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BUSINESS EMINENCE AWARDS 2025

Collective efforts needed to propel growth: Singh Deo



**GROWTH MANTRA:** Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo delivers his speech during the fifth edition of Business Eminence Awards organised by **Dharitri** and **Orissa POST** at Swosti Premium in Bhubaneswar, Saturday, as the newspapers' Editor Tathagata Satpathy and Biggies Burger Founder Biraja Prasad Rout look on

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, April 5:** Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo emphasised the need for collective efforts by entrepreneurs and people to take the state forward.

“There is still much work to be done to make Odisha the No. 1 state in the country. With the right direction and support, this goal can be achieved,” Singh Deo said while speaking as the Chief Guest at the fifth edition of the Business Eminence Awards, organised by Dharitri and Orissa POST, at Swosti Premium here, Saturday.

Conveying Ashoka Ashtami greetings to the winners and the audience, Singh Deo said the initiative by the twin publications in recognising and honouring budding entrepreneurs from the state would go a long way in the advancement of business environment in the state.

He specifically heaped praises on Biggies Burger Founder Biraja Prasad Rout, who attended the event as Chief Speaker, for making Odisha proud with his epoch-making achievement in successfully leading the operations of a pan-India restaurant chain of over 150 outlets. Singh Deo said the young Odia entrepreneur's feat is worth emulating. ➡ **Contd...P3**

Couple killed as car hits bike

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Jajpur, April 5:** A couple was killed while their four-year-old son had a narrow escape after the motorcycle on which they were travelling was hit by an unidentified car in Jajpur district Saturday, police said.

The deceased were identified as Sukanta Mallick and his wife Jhunu Mallick of Solabandi village under Asanjhara panchayat in Korai police limits. The mishap took place near a tollgate on NH-16 under Panikoili police limits when the couple and their son were travelling towards Panikoili around 8:30am, a police officer said. A car rammed into their motorcycle and sped away, he said. While the woman reportedly died on the spot, the man sustained critical injuries and succumbed at a hospital.

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AI might threaten every profession—except politics. Lying is an art it can never master!

Is Naveen secular, asks Samantaray

PNN & AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar, April 5:** Stepping up his protest against the dramatic turn of events within the party ahead of the voting on Waqf (Amendment) Bill in the Upper House of the Parliament, BJD Rajya Sabha MP Debashish Samantaray Saturday demanded party president Naveen Patnaik to clear the air over his secular credentials.

“Naveen should open up and give a statement that he is still secular. This is because he often says every bone in his body is secular. He should also say our Parliamentary Party leader Sasmit (Patra) misunderstood him,” Samantaray told **Orissa POST**.

He said the party's stand on the Bill will cast its shadow on minority votes. “Minority population is significantly higher in 28 coastal constituencies of the state. In some of these seats, the number of minority voters ranges between 30,000 and 40,000. The party is likely to lose these seats,” Samantaray said.

He, however, chose not to blame Patra.

“Sasmit is not the villain here. He does not take decisions, he merely follows instructions. The real power lies elsewhere, with the ‘chief advisor’,” Samantaray said while not naming the close aide of



Patnaik. “Everybody knows who he is,” he said. Ostensibly he was hinting at bureaucrat-turned-politician VK Pandian, whose proximity to the former CM is an open secret.

The BJD MP also hinted at a ‘big deal’ between the ‘chief advisor’ and the BJP.

“There has been a big deal. The chief advisor has made some kind of arrangement with the BJP. A bureaucrat, who has recently taken voluntary retirement, may be part of this deal. You all know who has recently taken VRS. I leave it to your understanding,” Samantaray said.

Senior Odisha cadre IAS officer Sujata R Karthikeyan, the wife of Pandian, recently took voluntary retirement from government service. Karthikeyan, a 2000-batch officer, was serving as the special secretary in Finance department.

Patra is in the eye of the storm after revealing that he had voted in favour of the contentious

Bill. After BJD announced it would oppose the Bill, and even party MP Muzibulla Khan spoke against it in the Rajya Sabha April 3, Patra put out a post on X before voting, stating that party MPs could vote as per their conscience and that there was no whip issued to them.

This led to confusion among the lawmakers, and many senior leaders have raised questions about whether Patra could change the decision of Naveen, who apart from being the BJD president, was also chairman of the Parliamentary Party. “I abstained from voting due to confusion... the party had earlier decided to oppose the Bill and at the last moment, we were asked to vote as per our conscience,” Samantaray added.

Meanwhile, party spokesperson Lenin Mohanty said, “Ours’ is a secular party. Our party constitution clearly reflects this. Whatever action we have taken during the last 24 years of BJD regime, now and in future, it has been and will be purely on lines of secularism. Our party has always been with minorities.”

He also said that BJD is the first party to have nominated a minority member Muzibulla Khan (Munna Khan) to Rajya Sabha. **More P3**

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Anant Ambani walks the talk

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**Jamnagar, April 5:** In India, where padayatras are an intrinsic element of the country's civilisational heritage, a scion of the country's wealthiest family has embarked on a walking pilgrimage redolent of this very Indian way of seeking union with the divine.

Anant Ambani, 29, is on a 170-kilometre padayatra from Jamnagar, his ancestral hometown and karmabhoomi, to Dwarka, one of India's holiest cities. After setting out March 29, he has been covering about 20 kilometres daily, walking for about seven hours each night. He will reach Dwarka, a city that is etched in India's religious and spiritual lore, April 8—a day before his 30th birthday.

Along the way, Ambani has encountered an attitude of reverence and goodwill—some have walked along with him a part of the way in solidarity,



others have given his pictures of the presiding deity Lord Dwarkadhish and still others have come over with their horses to get their pictures taken.

Ambani's padayatra is also remarkable for the fact that the strenuous journey has been undertaken surmounting the debility caused by Cushing's Syndrome—a rare hormonal disorder—and morbid obesity, as well as asthma and a severe lung disease.

Along this spiritual padayatra, Anant has been chanting

the Hanuman Chalisa, the Sundarkand and the Devi Stotra on his way to Dwarka.

