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India eves lift maiden WC trophy

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Navi Mumbai, Nov 2: The Indian women's cricket team kept its date with history by winning its first-ever World Cup with a 52-run victory over South Africa to script a golden chapter in the country's pantheon of sporting achievements here Sunday.

Shafali Verma, the 21-year-old, who till last week wasn't even in the reserves, created memories of a lifetime by scoring 87 in India's 298 for 7 and then grabbed a couple of crucial wickets to restrict the Proteas Women to 246 in front of a packed DY Patil Stadium.

The seasoned Deepti Sharma (5/39) and young Shree Charani (1/48) also did their bit under extreme pressure to usher in the most memorable day for women's cricket in the country.

If June 25, 1983 was a watershed moment for Indian men's cricket, when Kapil's Devils beat the mighty West Indies at the Lord's, November 2, 2025 will be a seminal moment for women's cricket movement.

Rohit Sharma, who carries the scars of November 19, 2023, was watching the final from the stands with a prayer on his lips that Harmanpreet Kaur doesn't meet his fate. For Harmanpreet, the lady who has done way more for Indian women's cricket than anyone can envisage, knows



India's players celebrate with the trophy during the presentation ceremony after winning the ICC Women's World Cup 2025, at the DY Patil Stadium, in Navi Mumbai, early Monday

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how much it hurts to lose a final as it happened eight summers back and her girls didn't let her

down. As she latched on to Nadine de Klerk's offering while back pedaling at extra cover, Ian

Bishop fittingly called the moment "inspiring generations". It couldn't have been more poetic

with AR Rahman's rendition of 'Vande Mataram' reverberating across the stands. **P12**

'Ruchi Masala' founder Sarat Kumar Sahoo dies

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Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: Noted industrialist from Odisha, Sarat Kumar Sahoo, died at a hospital in Mumbai Sunday, his family said.

He was 76, and is survived by a son and a daughter.

Sahoo, the founder of Ruchi Foodline, was the executive chairman of Odisha Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises (OASME).

A household name across the state for his company's product 'Ruchi Masala', Sahoo started his business from a small unit on rented premises in Cuttack 49 years ago.

Ruchi Foodline now has 18,000 outlets across seven countries.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, Naveen Patnaik, were among scores of people who expressed their condolences over Sahoo's demise.

Taking to X, Majhi wrote, "I am saddened to know about the demise of Dr Sarat Kumar Sahoo, the founder of Ruchi Foodline. This is an irreparable loss for Odisha's industrial sector. I express my deep condolences to his family members and pray to Lord Jagannath to give peace to the departed soul."



Shankar: ₹1K-cr deal behind SI exam scam

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: The arrest of Shankar Prusty, the alleged 'mastermind' of police SI recruitment scam, and his startling revelations have sent ripples in political circles as the accused told the Crime Branch Sunday that a deal to the tune of ₹1,000 crore was struck during the 'previous government' to facilitate the recruitment scam.

Speaking to mediapersons after reaching Bhubaneswar airport, Shankar said, "Had I not surrendered, how could the deal of 1,000 crore have come to the fore? All the evidence regarding the conspiracy to cancel the exam and also those of the conspirators will be produced before the government. I had submitted bail application to the Orissa High Court and planned to approach Supreme Court. The HC has given me one month's time. No case has been lodged against my wife. I have full faith in the law, and I have no connection with any other accused involved in the case."

After he reached Odisha, he



ACCUSED SHANKAR PRUSTY

was taken to Crime Branch headquarters for interrogation.

According to the Crime Branch, a special team was tracing Shankar as he was continuously changing his location to evade arrest. He was nabbed from Nepal boarder in Uttarakhand. Later, he was produced in a local court and brought to Odisha on transit remand.

Following the interrogation, the CB team has seized a Fortuner car, three cellphones and a passport from Shankar. He has been booked under sections 319 (2)/ 318 (4)/ 338/336(3)/ 340(2)/111/61(2)/3(5) BNS r/w Sec 11(1) /12(1) of Odisha Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act. CB has collected vital evidence from the simultaneous grilling of Shankar

and Munna Mohanty, another accused, in the scam. Shankar will be produced before the Special Vigilance court in Berhampur Monday, said sources.

Meanwhile, the BJD targeted the state government by alleging that the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) is involved in the recruitment scam. "The mastermind in not Sankar Prusty, its CMO of Odisha as the state government allowed Punchsoft Technologies to conduct the exam," said BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty.

However, BJP refuted the allegations and said that BJD is nervous as their link to the huge scam will be exposed. "The BJD is scared that their link in this scam might get exposed. All the criminals roaming free during BJD rule will be nabbed by this government," said state BJP spokesperson Manoj Mohapatra. Significantly, altogether 123 people, including 114 candidates, were arrested in the case. While all the candidates have been released on bail, nine mediators are still in jail. Shankar's arrest has taken the total number of arrests to 124.

15 killed as tempo traveller hits truck

Jaipur: At least 15 people died and two others were injured when a tempo traveller carrying devotees rammed into a stationary trailer truck in Rajasthan's Phalodi on Sunday, police said. The incident occurred near Matoda village on Bharat Mala Highway, they said. "Fifteen passengers died, while two others sustained serious injuries. The injured were first taken to a hospital in Osian for primary treatment and later referred to Jodhpur," Jodhpur Police Commissioner Om Prakash said. According to police, the victims were residents of Sursagar area in Jodhpur and were returning from the Kolayat temple in Bikaner after offering prayers at the Kapil Muni Ashram. All the bodies have been kept in the mortuary of the Osian government hospital. **P8**

Panchaka: Chaos near Srimandir

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Puri, Nov 2: Director General of Police (DGP) YB Khurania Sunday rushed to the Pilgrim City after a chaotic situation erupted near the Srimandir following a large gathering of devotees during 'Panchaka' rituals observed in the holy Kartika month. The DGP held a high-level meeting with the DIG (Central Range), Puri SP, Collector, and senior officials of the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) to assess the situation near the 12th-century shrine's northern gate.



Though devotees were allowed entry only though Singha Dwar (Lion's Gate), hundreds of people broke barricades and entered the temple through the northern gate leading to chaos, a policeman on duty said.

"Though none was injured in the incident, two women devo-

tees fell down and were rescued by others," a temple priest said adding that police personnel were present at the spot.

SJTA officials said devotees are now allowed to enter through the Lion's Gate and exit through the other three gates. The northern gate is occasionally used to facilitate the entry of state guests, they said.

"We have deployed adequate police forces for smooth movement of devotees for a hassle-free darshan," DIG (Central Range) Satyajit Naik, who was monitoring the crowd management, told reporters.

ISRO launches heaviest satellite from Indian soil

Sriharikota: The heaviest communication satellite to be launched from Indian soil onboard a new generation, homegrown 'Bahubali' rocket was successfully placed into the intended orbit Sunday, ISRO said. Earlier, ISRO had launched its heaviest communication satellite GSAT-11 weighing 5,854 kg, onboard an Ariane-5 VA-246 rocket from French Guiana December 5, 2018. The communication satellite CMS-03, weighing 4,410 kg was flown on a LVM3-M5 rocket enabling the Indian space agency accomplish this rare feat. **P9**



IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Cloud seeding failed. Time to arrange a frog wedding

Paris, Nov 2: Two weeks after a British teenager was found alive after surviving for 10 days in the Thai jungle eating insects and bark, yet another tale of a miraculous survival came to the fore as a French cyclist, who fell 130-feet into a ravine, survived after three days with nothing but bottles of red wine to drink, according to a report by 'The Independent'.

The 77-year-old man had gone to his local supermarket to buy the drinks in the mountainous Cévennes region of France but missed a turn and careened down a rocky slope near Saint-Julien-des-Points, about 50 miles from Montpellier.

The elderly biker landed on

the banks of Gardon River and shouted every time he heard the sound of a passing car for several days, but to no avail.

Then Tuesday, some technicians from the Interdepartmental Roads Directorate who were working on road maintenance heard the man's cries for help and came to his rescue. They spotted the twisted and broken cycle at the bottom of the ravine.

The technicians called the fire brigade at 2:41pm but ultimately a helicopter had to be dispatched to the Gardon riverbed on the bank opposite. The pensioner told his rescuers he did not have the strength to climb the steep walls of the mountain and make it back up to the road himself.

The chief medical officer Laurent Savath said the man was



doing miraculously well, given his ordeal in a mountainous area with bad weather.

"He is safe and sound," Savath told French newspaper Le Lozère Nouvelle. "Nevertheless,

after such a mishap, he was airlifted to the Alès Hospital Centre for a medical examination."

Savath said the cyclist's survival was "a miracle ... given the cold and the rain, with almost

The elderly biker dipped into the bottles of red in his shopping bag, after he had an accident in the Cévennes region of France

nothing to eat or drink" other than the wine.

"He is really tough ... he fell into a stream several times trying to scramble back up, so was at risk of hypothermia," he added. The pensioner had minor injuries and mild hypothermia but is set to fully recover, according to the French news outlet Entre-vue, said the report.

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ARIES
Today is a bright day, and the stars foretell success for you. If you find yourself in a creative mood, indulge in some activity that will satisfy the urge. But, Ganesha says, if you are driving alone, exercise a great deal of caution to be on the safe side.

TAURUS
Ganesha is happy to say that you will acquit yourself well in whatever you do or undertake today. You will show outstanding caliber in handling the responsibilities given to you. If you are participating in a competition, you are likely to be way ahead of others. Those engaged in business can look forward to an exceptionally profitable day.

GEMINI
Maintaining the image you have created in the minds of people, as well as upholding your reputation in society will give you some anxious moments today. You will work hard to improve your social standing, and will get results by the end of the day. It is an auspicious and lucky day for you, says Ganesha.

