing retirement often lack efficiency compared to younger. more tech-savvy teachers who can adapt to modern teaching

"If the government fails to act soon, we will intensify our agitation," the association's president Basudev Bhatt working president Prasanna Bishoyi, and general secretary Ashok Paikaray said in a joint statement.





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26 rounds of counting to decide fate of 14 hopefuls

Counting will commence with postal ballots at 8am, followed by EVM at 8.30am at 14 tables

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar/Nuapada, Nov 13: The counting of votes for the Nuapada bypoll will start at 8am November

14 under a three-tier security arrangement, an official said Thursday. District Election Officer

(DEO)-cum-Nuapada Collector Madhusudan Dash said the counting will commence with postal ballots at 8am, followed by EVM at 8.30am at 14 tables. There will be 26 rounds of counting of votes, he said.

Of the 2,54,497 registered voters, 2,12,385 electors, including 1,03,817 male, 1,08,563 female and five transgenders have exercised their franchise across 358 polling booths in the bypoll November 11, he said.

Dash said a three-tier security arrangement has been put in place with jawans of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) remaining in the inner cordon, while the state armed police will guard the counting centre in the middle level, and district police have been en-

Ex-PACS secy held for embezzling govt funds

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bolangir, Nov 13: The Vigilance department Thursday arrested Kushadhwaja Sahu, former secretary and chief executive of the Pandamunda



Agricultur-Cooperative Societv (PACS) under Patnagarh police limits in

Bolangir district, on charge of embezzling government funds.

According to Vigilance officials, Sahu allegedly misappropriated ₹8,34,489 belonging to the cooperative society during the 2017-18 financial year. Following an investigation, the Sambalpur Vigilance officials registered a case (24/25) against him.

Sahu was arrested and produced before the Special Vigilance Judge's Court in Bolangir Thursday.

Forester critical during elephant rescue op

Muribahal: A forest official sustained critical injuries during an elephant escue operation in Bijamal village under Muribahal forest range in Bolangir district Thursday. The injured official was identified as Pradip Kumar Nath, Kendu leaf forester of Gudighat. He fractured his limbs due to a fall while trying to escape after coming face to face with the rescued elephant. According to reports, a male elephant had fallen into an abandoned pit on a farmland belonging to a local farmer, Mohan Sa. The elephant was part of a 13-member herd that had strayed near the village Wednesday night. On being informed, forest officials and fire service personnel reached the site at around 10am Thursday and launched a rescue operation that spanned for nearly four hours. An earthmove was used to dig a trench to help the elephant climb out safely. Hundreds of local residents had assembled at the place to witness the rescue operation. The rescued elephant tried o run away after coming out of the pit. Meanwhile, forester Nath came face to face with the animal. Scared he tried to run away but fell down and sustained fractures in his hands and legs. Nath was first rushed to the Kantabanji hospital and later shifted to Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital (BBMCH) in Bolangir for

275 kg explosives seized

advanced treatment.

Talcher: In a surprise raid at Khindo-B stone quarry under Rengali police limits in Angul district, police personnel and officials of local administration seized more than 275 kilograms of ex plosives that had been stored beyond the permissible limits Thursday. The leaseholder Himanchal Panda allegedly fled during the raid. According to officials, the quarry, which operates with a government lease, had been storing explosives in quantities exceeding the permissible limits for stone blasting. Acting on a tip-off, the raid was carried out under the super vision of Talcher Sub-Collector Sameer Jena. Following the seizure, police registered a case (211/2025) against Panda under relevant sections of the Explosives Act. Police sources said the investigation is underway while efforts are on to nab the absconding

NUAPADA BYPOLL



trusted with maintaining law and order in the outer circle.

The DEO said that after completion of polling November 11, all EVM and VVPAT machines were securely transported to the strong room at National College, Nuapada, which is now under round-the-clock surveillance.

As per the guidelines to maintain transparency, VVPAT slips from five randomly selected polling stations will be tallied with EVM results. Counting agents of candidates and accredited media personnel will be present, and the results of each round will be shared publicly after every phase, the DEO said.

The official said that the entire counting process will be CCTV-monitored and video-recorded.

Odisha Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) RS Gopalan, in a statement, said that the Nuapada bypoll has achieved a

outstanding voter turnout of 83.45 per cent, which is the highest among the eight byelections held in India November 11. Turnout of female voters exceeds that of male voters, which is an indication of a healthy society and its democratic values, he said.

As the electoral fate of 14 candidates in the fray is sealed in the EVMs, the three major political parties - BJP, BJD and Congress - are claiming that their nominee will win the Nuapada bypoll.

The Nuapada bypoll was necessitated due to the demise of sitting BJD MLA Rajendra Dholakia September 8.

Though the bypoll's outcome will not affect the Mohan Charan Majhi government in the state, it holds political significance for the ruling BJP, main opposition BJD, and the Congress, as it's the first electoral contest in the state since the saffron party formed its maiden government last year.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, who visited Nuapada at least six times in the runup to the bypoll, has taken it as a prestige issue. Similarly, the election is also being seen as a test of BJD president Naveen Patnaik's continued influence in state politics.

Sr clerk caught taking ₹20K bribe

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhawanipatna, Nov 13: A senior clerk of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Division in Bhawanipatna of Kalahandi district was caught red-handed by vigilance sleuths Thursday while allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹20,000 from a retired

The accused, identified as T Venkatagiri Rao, was allegedly demanding the amount to process pension-related documents for a retired staff member of the same office. According to Vigilance officials, the complainant had retired March 31, 2024, and was repeatedly requesting Rao to process his pension file. Despite several reminders, the clerk allegedly delayed the work and insisted on a bribe to move the file forward.

Following the complaint, the Vigilance department laid a trap and caught Rao while he was accepting the bribe at his government quarters. On seeing the Vigilance team, Rao reportedly attempted to throw the tainted currency notes out of the window, but he was caught in the act.

After his arrest, simultaneous raids were conducted at his office and residences in Bolangir and Berhampur. The Vigilance department has registered a case (34/2025) and forwarded the accused to

Authorities said further investigation is underway to ascertain whether Rao possesses assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

Prisoner arrested 22 years after jailbreak

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Nov 13: On the run for 22 years, prisoner Jamdar, also known as Jayaprakash Laguri, 57, son of Nandalal Laguri of Tandaghutu village under Jagannathpur police station in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand was arrested by Keonihar Town police and produced in court Thursday.

According to police, Laguri was arrested in 1997 in connection with a murder case under Champua police station limits and was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Keonjhar Sessions Court in 1998

He was granted a 14-day furlough in 2003 but failed to return to jail.

After evading authorities for 22 years, the Town police arrested him and presented him before the court.

"An investigation is underway in this regard," said Srikanta Sahu, Inspector In-Charge of the Town police station.

Forester held for death of 2 in road accident

POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur, Nov 13: A few days after a woman and her son were killed after being hit by an unknown vehicle near Dimirikuda village under Redhakhole police limits in Sambalpur district, police arrested a forester in this connection Thursday.

The accused forester was identified as Naba Kishore Meher. Police said a speeding Maruti Wagon R fatally struck a motorcycle carrying Manoj Majhi and his mother Manju Majhi, both residents of Pipilikani village under Rengali panchayat in Redhakhole block.

According to police, Manoj was returning home with his mother after visiting his ninemonth pregnant wife at her parental home in Jharabeda village under Naktideula block November 9. While returning in the afternoon, their motorcycle was hit by Meher's car near Dimirikuda village. The driver fled the scene after the collision. Police rushed the victims to the Redhakhole SDH, where doctors pronounced both dead. Following a technical investigation. police seized the vehicle and arrested the driver and based on his confessions arrested Meher, the car owner. He was produced before the court Thursday.

INADEQUATE INFRA HINDERS LEARNING IN GOVT SCHOOL



POST NEWS NETWORK

Jharigaon, Nov 13: Despite government prioritisation of quality education, students in tribal-dominated areas continue to face severe challenges due to inadequate infrastructure. At Phupugaon Government Upper Secondary School in Jharigaon block of Nabarangpur district, a shortage of classrooms has forced students to attend lessons in dilapidated dormitory rooms.

Tihidi, Nov 13: A clash between

the residents of Talapada village

and a school headmaster led to

a standoff between the villagers

and Pirahat police Thursday in Bhadrak district, sources said.

Following the arrest of two

villagers Wednesday night due

to the initial clash, the locals

refused to let a police van leave

the village till early morning

Around 40 villagers later staged

a sit-in outside the Pirahat po-

lice station Thursday leading to

tension. The situation was later

brought under control following

Reports said that the dispute

began November 11 after villag-

ers demanded the dismissal of

a cook employed at Talapada

Primary School. The headmas-

ter refused to oblige which led

to a heated exchange of words

and scuffle between him and

interventions

The school accommodates students from pre-primary up to Class X, with a total enrolment of 509.

While there are seven teachers for primary classes and six for high school students, insuf ficient classrooms mean that students from Class V to Class X are crowded into just four classrooms. Classes for seventh and

eighth grades are being conducted in a single room, resulting in significant learning difficulties for students.

Sanitation and residential facilities are also in poor condition. The school's hostel, housing 120 students, has only two functional rooms, and all toilets are non-operational. Students are forced to use open areas or nearby fields for relief. Earlier this week, a student in the sixth grade, Krushna Bhatra, suffered a head injury after falling due to broken tiles in the hostel.

Local stakeholders have demanded urgent action, including construction of additional classrooms, repair of hostel and sanitation facilities, provision of safe drinking water, and appointment of permanent headmasters and physical education teachers.

al villagers allegedly confronted them, hurled abuses, and briefly

the villagers. Both sides later filed complaints against each other at Pirahat police station. Headmaster Prashant Kumar Jena and a woman named Gouri Malik lodged separate FIRs, prompting police to register two cases (311/25 and 312/25).

Clash between HM, villagers leads to standoff with police

Acting on Jena's complaint, a team of nine police personnel, led by IIC Rojalin Behera, went to arrest two villagers, Abhimanyu Malik and Sushil Malik, Wednesday night. When they reached the village around 1am to make the arrests, sever

detained the officers. The police were released around 6am af ter local sarpanch Chakradha Das intervened. Villagers later expressed resentment over the late-night arrests, demanding that action also be taken or Gouri Malik's complaint and the two detained villagers be released. Villagers relented after Tihidi police station IIC Satvabrata Grahacharva reached Pirahat and persuaded them to withdraw their protest.

Car plunges into pond; 2 killed, as many injured

POST NEWS NETWORK

Kabisuryanagar, Nov 13: Two people were killed and two others critically injured late Wednesday night after a car veered off road and plunged into a pond at Gangapur village under Kabisuryanagar police limits in Ganjam district. The deceased were identified

as Nilanchal Mohapatra, 36, of Talcher, and Santosh Mohapatra, 35, of Chingudighai. According to sources, four

friends were returning to Chingudighai after dinner at Itabhati when



turned turtle after plunging into a pond Upon receiving information, family members and local residents rushed to the spot, rescued the occupants, and took them to Aska hospital. Doctors declared Nilanchal and Santosh dead on

in critical condition. Kahisurvanagar reached the scene, retrieved the vehicle, and launched an investi gation. After post-mortem examinations, the bodies were handed over to the families Thursday.

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arrival, while the other two oc

cupants remain under treatment

At 7.1°C, Semiliguda coldest in Odisha

Koraput: With a cold wave sweeping Odisha, mercury levels plummeted sharply across the state with Semiliguda in Koraput district being the coldest place in the coastal state at 7.1 degrees Celsius, IMD said Thursday. The night temperature dropped below 8 degrees Celsius in the hill stations of Kandhamal and Koraput. "Semiliguda was the coldest in the state at 7.1 degrees Celsius, followed by Daringbadi at 7.5 degrees Celsius and G Udayagiri at 7.6 degrees Celsius. Jharsuguda at 10.9 degrees Celsius saw a sharp fall of 6.2 degrees Celsius compared to normal, while Angul at 12 degrees Celsius recorded the second major 5.8 degrees Celsius drop from normal," the weatherman said. The Capital city Bhubaneswar recorded 14.1 degrees Celsius, 5.3 notches below normal. This was the lowest temperature recorded in Bhubaneswar this season so far. The mercury had dipped to 14.8 degrees Celsius in the City November 10. The neighbouring Cuttack recorded 14.6 degrees Celsius, 4.1 degrees Celsius below normal, in the last 24 hours.

Kumuda Jaipur OIC suspended

Mahanga, Nov 13: Senior police authorities Thursday suspended the officer in-charge of the Kumuda Jaipur police outpost under Mahanga police limits in Cuttack district following publication of a media report highlighting his alleged misconduct.

According to the report, the officer, identified as Manoj Behera, had allegedly brutally assaulted an orphaned youth Debabrata Pradhan from Pradhan Sahi in Samasarpur village. Pradhan, lodged a written complaint with the Director General of Police (DGP) November 12. Acting on the complaint, the DGP directed the Cuttack Superintendent of Police (SP), Rural to initiate an inquiry

Subsequently, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Archana Devi from the district headquarters visited Kumuda Jaipur police outpost and Samasarapur village Wednesday evening to conduct a thorough investigation. She later submitted her report to the SP.

After reviewing the findings, Cuttack Rural SP Vinit Agrawal, through office Order No. 2988/13.11.25, suspended officer Behera from duty. During his suspension period, Behera has been instructed to report to the Reserve Inspector at Cuttack.

Left to fend for herself, woman cremated 4 days after death as son arrives from abroad

POST NEWS NETWORK

Balasore, Nov 13: In a poignant incident in Aradabazaar under Sahadevkhunta police limits in Balasore, a woman's body was preserved in a freezer for four days as villagers waited for her son to return from Canada to perform the final rites.

Chhabirani De, who had been living alone for the past 15 years, died of cardiac arrest Monday. Her estranged husband. Srushtidhar De, arrived at the house Wednesday accompanied by another woman. Upon seeing his wife's body, he allegedly attempted to flee the scene, leading to chaos in

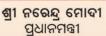
Locals intervened and detained Srushtidhar and the woman, insisting that the last rites be conducted in the presence of the husband. When Srushtidhar refused, villagers refused to let him leave and informed police. Officers from Sahadevkhunta police station reached the spot and pacified both sides.