The younger son of Reliance Industries' Mukesh Ambani is a devout Sanatani who wears his spiritual passion on his sleeve. Some of India's most iconic religious destinations are his regular haunts and the beneficiaries of his munificence—Badrinath, Kedarnath, Kamakhya, Nathdwara, Kailash and the Kumbh Mela, to name just few. ➡ **Contd...P3**

Elderly woman killed during robbery bid

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**Jajpur, April 5:** An elderly woman was killed and her daughter injured after they were attacked by miscreants who tried to rob their house in Jajpur district, police said Saturday.

The incident took place at Tigiria village under Balichandrapur police limits in Jajpur district Friday night. The deceased woman has been identified as Kausalya Pati, 77. Her daughter Mamata Pati, 55, an ASHA work-

er, is undergoing treatment at Badachana CHC after being critically injured in the attack. Police said Kaushalya was living with her daughter who had been abandoned by her husband.

Two unidentified robbers barged into their house while the two women were sleeping. Hearing a noise, the two woke up and tried to resist. The looters then attacked them with a sharp object. While Kaushalya died on the spot Mamata was grievously wounded.

Meitei, Kuki meet for first time

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**New Delhi, April 5:** For the first time since ethnic violence started in Manipur nearly two years ago, the representatives of the warring Meitei and Kuki communities met face-to-face Saturday as the Centre intensified efforts to restore peace and bring back normalcy in the northeastern state.

The meeting, which was held here at the aegis of the Union Home Ministry, discussed various aspects of the ongoing conflict and decided to continue their dialogue to find an amicable solution acceptable to people of the state, sources privy to the meeting said.

The sources said the meeting, which lasted for about five hours, was held as part of the Central government's initiatives to resolve the ongoing conflict between the two communities, which began in May 2023 and had worsened ethnic tensions.

The meeting was aimed at enhancing trust and cooperation between the Meiteis and Kukis and finding a roadmap to restore peace and normalcy in Manipur, they said. The discussions also stressed on maintaining law and order and facilitating reconciliation between the two communities, the sources said.

Sahara, once green, was home to mysterious human lineage

REUTERS

**Cairo, April 5:** The Sahara Desert is one of the Earth's most arid and desolate places, stretching across a swathe of North Africa that spans parts of 11 countries and covers an area comparable to China or the United States. But it has not always been so inhospitable.

During a period from about 14,500 to 5,000 years ago, it was a lush green savannah rich in bodies of water and teeming with life. And, according to DNA obtained from the remains of two individuals who lived about 7,000 years ago in what is now Libya, it was home to a mysterious lineage of people isolated from the outside world.



Researchers analysed the first genomes from people who lived in what is called the ‘Green Sahara.’ They obtained DNA from the bones of two females buried at a rock shelter called Takarkori in remote southwestern Libya. They were naturally mummified, representing the oldest-known mummified human remains.

“At the time, Takarkori was a lush savannah with a nearby lake, unlike today's arid desert landscape,” said archaeogeneticist Johannes Krause of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, one of the authors of the study published this week in the journal Nature.

The genomes reveal that the Takarkori individuals were

part of a distinct and previously unidentified human lineage that lived separated from sub-Saharan and Eurasian populations for thousands of years.

“Intriguingly, the Takarkori people show no significant genetic influence from sub-Saharan populations to the south or Near Eastern and prehistoric European groups to the north.

This suggests they remained genetically isolated despite practicing animal husbandry - a cultural innovation that originated outside Africa,” Krause said.

Archaeological evidence indicates that these people were pastoralists, herding domesticated animals. Artefacts found at the site include tools made of stone, wood and animal bones, pottery, woven baskets and carved figurines.

The ancestry of the two Takarkori individuals was found to have derived from a North African lineage that separated from sub-Saharan populations around 50,000 years ago. That roughly coincides with when other human lineages spread beyond the continent and into

the Middle East, Europe and Asia - becoming the ancestors of all people outside Africa.

“The Takarkori lineage likely represents a remnant of the genetic diversity present in northern Africa between 50,000 and 20,000 years ago,” Krause said.

“From 20,000 years ago onward, genetic evidence shows an influx of groups from the Eastern Mediterranean, followed by migrations from Iberia and Sicily around 8,000 years ago. However, for reasons still unknown, the Takarkori lineage persisted in isolation for much longer than expected. Since the Sahara only became habitable about 15,000 years ago, their original homeland remains uncertain,” Krause said.



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## FORTUNE FORECAST

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**ARIES**  
With your substantial inter-personal abilities, you will accomplish a great deal today, says Ganesha. Your power of expression will impress many people. Financial rewards are on the cards, but be cautious about minor accidents and illnesses.

**TAURUS**  
You have a very pleasant day ahead. Though you are, by nature, restless and excitable you will be very steady and focused in whatever you do today. So says Ganesha. Later you will desire to enjoy the company of your friends and will call them over to chat and gossip with them. The evening will provide you lots of fun and laughter. You should be ending the day on a happy, contented note.

**GEMINI**  
You will be lost in the memories of the past today. You will be in a nostalgic frame of mind. Intellectual pursuits will attract you. Do not let your past lay a shadow upon your present and your future, says Ganesha.

**CANCER**  
In all likelihood, this is going to be a fairly easy day for you, says Ganesha. The only tough part of the day would be how to spend it. There will be hardly anything to do, anyone to talk to. Ideally, this is what you would call a perfect day. But not today. Today, you'll miss people. You will find yourself more at peace with the unbearable chaos of the outer world than the deafening calm of your solitude.

**LEO**  
A lot of people will sing your praises, however you will not be satisfied with whatever is occurring. The answers to some questions that have been bothering you will remain elusive. You may become emotional owing to feelings of personal loss. You will also be bothered about the near future, says Ganesha.

**VIRGO**  
Family affairs will pre-dominate today. They will even control your thoughts to the exclusion of everything else. Things will look up on the business front. You may spend time relaxing in the evening. Ganesha says a trip to a place of worship is on the cards.

**LIBRA**  
Health is always a key issue, and today, you may have to pay some special attention to the same. It may be some elderly person in the family, or even you. Take the time to give it your full attention in order to avoid any further complications. You may do well to undergo a physical examination yourself.