CANCER
Not a good day for you in terms of fortune and opportunities. You will constantly find yourself in unwanted tricky situations without any fault of yours. You, however, are likely to know what to do in such situations by now, for you have been in too many of those in the past. The best course of action will be to stay out of arguments.

LEO
You will get good co-operation from your colleagues and subordinates. In your personal life also you will gain the support of your spouse and your friends. Other people will be accommodating of your problems and will try to solve them for you. Your expenses may increase, leading to some financial worries, says Ganesha.

VIRGO
Today, your soul mate will both give and demand pleasant surprises, says Ganesha. Your business partners may bring in some good news. Take responsibility of your past mistakes and make plans for the days to come. Do not be shy of the advice of loved ones, as it will help you more than hinder.

LIBRA
Sit back and think hard — think about what is it that you really want when it comes to your business enterprises, because there are many ways to go about things at work, and they all shall lead your somewhere different. The stars favour you today with a golden touch, so take it in your stride and make hay while the sun shines.

SCORPIO
You are in a mood of introspection and analysis, says Ganesha. This is likely to give you a clear vision in the days to come. Your systematic approach towards work will provide you room to think out of the box. Your innovative ideas may bag applause from superiors and bosses.

SAGITTARIUS
You become your own judge today. Through introspection, you try to find you the various causes that lead to troubles in your life. Though it may take time, eventually you achieve what you want and try to find reasonable solutions for the same.

CAPRICORN
It's going to be a day of pleasant surprises. You will try your level best to help people around you, and will find it exceedingly frustrating when the results won't be as expected, says Ganesha. In fact, this may even dampen your spirit and shake your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS
You will come out top in whatever you choose to do, and success will smell honey-suckle sweet! Naturally, recognition and rewards await you. Take your friends to that trendy café; you needn't wait for a reason to party, says Ganesha.

PISCES
Take one cautious step at a time today, says Ganesha. You will discuss intimate matters at home and official matters at work but be careful about whom you trust and deception from someone close might lead to worry and stress in the future. Even though you are an emotional person, lay onus on working with your head over your heart today as people might try to take advantage of your nature and step on your shoulder, feels Ganesha.



SIMPSON ON HOW ALCOHOL SILENCED HER INTUITION

Jessica Simpson, 45, marks eight years of sobriety, reflecting on how quitting alcohol restored her intuition and dreams. On Instagram, the singer-actress said letting go of self-sabotage helped her align with God's purpose. She shared that alcohol once silenced her intuition and fueled her fears of stagnation.

OFFSET SLAPPED WITH ASSAULT LAWSUIT

American rapper Offset is drawn into legal trouble. The rapper is allegedly being sued for allegedly attacking a security guard. He is the subject of a lawsuit from Jim Sanchez, who has claimed the 33-year-old star lashed out when he was asked to show ID at a cannabis dispensary back in March.



Aneet's advice to youth

Mumbai: *Saiyaara* has emerged as one of Indian cinema's most celebrated love stories, raking in over Rs 329 crore at the box office and catapulting its lead actors, Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda, to instant stardom. While both actors have largely stayed away from video interviews, Aneet recently addressed her fans during a virtual meet organised by her team. A touching clip from this interaction has gone viral, showcasing Aneet's heartfelt response to a fan asking how to enter the film industry without connections.

"You can make anything happen for yourself," she said passionately. "It's not easy — it wasn't for me either. It can feel impossible, but if you truly belong somewhere, you just know." She went on to recall her days in Amritsar, where dreaming of Bollywood stardom felt foolish, yet she persisted. "I had no choice — *mujhe banna hai to banna hai*," she stated. Her determination paid off, and her journey now inspires millions, with hashtags like #AneetPaddaInspires and #BeYourOwnSoldier trending across social media.

Encouraging others further, Aneet said, "The world will always try to limit you. But no matter what, you have to be your own soldier." She currently has two exciting projects lined up — *Shakti Shalini* with Dinesh Vijan and another film with director Maneesh Sharma.

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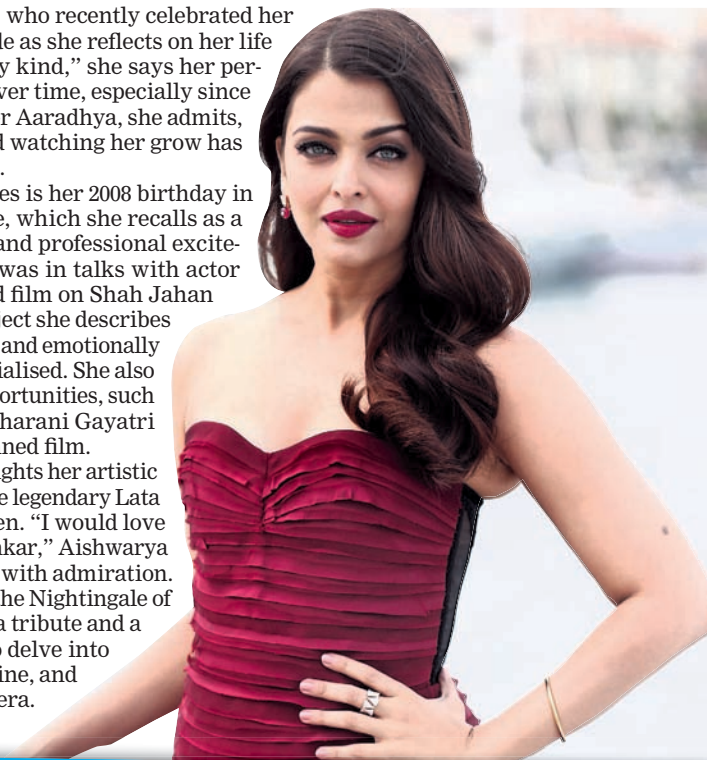
Aishwarya gets candid

Mumbai: Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, who recently celebrated her birthday, exudes grace and gratitude as she reflects on her life and career. Calling life "very, very kind," she says her perspective on success has evolved over time, especially since becoming a mother. Her daughter Aaradhya, she admits, is the heart of her universe, and watching her grow has brought her immeasurable joy.

Among her fondest memories is her 2008 birthday in Agra, her first after marriage, which she recalls as a time filled with love, peace, and professional excitement. It was also when she was in talks with actor Ben Kingsley for a proposed film on Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal — a project she describes as intellectually stimulating and emotionally rich, though it never materialised. She also reflects on other missed opportunities, such as playing the elegant Maharani Gayatri Devi in J.P. Dutta's planned film.

Yet, one dream still lights her artistic spirit — portraying the legendary Lata Mangeshkar on screen. "I would love to play Lata Mangeshkar," Aishwarya says, her voice filled with admiration. For her, embodying the Nightingale of India would be both a tribute and a challenge — a chance to delve into the soul of music, discipline, and devotion that defined an era.

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Sonakshi talks about her acting method

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha, who is gearing up for her upcoming film *Jatadhara*, has shared that walking in and out of her character in the film was almost a cakewalk for her.

The actress spoke with this news agency during the promotional run of the film in Mumbai, and said that she is a "Switch-on and switch-off actor".

She told, "For me, walking in and out of characters is generally easy because I am a switch on, switch off actor. I don't take my work home. What I'm on the sets of a film, being in the character, I keep it on sets".

She further mentioned, "When I'm at home, I'm not in my character. For me, it's not that big of a thing to be affected by the intensity of my characters because I don't take my character home with me and I live with it. I, I don't. Everyone has a different method, and each to their own".

Jatadhara is a mythological-supernatural thriller directed by Venkat Kalyan and Abhishek Jaiswal. The film stars Sudheer Babu and Sonakshi Sinha in lead roles. It explores the shadowy intersections of Indian folklore, black magic, and greed, weaving a story around an ancient treasure guarded by demonic forces.

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The man whose charm never fades

Mumbai: "He is an emotionally recently said, perfectly cap-Khan. As 60th birthday's hero, whose screens and Mumbai to Dubai, humour ver-

is not just a star; tion," Karan Johar and for millions, it tures Shah Rukh he celebrates his day, SRK remains eternal romantic charm transcends borders. Loved from Marrakech, Delhi his warmth and make him unisally adored. Never shy of calling himself "the last of the superstars," Shah Rukh has built a legacy that goes beyond stardom, defined by an enduring charisma and a magic that makes millions believe in love.

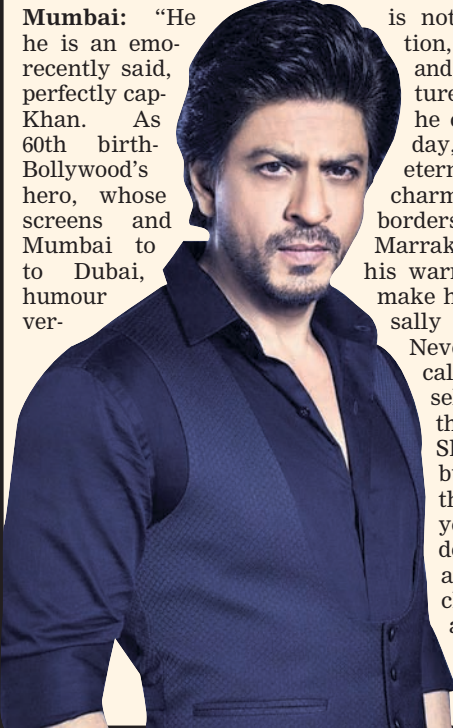
SRK @60

Over three decades, since transitioning from villain to hero in films like *Baazigar* and *Darr*, SRK has crafted his own brand of mohabbatein—one that resonates with audiences from seven to seventy. His films became the emotional compass of the 1990s, offering escapism and aspirations, from teen romances in GAP tees to cross-border love stories and inclusive sports dramas.