Chhabirani, originally from Parulia village under Baliapal police limits, married Srushtidhar of Rajuadi village under Basta police limits in 1977. Their only son, Sanjeev, lives in Canada with his wife and son. The couple's daughter had died several years ago, after which Chhabirani reportedly suffered from

Srushtidhar, who was employed in a bank, allegedly distanced himself from his wife instead of ensuring her treatment. With her husband living elsewhere, her daughter deceased, and her son abroad, Chhabirani spent her remaining years alone at her residence.

Following her death, villagers rented a freezer to preserve the body until Sanjeev's arrival from Canada. Sanjeev, along with his wife and son, reached Balasore Thursday. Finally, the funeral was held at Muktidwar in Nunia Jodi amid a sorrowful atmosphere in the presence of the deceased's estranged husband, son and his wife and kids.







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Do not belong to the past dawns, but to the noons of future.

SRI AUROBINDO



Eileen Mairena

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Hear Out Native Voices

hen indigenous peoples are mentioned in the context of climate change, my mind immediately goes to images of my grandmother's roofless and flooded house, destroyed by a Category 5 hurricane and a Category 4 storm in quick succession.

I also move beyond the personal, thinking of the extreme weather swings in the Andes that are damaging agricultural production; the Maasai families in Kenya and Tanzania watching their livestock die from droughts or, increasingly, massive floods; and the communities devastated by landslides in the Philippines' Cordillera mountains.

For indigenous peoples, climate change is more than figures and charts; it is a wound that festers, eating away at our land, resources, spirituality, and culture. The extreme weather events that are growing more frequent and severe disproportionately harm our communities because we rely directly on natural ecosystems.

The decision to hold this year's United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) in the Amazon region has raised our expectations significantly. To be sure, the road to Belém has not been easy. We are hopeful about the proceedings, while also approaching them with the caution and clarity that come from having taken part in climate negotiations many times before, only to be ignored.

These summits are dominated by national policymakers. Still, we have always insisted that our voices be heard – even from the margins and will continue to do so. Our aspiration is not only to be invited to the negotiating table and given a say in decision-making, but to help create a collective space where everyone can participate as a valued stakeholder.

With more than 3,000 indigenous people from Africa, the Arctic, Asia, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Pacific, and Eastern Europe expected to attend COP30, the Global Caucus of Indigenous Peoples on Climate Change has developed positions on the summit's main themes. Whether discussing action on climate finance, adaptation, or mitigation, our rights to self-determination and free, prior, and informed consent concerning all matters affecting our lands, territories, and resources must be recognized. These are not favors or nice-to-haves, but the essential principles of a just climate transition.

As COP30's host, Brazil seeks to make it the "COP of implementation," which means translating commitments into robust action: capacity and technology transfers, as well as finance that actually reaches those on the front lines of climate change

For indigenous peoples, implementing climate policies requires direct access to predictable and sustainable finance. Instead of being forced to depend on intermediaries who leave us with crumbs, we should be trusted to manage the funds ourselves, allocating them based on our own needs, timelines, and knowledge systems. The problem with climate finance is not a lack of capacity but a lack of trust and political will.

Moreover, multilateralism - touted as the path to climate salvation – is often skewed in favor of wealthy countries and influential stakeholders. We need partners who treat us as such, rather than as beneficiaries, who recognize our governance structures, support our

initiatives, conduct cultural due diligence, and, above all, encourage genuine dialogue.

In debates about how to ensure a just transition, we will continue to stress that clean-energy projects must not be built at the expense of our dispossession. Without strong safeguards, the decarbonization process risks becoming yet another cycle of extractivism. Respect for indigenous peoples' rights to land and resources must be at the heart of any climate policy

Likewise, adaptation and mitigation must be approached holistically. We cannot continue to measure success only by carbon sequestration; we must also consider the effects of these efforts on livelihoods, mental and spiritual health, and the cultural continuity of indigenous

Governments and other institutions must be held accountable at COP30 for the promises they have made over the years. Words should become tangible commitments, particularly in regard to providing indigenous peoples with direct access to finance. This will require a decisive shift in mindset: climate action must do good, not merely avoid harm.

Indigenous peoples, when viewed from this perspective, are part of the solution. Caring for the planet is embedded in our knowledge systems - restoring a forest, protecting a lagoon, and preserving traditional seeds are everyday tasks for us. But to carry out this work, we need real recognition and support from the international community.

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WISDOM CORNER

I never had any desire to defend myself, and never did I seriously think about it.

BHAGAT SINGH

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an outlaw.

NELSON MANDELA

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- **1889:** American journalist Nellie Bly began her around-the-world race against the record of Phileas Fogg, hero of Jules Verne's Around the World in Eighty Days. She completed the journey in slightly more than 72 days.
- **1960:** Six-year-old Ruby Bridges began attending an all-white elementary school in New Orleans in 1960, becoming the youngest of a group of Black students to racially integrate schools in the American South.
- 1969: Apollo 12 was launched, carrying a crew of Charles Conrad, Jr., Richard F. Gordon, Jr., and Alan L. Bean, and five days later the mission
- made the second landing on the Moon.

1972: The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 1,000 for the first time.

BRAZIL'S ASPIRATIONS

an the Belem, Brazil, of the emerging economies bloc BRICS, stitch together rich (North) and poor (South) countries to shape the future governance of climate change? Among other substantive agendas, the major focus in Belem is to minimise the deep distrust between developed and developing member countries, which emerged at the Baku climate meeting (COP29) last year. In Brazilian President Lula's conviction that the 'COP30 in Belém is the moment of truth and science'. Thus, the world expects that Brazil's presidency of COP30 to deliver a mandate that will maintain trust in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, faith in multilateralism, and belief in the COP process itself. Is it achievable?

Some COPs, the highest decision-making body in the UNFCCC, are forgettable, nevertheless important in the three decades of complex climate change negotiations. COP29 is one such in the annals of climate negotiations that will be mentioned when there is criticism against the COP process. An example is that India's outburst against the agreement and the process through which it was adopted aggravated the criticism against the COPs.

Meanwhile, the 2025 Biennial Transparency Synthesis Report of the UNFCCC, released on October 31, reveals that 109 members are actively adhering to the Paris Agreement.At the same time, the report exposes a substantial gap in the finances needed in developing countries to execute climate action plans. While 37 developing countries reported a total financial requirement of \$3,396.23 billion for climate action up to 2030, 49 countries reported receiving only \$60.84 billion in climate finance during the 2021-2022 reporting period. Under the



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Paris Agreement, countries are required to submit Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) to report their climate actions, including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, under the transparency and accountability clause.

Despite the appreciation from the UNFCCC Secretariat that the Paris Agreement is on track and progressing, the member countries are flouting their responsibility. Only 64 member countries, together accounting for 30 percent of total GHG emissions, have submitted their updated NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) out of 195 Parties to the UNFCCC. The NDC Synthesis Report, released by UNFCCC on October 28, discloses that developed and major economies have not declared a timeline to phase out fossil fuels. Similarly, the National Adaptation Plans (NAP) Synthesis report acknowledges, despite a lack of financial support, that 67 developing member countries are building the foundations for more climate-resilient economies and societies. From the 300 billion dollars of climate finance pledged at the end of the COP29 to mobilise 1.3 trillion dollars till 2035, it is going to be a litmus test for the leadership of Brazil.

Brazil, under President Lula, aspires to lead the Global South by strengthening multilateralism and democratising the global governance system. Climate change is one such priority agenda of the Lula administration to revitalise multilateralism. Under the theme, 'Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet' during the G20 Summit in November 2024 at Rio, the administration set the momentum for Belem. With the UN and UNESCO, Brazil established the Global Initiative on Information Integrity on Climate Change to investigate, expose and dismantle disinformation on climate change. Similarly, on the backdrop of unprecedented unilateral US protectionism, in an extraordinary BRICS virtual summit in September, Brazil passionately urged member countries to join and lead the proposal of a new development paradigm - the United Nations Climate Change Council to strengthen global climate governance. Will this new form get traction in Belem?

Developed countries are adamant about their contribution and directions. The EU and nine member countries of the G20 group, which accounted for 50 percent of GHG emissions, have not submitted their updated NDCs. The present US administration is hell bent against the BRICS group as well as a staunch critic of the Lula administration. The disruption and influence in Belem's outcome, in terms of non-committal, creating division among groups, employing pressure tactics through trade measures and other negotiating manoeuvres, is highly anticipated from the US despite its high-profile absence, which has withdrawn twice from the Paris Agreement.

Many are flocking together in Belem, not just to attend the proceedings of the official and unofficial meetings, gatherings, or protests, but to revisit and remember the achievements of the historic 1992 Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro. Most of the representatives of civil societies are looking forward to the outcome of Belem in comparison to the greatest achievements of means and principles of global environmental governance, including the COP process in the Earth Summit and climate justice. Noting the fact that the UNFCCC emerged at the Earth Summit with agreement on biodiversity and a blueprint for the 21st century. Building on the legacies and presidencies of the Earth Summit and the Rio+20 Conference (2012), Brazil urges member countries to revive the spirit of 'collective aggregation'. Brazil itself is making no stone unturned to make the COP30 as remarkable as the COP21 Paris Climate Summit, as historic as the Earth Summit. Brazil needs to bring together North and South in solidarity and forge a new cooperation to face the common enemyclimate change.Brazil must rewrite the COP30. The uphill task is surmountable.

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yeas are rising, forests are burning and governments are still courting fossil fuel companies as if none of this is happening. As the Earth crossed a crucial, irreversible climate tipping point, the scale of destruction seems too vast and the climate-deniers too influential to foresee the looming environmental crisis. The future scenario appears grim but governments the world over are in no way seriously concerned about it.

As regards India is concerned, it reported the highest absolute increase in emissions with an addition of 165 million tonnes of greenhouse gas during 2023-24 -- followed by China, Russia, Indonesia and the US, as per the recently released UN Emissions Gap Report 2025. The traditional high emission industries, including aluminium, cement and pulp and paper will have to reduce the intensity of their greenhouse gas emissions to meet specific targets.

Meanwhile, the air quality not just in Delhi but also in Kolkata has been deteriorating though the onset of winter is at least three weeks away. Obviously, the control of emissions

is not up to the mark despite various regulations. It needs to be reiterated that the monitoring mechanism regarding environmental guidelines and laws remains much to be desired.

In India's resolve to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070, the spotlight has largely been on renewable energy, carbon markets and industrial decarbonisation. As of now, it appears that the target set is quite challenging, but these are, no doubt, essential. However, there is another facet relating to public procurement, which incidentally is a significant contributor to the country's emission footprint. Procurement decisions cannot ignore environmental factors, making future carbonisation costlier and more complex. This is especially important in areas of public transport, construction materials or the long-term performance of public buildings.

India is not a signatory to the WTO's Agreement on Government Procurement and there is no unified national law either in this regard. Meanwhile, the EU has embedded environmental standards into its procurement system. Also, South Korea, way back in 2005, encourages agencies to set voluntary green procurement targets and rewarded high performers with fiscal incentives. In view of this. India could adopt a somewhat similar approach, at least in some sectors.

It has been estimated that a 15-20% cut in procurement linked emissions in line with international benchmarks could avoid 88-115 million tonnes of CO2-equivalent annually. Even a modest 1% improvement in procurement efficiency could save around ₹70,000 crore. Experts have rightly suggested that sustainability criteria should be embedded in tender templates, compliance monitored and performance publicly reported. Thus, it is expected that in the coming years green procurement would be adhered to cut emissions, driving innovation and building a green economy.

As has been pointed out in earlier reports and in the present one, the updated pledges are not adequate enough to get the desirable of keeping global warming within 2 degrees Celsius thus, controlling the escalation of emissions is indeed quite challenging, considering areas such as transport, con-

struction and industrial sectors are not monitored strictly. The lack of a strong governance mechanism, deep-rooted corruption of officials and an unholy nexus between political leaders and businessmen are obviously the reasons for slackness in controlling emissions. And it is the poor and marginalised sections who are most affected in various ways due to uncontrolled emissions and have to bear the brunt of the business houses who are all out to maximise profit without bothering for the community.

Why can't the Indian government implement the 'polluter pays' principle, which is being talked and accepted the world over? Is it because the government does not want to be strict on business houses from which political funding comes? This obviously cannot continue, when the looming environmental crisis is accentuating at a fast pace and affecting the lives of the people in different ways every year. It is time that the government changes its stand and acts tough by taking a strong stand to save the country from impending disaster and the looming environmental crisis.

Congenital liars

Sir, What do Donald Trump, Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton, Boris Johnson and Narendra Modi have in common? Well, in addition to being politicians and heads of their respective nations (current/past), they are all liars. Trump claimed his inauguration had the largest crowd ever. Photos and transit data showed otherwise. Again, there is no definitive proof that Donald Trump is lying about his connection to Jeffrey Epstein, but newly released emails suggest a deeper relationship than he publicly admits. Nixon denied involvement in the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters. Secret tapes later revealed he had orchestrated a cover-up, leading to his resignation. Clinton famously said, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman." DNA evidence and testimony later proved otherwise. Johnson's campaign claimed £350 million a week would go to the NHS post-Brexit. The figure was widely debunked, and the promised funding never materialized. Modi has claimed degrees from Delhi University and Gujarat University. Opposition leaders and journalists have questioned the authenticity and transparency of these claims, citing missing records and inconsistencies. In addition, Modi has himself said that he did not attend college. IF Stone has famously said "If you want to know about governments, all you need to know is two words: Governments lie." We can trust politicians and their governments only at our own peril.

Avinash Godboley, DEWAS (MP)

Exit polls accuracy

Sir, Exit polls are conducted soon after voting to predict election results based on voters' responses. While they create excitement and offer an early glimpse of public opinion, their reliability often remains questionable. Sampling errors. regional imbalances, and voters' reluctance to reveal their true choices can lead to misleading outcomes. With the rise of postal and electronic voting, accuracy has further declined. Many past elections have shown sharp differences between exit poll predictions and final results. Therefore, exit polls should be treated cautiously — as indicators of trends, not as substitutes for the actual verdict of the people.

> Sidhartha Kar Mohapatra, BARIPADA





TWO STATES





Chhattisgarh exports India's largest copper consignment to China

Developed under the state's Department of Industries, the Nava Raipur MMLP is rapidly transforming into central *India's most advanced trade and transport centre*



The state accounts for nearly

36 per cent of India's total tin

ore reserves, with an estimated

30 million tons of deposits con-

centrated mainly in Dantewada

role in the production of elec-

tronics, defence equipment,

solar panels, and advanced ma-

chinery -- making Chhattisgarh

a critical contributor to global

technological progress, another

state's mining sector has re-

corded phenomenal growth.