**SCORPIO**  
A cloud of emotions surrounds you today and you would like to spend the entire day in introspection and self-analysis. You will try to raise your bar at professional level. Your far sightedness and capability to understand human psychology promises a leader in you, says Ganesha.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Variety is the spice of life. Add variety of activities to your daily schedule and nothing would seem boring any more, foretells Ganesha. Indulge in creative activities like writing, cooking, gardening or even reading. Catch up with friends and memories of old times; have a blast!

**CAPRICORN**  
You'll have apparently no time for anything else, as partnerships and projects will keep you on your toes. You communication skills and diplomacy will fetch you accolades in meetings, and also enable you to judge a person or a situation correctly, and form the right opinion. The efforts you have in the past may come to fruition today, feels Ganesha.

**AQUARIUS**  
You will be able to strike a balance between the emotional and rational side of your personality. You will find pleasure in your work and may successfully mix your personal life into your professional life. Financially, there are no major issues, but negligible matters may keep your mind occupied, feels Ganesha.

**PISCES**  
You could find yourself re-establishing contact with long lost friends abroad, possibly on matters of business. You will also likely find yourself attending social events. There is a possibility that those who are unmarried, may find their match in these social settings. Long term personal or business relationships will likely be established today, says Ganesha.



## LILY ALLEN AUDITIONED FOR THE WHITE LOTUS

Singer-songwriter Lily Allen revealed she attempted to land a role in Mike White's TV anthology series *The White Lotus* by sending in a self-tape audition but was not successful. The 39-year-old singer was recently split from her second husband, *Stranger Things* actor David Harbour.

## TAXI DRIVER WRITER PAUL SCHRADER ACCUSED OF SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

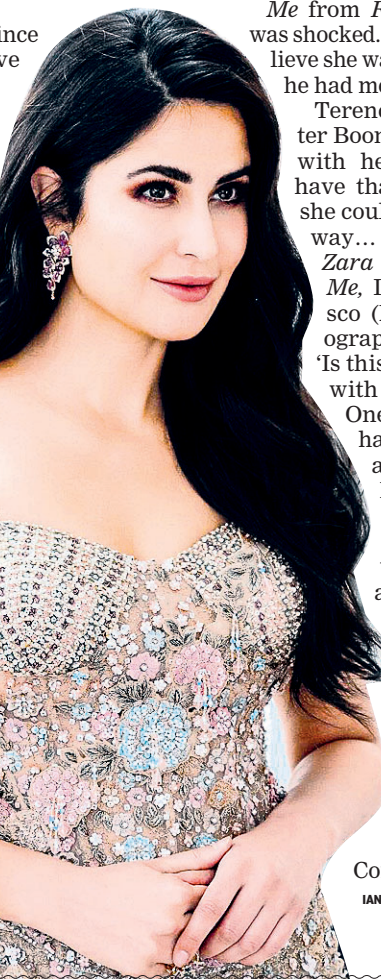
Screenwriter Paul Schrader, whose credits include *Taxi Driver* and *Raging Bull*, has been slapped with a lawsuit. He has been accused in a legal filing of sexually harassing his former assistant, and of backing out of an agreement to pay her a settlement.



## ‘Katrina wasn’t a natural dancer’

**MUMBAI:** Katrina Kaif has established herself as a top dancer in Bollywood with hits like *Chikni Chameli*, *Sheila Ki Jawani*, and *Afghan Jalebi*. However, she wasn't a natural dancer from the start. In a recent interview, choreographer Terence Lewis revealed that when Katrina debuted in 2003, she lacked rhythm but has since undergone an impressive transformation.

In an interview with an entertainment portal, Terence recalled Katrina's early struggles with dance. He said, "I remember her coming to my studio way back when Boom had just released. She was doing a diamond jewellery show. We



were trying to teach her. She was also very young, fresh to India, very like 'What am I supposed to do?' And it wasn't very Bollywood, we kept it more Western, but still, she was struggling with the dance steps. Rhythm was not there."

However, when Terence saw Katrina's impressive moves in *Zara Zara Touch Me* from *Race* (2008), he was shocked. He couldn't believe she was the same girl he had met years ago.

Terence added, "After Boom, I did a show with her. She didn't have that figure. And she couldn't dance the way... When she did *Zara Zara Touch Me*, I called up Bosco (Martis, choreographer) and said, 'Is this the same girl, with that figure?'"

One of the most hardworking actors, Katrina Kaif. Because she was not a dancer. She wasn't trained as a dancer. And she was very tall and statuesque, a big built. How she's worked on her body! How she's worked on her dance! Commendable."

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**MUMBAI:** Hrithik Roshan has expressed his desire to work with British American director Christopher Nolan. While on a USA Tour in Atlanta to mark his 25 years in the Indian Entertainment Industry, the *Koi...Mil Gaya* actor opened up about his wish.

Calling the Academy Award winning director as 'one of his favourites,' Hrithik spoke about his admiration for Christopher Nolan's work. He is celebrated for his films like *Mememto* (2000), *The Dark Knight Trilogy* (2005-2012), *Inception* (2010), *Interstellar* (2014) and his most recent work

*Oppenheimer* (2023) which won the Academy Award for Best Director and Best Picture.

When asked about his dream director whom he would like to work with, Hrithik quipped, "Rakesh Roshan - that dream happened right in the beginning," alluding to his debut film *Kaho... Naa Pyaar Hai*. Adding further, he stated, "Now, I'd actually like to work with Christopher Nolan. He is one of my favourite directors."

The audience of Atlanta applauded Hrithik's answer. The *Kaho Na Pyar Hai* actor who is immensely popular overseas for his films like *Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham*, *Dhoom 2*, *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara* and *War*, to name a few, embarked on a USA Tour after nearly two decades. The tour witnessed an audience of nearly 5,000 in its very first location - Atlanta.