Central to his appeal is his respectful portrayal of women. "Most of my love stories have done well because I treated women as equals," he says, highlighting a modern understanding of romance rooted in respect and equality.

Shah Rukh's stardom knows no boundaries. Recognisable anywhere in the world, his face, smile, and charisma have inspired global fandoms and even academic study. From Peru to Poland, Egypt to Indonesia, fans recreate his iconic moments, proving that his charm is truly universal and timeless.

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PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS

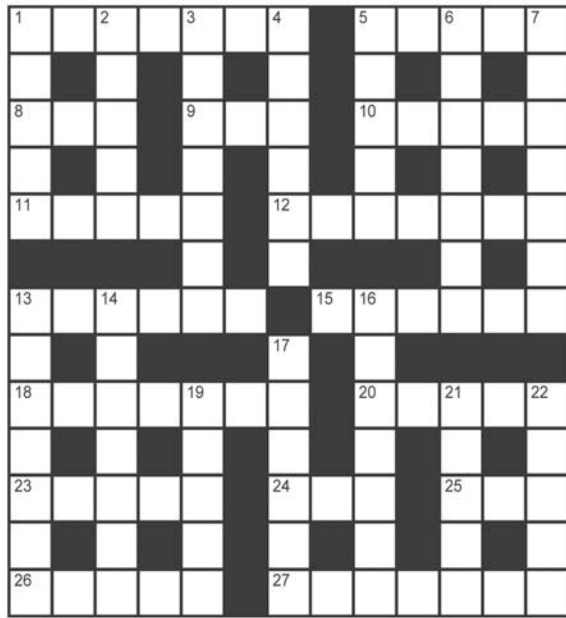


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- 10 Scotch musician
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- 12 Sea rovers
- 13 Commendation
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- 18 Knight in shining armor

- 20 Knock over
- 23 Watchful
- 24 Gallivant
- 25 Sinuous swimmer
- 26 Pear-shaped instruments
- 27 Dangerous situations

- 4 Ukrainian port
- 5 Bay of Naples isle
- 6 Get better
- 7 Lady's sunshade
- 13 Hair style
- 14 Physical disorder
- 16 South American country
- 17 Proverbs
- 19 Abominates
- 21 Flock members
- 22 Stories

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- 2 Destiny
- 3 Wall plugs

SUDOKU

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

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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

Cong slams Patnaik’s Nuapada visit for mere political gain



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) supremo Naveen Patnaik’s sudden visit to Nuapada district ahead of the crucial by-election has sparked sharp criticism from Congress, accusing BJD chief whip of “remembering the district only when votes are at stake.”

Addressing a press conference at Congress Bhavan here, former PCC president Jayadev Jena launched a scathing attack on Patnaik and said, “The former Chief Minister had neglected Nuapada for 24 years and is now attempting to reconnect with voters merely for political gain.”

“Naveen Babu had completely forgotten Nuapada for over two decades. Now, just before

the election, he suddenly remembers the people of Nuapada,” Jena said. “The magic of Naveen’s hand wave no longer works — people have seen through the deceit of BJD,” he stated.

Jena alleged that the BJD and BJP have struck a tacit understanding over the by-election, claiming that both parties are working together to defeat the Congress. “BJD intentionally fielded a non-local candidate, while BJP chose its nominee in consultation with BJD strategist VK Pandian and Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw,” Jena further added.

“This election may appear three-cornered, but in reality, it’s a two-way fight — Congress versus the combined might of BJD and BJP,” he added.

The Congress leader also said that despite limited finan-

cial resources, the party enjoys strong grassroots support. “We have people power, not money power. Just as Congress won Talsara and Laxmipur by-elections in the past, this time too, Ghasiram Majhi will win from Nuapada,” Jena asserted.

Meanwhile, former minister Debasis Nayak claimed that a ‘political deal’ concerning Nuapada by-poll was finalised long ago in New Delhi. “The BJD is only pretending to contest. Their campaign is a drama aimed at securing some respectable vote numbers,” Nayak said.

In contrast, the Congress has fielded a popular local tribal leader and is fighting the election on issues of social justice and inclusive development, he added.

Party spokesperson Manoranjan Das and other senior leaders were also present at the press meet, reiterating that Congress will continue to expose the ‘hidden alliance’ between the ruling BJD and the BJP.

BJD Nuapada district president Abani Ranjan Joshi said, “Patnaik will address a public meeting at Komna block November 3, and he is likely to undertake another visit November 7 to seek votes for BJD by-election candidate Snehangini Chhuria.”



EXUBERANCE: An artist draws live sketch of school children during Historic Baliyatra Pathotsav at Upper Baliyatra ground in Cuttack Sunday

OVSA to launch non-cooperation movement

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: Despondent over the state government’s inaction on their long-pending demands, Odisha Veterinary Service Association (OVSA) announced to launch a non-cooperation movement from November 3 across the state.

OVSA president Jadunath Parida said, “The association has been protesting for 69 days, wearing black uniforms, to press for cadre restructur-

ing similar to human doctors, inclusion in DACP and NPA schemes at the central level, and comprehensive reforms in the veterinary service system. Despite repeated appeals over the past four years, the government has neither addressed these demands nor engaged in meaningful discussions with the veterinarians.”

Out of the 12 demands put forward by the association, cadre restructuring and legalisation of unsanctioned leave remain unfulfilled, while other demands

are aimed at strengthening people-centric animal husbandry services. The association claims the government’s apathy has demoralised veterinary officers, even as the state pushes initiatives to protect animals and develop the cattle sector.

OVSA general secretary Sankarsana Mahunta said, “As part of the upcoming non-cooperation movement, veterinarians will wear black badges and refrain from using their personal equipment—including mobile phones, vehicles, computers,

and other tools essential for official work—in government duties. While the association assures that core veterinary services will not be disrupted immediately, there are concerns that the implementation of various people-oriented schemes could be affected.”

OVSA has warned that if the government fails to address their demands promptly, the movement will intensify, and the government will bear responsibility for any resulting issues in the veterinary sector.

Min reviews NH projects

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: Law, Works, and Excise Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan reviewed the progress of 16 ongoing National Highway (NH) projects in the state at Lok Seva Bhavan conference hall here recently and instructed the concerned officials from different departments to expedite the construction work.

Minister also directed Works department Principal Secretary Sanjay Kumar Singh to quickly resolve issues affecting the projects—like land acquisition, forest land clearance, and environmental approvals—so that construction can move forward without delay.



Among others, Works department EIC and special secretary Laxmikant Padhi, Forest, Environment, and Climate Change department Special Secretary Lingaraj Ota, Revenue and Disaster Management department Additional Secretary Madhusmita Sahu, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) regional officer Birendra Singh and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Regional Officer Sunil Kumar were present at the meeting.

Loyola School hosts Inter-Jesuits Schools Basketball tournament



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: To commemorate 25 glorious years of growth and excellence, Loyola School hosted Inter- Jesuits Schools Basketball Tournament. 14 teams across Odisha and Jharkhand (both Boys and Girls) participated in the two-day tournament, which concluded here Sunday.

Pre Asian Basketball Championship former Odisha Team captain Dilip Kumar Parida attended as chief guest at the opening ceremony and Bhubaneswar Basketball Association president Syed Maqbool Ali graced the closing ceremony as chief guest.

The teams fought tooth and nail to win the tournament. The matches were so exciting

that they kept Spectators were seated at the edge of their seats during the finals. In girls’ category, St Xavier’s School Lupungutu emerged as the winners, while Loyola School (English Medium) Jamshedpur became the runners- up and Loyola School Bhubaneswar bagged the third prize.

In the boys category, St Xavier’s School, Lupungutu bagged the winners’ trophy, while Loyola School, Baripada became the runners- up and Loyola School Telco Jamshedpur bagged the third place.

Rector Father Augustine Ezhakunnel SJ and Loyola School Principal Father A Amaladoss SJ congratulated the winners and appreciated the participating teams for displaying true sportsmanship on the court.

KIIT Nanhipari regional audition concludes

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: The regional audition for the 25th edition of KIIT Nanhipari – Little Miss India concluded in Bhubaneswar Sunday. The audition, held at the KIIT campus, saw enthusiastic participation from several contestants aged between 13 and 15 years, representing different parts of the state. The Grand Finale of the event will be held in Bhubaneswar from December 21 to 23.

KIIT and KISS Founder Achyuta Samanta graced the occasion and motivated the participants with his encouraging words. The panel of judges included Ollywood stars Poonam Mishra and Suryamayee Mahapatra, Label Roshan head Roshan Sahu, eminent tripographer Akhil Ranjan, Tripura Mishra, and Bauri Raul.

‘Ensuring child rights is responsibility of society’



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: Ensuring protection and rights of child is the responsibility of society as a whole, emphasised Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida while speaking at the 15th foundation day observation of Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OS-CPCR) here recently.

“Every level of society has a role to play in a child’s holistic development. Several government schemes are being effectively implemented for the welfare of children and their benefits must reach every child,”

Parida stressed. Speaking on this year’s theme ‘Batsalya: Safe Children, Prosperous Odisha’, Parida highlighted the need for parents to focus on the mental and physical development of children from an early age. She highly appreciated the contributions of Anganwadi workers in nurturing children and encouraging their interest in education.

“Through skill training of officials involved in child protection, along with continuous awareness campaigns and public outreach, the goals of ensuring child rights can be achieved,” she added.

Joining as guest of honour, Law, Works, and Excise Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan underlined the need to remove barriers in delivering justice to children and to promote child-friendly legal frameworks. He pointed out that the Juvenile Justice Act provides special provisions to strengthen legal safeguards for children during times of distress.