When Chhattisgarh was formed

in 2000, its mineral revenue was

just Rs 429 crore. Today, it has

surged to Rs 14,592 crore -- a

The mining sector now con-

tributes nearly 10 per cent to

the state's Gross State Domestic

Product (GSDP). This remark-

able growth has been achieved

while maintaining a delicate

balance between economic prog-

ress, environmental protection,

momentum, the state govern-

ment has recently introduced

the Chhattisgarh State Logis-

tics Policy 2025. The policy en-

visions transforming Chhattis-

garh into India's leading logis-

tics and industrial hub by 2047.

multimodal infrastructure,

boosting exports, encouraging

private investment, and gener-

ating large-scale employment

through regionally balanced

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo

Sai hailed this export milestone

as a significant step toward At-

manirbhar Bharat (self-reliant

India). With its progressive pol-

icies, modern infrastructure,

and strategic vision, Chhattis-

garh is poised to emerge not on-

ly as India's logistics and min-

eral powerhouse but also as an

important player in global trade

and industry, the official said.

It focuses on expanding

To sustain and accelerate this

and forest conservation.

Over the past 25 years, the

This mineral plays a vital

and Sukma districts.

official said.

34-fold increase.

New Delhi, Nov 13: Chhattisgarh has achieved a remarkable milestone by exporting 12,000 metric tons of copper concentrate, the country's largest-ever consignment of the mineral, to China.

The landmark consignment of 12,000 metric tons of copper concentrate was flagged off from the Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in Nava Raipur.

This is not only a historic step in terms of commerce but also a reflection of Chhattisgarh's growing strength in India's industrial and logistics landscape, a senior official of the Chhattisgarh government said

The first rake, carrying 2,200 metric tons of copper, was transported from Visakhapatnam port to China by sea November 11. The remaining rakes are being sent in batches.

With this export, Chhattisgarh has firmly positioned itself on the global trade map as one of India's emerging logistics hubs, the official said.

Developed under the state's Department of Industries, the Nava Raipur MMLP is rapidly transforming into central India's most advanced trade and transport centre.

Equipped with modern cargo management systems, integrated rail connectivity, and highspeed transportation facilities, the park allows industries across India to reach international markets with greater efficiency and lower costs.

It stands as a powerful example of Chhattisgarh's industrial capability and well-organized infrastructure

Chhattisgarh is also setting new benchmarks in the field of mineral resources. Alongside copper, the state holds the unique distinction of being India's only producer of tin. In fact, 100 per cent of the country's tin output comes from Chhattisgarh.

Chhattisgarh secures ₹33,000-cr investment proposals in Ahmedabad

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Ahmedabad, Nov 13: At the Investor Connect event held in Ahmedabad, Chhattisgarh received investment proposals worth nearly Rs 33,000 crore, paving the way for more than 10,532 new employment opportunities across multiple sectors.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai handed over investment letters to leading companies in sectors such as thermal power, green steel manufacturing, solar cells, pharmaceuticals, and medical food supplements.

Addressing business leaders and industrialists, Chief Minister Sai said Gujarat and Chhattisgarh would play a "pivotal role in building a developed India", emphasising the synergy between Gujarat's industrial spirit and Chhattisgarh's natural and human resources.

'While Gujarat is driving the nation's economy, Chhattisgarh is rapidly progressing in the same direction with abundant energy, minerals, skilled manpower, and investor-friendly policies," he remarked.

Highlighting recent reforms, the Chief Minister said the state government has implemented more than 350 policy reforms in the past 22 months to improve the ease of doing business.

Himachal bags 2nd prize in CBRN **Competition 2025**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Shimla, Nov 13: The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Response Force has secured second position in the national level Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Competition held from November 10-12, officials said Thursday.

The competition is aimed at enhancing the preparedness, coordination and response capabilities of police and disaster response forces in effectively managing CBRN emergencies.

The prizes will be distributed at a ceremony in New Delhi Thursday, according to an official statement.

A contingent of 16 members represented Himachal Pradesh in the competition held at the 8th NDRF Battalion in Ghazia bad, Uttar Pradesh. The team comprised one inspector (team commander), one assistant sub-inspector, two head constables, and 12 constables.

Tamil Nadu was ranked first while Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand bagged the second and third positions, respectively. The event witnessed participation from the top eight teams representing different states, including Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Assam, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, which had earlier won their respective regional-level CBRN competitions organised across various zones in the country.

The team's consistent success once again demonstrates the professionalism, preparedness. and resilience of the Himachal Pradesh SDRF, reaffirming its position as a national leader in disaster response excellence, said Arjit Sen Thakur, Superintendent of Police, SDRF.



Tourists participate in rafting in the Beas river, in Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh

ARMY TO INSTALL WIND TURBINES AT 20 LOCATIONS

Shimla, Nov 13: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Tuesday met with senior officers of the Army's Central Command and reviewed a proposal to install wind turbines at 20 locations with a combined generation capacity of nearly 80,000 kWh annually along the international border.

The Chief Minister assured the Army of the state government's full cooperation in the execution of its projects.

It was informed during the meeting that the Army is considering setting up a wind turbine project at 20 locations in

the border areas for which the detailed project report has been

The project is expected to generate between 68,000 and 80,000 kWh of energy annually, sufficient to electrify 120 Chief Minister Sukhu not-

ed with satisfaction that the border tourism initiative, launched jointly by the state government and the Army, is showing encouraging results. Tourist inflow in the border

regions has seen a remarkable rise from around 21,000 visitors in 2024 to over 70,000 in 2025, a three-and-a-half-fold increase, he said. The Chief Minister directed

officials to ensure hassle-free facilities for tourists visiting the border areas to enhance their overall experience. Chief Minister Sukhu also

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He also reviewed the progress of the proposed airport at Rangrik and urged the Army officials to expedite work on the project, stating that it would provide a major boost to tourism and connectivity in the region.

ernment has written to the

Union Government regarding the resumption of trade activi-

ties through Shipki La and that

positive indications have been

Due to the consistent efforts

of the state government, both

India and China have agreed

to reopen border trade through

the Lipulekh Pass, Shipki-La

Pass, and Nathu-La Pass.

Traders demand reopening of Shipki-La border trade with China

Rampur (Shimla), Nov 13: The resumption of trade with China through Shipki-La border in Himachal's Kinnaur district would boost the sale of traditional items, generate employment, and benefit traders on both sides, traders from Himachal Pradesh said Thursday.

They were attending the International Lavi Trade Fair in the Shimla district's Rampur, about 130 kilometres from the state capital.

Traders, especially from Kinnaur, are keen on the resumption of the trade route, which was discontinued during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

'The sale of traditional items like woollens, Pasham (wool),



and dry fruits saw a boost then, as Chinese goods would be sold in Rampur, and our goods would be sold to traders from Tibet," Chander Mohan Negi, a trader from Kinnaur's Nichar, said.

Another trader from Kalpa in Kinnaur, Dharam Pal Negi, also said the resumption of trade would benefit traders from both resumed so that the traditional items can be exchanged and goods arrive in greater quanti-

Inaugurating the Lavi fair Tuesday, Himachal Pradesh Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla had said that he — as well as the state government — had taken up the matter with the Centre, and it was being pursued by Union Minister of Com-

merce Piyush Goel. The traders from Kinnaur, who have been coming to the trade fair for the past 25-30 years, expressed concern over the impact of online sales on their business. Additionally, the closure of the trade route is gradually affecting the trade

fair's vibrancy, they said.

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peace. The bond between the

children and the soldiers has

grown into one of mutual re-

spect and affection - an inspir-

ing example of how compassion

Hamid Khan, Second-in-Com-

mand of the 150th Battalion,

told IANS, "Our mission goes

beyond security. We want to

bring smiles, education, and

hope to these children. They

are the future of this land, and

through them, peace will pre-

The establishment of the

Gurukul in Puvarti is not just

an educational project — it is a

can conquer fear.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA No. O-1451 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER **RURAL WORKS DIVISION, DHENKANAL**

E-Mail: eerwdivisiondhenkanaĺ@yahoo.co.in e-Procurement Notice No. 13/Road Work/2025-26

Name of the Work Road Work Total No. of Works

Rs.50.42 lakh (approx.)

Class of Contractor Period of Completion

02 (Two) Months As mentioned in the Annexure a

14.11.2025 at

23.11.2025 upto 5.00 P.M

22.11.2025 upto 4.00 P.M

Date & time of openig of tender: 24.11.2025 Technical Bid at 11.00 A.M. & Financial Bid to b

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

Sd./- Superintending Engineer

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA ST & SC DEVELOPMENT, MINORITIES & BACKWARD CLASSES

WELFARE DEPARTMENT, ODISHA OFFICE OF THE PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR INTEGRATED TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. RAIRANGPUR

e-Procurement Notice Bid Identification No.03/ITDA (RRP) 2025-26 No.3823//2025-ITDA, RRP Dated. 11.11.2025

No.CAD-2279: Bid documents consisting of works, Tender Value, Cost of Tender paper, Bid Security, Time of completion, Class of Contractors and the set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen in Govt. website i.e. "www.tendersodisha.gov.in".

: Civil Works as mentioned in DTCN 01. Name of the work : 40 (Forty) Numbers only : Rs.11.00 lakhs to Rs.237.00 Lakhs No. of Works 03. Estimated Cost Period of completion 3 (Three) to 12 (Twelve) Calenda Months as per work category 11.11.2025 at 2.00 P.M. to 26.11.2025 bid document in the portal 05.30 hours 26.11.2025 till 5.30 hours Last date for receipt of bids in the portal Bid received Online shall be 27.11.2025 at 11.00 hours onwards opened on

Project Administrator, I.T.D.A. 08. Name and address of the officer inviting Bid Rairangpur Sd./- Project Administrator

WATCO **OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER WATCO DIVISION-II, BHUBANESWAR,**

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Invitation For Bids (IFB) Dtd.10.11.2025 Construction of Positive suction pump

01 Name of the work

house along with Supply, installation and commissioning of centrifugal pump set for water supply from Sub-Division pump house (Reservoir) to power house, Sastr Nagar, MLA Colony, HLT Tank Unit-VIII Ward No.47, BMC, Bhubaneswar

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Rs.68.56 lakhs 03 (Three) Months From 11.00 A.M. of Dt.14.11.25 to 5.00

Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal Last date / time of receipt of bids : 5.00 P.M. of 28.11.25 Last date & time of seeking

Date & Time of opening of bids

Name and address of the Officer

5.00 P.M. of 19.11.2025

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Sd./- GENERAL MANAGER

A NEW DAWN IN SUKMA

CRPF's Gurukul inspires change in Puvarti

PUVARTI, THE PLACE WHICH WAS ONCE KNOWN AS A STRONGHOLD OF EXTREMISM, IS NOW WITNESSING THE DAWN OF EDUCATION, RESULTING IN TRANSFORMATION

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Sukma, Nov 13: In the heart of Sukma district, Chhattisgarh, where the dense forests have long echoed with the stories of conflict and fear, a new chapter of hope has begun. Significantly, the 150th Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has started a Gurukul in Puvarti. This native village of the infamous

Naxal leader Hidma is now seeing a sea change in terms education and awareness among residents.

The place which was once known as

a stronghold of extremism is now witnessing the dawn of education, resulting in transformation. In fact, CRPF's Gurukul has

become a symbol of light in a region which remained haunt-

ed by violence for decades. According to CRPF's infor-



mation, READ AND DREAM, THE SHADOW more than 50 children from nearby villages now attend the school.

increasing. The initiative also

OF NAXALISM FADES

A LITTLE MORE

They are receiving free education, uniforms, books, and nutritious meals. Moreover, the number of children is gradually

includes the provision of modern classrooms, a playground. and dedicated teachers whose salaries are fully supported by the CRPF.

Apart from imparting education to the kids, the CRPF personnel have taken on the role of mentors and guardians. They regularly interact with the chil-

revolution of thought. It symbolises the triumph of knowledge over ignorance, peace over conflict, and unity over division. With each child who learns to read and dream, the shadow of Naxalism fades a little more.

> The CRPF's initiative in Puvarti stands as a milestone in India's fight against extremism, proving that the most powerful weapon against violence is education itself.

WATCO DIVISION-II, BHUBANESWAR

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Society must actively counter terrorism because it is a multifaceted challenge. Society plays a critical role in recognising and reporting suspicious terror activities and countering radicalisation efforts

manoj sinha | J&K LG

AIR INDIA TORONTO-DELHI FLIGHT GETS BOMB THREAT

Authorities Thursday received a bomb threat message for an Air India flight when it was flying from Toronto to Delhi, and later, the flight landed safely in the national capital, according to sources





This Kumbh is special as it comes during 'Trikhand Yog' after 75 years. Therefore, it will continue

for 28 months. It will begin October 31, 2026 and continue till July 24, 2028

DEVENDRA FADNAVIS | MAHARASHTRA CM

No amount of condem nation is enough for this Delhi blast incident. The brutal killing of innocent people in such a manner is extremely shameful



is their safest shelter under Mamata Banerjee. And, we are the ones getting threat calls SUVENDU ADHIKARI | SENIOR BJP LEADER

SHORT **TAKES**

Man held for pirating **Zubeen Garg's last film**

Guwahati: A man has been arrested in connection with the alleged piracy of Zubeen Garg's last film, 'Roi Roi Binale', which was released October 31, police said Thursday. The person, identified as Rafiqul Islam, was arrested from Lakhipur in Goalpara district for allegedly uploading video clips on his YouTube channel, Rafiqul R Vlogs. He was produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court and remanded to three days police custody. A case was registered at the Cyber Police Station, Panbazar under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, read with relevant sections of the Information Technology Act, 2000; the Copyright Act, 1957 and Cinematograph Act, 1952.

Man booked for raping minor

Shimla: A man was booked for allegedly raping a minor here, police said Thursday. According to the complaint, the parents of the girl (15) took her to Indira Gandhi medical college and hospital, following her complaint about regular stomachaches. During the check-up, it was found that the girl was pregnant. Upon insisting, she revealed that she was allegedly raped by a man four months ago. Taking prompt action, police have registered a case under relevant provisions of law against the accused and initiated an investigation.

Man dies as girder collapses on vehicle

Alappuzha (Kerala): A man died after a heavy girder collapsed onto a pickup vehicle at Chandiroor in the early hours of Thursday while work on the elevated highway was in progress, police said. The deceased was identified as Rajesh (47), a native of Pallipad near Haripad in Alappuzha district, an officer said.