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# Nushrratt on casual sexism in showbiz

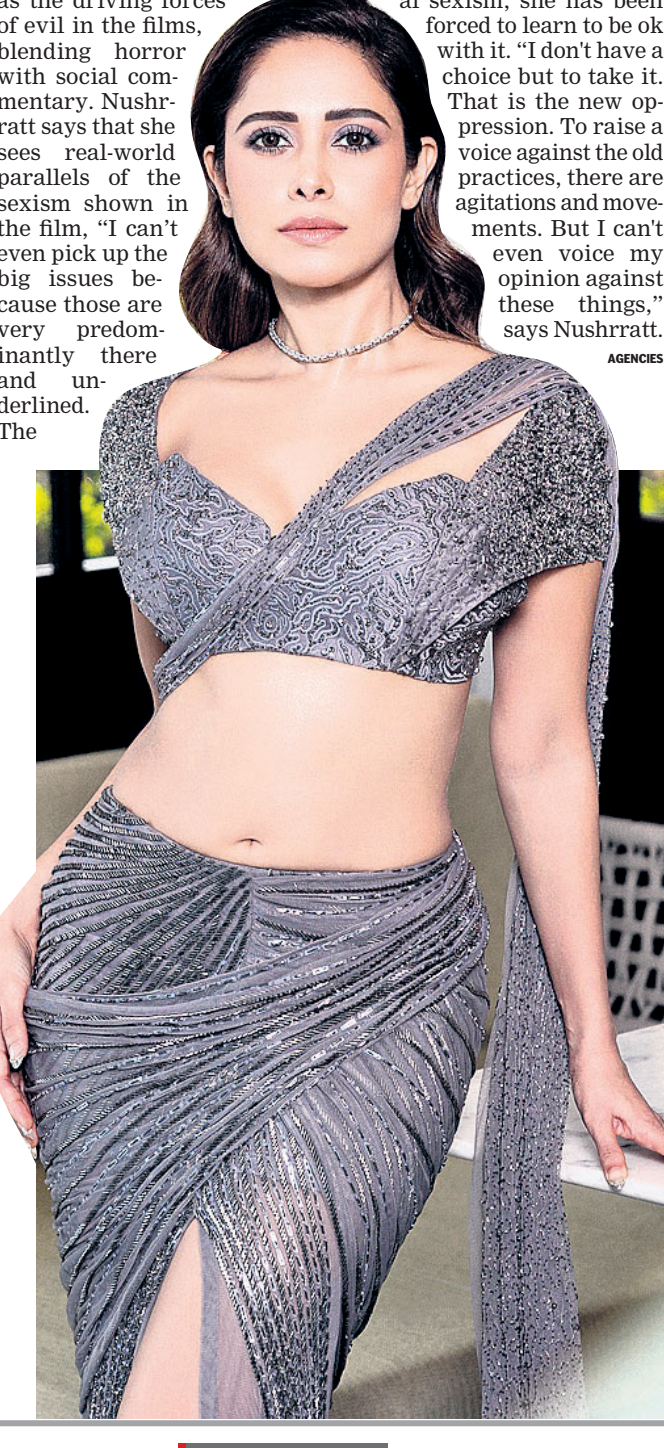
**MUMBAI:** Nushrratt Bharuccha is returning to horror with *Chhorii 2*. The first film won praise from critics and audiences alike, particularly for blending horror with social evils in the 21st century. Ahead of the sequel's release, Nushrratt talks to a news portal about the film and its real-life parallels.

A big motif in the *Chhorii* franchise is how it highlights patriarchy and misogyny as the driving forces of evil in the films, blending horror with social commentary. Nushrratt says that she sees real-world parallels of the sexism shown in the film, "I can't even pick up the big issues because those are very predominantly there and underlined. The

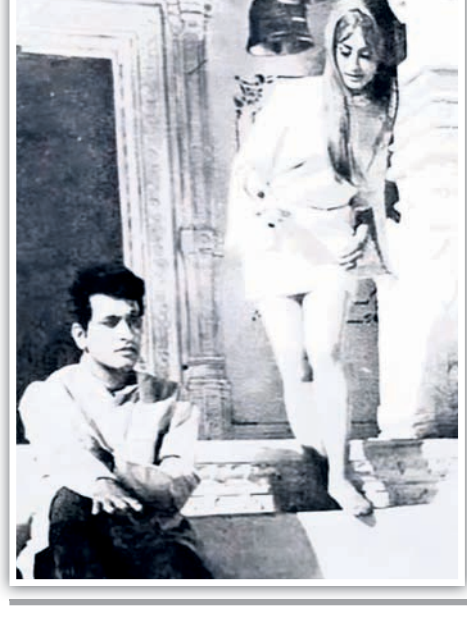
ones that bug me are the ones that we normalise. We have made it ok to say things to a woman or to treat a girl that way. We have made it ok to tell a girl 'you won't get it' or 'your opinion doesn't matter'. I don't just like the people who say that but there are five that say but 500 to agree. For me, the everyday problems, the casual sexism is what bothers me."

The actor says that due to the normalisation of casual sexism, she has been forced to learn to be ok with it. "I don't have a choice but to take it. That is the new oppression. To raise a voice against the old practices, there are agitations and movements. But I can't even voice my opinion against these things," says Nushrratt.

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# Saira looks back at her time working with Manoj



**MUMBAI:** Veteran actress Saira Banu remembered her late co-star Manoj Kumar with a heartfelt post where she shared some fond memories of working with the legendary actor.

Talking about what it was like working with the *Kranti* star, she wrote, "Soon after my very first film, I began receiving numerous offers. Among them was *Shaadi*, a film that holds a special place in my heart. It was here that I was paired opposite Manoj ji for the very first time. I was such a shy and reserved young girl back then, and I had this peculiar habit of being extremely awkward on set, especially during romantic scenes. But Manoj ji, with his quiet understanding and immense grace, would simply walk away from the set whenever my solo shots were being filmed just so I could feel at ease. We were both people of few words, but there was a quiet comfort in our working relationship that required no explanation."

Reflecting on Manoj's bond with her

late husband Dilip Kumar, Saira Banu added, "Manoj ji had the deepest admiration for our Sahib. The bond they shared was beautiful cooking together, trying out new versions of omelettes, flying kites, and engaging in sher-o-shayari for hours."

She revealed that during the shoot of the film *Aadmi*, Manoj Kumar, started to imitate Dilip Kumar's mannerisms.

"There is a most endearing memory I often recall with great affection during the making of *Aadmi*, Manoj ji, quite unknowingly, began imitating Sahib's mannerisms. Sahib, with a twinkle in his eye, gently said to him, 'Yaar tu meri tarah shots kar le, main kuch aur tareeka nikaalta hoon!'" Oh, how we all laughed it was a moment filled with such warmth and camaraderie," she shared.