OS-CPCR chairperson Babita Patra shared insights on the functioning and objectives of the commission, outlining its work in the fields of child protection, welfare, education, health, and overall development.

Hindi unites India’s diverse cultures: Guv

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: Describing Hindi as an emotional bridge that unites India’s diverse cultures, Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati called it a symbol of the nation’s identity, representing India’s spirit on the global stage.

Kambhampati also called for collective efforts to elevate Hindi as a language of knowledge, science, and innovation, while preserving its rich emotional and cultural heritage.

Speaking at the felicitation ceremony organised by Vishwa Hindi Parishad, Odisha province, at New Abhishek Hall, Raj Bhavan here Sunday, the Governor emphasised the need to strengthen the movement for Hindi and all Indian languages as a means to promote cultural unity and national development.

Expressing his pride in attending the ceremony, Kambhampati lauded the decade-long dedication of Vishwa



Hindi Parishad in promoting and enriching the language. He noted that the event was not only aimed at felicitating eminent writers and scholars but also served as a reaffirmation of the collective resolve to advance the development and dignity of Hindi.

Commending the leadership of the parishad’s president and Padma awardee Y Lakshmi Prasad, the Governor said that the organisation has been instrumental in establishing

Hindi as a language of literature, knowledge, technology, and innovation.

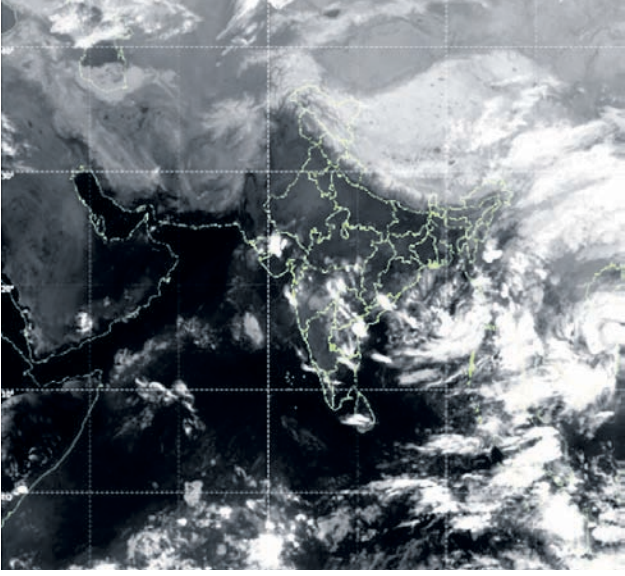
Referring to the National Education Policy 2020, he highlighted its support for early education in the mother tongue or regional languages, enabling youth to pursue world-class education through Hindi.

“Language is the foundation of national unity,” he said, urging everyone to work together to make Hindi a strong medium for science, innovation, and na-

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tion-building. Distinguished personalities, including poets, writers, litterateurs, and social workers, were felicitated during the occasion.

Rajya Sabha MP Mamata Mahanta, Y Lakshmi Prasad, and Bipin Kumar shared their views on the occasion. The welcome address was delivered by Vishwa Hindi Parishad, Odisha province president Vikramaditya Singh, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Vishwa Hindi Parishad, New Delhi vice president Devi Prasad Mishra.



WEATHER

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Campaigning in Chhattisgarhi gains momentum

The Chhattisgarhi-style campaigning in Odisha's border constituencies has become a talking point among political observers

POST NEWS NETWORK

Nuapada, Nov 2: Campaign activities in the Nuapada Assembly constituency are taking on a distinctly Chhattisgarhi flavour this election season. Though the election is being held in Odisha, many border villages with a large Chhattisgarhi speaking population are witnessing campaigning through posters and banners written in Hindi.

For visiting leaders and ministers from the coastal belt, the Chhattisgarhi dialect has become a linguistic challenge. Many are managing by deliv-



Residents of most of the villages in the constituency speak Hindi and Chhattisgarhi languages

ering their speeches in Hindi, which is more easily understood in these regions.

As Nuapada district shares its border with Chhattisgarh, residents of most of the villag-

es in the constituency communicate primarily in Hindi and Chhattisgarhi language. While many can understand Odia, few can speak it fluently. Despite living in Odisha, the people

here have their distinct language, culture, and traditions that closely resemble those of Chhattisgarh.

Due to the limited penetration of Odia language in these border villages, political candidates and party leaders are campaigning in Hindi and Chhattisgarhi language to connect with the voters. Posters and banners written in Hindi are prominently displayed in several villages.

Janak Ram Dhruw, MLA from Nawa Bindragarh in neighbouring Chhattisgarh, recently campaigned for Congress candidate Ghasiram

Majhi in Nuapada, addressing the gathering in Chhattisgarhi. Similarly, Independent candidate Ashraya Mahanand distributed posters in Hindi while canvassing in villages under Chulabhata panchayat.

The Chhattisgarhi-style campaigning in Odisha's border constituencies has become a talking point among political observers. Many note the stark contrast between the electioneering styles of coastal Odisha and western Odisha, with the latter now increasingly influenced by its Chhattisgarhi neighbour.

Ri saves kid, woman from bee attack

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jharsuguda, Nov 2: A Revenue Inspector (RI) in Laikera block of Jharsuguda district risked his life to save a 10-year-old child and a woman from a swarm of bees, proving that humanity still thrives in society.

Sources said Akelpada RI Birendra Rohidas was returning to his office after field duty Saturday afternoon when he noticed the child and his aunt being attacked by a swarm of bees near the tehsil office. Hearing their cries for help and finding no one else around, Rohidas stopped his bike, rushed towards them, and carried the child to safety.

As a result, the swarm turned

on him, stinging him severely. After running some distance, nearby residents gathered causing the bees to disperse. The woman also managed to flee the scene.

However, Rohidas, the child, and the woman sustained serious injuries and were rushed to the district headquarters hospital, where they were admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU). Speaking over the phone Sunday afternoon, Rohidas said his condition was stable and that treatment was ongoing. The child and the woman are also recovering under medical supervision. Rohidas' courageous act of selflessness, which saved two innocent lives, has drawn widespread praise across the district.

Rugby talent hub faces uncertainty sans funds



International rugby players Sandhyarani Tudu and Asima Rani Majhi – both products of the Future Star Sports Academy – expressed concern over the situation

POST NEWS NETWORK

Baripada, Nov 2: The Future Star Sports Academy of Baripada in Mayurbhanj district, which has earned national and international recognition for promoting rugby among tribal youth, is now battling a severe financial crisis that threatens its very existence.

Founded in 2019 with just five players, the academy has since trained more than 50 athletes—mostly from tribal communities—providing them free coaching, accommodation, food, and equipment. Over the years, its players have brought

laurels to the district, state, and the country by winning several medals at national and international levels.

As many as 42 players from this academy have competed in national rugby championships, securing three gold medals, while three players have represented India in international tournaments and won silver medals. The institution has become a beacon of sporting excellence in Odisha, thanks to the relentless dedication of its founder and coach, Dibya Ranjan Das.

However, the academy's future now appears uncertain. With absence of government aid and declining local support, it is struggling to provide basic training materials, nutritious food, and sports gear to players. Salaries for staff and rent payments are also delayed, affecting morale within the team.

"We have trained many talented players and helped them

reach national and international platforms," Das said. "But the lack of financial support has made it extremely difficult to sustain our efforts. Without government or community backing, we may not be able to continue much longer."

International rugby players Sandhyarani Tudu and Asima Rani Majhi – both products of the academy – expressed concern over the situation. "This academy gave us the platform to dream," they said. "But now, with the financial crunch, our hopes and those of future players may remain unfulfilled."

Although the Mayurbhanj royal family's Mayurbhanj Foundation provides some monthly assistance, it is not enough to meet the academy's operational expenses. "With adequate financial backing, these young athletes could achieve much greater success," said the foundation's representative Bibhudatta Das.

Local social workers and sports enthusiasts have urged the community and authorities to step forward and support the academy. "Helping this institution will not only preserve a valuable sports platform but also enable tribal youth to realise their potential," they said.

When contacted, District Sports Officer Subhasis Nayak said that the government provides assistance to players participating in national and international events. "We have not received any formal complaint regarding their difficulties, but we will look into the matter and extend necessary support as per rules," Nayak added.



MARITIME GLORY: Artists apply brushstrokes to wall painting on a pandal at the Balijatra ground in Paradip Sunday ahead of the inauguration of Kalinga Balijatra 2025

Montha: Portions of decade-old geo-synthetic sea wall damaged

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: A portion of the geo-synthetic-tube wall, built about a decade back to arrest coastal erosion in vulnerable pockets of Rajnagar block in Kendrapara district, was washed away due to the impact of the cyclone Montha.

Meanwhile senior officials of the Water Resources department rushed to the spot Sunday to take stock of the situation and expedite the repair of the damaged synthetic sea wall structure.

The structure was doing a lot to protect the seaside

Pentha, Hatina, Mahisapura and other coastal pockets from the advancing sea. The Pune-based company which had installed the structure has already been informed to rebuild the damaged gabion boxes of the sea wall, said the Assistant Executive Engineer (saline embankment division), Ashis Kumar Swain.

The 505 metre long sea wall is successfully withstanding the onslaught of battering sea waves along the Pentha coast. The sea wall project formed part of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Programme

(ICZMP) and was funded by the World Bank. The project construction work was carried out under the technical expertise and guidance of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Chennai to protect the vulnerable from the onslaught of the crawling sea, said officials.