Army, IAF conduct combat exercise

Itanagar: The army, in coordination with the air force, is conducting a major integrated multi-domain exercise in the high-altitude Himalayan terrain of Arunachal Pradesh, aimed at testing joint operational readiness and precision firepower across services, a defence official said Thursday. General Officer Commanding (GoC) of 3 Corps Lt Gen Abhijit S Pendharkar, reviewed the exercise Thursday and commended the high degree of synergy and operational preparedness displayed by participating formations.

Bihar gears up for results day



for the Bihar Assembly Election in Patna

Leaders across the political spectrum of Bihar Thursday held hectic parleys and reviewed last-minute preparations as the state was readying for the counting of votes polled in the recently held high-stakes Assembly polls

AGENCIES

Patna, Nov 13: Elaborate securitv arrangements have been made for Friday's counting of votes polled in the Bihar Assembly elections, across 46 centres in 38 districts of the state, officials said.

Schools in Patna will remain closed on Friday in view of the counting exercise, they said.

Bihar had registered a historic voter turnout of 67.13 per cent in the elections to the 243-member Assembly in two phases November 6 and November 11. A total of 7.45 crore voters were eligible to decide the electoral fate of 2,616 candidates.

"Counting arrangements have been made in all the 243 assembly constituencies. The exercise will be conducted by 243 Returning Officers in the presence of 243 Counting Observers and the candidates or their agents.

"A total of 4,372 counting tables, each staffed with one supervisor, counting assistant and micro-observer have been set up. More than 18,000 Counting Agents appointed by the nominees will also oversee the process," the Election Commission said in a statement.

Counting of votes will commence at 8 am Friday. "As per the Commission's directions. postal ballot counting will begin

EC asks media to rely only on official results

in place across all 243 constituencies of Bihar for counting of votes November 14. the Election Commission said Thursday. Counting will be conducted by 243 returning officers (ROs) in the presence of 243 counting observers and the candidates or their agents. As many as 4,372 counting tables staffed with one counting supervisor, counting table have been set up, the poll author ity said. More than 18,000 counting agents appointed by the candidates will also oversee the counting process, it pointed out. Counting will commence directions, postal ballot counting will voting machines (EVMs) will begin thereafter at 8.30 AM.

first, and counting of EVMs will start at 8.30 am," it said.

"Adequate number of Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) and personnel of the Bihar Police have been deployed across the state to ensure smooth counting, and prevent any untoward incident," a senior officer said.

He said 106 companies of security personnel from outside the state have also been deployed.

A poll official said EVMs and VVPATs used in the elections have been sealed inside strong rooms under a double-lock system. "A two-tier security has been ensured at the counting centres. While the inner tier has been assigned to the CAPF. state police have been deployed at the outer rung. Besides, 24/7 CCTV surveillance and other security provisions are in place,"

ISI-backed module busted; 10 arrested

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Nov 13: The Punjab Police Thursday unearthed a grenade attack module backed by Pakistan's spy agency ISI and arrested 10 people.

The accused were in touch with Pakistan-based handlers to carry out a grenade attack to create unrest in Punjab, officials said. Three of the accused, identified as Kuldeep Singh, Shekhar Singh and Ajay Singh alias Ajay, are residents of Sri Muktsar Sahib, Director Gener-

al of Police Gauray Yaday said.

While Amrik Singh, Parminder alias Chiri, Vijay, Sukhjit Singh alias Sukh Brar, Sukhwinder Singh, Karanveer Singh alias Vicky and Sajan Kumar alias Sanju have been brought on production warrant from different jails for their role as couriers and facilitators, he said. Police teams have also recovered a Chinese hand grenade from the accused. Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused were in contact with Pakistan-based handlers through three operatives based in Malaysia to coordinate the pickup and delivery of the hand over 427,000 Indian students in Canada.

Members of the media and security officials watch as Indian Navy vehicles perform a simulated landing during the

joint amphibious exercise Amphex 2025, off the Saurashtra coast, in Gujarat. The exercise marked the culmination of

the tri-service Exercise Trishul, showcasing land-sea-air integration by the Indian armed forces

Canada eyes fresh start

in trade talks with India

New Delhi, Nov 13: India and

Canada Thursday held discus-

sions on ways to promote bi-

lateral trade and investments

besides advancing collabo-

rations in areas, including

supply chain resilience, and

during the India-Canada Min-

isterial Dialogue on Trade and

Investment (MDTI) meeting,

which was co-chaired by Com-

merce and Industry Minister

Piyush Goyal, and Canada's

Minister of Export Promo-

tion, International Trade and

The ministers reaffirmed

their commitment to foster-

ing an open, transparent,

and predictable business en-

vironment that supports sus

tainable growth, the commerce

strengthening bilateral eco-

nomic ties and advancing

sectoral collaboration across

priority domains, including

nutritional security, supply

chain resilience, health sector

cooperation, and investment

trade policy developments,

covering trade in goods and

services, and exchanged views

to enhance market access, pro-

mote regulatory alignment, and

support long-term economic re-

Bilateral trade in goods

and services between India

and Canada stood at \$18.38 bil-

lion in 2023. There are about

2.9 million Indian diaspora and

They also reviewed recent

facilitation," it said.

silience.

"Discussions focused on

Development

The issues were discussed

health sectors

Economic

Maninder Sidhu.

ministry said.

The two ministers also held talks in October this year. The discussions are important as in 2023, Canada had paused negotiations for a free trade agree ment with India.

The India-Canada relations hit rock bottom following then Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations in 2023 of a potential Indian link to the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India had dismissed accusation as Trudeau's 'absurd"

In March 2022, the two countries had re-launched negotiations for an interim agreement, officially dubbed as Early Progress Trade Agreement (EPTA). Over half a dozen rounds of talks have been held on the trade pact so far.

Normally in a trade agreement, two countries significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them.

They also liberalise norms for promoting trade in services and attract investments. India's exports to Canada

rose 9.8 per cent to \$4.22 billion in 2024-25 from \$3.84 billion in 2023-24. Imports, however, dipped

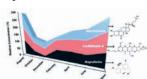
2.33 per cent to \$4.44 billion in the last fiscal year from \$4.55 billion in 2023-24.

The renewed vibrancy in ties between the two countries followed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's talks with his Canadian counterpart Mark Carney on the margins of the G7 summit at Canada's Kananaskis in June.

Pataniali's research on Gilov published in BMC Plant Biology

Haridwar, Nov 13: A groundbreaking study by Patanjali has scientifically confirmed that the stem of Tinospora cordifolia popularly known as Giloy or the "immortal herb" of Ayurveda yields the highest medicinal potency when harvested during the monsoon season.

Speaking on the occasion, Acharya Balkrishna said, "Have you ever wondered why nature-centric festivals like Harela and Jadi-Booti Diwas are celebrated at specific times of the year? Why do Ayurvedic scriptures recommend harvesting different parts of plants in particular seasons? Is there a scientific reason behind this, or is it iust tradition?



He added that the study provides strong evidence that the wisdom of India's ancient sages as reflected in Sanatan scriptures and traditional festivals, is deep ly scientific. "These practices were designed for the welfare of future generations. It's time we reconnect with nature and view our scriptures not as supersti tion but as sources of profound scientific insight," he said. Dr Anurag Varshney, Chief Scientist at Patanjali, explained that in Ayurveda, the therapeutic value of herbs depends on the concentration of phytochemicals they contain levels that fluctuate with seasonal changes. The study, he noted, offers scientific validation of this ancient principle. Harvesting herbs at the right time. he said, enhances their potency and improves the overall quality

To substantiate this, Pataniali researchers collected Gilov stems across different seasons over two years and conducted detailed chemical analyses using UHPLC-PDA and HPTLC tech niques. The findings revealed that stems harvested during the monsoon contained the highest concentration of bioactive compounds. The comprehensive study has been published in the prestigious international iournal BMC Plant Biology, a Springer Nature publication.

of Ayurvedic formulations.

CENTRE'S FERTILIZER CRACKDOWN

OVER 3L INSPECTIONS TO ENSURE FERTILIZER SUPPLY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: The Department of Fertilizers has conducted over 3.17 lakh inspections across the country during the Kharif and ongoing Rabi season of 2025-26, to curb black marketing, hoarding and diversion of fertilizers during the peak agricultural season.

Authorities issued 5,119 show-cause notices for black marketing, 667 for hoarding, and 2,991 for diversion of subsidised fertilizers, an official statement said. The enforcement drive,

spanning April to November, was coordinated with the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and state governments. The campaign against hoarding led to 202 licence suspensions or cancellations and 37 FIRs, while action against diversion resulted in 451 licences being cancelled or suspended and 92 FIRs.

Uttar Pradesh emerged as the frontrunner in enforcement, carrying out 28,273 inspections and issuing



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1,957 show-cause notices for black marketing. The state cancelled or suspended 2,730 licences and registered 157

Haryana, Punjab, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat also demonstrated robust enforcement through large-scale inspection teams, extensive monitoring and prompt legal



across southeast, east, central,

fore driving to a mosque near Asaf Ali Road, close to Ramlila Maidan, where he stayed for about three hours.

Around 3:19 pm, Umar

nvestigators found that Umar and two others - Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie and Dr Shaheen Shahid – allegedly used a Switzerland-based encrypted app to plan the attack and pooled ₹26 lakh to

The money was used to buy around 26 quintals of NPK fertiliser from Gurugram and Nuh, which, mixed with other chemicals, formed the base for the explosives

moving toward the metro station area around 6:22 pm. At 6:52 pm, the car exploded in a powerful blast that killed 13 people and injured more than two dozen. The explosion, caught on surveillance camer-

as, showed the slow-moving car

suddenly erupting into flames shattering windows and scattering debris across the road.

Police later found a severed hand on a nearby shop's roof, confirming the force of the ex plosion. DNA tests matched the remains with Dr Umar Nabi, confirming he was driving the vehicle.

Investigators say Umar, once known as an academically accomplished professional, be came radicalised over the past two years and joined several extremist messaging groups Meanwhile, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has issued a show-cause notice to Al Falah University - now under scrutiny in connection with the case — for allegedly displaying false certification on its website.

age from over 50 CCTV cameras, Delhi Police has pieced together the final hours of Dr Umar Nabi, the prime suspect in the Red Fort blast, tracing his journey from Faridabad to the explosion near the metro station. Investigators found that Umar and two others — Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie and Dr Shaheen Shahid — allegedly used a Switzerland-based encrypted app to plan the attack and pooled ₹26 lakh to fund it. The money was used to buy around 26 quintals of NPK fertiliser from Gurugram and Nuh, which, mixed with other chemicals, formed the base for

New Delhi, Nov 13: Using foot-

the explosives. Police said a large bag be-

lieved to contain the explosives was placed on the back seat of Umar's white Hyundai i20. CCTV footage reveals his detailed planning and attempts to avoid detection. He left Faridabad the previous night, halted for food at a roadside dhaba in Haryana's Nuh district, and spent the night in his car. The next morning. he resumed driving toward Delhi, taking multiple detours through smaller roads instead of major highways.

Umar entered Delhi through the Badarpur border around 8 am November 10. At the toll plaza, he briefly stopped, wearing a mask and glancing toward CCTV cameras. Footage shows the suspected explosives bag in his car. Over the next several hours, he made multiple loops

and northwest Delhi — including Okhla, Connaught Place, and Ashok Vihar — apparently to confuse surveillance or study crowd movements. He stopped

at a roadside eatery around

midday, appearing calm, be-

parked near the Red Fort complex, where his car remained for nearly three hours before

national



Approximately 4,000 metric tonnes of fresh waste are dumped at **Bhalswa daily. Both** new and old waste must be processed scientifically to prevent further pollution

INDIAN SIKH PILGRIMS DEPART AFTER 10-DAY VISIT

Over 2,000 Indian Sikh pilgrims, who were in Pakistan for a 10-day visit to attend events related to the 556th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, left for India Thursday under high security





talks about swadeshi, but the entire economy is under China's influence. Our markets

The present

government

are flooded with Chinese goods AKHILESH YADAV | SP PRESIDENT

has closed down schools which were opened rampantly during the previous BJP government without adequate staff and low enrollment of students merely for political

The new DTC electric buses are equipped with state-ofthe-art facilities. including air-conditioning, CCTV

cameras, panic buttons, and GPS systems. These buses will ensure safer and more comfortable travel for passengers and will operate regularly on the Delhi-Sonipat route, ensuring smooth connectivity between the two cities

REKHA GUPTA DELHI CM





1.7 lakh people die on Indian roads. Which is, btw, one of the highest in the world. we call them "accidents". But the truth is - they're not.

They're system failures. You can get a driving licence in India without real training. Many truck drivers carry tonnes of goods but get zero safety instruction. Once they get the licence, no one checks if they're still fit to drive. Add to that weak policing and bad roads. Speeding, drunk driving, overloaded trucks, potholes, missing crash barriers... everything adds up. And even after a crash, help takes too long to arrive. So, the problem isn't just reckless driving - it's poor licensing. weak enforcement, and broken infrastructure working together.

@ayusshsanghi

SHORT **TAKES**

ED arrests ex-MD of **Jaypee Infratech MD**

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate Thursday arrested Manoj Gaur, former MD of realty company Jaypee Infratech Ltd, in a money laundering case probe linked to ₹14,599 crore alleged fraud with home buyers, official sources said. The businessman was taken into custody under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), they said. The agency has alleged that funds collected from home buyers were diverted to various trusts leaving the projects incomplete and investors cheated.

HC cancels Mukul Roy's **Assembly membership**

Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court Thursday cancelled the membership of senior leader Mukul Roy in the West Bengal assembly under the anti-defection law. This was the first time in the history of Indian jurisprudence that a high court exercised its constitutional authority to disqualify an elected lawmaker under the anti-defection, lawyers at the Calcutta High Court claimed. Roy was elected to the House on a BJP ticket from the Krishnanagar Uttar seat in May 2021, but joined the ruling Trinamool Congress in June that year in the presence of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, while retaining his

MLA status

More attacks were planned in four cities

Police have found that around 32 cars were being prepared to carry out blasts near historic locations and vital installations in the national capital

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: A medical college professor and a cardiology student, both from Jammu and Kashmir, were detained in Uttar Pradesh in connection with the Delhi blast even as investigators said more attacks were planned in four cities across the country by an interstate 'white-collar terror' module.

The car blast near Red Fort Monday night claimed 13 lives and injured several others.