Saira Banu further disclosed that Manoj Kumar had decided to shelve his film *Purab Aur Paschim* in case Dilip Kumar had not allowed her to work on it.

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SUDOKU

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## PEANUTS



## CALVIN AND HOBBS



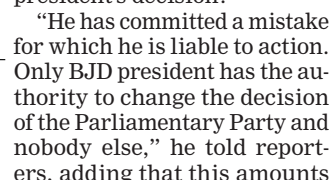
## BREVITY





# Growth needs united efforts: Singh Deo

She said the Business Eminence Awards was established in 2021 to honour entrepreneurs, who overcome obstacles, create jobs, and contribute to the state's and the country's economic development.



BJD MLA and former minister Badri Narayan Patra said, "This situation is a result of a deliberate mischief. How could Sasmit Patra dare to defy the BJD president's decision and announce on his X handle regarding the change of stand? He has put the entire party in a fix."

On allegations about a 'deal' between BJP and BJP over the Waqf Bill, Samal said, "We do not do deals. Nation is first for us. People worried about the rights of poor Muslims have supported the Bill. The seven BJP MPs have been divided into three categories: one who supported the Bill, those who opposed it and one who abstained from voting. There is no unanimity in the BJP."

**Bhubaneswar:** As part of its silver jubilee celebrations, Loyola School organised an Inter-School Declamation Competition titled 'Echoes of Thought' here Saturday. The event brought together 36 students from Classes IX to XII, representing 12 leading schools from Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. The young participants showcased impressive oratory skills, addressing a range of thought-provoking topics with clarity and passion. The competition was judged by a distinguished panel comprising Prachi Tara, Odisha's leading storyteller, Gourav Mohanty, bestselling author of Sons of Darkness, and Sujit Mahapatra, founder of the Bakul Foundation. Rector FR Augustine Ezhakunnel, SJ and Principal FR A Amalados, SJ graced the occasion, inspiring students with their encouraging words. In the junior category (Classes IX-X), DAV Unit VIII secured first place, followed by St. Joseph School and Loyola School. In the senior category (Classes XI-XII), DAV Unit VIII once again took first and third positions, while Loyola School claimed second.

The BJP government has decided to implement the

In addition, the central scheme 'Ayushman Vaya-Vandana Yojana' will also be implemented in Odisha for all persons aged 70 years and above, irrespective of their economic status, he added.

Ambani is showing that he can walk in the footsteps of a hoary spiritual tradition while also creating the future in the world of business.

**BHUBANESWAR:** The annual Rukuna Rath Yatra of Lord Lingaraj began Saturday with thousands of devotees pulling the chariot in Bhubaneswar's Old Town amid heavy security. The chariot could not reach the Mausima Temple before sunset and will resume its journey Sunday morning, temple priests said. Earlier, rituals like Mangala Alati, Abakasha Niti, and Sahanamela were performed. In a vibrant Pahandi procession, the bronze idols of Chandrasekhar, Devi Rukuna, and Ananta Basudev were brought to the chariot with chants, drumsbeats, and conch sounds. The return journey, Bahuda Yatra, is scheduled for April 9 and 10, during which the seating arrangement of the deities will be changed.

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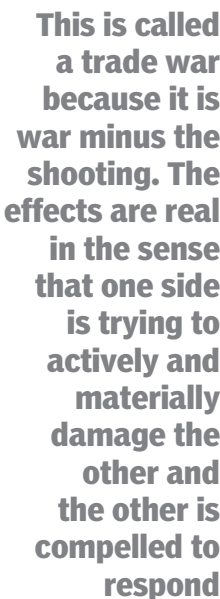
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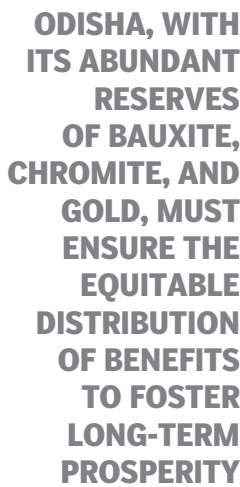
**“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”**

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- THE MILLIONS  
OF PARENTS  
WHO RELY ON  
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**SPECTRUM STATE**



If these efforts succeed, governments will wield unprecedented surveillance power. Although often justified as necessary to combat child abuse, there is little evidence to suggest that children will be safer if government agencies gain unlimited access to their photos, conversations, and location data. In fact, as Washington Post reporters Jessica Contrera, Jenn Abelson, and John D. Harden showed in their investigation of child



To be fair, some of the governments currently seeking to weaken encryption are trying to address real problems, such as the spread of child pornography, terrorist recruitment, and online scams. But it is crucial to understand the role encryption does – and does not – play in facilitating these

Lastly, as Donna Haraway

When policymakers in Washington and London start to resemble their counterparts in Beijing and Moscow in their approach to privacy, it is time for serious self-reflection. But it's not too late to change course. Those of us who care about online privacy must speak up, contact our representatives, and demand that they protect encryption from efforts to undermine it, thereby preserving the freedoms that previous generations once took for granted.

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# Every day is Utkal Divas

Odisha's youth represent its greatest potential, yet many skilled workers seek opportunities outside the state. Programmes like "Skilled-in-Odisha" must pivot towards creating jobs within Odisha itself, focusing on sectors like mining, fisheries, and tourism. Supporting entrepreneurship and fostering startups are essential for a thriving ecosystem. The state must assess its contributions to India's startup growth and demographic dividend.