Pentha coast under Brahmanasahi gram panchayat under Rajnagar tehsil of Kendrapara district was being constantly battered by marauding sea waves, prompting the state government to install geo-synthetic buffers on the embankment to arrest sea erosion.

DHH guard death sparks tension

POST NEWS NETWORK

Nuapada, Nov 2: Tension gripped the Nuapada District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) Sunday afternoon when the body of a security guard was found behind the hospital building.

The deceased was identified as Laghutam Sahu, 47, a resident of Palsaguda on the outskirts of Nuapada town. According to police, Sahu was on duty from 8am to 2pm and had reportedly completed his shift before his body was found between 3:30pm and 4pm.

On being informed, a team of Nuapada Sadar Police reached the spot and recovered the body. Locals, however, suspect foul play, alleging that Sahu might have been murdered and his body dumped behind the building to make it appear as a suicide.

The exact cause of death remained unclear when the last report came in. Fellow security guards said Sahu had been under mental stress in recent months after the private service provider responsible for hospital security terminated him from service without prior notice. "The company had reportedly withheld his salary for two to four months, leading to frequent emotional outbursts and erratic behaviour," they said.

Outraged by the incident, local youths staged a protest on the hospital premises, refusing to allow the body's removal until representatives from the service provider arrived. "He was treated unfairly, and now no one from the company has shown up," one protester said.

Hit by train, tusker dies in Baripada

POST NEWS NETWORK

Baripada, Nov 2: A 25-year-old tusker died after being hit by a train at Agria level crossing under Betnoti forest range and Baripada forest division, forest officials said Sunday.

The incident occurred around 11.30pm Saturday when the Shalimaar-Baripada Express train crossed the Jugal railway station.

A herd of elephants from Similipal National Park was roaming in the Betnoti forest range for some days.

Baripada Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Gobind Chandra Nayak visited the spot Sunday and said the elephant's carcass was sent for post-mortem examination.

An investigation is going on in this regard, he added. Railway officials were yet to issue any statement in this regard.

Locals claimed that the elephant could not run away from the track as the level crossing gate was closed due to entry of a train to the station.

People alleged that they repeatedly urged the railway personnel to open the gate but they refused to listen and kept the gate closed. As a result, the animal was thrown over to the side of the track after being hit by train.

Meanwhile, the forest personnel brought the two tusks to their office after the veterinarians conducted a post-mortem of the carcass at Manchabandha forest.



Female jumbo dies while being treated

Jaleswar: A female elephant died near Phuljhari under Shyam Nagar panchayat in Jaleswar block of Balasore district Sunday afternoon, following a month-long period of elephant movement in the Raibania area.

According to reports, a herd of about 20 elephants from Jharkhand and Similipal had been frequently entering the Raibania region, causing panic among residents. While the herd was roaming near Phuljhari Saturday night, one female elephant reportedly took ill and was left behind.

Upon receiving information, a forest team comprising For-

ester Prahallad Nayak, Assistant Wildlife Guard Jayashree Murmu, Wildlife Inspector Ashwini Das, and other officials rushed to the spot. The team monitored the elephant's movements and provided medication mixed with bananas to aid its recovery.

Despite their efforts, the elephant died around 4pm Sunday. The exact cause of the animal's death remains unclear. A wildlife trust team has been called in to conduct an investigation.

Local residents suspect that the elephant may have died due to complications related to a stillborn calf, though officials have not confirmed the reason.



Women's commission chief meets distressed minor girl

POST NEWS NETWORK

Baliapal, Nov 2: The Chairperson of the Odisha State Commission for Women, Shovana Mohanty, has intervened in the case of a minor girl from the Jamkunda outpost area under Baliapal police limits in Balasore district, whose father allegedly attempted to force her into marriage.

Mohanty visited the minor at the Balasore One Stop Centre Sunday and assured her that all necessary measures would be taken for her safety, education, and well-being. According to reports, the girl, who had recently passed her Class X examinations, wanted to continue her studies. However, her father, who had reportedly

taken a loan, tried to marry her off to a 40-year-old man to settle his debts.

The girl had lodged a complaint at the Baliapal police station, but after six days of inaction, she again approached the police Saturday evening. Following media inquiries into the matter, police acted promptly and shifted the girl to the One Stop Centre in Balasore.

The Odisha State Commission for Women has taken the case seriously, with its chairperson assuring that strict action will be taken against those responsible for attempting to marry off the minor and that the girl will receive full support from the authorities.

In a first, liquid cannabis worth ₹8cr seized

POST NEWS NETWORK

Malkangiri, Nov 2: In a first-of-its-kind operation, Chittrakonda police in Malkangiri district have seized liquid cannabis worth nearly ₹8 crore, Sunday. This was stated by Malkangiri Superintendent of Police (SP) Vinodh Patil said at a press conference here Sunday.

According to the SP, the breakthrough came when a police team was on patrol under Chittrakonda police limits when they were tipped off that eight persons had gathered under a Sal tree near an industrial firm site, about 5 km from Chittrakonda, with eight motorcycles.

Acting swiftly, the police reached the spot, but the sus-

pects fled upon seeing them.

During a search of the area, officers recovered eight motorcycles and a sack containing a liquid substance, later confirmed to be liquid cannabis. This is reportedly the first seizure of liquid cannabis in the district.

The recovered substance weighed around 60 kg.

Police said that 30 to 40 kg dried cannabis can yield just 1 kg liquid cannabis. Ganja oil sells for around ₹12 to ₹13 lakh per kg in black market. Based on this valuation, the total worth of the seized contraband is estimated at ₹8 crore. A search operation has been launched to trace the absconding accused, police said.

Sex racket busted in Malkangiri; 5 held

POST NEWS NETWORK

Malkangiri, Nov 2: In a major crackdown, Malkangiri police busted a sex racket operating in the town and arrested five persons, including two sex workers as well as the alleged mastermind and the queen bee in this connection.



According to sources, the racket had been running for the past several months from a rented house in the Patraguda area under the district headquarters town. Acting on a tip-off, a police team led by Malkangiri SDPO Dibya Dalei, Malkangiri IIC Regan Kindo and other officials raided the premises and nabbed the accused persons. Preliminary investigation revealed that the two women hailed from Jagatsinghpur and Bhadrak districts. Police also apprehended three clients from Sukma district in neighbouring Chhattisgarh.

Authorities said further investigation is underway to trace others involved in the racket and determine the extent of the network's operations.

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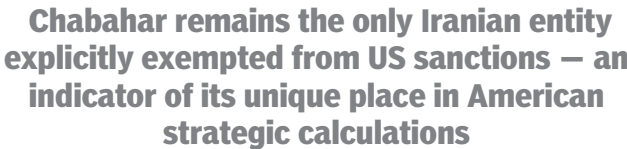


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During the ASEAN meeting, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh remarked that India



The port's inclusion in the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) further boosts its relevance. It links India not only to Iran but also to Russia, Central Asia, and Europe via sea, rail, and road networks. Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, both landlocked, have expressed interest in using Chabahar as their gateway to the Indian Ocean Region, reinforcing India's status as a lo-

Notably, Chabahar remains the only Iranian entity explicitly exempted from US sanctions — an indicator of its unique place in American strategic calculations. Although not directly tied to Chabahar, the 10-year India-US Defence Pact represents a deeper phase of cooperation. The framework builds on the Security of Supply Arrangement signed in 2024, which allows both countries to request

For now, any US-Iran rapprochement remains distant. Relations between the two remain at their lowest point in decades, clouded by deep mistrust, nuclear tensions, and the June 2025 military confrontations. Yet, both sides share overlapping interests — from ensuring Iran's stability to combating extremist networks — that could, over time, provide a basis for limited cooperation.

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Courts shaping future of climate action

temperatures exceeding 1.5°Celsius above pre-industrial levels, yet the gulf between the urgency of the climate threat and the policy response continues to widen. In the absence of political will, the legal system has become a key driver of climate progress. As the COP30 in Brazil approaches, the groundwork has been laid for stronger, fairer, and more accountable climate action. The most immediate implication of the ICJ and IACTHR opinions is that national climate plans – known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) – must reflect the “highest possible ambition” and be consistent with the 2015 Paris climate agreement’s goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

Alarmingly, as of 2024, global

A rapid phaseout of coal, oil, and gas remains essential to effective climate action. But despite the so-called "UAE consensus" to move away from fossil fuels, many countries continue to obstruct progress. Here, too, the ICJ provides negotiators with new tools, explicitly recognizing that governments may be held liable for failure to reduce GHG emissions, including through fossil-fuel production, consumption, exploration, and subsidies. The legal shift is particularly evident in climate finance. For decades, developed countries have treated funding for climate adaptation and loss and damage as discretionary. Consequently, despite the establishment of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Dam-

Remarkably, climate lawsuits, by plaintiffs ranging from indigenous groups in Canada to farmers in Korea, are already invoking the ICJ's reasoning

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Multiplier effect

Sir, This refers to GST registers 4.6% growth,” Orissa Post, Nov 2. Despite a massive reduction in GST rates, the recent surge in GST collections marks a remarkable achievement for India's economy. This development signifies that the multiplier effect of the economy has worked efficiently, generating higher revenues even at lower tax rates. The Centre's strategic timing and calculated restructuring of the GST framework have proven to be a masterstroke—stimulating consumption, encouraging compliance, and widening the tax base. Businesses and consumers alike have benefited from the simplified tax regime, which has reduced costs and enhanced market efficiency. The buoyancy in collections also reflects increased formalisation of the economy, improved digital monitoring, and stronger administrative mechanisms. It highlights the success of reforms aimed at balancing growth with fiscal prudence. The steady rise in revenue despite lower rates confirms the resilience of India's macroeconomic structure, demonstrating that growth-led taxation can yield better outcomes than higher rates. This upward trajectory in GST performance not only reinforces confidence in India's economic governance but also establishes the nation as a model for progressive and sustainable fiscal reform.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

Tipsy drivers

Sir, Even as a surge in drunk driving by bus drivers has been reported from across the country, the Maharashtra government has decided to install breath analysers near the driver's seat in all newly introduced state government buses. This is hoped to prevent tipsy drivers from operating the buses, a much needed relief for passengers. Random and surprise inspections of bus drivers and other staff are also being conducted. Employees under the influence of alcohol will face suspension. Patrolling of highways, to spot intoxicated drivers, is being done on a war-footing. That being said, the authorities need to curb convenient access and easy availability of alcohol. Abysmal fines and inconsistent punitive action have emboldened drunk drivers; strict and steady enforcement of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act cannot be over stressed.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

Lakhnawi food connoisseurs hail UNESCO recognition



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lucknow, Nov 2: It's 'der aaye, durust aaye' for Lucknow, according to prominent chefs and food connoisseurs as they hailed the long overdue recognition for 'Lakhnawi cuisine' with the Uttar Pradesh capital officially inducted among the UNESCO creative cities for 'Gastronomy'.