Dr Farukh, an assistant professor of obstetrics at Hanur's GS Medical College, was detained by Delhi Police from the college campus Wednesday night. He completed his medical education from Al Falah University. Mohammad Arif Mir (32), a

first-vear DM student at Laxmipat Singhania Institute of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery of the state-run Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial (GSVM) Medical College in Kanpur, was detained by the Uttar Pradesh ATS. The UP ATS later searched

Arif's rented accommodation in Ashok Nagar, Nazirabad, and seized his mobile phone and laptop for forensic examination before taking him to Delhi for questioning. A native of the Khagur Sadi-

wara area in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag, Arif came on the ATS radar following disclosures made by former GSVM professor Dr Shaheen Sayeed, who has been arrested in connection with the terror module.

The Delhi Police also reconstructed Dr Umar Nabi's last hours, right from leaving Farid-



Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) officials at the site after a red Ford EcoSport car suspected to be linked to the Delhi Red Fort blast case was traced and seized in Faridahad district's Khandawali

abad the night before the blast to its execution, using footage from more than 50 cameras.

The investigators have found that the three suspects - Dr Nabi, who was behind the wheels of the Hyundai i20 that was laden with explosives, Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie, and Dr Shaheen Shahid - allegedly used a Switzerland-based encrypted messaging app Threema to plan and coordinate their activities related to the terror conspiracy.

Umar had also created a Signal app group with two to four members to coordinate their operations. The Congress demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should immediately chair an all-party meeting and the Winter Session of Parliament. scheduled to start December 1. be advanced so that there could be a debate on the incident.

Police, investigating the blast, said the suspects had pooled more than ₹26 lakh in cash, which was handed over to Dr Umar for safekeeping and operational use.

Using the pooled money, the group had allegedly purchased around 26 quintals of NPK (nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium) fertiliser, approximately

worth ₹3 lakh, from suppliers in Gurugram, Nuh, and nearby towns. The fertiliser, mixed with other chemicals, is commonly used to manufacture Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

Around eight suspects were planning to carry out blasts in four cities and were planning to move in batches of two to each city to target them, police sources said. Notebooks and diaries recovered from the rooms of Dr. Muzammil (Room 13) and Dr. Umar (Room 4) at the campus of Al Falah University contained several coded entries, names. and numerical sequences dated between November 8 and 12. suggesting detailed planning for multiple attacks. They also had rented accommodations to store explosives.

The repeated use of the term "operation" in the documents pointed to a high-level of coordination and organisation. Investigators found references to around 25-30 individuals. primarily from Jammu and Kashmir -- the home state of the two doctors -- as well as from Faridabad and adjoining areas, shedding light on the structure and reach of what officials are calling a "white coat terror module".

Delhi blast punishment will warn the world: Shah

Ahmedabad, Nov 13: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Thursday said the punishment for those behind the blast in Delhi will send a message to the world that no one should ever dare to even think of such an attack again.

Shah was speaking, through video link, at the inauguration of Shri Motibhai R Chaudhary Sagar Sainik School and Sagar Organic Plant at Boriyavi village in Gujarat's Mehsana district. His scheduled visit to the

state was cancelled in the af-

termath of the blast near the Red Fort on Monday evening that claimed 13 lives. 'All those who committed

this cowardly act and those behind it will be brought be-

fore the law and given the strictest possible punishment. The Government of India and Ministry of Home Affairs are fully committed to ensuring this," Shah was quoted as saying in an official release. He also expressed deep

condolences for the families of the victims of the blast, it said. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to ensure strict punishment for all those responsible for this terrorist act will definitely be fulfilled," Shah said, as per the Press Information Bureau release, "Punishment for the perpetrators of the Delhi terror attack will send a message to the world that no one should ever dare to even think of such an attack in our country," he added.

SIR PHASE II

Five crore forms distributed in a day

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: More than five crore enumeration forms were distributed to electors in a single day as part of Special In tensive Revision of voters' list being held in nine states and three Union territories, accord ing to data shared by Election Commission Thursday.

A daily bulletin issued by the poll authority here said more than 42 crore SIR enumeration forms have been distributed to electors in 12 states and UTs.

A bulletin issued on Wednes day had said more than 37 crore forms were distributed till 3 pm November 12. In other words 42 crore forms mean 82.71 per cent of the 50.99 crore electors in these states and UTs have been covered so far.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL WORKS DIVISION, GAJAPATI, PARALAKHEMUNDI

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement 1st Corrigendum to Tender Call Notice Identification No. Online Tender 07/GJP/2025-26 T.O Letter No.: 3017 Dtd:29.10.2025

No.O-1444: The tender for the works invited vide Tender Identificatio No. Online Tender 04/GJP/2024-25 is hereby modified as follows due t

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	Availability of tender	Dt.13.11.2025 at 10.00 A.M. to 20.10.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.25.11.2025 at 10.00 A.M. to 02.12.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.				
	Date & Time of Opening of tender	Dt.21.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.03.12.2025 at 11.00 A.M.				
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No. 05 Periodical Maintaince to Serango-Ajayagada for the year 2025 26 is here by cancelled. All other contents will remain unchanged. Sd./- Executive Enginee

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER Tender Notice No.: 114-ELC-G-KGP-25

26-35, dated 12.11.2025, Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Enginee G/Kharagpur-721301, S.E.Railway, for and on behalf of the President of India for the of work: Miscellaneous Maintenanc Contract under the jurisdiction of Sr. Section Engineer/South/Kharagpur for Two years Tender Value : ₹ 1,67,62,400,61, Bid security/EMD : ₹ 2.33.800/-. Date of opening: 03.12.2025. Cost of Tender Document: Nil. Date of Submission: Upto 12.00 Hrs. of 03.12.2025. Completion of Letter of Acceptance. Interested www.ireps.gov.in for full details description and specification of the tende and submit their bids online. In no case manual tender for this work will be accepted. Note: Prospective bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to

GOVT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS DIVISION, NAYAGARH At/P.O.: Nabaghanpur, Dist.: Nayagarh, Ph.: 06753-252049, E-mail: n: Tender Online Nayagarh Divn.-06/2025-26 <u>e-Procurement NOTICE</u> Name of the Work Total No. of Projects 35 (Thirty Five) Nos. of Projects Class of Contractor a) Estimated cost above Rs.20.00 lakhs & upto B Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities Rs.3.00 Crore Estimated cost upto Rs.40.00 lakhs Estimated cost upto Rs.20.00 lakhs C Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities D Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities Estimated Cost put to tender Rs.5.08 lakhs to Rs.49.99 lakhs Bid Identification No. 25.11.2025 Superintending Engineer, Rural No.: Tender Online - Divn NAYAGARH - 06/2025-26 at 10.00 A.M

R.W. Division, Gajapati

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CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Branch Office: 2nd Floor, Plot No. 394, Bomikhal, Near Santoshi Maa Temple, Cuttack Road, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar, Pin - 751 010 POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(1) - FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice on the date mentioned the account calling upon the respective Borrowers, to repay the outstanding amount with Interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the Property mortgaged with the Company described herein below on the date mentioned against the account in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules made there under. The Borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with property mentioned herein below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an ammentioned against the account along with Interest and other charges.

Loan Account Nos.: HE01XBJ00000068875 Name and Address of Borrower / Co-borrower

1. Santosh Kumar Satapathy (Applicant), S/o. Srikanta Satapathy

C/o. Srikranta Satapathy, Bada Danda Street, Sabulia Rambha, Near Jagannath Temple,

District - Ganjam, Odisha, Pin - 761 028.

2. Sarita Dash (Co-applicant), W/o. Santosh Kumar Satapath

C/o. Santosh Kùmar Satapathy, Bada Danda Street, Sabulia Rambha, Near Jagannath Temple, District - Ganjam, Odisha, Pin - 761 028.

Srikanta Satapathy (Co-applicant), S/o. Balabhadra Satapathy
 Bada Danda Street, Sabulia Rambha, Near Jagannath Temple, District - Ganjam, Odisha

M/s. Santosh Kumar Satapathy (Co-applicant), House No. 4, Balugaon, Fish Market Chilika, P.S. - Balugaon, District - Ganjam, Odisha, Pin - 752 030.

Date: 14.11.2025

Gharabari, Near Jagganath Temple Tahasil - Khallikote, District - Ganjam Odisha, Pin - 761 028.

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All that part and parcel of the Property bearing Khata No. 547/2059 (Old No. 547/594), Plot No. 5560, Mouza -

Sd./- Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division., Nayaga

Rs. 76,77,330.00 (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty only) as on 06.08.2025 and interest thereon.

Date of Symbolic Possession 12.11.2025

Place : Rambha (Odisha)

Authorised Officer Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited

AHMEDABAD PLANE CRASH

Eight persons were killed and 14 others injured after a car got crushed between two large

container trucks with a huge fire engulfing all three vehicles on the Mumbai-Bengaluru

highway Thursday evening, police said. The horrific incident involving multiple vehicles

Deceased pilot not being blamed: Centre

took place on Navale Bridge, infamous as an accident-prone stretch

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: The deceased pilot, Captain Sumeet Sabharwal of Air India, has not been blamed in the AA-IB's preliminary report into the June 12 plane crash that claimed 260 lives, the Centre told the Supreme Court Thursday. Air India's Boeing 787-8 flight AI171

en route to London's Gatwick airport was operated by pilot-in-command Captain Sabharwal and co-pilot Captain Clive Kunder, who lost their lives in the crash after taking off from Ahmedabad.

The horrific incident killed 260 people, including 241 passengers and crew on board.

The top court had issued notice to the Centre and the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on a plea of Pushkaraj Sabharwal, the father of deceased pilot Captain Sumeet Sabharwal. Pushkaraj Sabharwal and the Fed-

eration of Indian Pilots moved the Supreme Court for a court-monitored inquiry headed by a former apex court judge into the crash of Air India flight AI171 in Ahmedabad. A bench of Justices Surya Kant

and Joymalya Bagchi was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) probe team into the plane crash was formed under the international regime and there was a statutory provision for it.

"There is an international convention. There's an international civil aviation organisation. They have prepared mandatory steps to be taken in case of an investigation into air crashes. There is a regime in place.

"Some foreigners are also victims. Those countries also send their representatives in the investigation. I understand the feelings of the father but there is no blame attributed to anyone in the interim report,

Mehta said.

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Bank of India Zonal Office: Star House, 1/1D, Jayadev Vihar, Nayapalli Bhubaneswar, Odisha, PIN-751015

DEMAND

Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 for Enforcement of Security Interest

The Bank has granted following various credit facilities to the under mentioned Borrower & the amount outstanding dues mentioned below has no been paid in time. Therefore Demand Notice under Sec. 13(2) of Security and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 was issued by the Authorized Officer against the following Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) of the **Bank of India**, **Pokhariput Branch** but the same could not be served on the below mentioned party. Therefore, the contents of the same including the amount outstanding. Loan amount and details to the secured assets are herein furnished below.

POKHARIPUT BRANCH/ Name & Address of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s)	Nature / Limit	Date of NPA / Date of Demand Notice	Amount as per Notice under SARFAESI Act	Description of mortgaged Property
Borrower: M/s Mahabinayak Enterprises, Partners:) Mr. Biraj Patra, 2) Mr. Baishnab Patra, All are At: Plot Io.: 300, Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar, Khorda, PIN-752054/Suarantor & Mortgagor: Mr. Sudhansu Ranjan Ray, At: Plot No.: 191/1092, Ananta Vihar, Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar, Khorda, PIN-752054.	Cash Credit (557330110000039) /	: '	₹41,13,539/- as on 04.11.2025 + interest & expenses thereon	Equitable Mortgage of all the part and parcel of Vacant Land situated at Khata No.: 538/504, Plot No.: 338/1699 (Sub Plot No. 15), corresponding to
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Old Knata No.: 347, Plot No.: 338, Area: Ac.0.046dec., admeasuring 2003.76 sqft., Kissam: Gharabari at Mouza: Padhansahi, Thana: Airfield, Thana No. 41, SRO: Khordha, Tahasil: Jatni, Tahasil No. 154, standing in the name of **Mr. Sudhansu Ranjan Ray.** Bounded by- North: Sub-Plot No. 16, South: Sub-Plot No. 14, East: Rev. Plot No. 337, West: Road. As the above mentioned Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s)of the **Pokhariput Branch** have defaulted in repayment of the principal loan/facility in installments/ interest/ both, the account has been classified as **NPA**, in accordance with the directions or guidelines issued by the RBI. In spite

in installments/ interest/ both, the account has been classified as NPA, in accordance with the directions or guidélines issued by the RBI. In spite of our repeated demands you (borrower) have not paid any amount towards the amount outstanding in your account, you have not discharged your liabilities. Hence, we are now constrained to make this publication of Demand Notice, required u/s 13(2) of the said Act and Rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. You are hereby called upon to pay the aforesaid amount alongwith further interest, cost, Incidental Expenses, Charges etc. within a period of 60 days from the date of Notice, failing which we will take necessary action under the provisions of sec 13(4) of the said Act, against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking necessary action under the provisions of sec 13(4) of the said Act, against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of your secured assets and sale them. If the dues are not fully recovered in the course of these actions against secured assets, then the Bank reserves the right to take action by filing recovery action against you before Debts Recovery Tribunal/Court for recovery of the same. It may be noted that under the provisions of section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, right of redemption is available to you, by paying the dues of the Bank together with all cost, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank at any time, before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets. Please take note that as per sub section (13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this notice, you are restrained from transferring or creating any encumbrances on the aforesaid secured assets whether by way of sale, lease, license, notice, you are restrained from transferring or creating any encumbrances on the aforesaid secured assets whether by way of sale, lease, license gift, mortgage or otherwise. <mark>This notice is issued withoút prejudice to the rights of the Bank available under aný other law.</mark>

Place: Bhubaneswar, Date: 13.11.2025 Authorized Officer, Bank of India

international



The Ukrainian side should know that sooner or later it will have to negotiate, but from a much worse position. The position of the Kyiv regime will deteriorate day by day

DMITRY PESKOV | SPOKESMAN, RUSSIA

AFRICA EXPERIENCING WORST CHOLERA OUTBREAK

Africa is facing the worst outbreak of cholera in 25 years, the Africa CDC told reporters in a briefing Thursday, blaming the rise on fragile water systems and conflict. The Africa CDC said it had recorded about 300,000 cases of cholera, and suspected cases of cholera, and over 7,000 deaths. The figures show a more than 30% increase on total cases recorded last year



Nunez would visit Algeria, hailing the north African country's release

of writer Boualem Sansal as a glimmer of hope that relations between the two nations could be mended LAURENT NUNEZ | INTERIOR MINISTER, FRANCE

Should Japan dare to intervene militarily in the Taiwan Strait constitute an act of aggression, and China will strike back decisively



of Congress and wealthy business people implicated

in a massive corruption scandal involving flood control projects would be locked up in jail by

FERDINAND MARCOS JR PRESIDENT, PHILIPPINES

SHORT **TAKES**

Internet suspension in Balochistan

Karachi: The mobile internet services have been suspended in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, except in the capital Ouetta, following a security alert issued by the Home Department. The mobile internet will remain suspended till November 16 after the home department of the provincial government issued a security alert on Wednesday. Travel along the Loralai section of the National Highway N-70 is also suspended till November 14 for all transport services. The decision to suspend the services was taken because of a security alert in the province and prevailing circumstances, said an official. All schools in the Cantonment area of Ouetta have been closed since Wednesday till November 16 over security concerns. according to officials.