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## Letters

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## Dedication to the Nation of New Pamban Bridge

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2.08 Km long bridge benefitting over 25 lakh pilgrims  
visiting Ramanathaswamy Temple annually
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Advanced material and anti-corrosion technology used
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Boost to local tourism and socio-economy growth

4-laning of Villupuram - Puducherry Section of NH-332  
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Wider roads ensure smooth traffic flow,  
shorter travel time, and lower fuel costs
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Strengthens linkages between  
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### New Train between Rameswaram and Tambaram (Chennai)


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Improved connectivity in Delta region of  
Tamil Nadu, uplifting local economies
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Enhances accessibility to religious and tourist  
destinations

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### 4-laning of Walajahpet/Ranipet– Tamil Nadu/Andhra Pradesh Border Section of NH-40

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- Dr. L. Murugan

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Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs
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Climate Change, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
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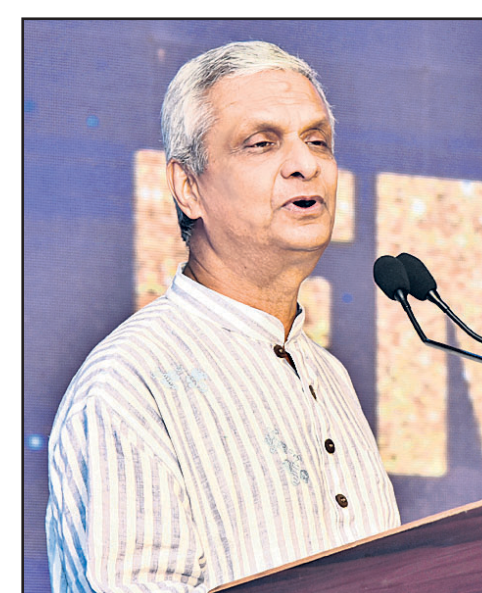
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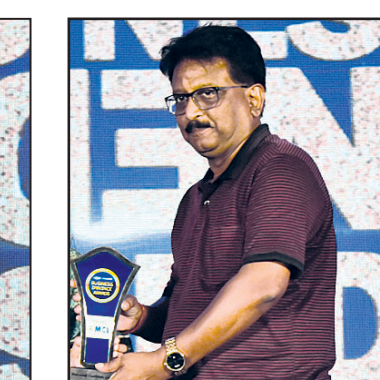
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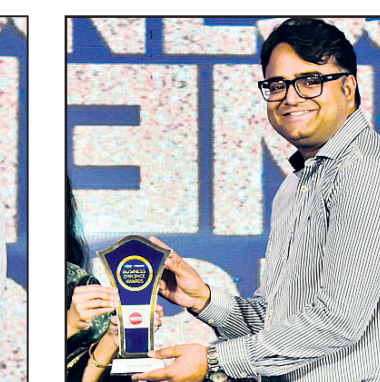
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# AP developing projects on govt land in disputed Kotia

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Pottangi, April 5:** The responsibility of protecting government land in villages along the Odisha-Andhra Pradesh border lies with the Revenue department. However, due to the alleged negligence of the concerned officers, Andhra Pradesh is reportedly carrying out various development works on on government land in order to win over the local population.

The local intelligentsia and observers have raised serious concern questioning how Andhra is executing these projects, and with whose permission.

Moreover, the Supreme Court had directed both the states to maintain the status quo and form a parliamentary committee to resolve the border dispute. However, reports suggest that Andhra Pradesh continues to stray into the villages along the border in regular intervals and carry out various programmes and implement developmental works. Many plots of government land lie within the border villages of Kotia panchayat under Pottangi block in Koraput district. Officials and workers from Andhra Pradesh are allegedly entering



these areas and carrying out development works.

Andhra authorities have undertaken several developmental works in villages like Tadibalsa, Dhulipadar and other villages under Kotia panchayat. They reportedly identified government land, built a permanent school, and have been providing education to the local children.

Due to the inaction of state's Revenue department, Andhra has even completed construction of a 20,000-litre water tank in Dhulipadar village. The silence from Odisha's side has become a growing concern for both district administration and planning officials.

There are five Revenue Inspector (RI) circles under the Pottangi tehsil out of which only

three have permanent revenue inspectors. Kotia panchayat does not have a permanent RI assigned; only one assistant RI is currently managing operations. The RI of Pottangi circle is said to be handling additional responsibilities for Kotia.

To address the ongoing dispute in Kotia panchayat, local leaders stress the need for a dedicated RI and a full-time administrative officer from the Revenue department to monitor the situation. Without this, they warn, the conflict will persist and Andhra Pradesh will continue advancing its interests in the region.

Zilla Parishad member Tikai Gemel stated that if no permanent administrative mechanism is put in place, Andhra will leave no stone unturned in furthering its claims on the disputed land.

When contacted, tehsildar Devendra Bahadur Singh Dharua said there are no land records, plot numbers, or khatas available for the 21 disputed villages under Kotia panchayat. As a result, no official action has been initiated by the Odisha government. He added that the department only acts based on instructions from higher authorities.



**HEIGHTENED SECURITY:** Police and sniffer dogs conduct inspection on the eve of Ram Navami and for upcoming Hanuman Jayanti celebrations at Sunapali in Sambalpur Saturday

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## FIR lodged as Sambalpur MLA abuses IIC

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, April 5:** An FIR has been registered against BJP MLA Jayanarayan Mishra for allegedly abusing a police officer and threatening to set the police station on fire in Sambalpur.

As per the complaint, Town police station Inspector in-Charge (IIC) Subrat Kumar Meher received a phone call April 3, while he was discussing the arrangements for upcoming Hanuman Jayanti with other officers. The caller allegedly identified himself as Jayanarayan Mishra and started abusing Meher. He also threatened to burn down the police station over the seizure of some swords the day before.

Meher recorded the entire conversation in his mobile phone for evidence and registered an FIR against Sambalpur



MLA Jayanarayan Mishra.

According to reports, some people organised Jhanda Yatra from Dalaipada to Peerbaba Chowk via Kunjelpada Chowk in Sambalpur town April 2 without any prior permission from respective authority. They allegedly exhibited swords in the name of culture and tradition in a rash and negligent manner

which may endanger human life. In this connection, a case was registered under sections 189(2)/189(4)/190/125 of BNS r/w section 25 of Arms Act and two swords were seized.

BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty during a presser slammed the state government alleging inaction against MLA Jayanarayan Mishra and said, "Law and order situation is deteriorating day by day in Odisha. Now, the police have to file an FIR to make them safe from BJP. Jayanarayan Mishra is openly threatening the police yet no action has been taken against him. Previously, he had also hit a woman police officer and now this incident proves the BJP is scared to take any action against Mishra. Even the ruling party ministers are avoiding commenting on this matter. We condemn this incident."

## Crime Branch team inspects Raja Chakra's farmhouse in Keonjhar

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Keonjhar, April 5:** A team from the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the state Crime Branch (CB) Saturday inspected the farmhouse of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader Raja Chakra, who has been arrested in connection with financial irregularities at the Gandhamardan Loading Agency at Suakati in Keonjhar district.