It is also a validation of Lucknow's culinary traditions and rich history that have enchanted locals and visitors alike with the symphony of flavours that showcase a 'mini-India', they said. "Better late than never. This recognition to Lucknow was expected. I think it is a very long delayed honour, which has come to Lucknow, because this is one city of India which is considered to be the Mecca of Gourmet," Pushpesh Pant, the president of Cuisine Society of India, told PTI.

"Other cities may have equal claims. Some people may say Hyderabad or Delhi. But the fact of the matter is that there is a strong Lucknow connection everywhere, he said.

Pant said that Lucknow is not only an inheritor to Nawabi food, but is a melting pot of several vegetarian rural streams like 'Bania, Khatri, Brahmin, as well as Dalit".

"It truly is mini-India, including Prabasi Bengali, Kashmiris and pre-partition Punjabis and Khatri," he said.

Prominent chef Ranveer Brar, who hails from Lucknow, said, "Der aaye, durust aaye. This recognition by UNESCO

Der aaye, durust aaye. This recognition by UNESCO was long overdue for Lucknow. It validates the city's deep culinary heritage and the love we hold for our food

RANVEER BRAR | PROMINENT CHEF

was long overdue for Lucknow. It validates the city's deep culinary heritage and the love we hold for our food."

"More importantly, it brings a sense of responsibility -- for every Lucknowite, including me, to elevate our hospitality and showcase our cuisine to the world with even greater pride and authenticity," he said.

Delving into the history of Lakhnawi cuisine and its influence, Pant said, "Lucknow food had a very deep impact on Delhi food, and it became more sophisticated and princely after being deeply influenced by Avadh. Before this, Mughal food was largely 'laskhari' (nomadic)." "The Mughals never had a cuisine of their own, as they came from Central Asia. All this myth about Mughalai food and its development in Delhi is baseless and absurd," Pant said, and added that the Delhi food became 'khaane laayak (edible)' when Lucknow's influence entered into it.

Historical documents also state that it was Lucknow's food which came to Delhi, though the issue has been a bone of contention among experts.

"In the book Bazm-e-Aakhir by Munshi Faizuddin Dehlvi, he says about the final 'das-

tarkhaan' of Bahadur Shah Zafar. The menu consisted of typical Lakhnavi foods ranging from 'dum pukht' (food cooked using steam and raw spices) and 'do pyaajaa'," Pant said.

The refined nature in the Delhi food came from Lucknow. He said that after the death of Emperor Aurangzeb, "no Mughal emperor stayed in Delhi for 40 years. All the weak Mughal emperors (except Bahadur Shah Zafar) took shelter in Avadh when they were harassed by Nadir Shah, Ahmed Shah Abdali, Marathas and Jats. At that time, they acquired the taste of Lakhnavi food. When they came back to Delhi, they took the chefs (baavarchis) with them."

Himanshu Bajpai, a storyteller and author, said Lakhnavi food, which was already known across the globe, will further cement its place among the food connoisseurs with this recognition.

"As a Lucknowite, we know about the various culinary delights of Lucknow, their relevance and their importance. The award will definitely give spontaneous happiness to us, but the bigger takeaway is that the Lakhnavi food, which was already known across the globe, will further cement its place among the food connoisseurs."

"People from far and wide will now evince more interest in Lakhnavi food," Bajpai said.

Navneet Sehgal, Chairman of Prasar Bharati, who had been a district magistrate of Lucknow and was a senior bureaucrat, told PTI, "It is great... it is a recognition of the culinary traditions and rich history in serving various dishes for the palate of millions of food lovers."

Sehgal also congratulated the then Divisional Commissioner of Lucknow, Roshan Jacob, for "putting in untiring efforts" and also the Tourism department.

"Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji, the law and order situation has improved a lot and many tourists are visiting UP and Lucknow for the culinary experience of Lucknow."

Kerala offers free bus travel for cancer patients

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 2: The KSRTC said it has issued an order granting free travel to cancer patients for treatment-related journeys to any hospital within the state.

Earlier, the Transport Minister KB Ganesh Kumar had announced plans to introduce such a scheme.

According to the order issued by Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Chairman and Managing Director Pramod Sanker October 29, cancer patients can now travel free of cost on KSRTC buses—from or-



dinary to superfast services—for chemotherapy, radiation, and other treatment-related purposes.

According to the order, eligible patients must apply for a Radio Frequency Identification

(RFID) card through the website keralartct.com.

Applicants are required to upload a passport-size photograph, a copy of their Aadhaar card, proof of residential address, and a certificate issued

by an oncologist.

Once the documents are verified by the KSRTC headquarters, the RFID card will be delivered to the applicant's residence by the respective unit officer, the order said.

The corporation also warned that if any of the submitted medical documents are found to be fake, legal action would be initiated and the card would be cancelled.

Previously, cancer patients travelling to the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) were eligible for a 50 per cent concession on KSRTC's ordinary and city service buses.

Education reality show to spotlight school excellence

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 2: Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) is set to launch the fourth edition of its unique-in-India educational reality show, 'Haritha Vidyalayam,' this December.

KITE is the technical arm of the state General Education Department.

Haritha Vidyalayam is a pioneering initiative aims to showcase the achievements and best practices of the state's public education sector on a national platform, officials said in a statement here Sunday.

Government and aided schools are invited to apply for this edition by November 15.

Applications are sought separately for primary schools and high school/higher secondary school categories.

K Anvar Sadath, CEO, KITE, said schools will be selected for the preliminary round based on various crucial parameters, including academic and co-curricular activities, infrastructural facilities, social participation, digital education integration, recognised accolades, and unique, innovative school-specific activities.

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K ANVAR SADATH | CEO, KITE

them to the public's attention, share these successful models with other institutions, and ultimately raise the overall standard of public education," he said.

This platform will facilitate discussions on the comprehensive advancements implemented by the Education Department within the public education sector, he said.

"It is a deserved recognition for Kerala's schools, which now provide state-of-the-art physical facilities, excellent academic support, and technology-based

learning, including AI and Robotics," Sadath added.

This fourth edition follows the successful shows conducted in 2010, 2017, and 2022.

In the third edition of Haritha Vidyalayam, the first prize of Rs 20 lakh was jointly won by Govt HS Odappallam from Wayanad and GUPS Purathur from Malappuram, and was presented by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, the statement further said.

A total of 100 schools will be selected for the preliminary round from the pool of applicants. "KITE will undertake video documentation of these selected schools. Furthermore, schools chosen for this round will be provided with a maximum of Rs 20,000 to cover costs related to their presentation, travel, and accommodation," Sadath said. The programme will be telecast on KITE VICTERS educational channel starting from the end of December.

He further said special awards will be presented to the 10 schools selected for the final round and to the ultimate winners during the Grand Finale in February 2026, the statement added.

BEAUTIFICATION DRIVE

Artworks made from scraps installed across Varanasi to enhance aesthetics



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Varanasi (UP), Nov 2: In a bid to beautify the city, unique artworks made from scrap materials have been installed at various crossroads and prominent locations, through the joint efforts of Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) and the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA).

BLW Public Relations Officer Rajesh Kumar said Sunday that approximately 100 tonnes of scrap materials have been used to create these sculptures, which have been strategically placed at major intersections in Varanasi. These artworks, created by fine arts students in collaboration with the VDA and BLW, are designed to enhance the city's aesthetics.

A Nandi idol has been installed at the Varanasi Cantt station, which has become a major attraction for both tourists and residents. Similarly, nine idols representing traditional dance styles from various Indian states have been placed in the Nadesar area, attracting both locals and tourists.



Women collect damaged wheat crops at a waterlogged field after heavy rainfall, in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh

PTI PHOTO

A teacher's global classroom for Malayalam poetry

SARASAMMA TEACHER'S POPULAR YOUTUBE ACCOUNT, 'KAVITHARAMAM' WITH AROUND 1,30,000 SUBSCRIBERS, IS ONE OF HER NEW CLASSROOMS FOR SHARING THE LANGUAGE'S POETRY WITH LOVERS OF VERSE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 2: Sarasamma Teacher, 80, is neither a poet nor an author, but something perhaps more vital -- a devoted conduit for Malayalam poems, ensuring they flow to a new generation.

In her retirement, she has defied her age, turning to YouTube and other online platforms to bring this rich literary tradition to a modern, global audience.

Her popular YouTube account, 'Kavitharamam' with around 1,30,000 subscribers, is one of her new classrooms for sharing the language's poetry with lovers of verse from all walks of life. The teacher is already a well-known figure among the children who compete in the State School Kalsavam in Malayalam poem

recitation; she says most of the participants render the poems they have learnt from her YouTube channel.