Trump backs Netayanahu

Jerusalem: President Donald Trump Wednesday sent a letter to Israel's president asking him to pardon Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a long-running corruption trial that has bitterly divided the country. It was the latest attempt by Trump to intervene in the case on behalf of Netanyahu, raising questions about undue American influence over internal Israeli affairs. Trump also called for a pardon for Netanyahu during a speech to Israel's parliament last month, when he made a brief visit to promote his ceasefire plan for the war in Gaza. In Wednesday's letter to President Isaac Herzog. Trump called the corruption case "political, unjustified

Fishermen face crackdown

prosecution."

Colombo: At least 328 Indian fishermen have been arrested and 41 trawlers seized so far this year for allegedly fishing in Sri Lankan waters, a minister said here Thursday. Deputy minister of fisheries Rathna Gamage said Sri Lanka has intensified the operations to stop "illegal fishing" by Indian trawlers in the international maritime border. Pointing out that there has been an increase in arrests of Indian fishermen for poaching this year, Gamage told reporters that so far 328 Indian fishermen have been arrested and their 41 trawlers have been seized by the Sri Lankan Navy. Such operations are jointly carried out by the Fisheries Ministry, the Navy, and the Police.

S Korea bans flights as 5L take crucial university admission test

Financial markets and offices opened an hour later than usual to ensure test candidates arrived on time for the nine-hour exam that is seen as crucial for success in the hyper-competitive society

Seoul, Nov 13: More than half a million people in South Korea sat for the country's gruelling university entrance exam Thursday as police mobilised to ensure they made it to the test sites on time and all flights were halted for half an hour.

The number sitting the test, essential to secure a place at the country's top universities, was the highest in seven years. Most of the candidates were born in 2007 when there was a surge in births because it was considered an auspicious time to have a baby.

Flights at all airports, including Incheon International Airport, were banned from



landing or takeoff between 1:05 pm and 1:40 pm to ensure there was no disturbance while the students sat for the listening

comprehension section of the

The decision affected 140 flights, including 65 international arrivals and departures. Flight trackers showed aircraft circling near airports as the Transport Ministry restricted aircraft from altitudes below 3.000 meters (9843 ft).

Financial markets and offices opened an hour later than usual to ensure test candi dates arrived on time for the nine-hour exam that is seen as crucial for success in the hyper-competitive society.

"This exam has been a goal for nearly 20 years and also a new beginning," said Yeseon Kim, who was waiting outside a test site where her daughter was sitting the exam.

A total of 554,174 people registered this year, up 6% from last year and the highest since 2019. Some 496,000 babies were born in 2007 in a jump that paused a steady decline since the mid-1990s.

South Korea is one of the world's fastest-ageing societies, although its birthrate rose to 0.75 in 2024

Nepal forms task force for security plan ahead of elections

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kathmandu, Nov 13: Election Commission of Nepal Thursday held discussion with political parties representing federal parliament, province and local level regarding preparations for the upcoming National As sembly and House of Represen tatives elections.

Nepal's Minister for Home Affairs Om Prakash Aryal on the other hand, said, a task force comprising representa tives from all security bodies has been formed to prepare the election security plan. The general elections are

scheduled for March 5, 2026.

The Election Commission informed the representatives of various political parties about the election to the Upper House or National Assembly and pro posed general election schedule March 5 as well as voters' list updation programme, accord ing to sources in the Election Commission.

Addressing various issues suggestions and concerns raised by the political parties acting Chief Election Commis sioner Ram Prasad Bhandari expressed confidence that the upcoming Parliamentary election will be conducted in a free, fair, impartial and fearless

JULY CHARTER

Referendum will be held alongside elections: Yunus

Delivering a nationally televised address, Yunus says the decision was taken after considering all aspects, adding that holding both votes together would in no way hinder the reform objectives

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dhaka, Nov 13: Bangladesh's interim government Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus Thursday announced that a referendum on constitutional reforms will be held alongside the general elections on the same day in February next year.

Yunus made the announce ment in a televised address to the nation after the political parties failed to reach a consensus on the timing of the referendum despite multiple rounds of discussions.

"After considering all aspects we have decided to hold the referendum and the national polls on the same day - the first half of February next," he said.

Yunus said the Council of Advisers Thursday approved the "July Charter Implementation Order, 2025"

The (advisory council) order also pointed out that an arrangement will be made to incorporate the July Charter in the Constitution in line with the (political parties) commitment to implement it," he said.

drafted the July Charter, incorporating over 80 reform proposals following consultations with several political parties, including former prime minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and Jamaat-e-Islami. The political parties signed

mission headed by Yunus

the document at a ceremony October 17, but differences surfaced over its implementation process. The BNP said a referendum on it should be held on the voting day, while Jamaat wanted it ahead of the elections. The government last week

asked all political parties to reach a consensus within a week on the referendum on the July Charter, saving it would take a unilateral decision if they failed to reach an agreement. In his address, the chief advis-

er said if the July Charter proposals were endorsed in the referendum, a "Constitutional Reform Council" would be formed. comprising lawmakers, and they would serve simultaneously as Parliament members

"The Council will amend the constitution within 180 working days from the date of the commencement of its first session," he said. Yunus said the referendum ballot, which will be presented to voters, will cover four key reform points, including the creation of a two-chamber parliament and the restoration of the caretaker government system for

2 dead, 18 hurt in SK after truck crashes into market

Seoul, Nov 13: A light truck crashed into a market in South Korea Thursday, ploughing 150 metres (164 yards) along a passageway lined with stalls before coming to a halt, killing two people and injuring 18, ac cording to emergency officials and media reports. The incident took place at

a market located in Bucheon about 20 km (12.43 miles) west of the capital Seoul, a fire official told a televised briefing. Two people who had suffered

cardiac arrest were later confirmed to have died, the Yonhap News Agency said. The truck appeared to re-

verse for 28 metres before accelerating towards the outdoor market, the fire official said. The driver had blamed a

sudden surge of acceleration for the incident, he said.

The driver was not intoxicated when tested for alcohol, a police official said at the briefing.

Authorities would hand the vehicle over to investigators to try to determine the cause of the crash, the official said.

US govt shutdown ends after 43 days

government funding bill, ending shutdown after a record 43-day disruption

Washington, Nov 13: President Donald Trump signed a government funding bill Wednesday night, ending a record 43-day shutdown that caused financial stress for federal workers who went without paychecks, stranded scores of travellers at airports and generated long lines at some food banks. The shutdown magnified par-

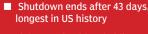
tisan divisions in Washington as Trump took unprecedented unilateral actions — including cancelling projects and trying to fire federal workers — to pressure Democrats into relenting on their demands.

The Republican president blamed the situation on Democrats and suggested voters shouldn't reward the party during next year's midterm elections. "So I just want to tell the American people, you should not forget this," Trump said. "When we come up to midterms and other things, don't forget what they've done to our country."

The signing ceremony came just hours after the House passed the measure on a mostly party-line vote of 222-209. The Senate had already passed the measure Monday.

Democrats wanted to extend an enhanced tax credit expiring at the end of the year that lowers the cost of health coverage obtained through Affordable Care Act marketplaces. They refused to go along with a shortterm spending bill that did not include that priority. But Republicans said that was a separate policy fight to be held at another time.

"We told you 43 days ago



Fight over health subsidies

Shutdown hurts economy.

from bitter experience that government shutdowns don't

delays \$50 billion in spending

work," said Rep. Tom Cole, the Republican chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, "They never achieve the objective that you announce. And guess what? You haven't achieved that objective yet, and you're not going to."

A BITTER END AFTER A LONG **STALEMATE**

The frustration and pressures generated by the shutdown was reflected when lawmakers debated the spending

measure on the House floor. Republicans said Democrats sought to use the pain generated by the shutdown to prevail in a policy dispute. "They knew it would cause pain and they did it anyway," House Speaker Mike Johnson said.

WHAT'S IN THE BILL TO END THE SHUTDOWN

The legislation is the result

ators who broke ranks with the Democrats after reaching the conclusion that Republicans would not bend on using a government funding to bill to extend the health care tax credits. The compromise funds three

of a deal reached by eight sen-

annual spending bills and extends the rest of government funding through January 30. Republicans promised to hold a vote by mid-December to extend the health care subsidies, but there is no guarantee The bill includes a reversal of the firing of federal workers

by the Trump administration since the shutdown began. It also protects federal workers against further layoffs through January and guarantees they are paid once the shutdown is over. The bill for the Agricul ture Department means people who rely on key food assistance programs will see those benefits funded without threat of interruption through the rest of the budget year.

The package includes \$203.5 million to boost security for lawmakers and an additional \$28 million for the security of Supreme Court justices.



Bomber was Afghan national: Pak

Karachi, Nov 13: Afghan nationals carried out two suicide bombings in Pakistan this week, including one in the capital Islamabad, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said Thursday, amid sharpening tensions between the South Asian neighbours over militant violence.

A suicide bombing outside an Islamabad court Tuesday killed 12 people and wounded 27, one of the capital's deadliest attacks in years. Militants also stormed a military-run school in Wana, killing three people before security forces rescued students and shot the assailants dead.

Both the bombers involved in the attacks have been identified as Afghans, he told parliament in a session carried live on television.

"It is our major, serious concern," Naqvi said, adding that Pakistani authorities had time and again taken up the issue of security with the Afghan Taliban administration in Kabul.

He blamed the Afghan Taliban for supporting Islamist militants who attack Pakistani

Another bomber had rammed

ISLAMABAD BLAST



an explosive-laden vehicle into the main gate of a military school in South Waziristan district, near the Afghan border, Monday, killing three people.

RIVALRY WITH INDIA

Islamabad says that the Pakistani Taliban and other militants based in Afghanistan are supported by India, a charge New Delhi denies.

India and Pakistan have for decades vied for influence in Afghanistan, an unstable but geopolitically vital country both see as crucial to their



Pakistan deploys army to protect Lankan cricketers

Pakistan has deployed army and paramilitary forces to protect Sri Lanka's cricket team after a deadly suicide bombing in Islamabad raised security concerns during their ongoing tour, the interior minister said Thursday.

Pakistan's Army Chief Asim Munir had assured Sri Lankan Defence Minister Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon of the team's safety, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi told parliament in a live

"Our army and paramilitary

televised transmission.

- Two deadly suicide attacks hit Pakistan this week
- Kabul denies Pakistani accusations of sheltering
- Minister says has raised issue 'time and again' with Kabul
- confrontation with Afghanistan and India
- Pakistan army deployed to protect Sri Lanka team

are deployed for the Sri Lankan team's security," he added.

Nagyi said the Sri Lankan players had expressed serious concerns about staying in Pakistan following the bombing but those had been addressed.

"The Sri Lankan president personally spoke to the (cricket) team yesterday and encouraged them to play," Naqvi added. The cricket stadium and the

hotel where the Sri Lanka team is staving are both less than 10 km from the site of the bombing.

The Sri Lanka Cricket Board said Wednesday that several players had asked to return home after the blast, the first attack on civilians in the capital in a decade.

DELHI BLAST

Clearly a terror attack: Rubio lauds India's 'measured' probe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New York, Non 13: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has said the car explosion near Red Fort is "clearly" a terrorist attack as he commended India for being "very measured" and "very professional" in the way it is investigating the deadly incident.

A high-intensity blast outside the Red Fort in Delhi Monday claimed at least 13 lives. India Wednesday termed the car explosion as a "heinous terror incident."

Rubio said Wednesday in remarks to the press in Hamilton, Canada, "Yeah, we're aware of the potential that that holds. But I think the Indians are – need to be commended; they have been very measured and cautious and very professional in how they're carrying out this investigation.'

"That investigation continues. Clearly, it was a terrorist attack. It was a car loaded with highly explosive materials that detonated and killed a lot of people," Rubio said. "(But) I think they're doing a very good job of

carrying out an investigation; and I think when they have facts, they'll release those facts. Rubio, who was asked about the Red Fort explosion in Delhi and how concerned he was about rising tensions between India and Pakistan, against the backdrop of the four-day conflict between

the two neighbours in May, said. India had launched Operation Sindoor targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. The on-ground hostilities ended with an under standing of stopping the military actions following talks between the directors general of military operations of both sides May 10.

Rubio also met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the margins of the G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Niagara.

"But clearly, we're aware of the potential that it has, and so we spoke about that a little bit today - the potential that it has to become something broader. But I think we're going to wait and see what their investigation reveals," Rubio said.

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OPENAI ROLLS OUT GPT-5.1

OpenAI has announced the rollout of GPT-5.1 that the company promises is more conversational and warmer by default. The upgrade packs in more intuitive and effective controls "so ChatGPT can better match the tone users want in responses," OpenAI said. According to OpenAI, GPT-5.1 improves on both intelligence and communication style



Global trade headwinds. confident in India's

ment program of Euro 1 billion, we are expanding reliable and more sustainable logistics solutions for our customers in India

TOBIAS MEYER | GROUP CEO, DHL

The Export Promotion Mission will provide much-needed strategic direction and impetus to



SECRETARY GENERAL, AEPC



our ambition to become number three (cookies) in the world JAN BOONE | CEO, LOTUS BAKERIES

02 RESULTS

Tata Motors sees loss

Mumbai: Tata Motors, the country's top commercial vehicles maker, reported a quarterly loss Thursday, as it took a one-time impairment charge related to an investment in one of its units. The maker of the Ace minitruck reported a loss of ₹1.02 billion for the guarter ended September 30, compared with a profit of ₹6.43 billion a year ago. The company, which split from the passenger vehicles business in October, made its trading debut on India's stock exchanges Wednesday, listing at a 28.5% premium. The shares were down nearly 3% Thursday. Tata Motors incurred a one-time charge worth ₹2.67 billion during the guarter related to the impairment of its investment in one of its units.