The inspection was carried out in the presence of Revenue and Forest department officials at the Gopalpur farmhouse of Chakra.

Sources said that the team measured the property to assess potential encroachments and verify land records. Although the land is officially recorded as leasehold, there have been allegations that a portion of the land has been encroached upon illegally.

Chakra was arrested recently on charges of financial misconduct involving agency operations.

## ALL-INDIA TIGER CENSUS 2026

### Counting to begin in October: Gogineni

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Baripada, April 5:** Preparations have begun for the All-India Tiger Census 2026 in Similipal, the second largest biosphere reserve in Asia. A preparatory meeting involving experts from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Forest department officials was recently held at the office of the Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) here.

The pan-India tiger census, conducted every four years, will be carried out over a period of six months. The preliminary phase of the census will commence in October, following the monsoon, and camera-based monitoring will be conducted from December.

"The final data will be submitted to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) by March 2026 and the census report is expected to be published in 2027," said Prakash Chand Gogineni, Field Director of STR.

## Man drowns after falling from boat

**Nandapur:** A man drowned after accidentally falling from a boat while crossing the Pataliganga river at the Gangaguda ghat under this block in Koraput district Saturday. The deceased was identified as Uddharba Hantla, 44, of Gangaguda village in Golor panchayat under Nandapur block. According to reports, Uddharba was rowing a boat across the river by himself for some work when he accidentally fell into the water. Labourers and staff working on a nearby bridge construction site witnessed the incident and rushed to rescue him. However, Uddharba had already died by the time they pulled him out of the river. On being informed, Padua ASI Ramachandra Madkani and Revenue Inspector Kailash Majhi arrived at the spot. The police conducted a post-mortem of the body before handing it over to the family members. Uddharba is survived by his wife Kumari, 38, two daughters- Purni, 21, and Namita, 11 and a 5-year-old son. His wife is now deeply worried about the future of their three children. Samiti member Laxmi Matam and social worker Biranchi Matam have appealed for assistance to support the grieving family. The panchayat has extended help through the Harishchandra Yojana.

# 40 Satabhaya families stage sit-in demanding relocation

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Kendrapara, April 5:** As many as 40 families from the Satabhaya region in Rajnagar block of Kendrapara district staged a demonstration outside the district Collectorate Saturday demanding relocation from their coastal village, which is under severe threat due to sea erosion.

The families alleged they were excluded from a previous relocation drive that moved 571 households to a rehabilitation colony at Bagapatia, approximately 12km away. They claimed their applications for relocation were submitted at the time but were overlooked by the district administration.

Dharanidhar Nayak, a resident of Satabhaya, said, "While 571 families were relocated to a resettlement site in Bagapatia in 2018, the 40 families which remained behind are now facing increasing danger as the sea continues to encroach land."

"The sea, which was around 3km away three decades ago, is now just a few metres from our proximately 12km away. They claimed their applications for relocation were submitted at the time but were overlooked by the district administration. Dharanidhar Nayak, a resident of Satabhaya, said, "While 571 families were relocated to a resettlement site in Bagapatia in 2018, the 40 families which remained behind are now facing increasing danger as the sea continues to encroach land."



homes," he said.

"The sea has swallowed our farmland. There's a shortage of fodder for our cattle and feed for poultry, and the drinking water

has turned saline," Amita Malik, another villager, said voicing fears over the destruction of both lives and livelihoods. "We will survive only if the administration helps us relocate immediately."

Another villager Jiban Malik said several revenue villages under the Satabhaya panchayat—Gobindpur, Mohanpur, Chintamanipur, Badagahirmatha, Sanagahirmatha, Kharikul, and Kanhpur—have already been wiped out by the advancing sea. "The sea has also

gobbled up the nearby Panchubarahi temple and Barahipurpada village," he added.

"Cyclonic storms are now a constant threat. The sea is claiming more land rapidly. We urge the district administration to address the relocation issue with urgency," Malik said.

When contacted, Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Nilu Mahapatra confirmed the receipt of applications and said the administrative process to relocate the remaining families is currently underway.

## Manipal Foundation, SLS Trust to give vocational edu to tribal students



**Bangalore:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Manipal Foundation and SLS Trust to launch the Aspire and Achieve Scholarship Programme, aimed at providing vocational education opportunities to tribal students from Mayurbhanj district. Under the initiative, 20 students from economically backward tribal backgrounds will receive scholarships covering tuition fees and accommodation for courses in Allied Health Sciences, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA), and Bachelor of Science (BSc). Manipal Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Manipal Education and Medical Group. SLS Trust has long been working in remote areas of Mayurbhanj and neighbouring regions, focusing on the uplift of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, and other marginalised communities. Through its education centres, the trust identifies and nurtures talented students from underprivileged backgrounds. Ranjan R Pai, trustee of Manipal Foundation, said, "Manipal Foundation is committed to empowering society through holistic and sustained initiatives. By making quality education accessible to underserved students, we aim to create meaningful change and empower them to uplift their families and communities." "We aim to spark curiosity and instill core values among students through education. Our goal has always been to train and empower the youth of this region so they can contribute meaningfully to local development," said Itishree Murmu, chairperson of SLS Trust. Subodh Kumar, development coordinator of SLS Trust, expressed gratitude for the partnership, stating, "We are thankful to Manipal Foundation for this collaboration. This initiative will not only transform the lives of these 20 students and their families but also inspire many others in the community."

## Ram Navami: Police hold flag marches across cities

**Bhubaneswar:** The personnel of Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) and Odisha Police Saturday held flag marches at various places across the state on the eve of the Ram Navami celebration, police said. Police have made extensive security arrangements in Sambalpur, Cuttack, Balasore, Bhadrak and some other places keeping in view the sensitivity of the places and their past records, police said. Sambalpur, which witnessed a communal clash in 2023, turned into a fortress with deployment of as many as 15 platoons of police, BSF and CRPF personnel. As many as 113 CCTV cameras and drones are being used to avoid any untoward incident in the city, said Sambalpur Additional SP Ajay Mishra. Security has also been tightened in Cuttack city where 25 platoons of police force have been deployed to maintain peace, said Cuttack DCP Khilari Rishikesh Dnyandeo. He said the police are in touch with different puja committees and all measures are being taken for the smooth celebration of Ram Navami. Similarly, the police have also taken adequate measures in Balasore and Bhadrak districts where Ram Navami festival is being celebrated in a big way. Apart from Odisha police, the personnel of CRPF, BSF, and Rapid Action Force (RAF), have been deployed. While 26 platoons of force are deployed in Bhadrak district, similar arrangements have been made in Balasore.