"More than 75 singers have recited poems on my YouTube channel as it is growing in popularity. Both children and adults recite the poems for my viewers," Sarasamma Teacher told PTI Videos.

Her YouTube channel features recitations of close to 500 poems drawn from the works of famous Malayalam poets.

She was honoured by the Kerala chief minister for her contributions in encouraging the Malayalam language during the Official Language Week celebrations in the State Secretariat November 1, Kerala's 69th birthday.

Hailing from Elanji in Ernakulam district, her passion for Malayalam poetry started

during her school days.

After she became a teacher, she continued teaching children Malayalam poems, introducing the great Malayalam poets to the younger generation.

"After retirement, I started having poetry classes at my house. I had a good number of children coming to me for help with reciting poems for competitions. But the classes had to be discontinued when COVID-19 struck," the teacher said.

She said it was then her children came to her aid, teaching her how to launch online classes and start a YouTube channel.

"I only knew how to take calls and speak on the smartphone. But then my children taught me the wide possibilities of the smartphone, and I started conducting my classes online," the Teacher said.

Now, Sarasamma Teacher has

a committee that selects poems to be presented on the YouTube channel, as many new writers want their poems to be featured. "Our committee goes through the poems in detail and selects only those that are of high quality and have literary merit," she said.

The government identified her contributions in popularising Malayalam poems, both old and new, at a time when poetry is slowly being sidelined by readers of literature.

She was honoured at a ceremony in the famous Darbar Hall of the Kerala Secretariat, alongside Dr M M Basheer, a noted linguist, critic, and writer.

In his speech, Chief Minister Vijayan said Sarasamma teacher has been training children and interested adults across generations in art forms such as Aksharaslokam, Kavyakeli, and Kavyalapanam.

Supported by her husband PN Kesavan Nair, who is also a Malayalam teacher and writer, Sarasamma Teacher vows to continue her good work as she feels poetry is the most important and beautiful form of literature available, rating it higher than novels and short stories.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

No.M-35

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C), DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES, ODISHA, CUTTACK

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Bid identification No. 1863/Dt.28.10.2025//

1. No. of works : 04 (FOUR) Number of works
2. Type of works : Floating Jetty
3. Approximate Estimated Cost : Rs.92.92 Lakhs
4. Class of Contractor : Manufacturer/Supplier
5. Period of Completion : 45 (FORTY-FIVE) Calendar days.
6. Date of Sale & Receipt : Dt.04.11.2025 to 2.00 P.M. of Dt.15.11.2025 (Working days only) Dt.17.11.2025 at 11:00 A.M.
7. Date of Opening : Dt.17.11.2025 at 11:00 A.M.
8. Name of Office inviting Bid : Executive Engineer (C), Directorate of Fisheries, Odisha, Cuttack

Further details can be seen in the bidding documents & can be downloaded from the Government of Odisha website (<http://www.odisha.gov.in>). Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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e-PROCUREMENT

Tender Call Notice No.1580/CDA/2025 Dtd.29.10.2025

01.	Name of the Work	Renovation of Scientist's Hostel at WRTC, Chandraput.
02.	Estimated Cost	Rs.29,08,170.00 (Excluding GST)
03.	Period of Completion	2 (Two) Calendar Months
04.	Date & Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	31.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. to 15.11.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.
05.	Last Date/Time for submission of Bids in the Portal	15.11.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.
06.	Date & Time of opening of Bids	On 17.11.2025 at 11.30 AM in the O/o the Chief Executive, Chilika Development Authority, Plot No.493(P), Palaspalli, Bhubaneswar-751020
07.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Tender (O.I.T.)	Addl. Chief Executive, Chilika Development Authority, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, Plot No.493 (P), Palaspalli, Pokhariput Road, Bhubaneswar-751020

Further information and other details are available for downloading from the e-procurement portal "<https://tendersodisha.gov.in/>". Addendum/ Corrigendum if required will be available only in the Website e-Procurement portal "<https://tendersodisha.gov.in/>".

Sd./- Addl. Chief Executive
Chilika Development Authority

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS DIVISION, SUNDARGARH

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

BID IDENTIFICATION NO.ONLINE-SESGN-15 OF 2025-26

No.O-1275:1. Name of the Work: Road Works, 2. Total No. of Works: 08 Nos Road, 3.Estimated Cost: Rs.8.01 Lakhs to Rs.48.14 Lakhs. 4. Class of Contractor:- 'B', 'C' & 'D', 5. Period of Completion: 01 Calendar Months. 6. Type of Tender: Single Cover. 7. Other details:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding
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Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Sundargarh	Online-SESGN-15 of 2025-26	04.11.2025 11.00 A.M. 17.11.2025 05.00 P.M.

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M K STALIN | TAMIL NADU CM

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has given its nod to the Jammu and Kashmir government for a cable car project in Baisaran in the tourist resort of Pahalgam, the site of the April 22 terror attack, officials said Sunday



Pune: Two persons were killed and one was seriously injured after their speeding car rammed into the pillar of a Metro station in Maharashtra's Pune city early Sunday, police said. The incident took place at around 4.30 am in Bund Garden area, an official from Koregaon Park police station said. "A car hit a pillar of Bund Garden Metro station. As per the primary information, two persons in the car died while the third person sustained serious injuries," senior police inspector Sangita Jadhav said.

New Delhi, Nov 2: Pathogens were found in 11.1 per cent of the 4.5 lakh patients tested by the network of labs under the Indian Council of Medical Research as part of efforts to identify viral infections of public

The VRDLN expanded from 27 laboratories in 2014 to 163 laboratories across 31 states and UTs by 2025. Through this network, 2,534 disease clusters have been identified across the country so far.

The ICMR report found that between April and June this year, 191 disease cluster were investigated and infectious diseases such as mumps, measles, rubella, dengue, chikungunya, rotavirus, norovirus, varicella zoster virus, Epstein-Barr vi-

from April to June 2025, 26,053 (11.5 per cent) out of 2,26,093 samples tested positive. Thus, the infection rate rose by 0.8 percentage points over the previous quarter, signalling the

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Every district has its own remarkable solutions and innovations shaped by local realities. The Peyjal Samvad is an opportunity to identify such scalable and replicable models that can inspire cross-learning and guide policy improvement across states

ASHOK KK MEENA | DDWS SECRETARY

Had a very productive meeting with Hon'ble Minister Shri @Ashwini-Vaishnav Ji this morning... We deliberated on key issues to expand railway's footprint in Assam to enhance overall connectivity for our people

HIMANTA BISWA SARMA | ASSAM CM

With this initiative, the public will no longer need to visit various government offices to obtain key information and documents related to PWD works

SUKHVINDER SINGH SIKHU | HIMACHAL PRADESH CM

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OF THE DAY

Beijing AQI in 2013 : 754
Beijing AQI in 2025 : 47
Because unlike Delhi, Beijing didn't spray water near AQI monitoring centres to manipulate data, it took real action and declared a climate emergency, declared a war footing action plan on pollution.What is stopping Delhi from doing it when it now has a 4 engine BJP govt?

@RoshanKrRaii

SHORT TAKES

UP boat accident: Toll rises to three

Bahraich (UP): Two bodies were recovered Sunday evening, four days after a boat capsized in the Kaudiyala river near Bharathapur village here, taking the death toll to three, officials said. According to police, six villagers are still missing after the boat carrying 22 people overturned in the river Wednesday evening. Thirteen passengers were rescued that night, while the body of a 60-year-old woman was recovered earlier. The bodies of boatman Shivnandan (50) and a passenger, Suman (28), were found by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams about three to four kilometres downstream, near the Lakhimpur district border.

PM Modi to inaugurate ESTIC

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first Emerging Science and Technology Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2025 November 3 and launch a mega fund to promote private sector-driven research and development in the country, an official statement said Sunday. ESTIC is billed as a flagship event of the government in the field of science and technology, and will be held every year.

Top woman Naxal surrenders

Balaghat/Bhopal: A woman Naxalite carrying a reward of ₹14 lakh on her head surrendered in Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh, a police official said Sunday. Sunita laid down arms on November 1 before Rupendra Dhurve, assistant commander of Hawk Force, a specialised anti-Naxal unit of the MP police, he added.

Air quality worsens in national capital

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 2: Delhi's air quality worsened Sunday as weak winds trapped pollutants, raising the overall AQI to 366 in the "very poor" category with three monitoring stations recording readings above 400 in the "severe" category, Centre Pollution Control Board data showed.

The PM2.5 concentration stood at 189.6 micrograms per cubic metre and PM10 at 316. PM2.5 refers to fine inhalable particles with diameters that are 2.5 micrometres or smaller, while PM10 includes slightly larger particles up to 10 micrometres in diameter, as per CPCB.

At such levels, these pollutants can cause breathing discomfort, especially among people with lung or heart diseases, children and the elderly.

The overall AQI rose sharply from 303 recorded a day earlier, CPCB data showed.

Neighbouring cities in the National Capital Region (NCR) also reported "very poor" air quality - Ghaziabad (351), Gurugram (357), Noida (348) and Greater Noida (340). Faridabad, however, recorded a "poor" AQI of 215.

According to the Air Quality Early Warning System (AQEWS) for Delhi, the wind speed dropped below 8 kmph from the northwest direction during the evening and night hours, reducing the dispersion of pollutants.

RJD pointed a 'katta' at Cong's head: Modi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Arrah/ Nawada, Nov 2: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday claimed that the Congress had been unwilling to accept Tejashwi Yadav as the INDIA bloc's chief ministerial candidate and relented only after the RJD pointed a "katta", an unlicensed country-made gun, at its head.