Muthoot Finance rises

Thursday reported an 87.5% jump in second-quarter profit on strong loan demand amid soaring prices of the precious metal, and raised its gold loan growth outlook for the year. The firm's standalone profit for the July to September quarter rose to ₹23.45 billion (\$266.80 million) from ₹12.51 billion a year earlier. Gold prices hit a series of record highs during the quarter, lifting the value of gold holdings and benefiting financiers in the sector. The rally boosted collateral values, allowing borrowers to secure bigger loans.

Singapore Airlines dips

New Delhi: Singapore Airlines Group Thursday reported an 82 per cent fall in net profit to 52 million Singapore dollars in the September quarter as Air India losses and lower interest income hurt the bottom line. The leading carrier, which owns a 25.1 per cent stake in loss-making Air India, had a net profit of 290 million Singapore dollars (SGD) in the 2024 September quarter. Total revenue in the second quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal climbed to SGD 4.86 billion from SGD 4.78 billion in the year-ago period, it said in a release Thursday.

Domino's profit up 3X

New Delhi: Domino's India operator posted a quarterly profit that almost tripled from a year earlier Thursday, as demand for its affordable pizzas and combo deals stayed strong, bucking the broader slowdown in the quick-service food industry. Jubilant logged 9.1% like-for-like sales growth in the second quarter, up from 2.8% a year earlier.

Mahindra forays into insurance business

The automobile giant sets up joint venture with Canadian firm Manulife

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: Mahindra & Mahindra Thursday announced its foray into the insurance sector by signing an agreement with Toronto-headquartered Manulife for a 50:50 joint venture, entailing an investment of ₹7,200 crore from both partners.

Mahindra Group CEO & MD Anish Shah stated that both the partners were looking to create a business which can accomplish a valuation ranging between ₹18,000 crore to ₹30,000 crore in ten years.

"Now, we do believe this is a conservative set of numbers. which we can achieve," he said in a virtual press conference. Shah noted that the

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COMMITMENT FROM

partners aspire to make the JV the number one insurer in rural and semi-urban India. will "We

be a signifi-SURPASSED \$20 BILLION IN NEW cant player in BUSINESS PREMIUMS, GROWING urban India as AT A 12% CAGR OVER THE well, and there **PAST FIVE YEARS** we would want to take a leadership position in protection solutions, one that India is under-penetrated in today, and there are specific reasons why we feel that we are well-placed to be able to do that, despite the competition that we have in the

space today," he added. Shah stated that companies would apply for the licence from the insurance regulator in about two-three months, and re-



Mahindra brand strength, deep distribution capabilities in rural and semi-urban India and execution excellence make life insurance a logical extension towards our goal of building a comprehensive financial

> services portfolio ANISH SHAH CEO & MD, MAHINDRA GROUP

alistically, it will take 15 to 18 months for the joint venture to start opera-**EACH SHAREHOLDER IS UP TO** ₹ 3,600 CRORE (\$400 MILLION),

About the WITH EACH SHAREHOLDER EXPECTE proposed in-TO INVEST ₹1,250 CRORE (\$140 vestment, he MILLION) IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS stated that LIFE INSURANCE MARKET HAS the company's capital infusion in the new business would be funded via the dividend that M&M earns from Mahin-

dra Finance. The total capital commitment from each shareholder is up to ₹3,600 crore (\$400 million), with each shareholder expected to invest ₹1,250 crore (\$140 million) in the first five years.

The life insurance market has surpassed \$20 billion in new business premiums, growing at a 12 per cent CAGR

PRESIDENT AND CEO, MANULIFE over the past five years. Yet, India continues to have a wide gap in life cover and low insurance penetration, providing significant long-term growth potential. These tailwinds position India to become the world's fastest growing life insurance market over the next

Today marks an important

milestone as we seek to

enter one of the world's

fastest growing insurance

markets in India. This will fur-

ther strengthen our diverse

portfolio and position us

for tremendous growth in a

mega economy of the future

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This growth is underpinned by robust GDP expansion, a rising middle class, and a supportive regulatory environment, it added.

decade, on track to become the

fourth largest globally, a state-

ment stated.

At the end of 2024, Manulife Financial Corporation had more than 37,000 employees, over 1,09,000 agents, and thousands of distribution partners, serving over 36 million customers across Canada, Asia,

M&M shares closed 1.45 per cent down at ₹3,699.20 apiece

FOREIGN FUNDS EXODUS

Markets settle higher amid global volatility

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 13: Stock markets' three-day winning run paused on Thursday with benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closing slightly higher as volatile global sentiment triggered profit-booking, aiding the withdrawal momentum for foreign capital.

After oscillating between gains and losses during the day, the 30-share BSE barometer Sensex ended with a gain of 12.16 points, or 0.01 per cent, at 84,478.67. During the session, it touched a high of 84,919.43 and a low of 84,253.05.

The broader NSE Nifty closed the session in green with just 3.35 points, or 0.01 per cent, higher at 25,879.15.

From the Sensex pack, Asian Paints, ICICI Bank, PowerGrid, Larsen & Toubro, Bajaj Finserv, Bharti Airtel, Sun Pharmaceuticals, Maruti Suzuki India, Axis Bank, UltraTech Cement and HCL Technologies were the only gainers.

On the other hand, Eternal, Tata Motors' commercial vehicles arm, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Steel, Bharat Electronics Ltd, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, Trent, Tata Consultancy Services, Hindustan Unilever, and Infosys were among the laggards.

The BSE Midcap gauge fell 0.34 per cent and smallcap closed 0.30 per cent lower.

Among the sectoral indices Consumer Durables climbed by 0.86 per cent, Telecommunication by 0.70 per cent. Realty by 0.43 per cent, Metal by 0.36 per cent, Utilities by 0.30 per cent, Services by 0.26 per cent, and Bankex by 0.13 per cent. A total of 2,450 stocks declined while 1.773 advanced and 144 remain unchanged on the BSE.

India slaps anti-dumping duty on Vietnam steel

THE MOVE IS AIMED AT PROTECTING DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS FROM CHEAP IMPORTS



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 13: India has imposed an anti-dumping duty of \$121.55 per tonne on imports of hot rolled flat steel products from Vietnam for five years.

According to a notification by the finance ministry Thursday, the imposition of the duty was recommended by the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR). "The anti-dumping duty im-

posed under this notification shall be effective for a period of five years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier) from the date of publication of this notification." it said. The steel industry has sought

a probe into the alleged dumping of these steel products in India. DGTR had conducted the investigation and recommended the imposition of the duty. The imposition of the duty assumes significance as steel

manufacturers have raised concerns over the dumping. However, the user industry is against the move.

Anti-dumping probes are

conducted by countries to determine whether domestic industries have been hurt because of a surge in cheap im-

As a countermeasure, they impose these duties under the multilateral regime of Geneva-based World Trade Organization (WTO). The duty is aimed at ensuring fair trading practices and creating a level playing field for domestic producers vis-a-vis foreign producers and exporters.

India and Vietnam are mem bers of the WTO, which is a 166-member multilateral trade body. India also has a free trade agreement with the 10-nation bloc ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) since January 2010. Vietnam is a member of ASEAN.

The bilateral trade between the two countries was \$14.81 billion in 2023-24 against \$14.7 billion in 2022-23. While India's exports stood at \$5.47 billion, imports were \$9.34 billion in the last fiscal, leaving a trade deficit of \$3.87 billion in favour of Vietnam.

VIT Mauritius opens 2026 engineering admissions

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 13:Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) Mauritius has opened applications for its February & August (2026) intake to its flagship engineering programmes inviting aspiring students to take the next step towards their dream careers.

Students can now apply online at www.vitmauritius mu [2] for admissions to the Mauritius campus. No entrance examination is needed as the admissions are purely based on high-school performance and personal interview. Scholarships are also provided for meritorious and needy students.

They can avail three years of post-study work permit in addition to part-time working opportunities during their study period.

MLMML crosses 3L EV sales milestone

MUMBAI: Mahindra Last Mile Mobility Limited (MLMML) fortifies its position as India's leading commercial EV manu facturer with over 3,00,000 electric vehicles sold. MLMML is the first OEM in India to achieve this milestone, setting new benchmarks in sustainable transportation and innovation within the commercial EV space. The company offers India's the Treorange, Zor Grand, e-Alfa 3-wheelers and the Mahin dra ZEO four-wheeler. These EVs have cumulatively covered more than 5 billion kilometre, saving the release of over 185 kilo metric tonne of CO – equivalent to the environmental mpact of planting over 4.3 million trees. Suman Mishra, Managing Director and CEO of Mahindra Last Mile Mobility, said, "Achieving the 3 lakh EV milestone marks a proud moment in our journey towards sustainable mobility. It's a reflection of the trust and confidence customers place on our EVs. At Mahindra Last Mile Mobility, we are not just manufacturing EVs - we are enabling livelihoods and shaping a cleaner future. Through innovation-driven products, we continue to strengthen our commitment to making electric mobility practical and accessible to everyone"



Evos Buildcon marks 16 years of excellence with 'Sankalp'



BHUBANESWAR: Evos Buildcon Pvt Ltd. one of Odisha's leading uxury real estate developers, celebrated its 16th Foundation Day with grandeur through the event 'Sankalp', held at a city hotel. The celebration, attended by employees, investors, customers and partners, highlighted the company's core values of reliability quality and continuous upgradation. The event was graced by BJP Odisha President Manmohan Samal as Chief Guest, Addressing the gathering, Kalinga Keshari Rath, Managing Director of Evos Buildcon, expressed gratitude to all stakeholders for their trust and support. "At Evos, we believe reliability builds trust, quality creates legacy, and continuous upgradation drives the future. As we complete sixteen years, we are not just celebrating milestones but reaffirming our Sankalp - our promise to redefine lifestyles and contribute to Odisha's transformation story," said Rath. He highlighted upcoming landmark projects like Evos Alchemy and Evos Amani, expected to reshape Odisha's skyline with architectural brilliance and timely delivery. Rath announced that around 600 apartments would be delivered by December 2025 across Bhubane swar and Puri, including the much-awaited Sea Roses project. The company also unveiled its 'Sankalp Magazine' and reiterated its long-term 'Vision 2036', aligning with Odisha's Vision 2036: Viksit Odisha for Viksit Bharat. The evening concluded with performances by singer Alok Katdare and legendary trumpeter Kishore Sodha.

AIBRF to launch nationwide agitation for pension revision of bank retirees BHUBANESWAR: The All India Bank Retirees' Federation (AIBRF).

representing over three lakh retired employees from public sector, private, cooperative, and rural banks across India, concluded its Central Executive Committee meeting in Bhubaneswar. The three-day meet, held from November 11 to 13, discussed key issues concerning bank pensioners and announced a nationwide agitation demanding pension revision. AIBRF, established in 1995, has been urging the government and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to update pensions in line with the seven bilateral wage agreements signed since 1995. The federation highlighted the disparity wherein a sub-staff retired in 1986 receives a basic pension of ₹1,440, compared to ₹21,000 for current retirees — a difference of over 1,450 per cent. Despite RBI revising its pension twice in 2019 and 2022, similar benefits have not been extended to bank retirees. he meeting resolved to launch a series of protest: nationwide between November 20, 2025, and March 30, 2026, to press for their demands, which also include 100 per cent dearness allowance neutralisation for pre-2002 retirees, ex-gratia payments, inclusion of special pension in basic pension, pension for non-pensioned employees, and a joint health insurance scheme for employees and retirees. AIBRF leaders, including President SM Deshpande, General Secretary SC Jain, and Organizing Secretary Suresh Sharma, were present at the press meet Thursday.



Vedanta Lanjigarh certified as 'Single Use Plastic Free' unit



POST NEWS NETWORK

Lanjigarh, Nov 13: Vedanta Aluminium. India's largest producer of aluminium, has achieved 'Single Use Plastic Free Unit' certification for its Alumina Refinery in Lanjigarh, Odisha, by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) under the provisions of the CII Plastics-use Protocol.

Awarded in October 2025, this certification by CII under its Plastics-use Protocol recognises Vedanta Lanjigarh's success in eliminating single-use plastics across its operations. This milestone demonstrates the company's commitment to environmental stewardship and sets a benchmark for sustainable practices in India's

manufacturing sector. Over the past year, Vedanta Lanjigarh implemented a complete ban on single-use plastic items across operational areas and its residential township. These were replaced with eco-friendly alternatives such as biodegradable containers and cloth bags. As a result, the site successfully reduced plastic waste by 2,500 kg, reinforcing its pledge to minimize environmental impact.

Speaking on the achievement, Pranab Kumar Bhattacharyya, CEO of Vedanta Alumina Business, said, "This recognition reinforces our belief that responsible operations and business excellence go hand in hand. At Vedanta Lanjigarh, sustainability is embedded in our growth strategy; every initiative we undertake is aimed at creating long-term value while safeguarding the environment. The achievement reflects how disciplined execution and collective ownership can turn our

sustainability commitments into

measurable outcomes.

'Regulatory hurdles weigh on MSMEs' The Assocham report calls for infrastructure improvements and standardisation of processes, a simplified e-way bill regime, dedicated logistics hubs, and upgraded electricity distribution with structured industry feedback

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi. Nov 13: Critical barriers, including crippling regulatory delays, high compliance costs and a lack of effective single window systems, are holding back micro, small and medium enterprises from realising their potential, industry lobby Assocham said Thursday.

Citing its report titled "Ease of Doing Business in the Indian States," the industry lobby called for accelerated, state-driven reforms to empower micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The report outlines the major regulatory and infrastructural bottlenecks that continue to hinder business operations across key Indian states.

These include cumbersome and overlapping approval processes; GST-related hurdles, including complex registration

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WITH A RANGE OF **REGULATORY AND** FRASTRUCTURA **ISSUES** procedures, refund delays,

and frequent ITC disputes: logistics and infrastructure bottlenecks - including e-way bill inefficiencies, and unreliable electricity supply in states such as West Bengal and Odisha, which cause delays and production losses. Moreover, company law and

BIS rules burden MSMEs with complex compliance, exit, and certification delays, while unclear FSSAI norms (especially for biotech products) add further regulatory uncertainty, according to the report.