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APPENDIX-IV [Rule-8(1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE

(For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules. The Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank, Sambalpur Branch** for an amount mentioned herein below with interest & other expenses thereon. **The Borrower's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

SAMBALPUR BRANCH / Name & Address of the Borrower(s) / A/c. No.	Amount Payable as on specified date	Date of Demand / Possession Notice	Description of the immovable property
<b>Borrowers: 1) M/s Mamta Garments, Gujrati Colony, Near Ashapali School, Sambalpur, PIN-768001, 2) Mr. Dipak Kumar Murjani, S/o- Late Ramesh Chandra Murjani, 3) Mr. Ajay Murjani, S/o- Late Ramesh Chandra Murjani, 4) Mr. Hitesh Kumar Murjani, S/o- Prem Murjani, 5) Mr. Prem Murjani, S/o- Late Ramesh Chandra Murjani, All are at Mamata Bhawan, LIC Office, Budharaja, Sambalpur, PIN-768004 / A/c. No.: 6713823239 &amp; 7171317615.</b>	<b>₹2,21,04,317.00</b> as on <b>19.01.2025</b> plus interest & cost thereon	<b>20.01.2025</b> / <b>03.04.2025</b>	The repayment of the said loans are secured by mortgage/hypothecation of property recorded in the name of <b>Mr. Ajay Murjani, S/o- Late Ramesh Chandra Murjani, Mr. Prem Murjani, S/o- Late Ramesh Chandra Murjani &amp; Mr. Hitesh Kumar Murjani, S/o- Prem Murjani</b> at Mouza: Sambalpur Town Unit No. 5 (Sakhigopinath), Khata No.: 644/786 having Plot No.: 1498/3815 with Area: Ac.0.080 dec., Kisans: Gharabari-III, PS: Sambalpur, Dist.: Sambalpur. Bounded by- North: Road, South: Plot No. 1498, East: Plot No. 1503, West: Road.

**Date: 05.04.2025, Place: Sambalpur**

Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

**EAST COAST RAILWAY**

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**Auction Start Date & Time:** 17.04.2025 at 1300 hrs. (for all sl. nos.).

**Auction End Date & Time:** 17.04.2025 at 1330 hrs. (for sl. no. 1), 1340 hrs. (for sl. no. 2) & 1350 hrs. (for sl. no. 3).

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**EAST COAST RAILWAY**

**Tender Notice No. ELS-ANGL-OT-25-26-01**

**Name of the Work:** OVERHAULING, REPAIRING, REWINDING AND ASSEMBLING OF AUXILIARY MOTORS OF WAG-7 AND WAG-9 ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE OF ELECTRIC LOCO SHED/ANGUL FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

**Advised Value :** ₹ 3,53,79,254.55, **EMD:** ₹ 3,26,900/-, **Period of Completion:** 24 months.

**Bidding start date:** 11.04.2025, **Tender closing date & time :** at 1500 hrs. of 25.04.2025.

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

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**Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRS),**  
PR-6/Q/25-26 Angul

**EAST COAST RAILWAY**

**Tender Notice No. 02/ET/SSP/ ENGG/2025-26, Date: 03.04.2025**

**e-Tender No. 03-eT-DENE-SBP-25**

**Name of the Work:** SUPPLY OF WATER BY 5000 LITRE CAPACITY WATER TANKERS TO SAMBALPUR CITY RAILWAY STATION FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS FOR COACH WATERING.

**Approx cost of the Work :** ₹ 37,35,744/-, **Bid Security:** ₹ 74,800/-, **Completion period for the work:** 120 Days.

**Tender closing date & time :** at 1500 hrs. of 21.04.2025.

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**Divisional Railway Manager (Engg),**  
PR-8/Q/25-26 Sambalpur

**EAST COAST RAILWAY**

**Tender Notice No. 01-SBP-TRD-OT- 2025-26, Date: 01.04.2025**

**Name of the Work:** TRD RELATED WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK OF P.WAY AND OTHER ALLIED WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH REMOVAL OF PERMANENT SPEED RESTRICTION (PSR) ON CURVE NO.36 UP AT KM 75/1-23 AND CURVE NO.37 DN AT KM 75/24-2 IN JUJUMURA-KEREJANGA SECTION OF SAMBALPUR DIVISION.

**Approx cost :** ₹ 61,69,986.30, **EMD:** ₹ 1,23,400/-, **Completion period:** 12 months.

**Tender closing date & time :** at 1530 hrs. of 23.04.2025.

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**Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD),**  
PR-5/Q/25-26 Sambalpur







Any hopes investors had of Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell coming to the rescue by signaling a readiness to cut interest rates - as Trump had appeared to pressure him into

However, given the ferocity of the equity market selloff, collapse in confidence and extraordinarily uncertain

This is the heaviest slide across global stocks since the pandemic in 2020. But unlike



Many industry experts across the world agree that gold rate will fluctuate considerably in the coming days. “I think here’s where

kind of outcome was distinctly possible, if not highly likely. Many analysts reckon this

"The way the world is in these times, there is really no limit to the upside of gold. The corrections, no matter how deep, will be temporary as they have always been historically. But the price rise has been permanent when you look at the timeline. It won't be too long before you see gold rate hovering around \$1,350,000 (per 10 grams)," Hans asserts.

Experts also held discussions at the conference to explore strategies adopted by various countries for enhancing pension coverage, building a sustainable pension system and challenges faced in inclusion of informal sector and gig economy workers. This was followed by the session titled 'Global Lessons on New and Innovative Investment Practices in the Pension Industry,' which showcased innovative investment methods, approaches for the product design and sharing of international success stories to inspire India's pension sector.

With global demand set to suddenly slow, if not contract, oil prices Friday slumped more

Markets will be closed at the weekend but the lines of communication between policymakers around the world will very much be open, as governments frantically try to de-escalate the global trade war and central bankers weigh up their policy response. Monday promises to be another rocky ride.