It emphasises that digitised and time-bound single window systems can be a game-changer in improving the invest-

> ment climate across states It calls for their urgent implementation in states like West

Bengal, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh, where the current systems are fragment-

ed and often function as "multiple windows" replacing them with streamlined processes that have fixed approval timelines and clear accountability. Beyond state-level systems, the report proposes a major

MSME compliance form that

combines multiple filings, such as AOC-4, MGT-7A, DIR-3 KYC MSME Form-I, and DPT-3. It al so suggests moving registered MSMEs under the Companies Act to biennial or triennial filing cycles to ease the admin istrative burden significantly.

The report advocates for a graded penalty structure and exemptions from mandatory audits for smaller enterprises.

It identifies legal and reg ulatory challenges that cut across the national business

of regulatory and infrastructural issues encountered in Odis ha, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Tel angana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Bi har, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Gujarat & Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Goa, J&K





overhaul of the national compliance architecture for small businesses. A key recommendation is the introduction of a single, consolidated annual

ecosystem. The report highlights a range

and Madhya Pradesh.

Jyothi crowned Asian Champion NOIA WARY OF

With titles in both individual and team events, Jyothi **Surekha Vennam** headlined India's dominant five-medal haul in the compound section at the **Asian Archery Championships**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dhaka, Nov 13: Seasoned campaigner Jyothi Surekha Vennam led from the front as Indian compound archers enjoyed a stellar outing, clinching three golds and two silvers on a productive day at the Asian Championships here Thursday. Jyothi secured the women's

individual and team titles to cap a perfect day for the 29-year-old. She first teamed up with Deepshikha, and Prithika Pradeep to registered a thrilling 236–234 victory over Korea in the compound women's team

The trio delivered near-flawless shooting, producing ends of 59 (10, 10, 10, 10, 9, 10) and 58 (10, 10, 10, 9, 10, 9) to outclass the Korean combination of Park Yerin, Oh Yoohyun, and Jungyoon Park

The Asian Games champion then claimed the compound women's individual crown with a hard-fought 147-145 win over 17-year-old Prithika in an all-In-

Jyothi had dropped just one point in her semifinal, comfort-

SHORT **TAKES**

Esha, Manu advance

Cairo: Indian shooters Esha

Singh and Manu Bhaker were

in strong contention for a place

in the final of the women's 25m

Sport Pistol event at the ISSF

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while Manu is placed seventh

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Sarnobat, is currently placed

56th with 284-7x (95, 96, 93).

among the lineup of 85 shooters.

Olympian Esha shot 294-11x (98,

medallist Manu shot 292-11x (98,

striking distance of the leaders.

The third Indian in the fray, Rahi

The top eight shooters after the

completion of the qualification

rounds will advance to the medal

round. The Rapid stage will take

place tomorrow, followed by the

final scheduled on the same day.

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here Thursday. Esha stands fourth



ably defeating Chinese Taipei's Si-Yu Chen 149-143.

While Prithika, one of the season's brightest prospects, has edged out home favourite Most Kulsum Akhter Mone by a single point (146-145) in a tense semifinal.

In the compound mixed team final, Abhishek Verma and Deepshikha combined superbly to defeat Bangladesh 153-151, to secure another gold for India.

The pair displayed consistency under pressure, shooting identical 38-point ends (10, 9, 10, 9 and 9, 10, 9, 10) to seal the title.

However, in the compound men's team final, India fell agonisingly short against Kazakhstan, going down 229–230 to settle for the silver medal.

The Indian trio of Abhishek Verma, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav, and Prathamesh Bhalchandra Fuge was edged out by the Kazakh side of Dilmukhamet Mussa, Bunyod Mirzametov, and Andrey Tyutyun, who held their nerve in the closing arrows.

With recurve medal matches scheduled Friday, India will be in contention to win more medals.

Four-time Olympian Deepika Kumari will face Ankita Bhakat in an all-Indian semi-final, while Sangeeta takes on South Korea's Nam Suhveon in

the other. In the men's recurve section, Dhiraj Bommadevara and Rahul will feature in sepa rate semi-finals.

The Indian men's team of Yashdeep Bhoge, Atanu Das and Rahul will meet South Korea in the gold medal match while the mixed team of Anshi ka Kumari and Yashdeep Sanjay Bhoge will also face South Korea in the bronze medal

JAPAN MASTERS

Lakshya enters quarters, **Prannoy suffers defeat**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

A 2021 World Championship bronze winner, Sen, seeded seventh here, prevailed over world

The world No 15 Sen will clash with former world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore in the quarterfinals. However, later in the day, Prannoy, 33, went down 18-21 15-21 to Denmark's Rasmus Gemke in a

Lakshya opened up an 8-5 lead

The duo fought hard till 14-13 when Lakshya zoomed ahead with seven straight points.

After the change of ends, it was a more dominating show from the Indian as he jumped to 5-0 and then 11-3 at the interval to quash his rival's hopes. Lakshya stayed steady to comfortably close out the match.

Kumamoto (Japan), Nov 13: Star Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen progressed to the quarterfinals with a straight game win over Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh but it was curtains for HS Prannoy in the men's singles competition of Kumamoto Masters Japan here Thursday.

No 20 Teh 21-13 21-11.

46-minute second-round match.

early in the opening game. Teh managed to briefly take a slender 10-9 lead before the Indian had his nose ahead at the break.

SA'S SPIN THREAT

Reigning world champions South Africa eye first series win on Indian soil in 25 years

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, Nov 13: India's awe-inspiring batting depth will face a stern test against South Africa's quality spin attack when the reasonably well-matched sides clash in an eagerly-anticipated twomatch Test series beginning here Friday.

India would be haunted by the ghosts of last year's home debacle against New Zealand when their home record was shattered by Kiwi spinners Ajaz Patel, Mitchell Santner and Glenn Phillips, who shared 36 wickets across three Tests, fashioning an unprecedented 0-3 whitewash.

Given South Africa's heavy reliance on tweakers right now, that collapse against sustained spin pressure will linger in the collective memory of the home side.

The reigning World Test champions are known for fiery pacers historically but are currently armed with one of the most potent spin groups in world cricket.

The Proteas arrive on the back of a morale-boosting 1-1 draw in Pakistan, achieved without inspirational captain Temba Bavuma.

South Africa's spin trio of Keshav Maharaj, Simon Harmer and Senuran Muthusamy accounted for 35 of the 39 wickets to fall across the series outperforming Pakistan's own slow-bowling contingent of Noman Ali, Sajid Khan, Asif Afridi and Salman Agha, who managed 27 wickets collectively.

The Eden Gardens pitch has therefore become the mostwatched element of this contest. While India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak and captain Shubman Gill have made multiple pitch inspections, Cricket Association of Bengal president Sourav Ganguly has assured that it "won't be a rank-turner".

That will please Jasprit Bumrah, who could be India's trump card on a surface that historically gives early movement and late reverse swing. India would look to go with two pacers and it appears that Akash Deep, the local 'boy', will have the edge with his knowledge of the conditions.

Over the last 15 years, pac-



India, who have twice finished WTC runners-up, are currently third in the standings after a 2-2 draw in England and a 2-0 home victory against West Indies

──□ India and South Africa have played 44 tests, out of which, India won 16 games while South Africa won 18 matches. 10 games ended in a draw

ers have taken 61 per cent (97 of 159 wickets) in Tests here as seam and swing play a major role, especially in the early and closing stages While a young Indian side

under Shubman Gill's debut captaincy drew 2-2 in England this summer, showing resilience and adaptability in seaming conditions, it is the New Zealand debacle at home that continues to rankle.

The subsequent 2-0 win against a weak West Indies side in this WTC cycle did little to test India's revival.

For India, the focus will be on application and patience against spin. With Rishabh Pant fit again

and an in-form Dhruv Jurel set to play as a specialist batter. the middle order looks more stable. Washington Sundar, who topped India's spin charts in that New Zealand series with 16 wickets, provides drift and bounce and lends depth with the bat.

For India, batting big and putting the opposition under the scoreboard pressure will be the key to exorcising the ghosts of last year's collapse.

Proteas captain wants team to prove credentials

Schampions and skipper Temba Bayuma wants them to play like it and prove their credentials in the two-test series against India beginning Friday, After decades of trying to shed the 'choker' tag, South Africa registered their first major triumph in June when they



beat Australia in the World Test Championship final. Five months on from their Lord's glory, South Africa arrived in India with swagger but also a point to prove - that the WTC trophy was no fluke. "We're known as the champions, the current champions at this point," Bavuma told reporters on the eve of the series opener at Eden Gardens. "We have a lovely opportunity now coming up against India in their own conditions. There's not many bigger challenges than that. So, it's an opportunity for us to kind of stamp ourselves with that label."

Historic BJK Cup starts

Bangalore: The Indian women's tennis team will be eager to script its own defining moment when it chases its first ever Billie Jean King Cup qualifiers berth, hoping to tame formidable playoff opponents in the Netherlands and Slovenia on home turf beginning Friday. The whole nation is still riding high on the Indian women's cricket team's maiden World Cup triumph recently, and it will be a further fillip if tennis stars can progress to the 2026 qualifiers. India are in Group G along with Netherlands and Slovenia, and their campaign will be led by Sahaja Yamalapalli, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, Ankita Raina, Riya Bhatia, and Prarthana Thombare. India's first clash will be against Slovenia on Saturday followed by the match-up against the seventh-seeded Dutch team Sunday. This is the first time India is hosting the prestigious competition and the three teams will face each other in roundrobin matches.

Sinner seals SF spot

Turin: Defending champion Jannik Sinner sealed a semifinal spot at the ATP Finals with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Alexander Zverev before his home fans. Sinner extended his winning streak on indoor hard courts to 28 matches - stretching back to his loss to Novak Djokovic in the final of this event two years ago. It was Sinner's fifth straight victory over Zverev - a run that includes this year's Australian Open final and recent meetings in Vienna and Paris. The second-ranked Sinner still has a chance to finish the year at No 1. But he needs to win the tournament and hope that Carlos Alcaraz doesn't win another match

1ST INDIAN WOMAN TO LIFT IBSF WORLD SNOOKER TITLE

Cue sensation Anupama scripts history

23-year-old Chennai girl holds her nerve and steals the final black ball after On Yee misses sitter in a nail-biting final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Doha, Nov 13: India's Anupama Ramachandran held her nerve under pressure to beat Hong Kong's Ng On Yee to clinch the World snooker title here Thursday.

The 23-year-old Chennai girl edged out On Yee 3-2 to become the first Indian woman to annex the IBSF World Snooker (15-red) crown.

Anupama, who won the Asian snooker title last year, got lucky towards the end when On Yee, a three-time champion, missed the final black with the score 60-61 in the decider.

Anupama sank the tough black to the bottom left-hand pocket to lay her hands on the

The Indian ace, who ousted compatriot Keerthana Pandian 3-1 in the semifinals late Wednesday night, staged a spir-



five frame final.

She drew parity after losing the first frame. Down 1-2 in the fourth, Anupama came up with a gritty 29-break under pressure to level frame scores.

In the decider, the Indian ace potted a long red to the top right-hand pocket and snookered herself thrice. But On Yee failed to capitalise on the offering.

Up 61-42 with just 25 points on the table, the Indian played

Odisha pickleball team in IPA Nationals 2025

a poor safety on the green which was stuck to the pink near the green cushion — to give her rival a chance to close out the match. Fortunately for Anupama, On Yee, who took the green, brown, blue and pink, missed a sitter black. Anupama soon potted the black to emerge the champion.

Results: Final: Anupama Ramachandran (Ind) bt Ng On Yee (HKC) 3-2 (51-74, 65-41, 10-71,

78-20, 68-60).

India's biggest pickleball event kicks off in Bangalore with record participation



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore, Nov 13: The Odisha pickleball contingent has set out to participate in the IPA National Championship, scheduled from November 13 to 16 at The Sports School, Bangalore.

It is the first national event since the sport received official recognition from the National Sports Federation (NSF). A total of 23 players are representing the state across five age categories - Open Men's, 30+ Men's, 40+ Men's, 50+ Men's, and Open Women's - marking



Selections for the Odisha team were conducted in October at Grand Awaas, and the chosen athletes are now competing in their respective categories at the national level. Prior to the championship, the entire squad underwent intensive training under Coach Sumeet Panda at Grand Awaas to prepare for the competition.

The team is being led by cap-



ti Dash serving as team manager, and Sumeet Panda as coach, under the overall guidance of Dilip Mohanty, IPA Director. Odisha began their fight in

the 30+ Doubles category, defeating Uttar Pradesh and Assam in straight sets Thursday here. They fought hard against Gujarat and Haryana but lost in close matches. In the Open Men's category, Odisha's team defeated Kerala and Madhya Pradesh, but lost to Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. With these results, Odisha will have to be satisfied with reaching the pre-quarter stage in both events.

CHESS WORLD CUP

Arjun, Harikrishna into top 16, Praggnanandhaa crashes out

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Panaji, Nov 13: Grandmasters Ariun Erigaisi and P Harikrish na had another good day as they sent veteran Peter Leko of Hungary and Swede Nils Grandelius packing in the fourth-round tie breaker here Thursday.

Arjun dumped Leko 3-1 in the first set of tiebreaker itself while Harikrishna drew the first and then won the second for an overall 2.5-1.5 victory that took him to round of 16.

R Praggnanandhaa meanwhile could not maintain the parity and lost to Daniil Dubov of Russia to mark his exit from this year's World Cup.

It may be recalled that in the previous edition held in 2023, the young Indian had made it all the way to the finals before losing to eventual winner Magnus Carlsen of Norway.

For Arjun the next round will



be crucial as he will take on inform Levon Aronian of United States. Aronian has been peaking at the right time and could be a tough opponent for anyone in the event. The former Armenian is the only player in history to have won the World Cup twice.

Harikrishna showed why is a class act yet again. Having won two matches under standard time control, the Indian was stretched in to the tiebreaker first time in the event and outplayed Grandelius in the second game played under 15 minutes rapid section.

VISA SETBACK

provide proper docs

China asks Nagal to

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Beijing, Nov 13: The Chinese Foreign Ministry Thursday said India's top-ranked tennis player Sumit Nagal, who was denied visa to travel to the country for a tournament, should submit his application to their Embassy with all required documents.

Nagal was scheduled to travel to Chengdu to compete in the Australian Open Playoff event, which will give the regional players a main-draw entry into the 2026 Australian Open.

Nagal wrote on X that his visa was rejected without reason and he sought help of Chinese Ambassador to India Tuesday.

Asked for a response, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokes person Lin Jian said China issues visas to athletes from all countries, including India, in accordance with laws and regulations.

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