The PM made the statement on the campaign trail in Bihar, where he addressed back-to-back rallies in Bhojpur and Nawada districts, and highlighted the RJD's reputation for alleged strong-arm tactics and its troubled equations with alliance partners.

"The Congress never wanted to announce the chief ministerial candidate in favour of the RJD. The RJD secured it by placing a 'katta' on the head of the Congress. They have learnt their lessons in the school of 'jungle raj'. Such elements can never do good for Bihar," he alleged. Modi said Congress wanted to defeat the RJD in the Bihar polls, and urged people to wait for the second phase of polling to be over November 11 "to see them fighting".

Without mentioning Congress leader Rahul Gandhi or Yadav by name, the PM said, "The crown prince of 'jungle raj' has been wary that the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' of the other

Carbolic acid has been poured in the pits to drive out the snakes who will be caught and deported. The EC has applied the right medicine through SIR

SUVENDU ADHIKARI | WB LEADER OF OPPN



'yuvraaj' may be denting his own prospects. Hence, the RJD has put up its candidate against the state president of the Congress. Let the polls be over. The two allies will be breaking each other's heads." The allusion was to the reserved Kutumba seat, where the RJD had reportedly planned to field a candidate against sitting MLA and state Congress president Rajesh Kumar. Although the RJD decided against doing so, the two allies have ended up in "friendly fights" at a number of places.

The PM also predicted a "record victory" for the ruling NDA, which would continue providing a government that was "upright" and "foresighted" and build a "developed Bihar" that was necessary for "Viksit Bharat". "'Jungle raj wallahs' are set to get the worst drubbing in history. The people of Bihar have not forgotten the 'jungle raj'," he added. The PM, who was visibly pleased with the

KASHI TO CELEBRATE DEV DEEPAWALI NOVEMBER 5

Preparations are being made to celebrate Dev Deepawali in Kashi November 5, when millions of lamps will be lit on the city's ghats, lakes and ponds, the Uttar Pradesh government said Sunday



ISRO's 'Bahubali' rocket launches heaviest satellite

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh), Nov 2: The heaviest communication satellite to be launched from the Indian soil onboard a new generation, homegrown 'Bahubali' rocket was successfully placed into the intended orbit Sunday, ISRO said.

The communication satellite CMS-03, weighing 4,410 kg was flown on a LVM3-M5 rocket enabling the Indian space agency accomplish this rare feat. CMS-03 is a multi-band communication satellite and would provide services over a wide oceanic region including the Indian landmass, according to ISRO.

The satellite was placed in the desired Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO). It is also a replacement to the GSAT 7 series, launched in 2013. ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said the launch vehicle successfully injected the communication satellite in the required orbit.

The "4410 kg satellite is precisely injected," he said. In his address from the Mission Control Center post launch, he described the LVM 3 satellite as 'Bahubali,' in an apparent reference to its heavylift capability. He recalled that the rocket's previous launch was the "most prestigious Chandrayaan 3 which brought pride to nation."

It achieved "yet another pride" Sunday after succeeding with the "heavier satellite."

All the eight LVM 3 launches, including its experimental



mission, have been successful, showing a 100 per cent success rate. The satellite was designed to provide communication services for at least 15 years and is "yet another shining example of Atmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India)," Narayanan, also Secretary, Department of Space, added. The ISRO scientists had a tough time with the mission since the weather was not cooperative, but they worked hard and ensured success, he said.

Prior to Sunday's launch, the Indian space agency has been utilising the services of Kourou launch base in French Guiana by Ariane rockets offered by France-based Arianespace, for launching heavier satellites.

On December 5, 2018 ISRO had launched its heaviest communication satellite GSAT-11 weighing 5,854 kg, onboard an Ariane-5 VA-246 rocket from French Guiana. LVM3-M5, a three stage launch vehicle with two solid motor strap-ons (S200), a liquid propellant core stage (L110) and a cryogenic stage (C25) gives ISRO full self-reliance in launching heavier communication satellites that weigh up to 4,000 kg in GTO.

President lauds 64% female graduates at Patanjali varsity



AGENCIES

Dehradun/Haridwar, Nov 2: President Draupadi Murmu Sunday emphasised the need for collective cooperation of the entire nation, including women, to realise the vision of a developed India by 2047.

Speaking as the chief guest at the second convocation ceremony of Patanjali University, Murmu highlighted the significant role women are playing in the educational landscape.

Murmu expressed her delight at the fact that 62 per cent of the students at Patanjali University and 64 per cent of the graduates at the convocation were girls.

Notably, the number of female students receiving medals was four times greater than that of their male counterparts.

"This is not just a statistic; it symbolises the progress of a developed India under the leader-

ship of women," the President said, adding that it represents the continuation of India's ancient tradition, where prominent women like Gargi, Maitreyi, Apala, and Lopamudra played vital intellectual and spiritual roles.

The President asserted that women, who make up 50 per cent of India's 1.4 billion population, are integral to the country's growth. "To develop India by 2047, we need the full participation of both sons and daughters. If only sons strive and daughters lag behind, the dream of a developed India will remain unfulfilled," she said.

Praising Patanjali University's contribution to the promotion of yoga, Ayurveda, and naturopathy, Murmu remarked that the university is playing a pivotal role in preserving and advancing India's ancient cul-

tural heritage, especially in the region of the Himalayas, which is known for its spiritual and intellectual legacy.

Addressing the students, the President noted that by choosing to study at a university that blends modern education with Indian cultural values, they have embraced a rich tradition. She commended both the students and their parents for their commitment to this noble path. Murmu also underscored the importance of environmental protection and adopting a lifestyle aligned with nature to ensure the future of human society.

The convocation ceremony, which celebrated the academic achievements of the students, highlighted the growing role of women in higher education and the importance of cultural integration with modern learning.

A total of 1,454 students were awarded degrees at the convocation, including 62 scholars who received the title of Vidya Varidhi and three scholars who received the title of Vidya Vachaspati. Uttarakhand Governor Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh (Retd), Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chancellor of Patanjali University Swami Ramdev, Vice Chancellor Acharya Balkrishna and Haridwar MP Trivendra Singh Rawat were also present at the function.

Rahul jumps into muddy pond, interacts with fishermen

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Begusarai/Khagaria (Bihar), Nov 2: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Sunday jumped into a muddy pond in Bihar and interacted with fishermen present at the spot, whom he told that they always had his support.

The leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, who addressed a rally in Begusarai district, went to a nearby pond along with former state minister Mukesh Sahni, whose Vikassheel Insaan Party is a junior partner in the INDIA bloc.

The leaders took a boat to reach the middle of a pond, where Sahni, who had stripped down to his vest and underpants, cast a net, impressing

Gandhi with his prowess.

The former minister, who likes to be called 'son of Malah', a nickname highlighting that the former Bollywood set designer was back home to champion the cause of the fisherman's community to which he belongs, appeared excited with his catch and jumped into the chest-deep waters.

The Congress leader, who kept donning his trademark white T-shirt and cargo pants, followed Sahni, evoking roars of 'Rahul Gandhi zindabad'.

A large number of fishermen were also present at the spot, some of whom dived to join the leaders in chest-deep waters. Congress leader Kanhaiya Kumar was also among those present.



A video clip of the incident was shared by the Congress on its X handle, stating Gandhi al-

so discussed with the fishermen "challenges and struggles they face in their work".



People take part in the second edition of the Kashmir Marathon 2025 in Srinagar

PTI PHOTO

Zero tolerance for violence: CEC on Bihar elections

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kanpur (UP), Nov 2: Any act of violence will not be tolerated and voters will be able to cast their votes peacefully and freely in Bihar, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar asserted Sunday, a day after the poll body took action against officials in Patna following violence during campaigning in Mokama.

"The Election Commission has zero tolerance towards any form of violence during polls," the CEC told reporters here. "Any act of violence will not be tolerated. All vot-

ers will be able to cast their votes peacefully, freely and transparently. The Election Commission is fully prepared for this, he said.

The Election Commission Saturday ordered the transfer of Patna Superintendent of Police (Rural) and action against three other officials, taking a stern view of violence in Bihar's Mokama in which gangster-turned-politician Dular Chand Yadav was killed during poll campaigning.

Former Bihar MLA Anant Singh, the ruling JD(U)'s candidate from the Mokama seat,

was arrested early on Sunday in connection with the case.

Police also arrested two other persons, Manikant Thakur and Ranjeet Ram. Yadav died while he was campaigning for Jan Suraj Party's candidate Piyush Priyadarshi in Patna's Mokama area Thursday. The CEC asserted that everyone is equal before the EC, whether it is the ruling side or the opposition. CEC Kumar said all voters in Bihar will get the opportunity to celebrate the festival of democracy and expressed confidence that it will be a model election.

Local news channels reported villagers expressing their delight over the former Congress president "shaking hands with us".

One channel reported that Gandhi later went to a nearby house for a change of clothes, where the occupants, all women, gushed, "He washed himself under the hand pump out there and used the decrepit washroom nearby, all without making any fuss."

The Congress leader also made a mention of the incident at the subsequent rally that he addressed in Khagaria.

SHORT TAKES

Blaze at Mexico store kills 23

Mexico City: A festive holiday weekend turned tragic for families in northwestern Mexico Saturday when a deadly blaze engulfed a discount store in the city center of Hermosillo, killing at least 23 people and injuring a dozen. Mexico is celebrating the Day of the Dead this weekend with colourful festivities in which families honor and remember deceased loved ones. “I have ordered a thorough and transparent investigation to clarify the causes of the accident,” Alfonso Durazo, governor of the state of Sonora home to the city, said in a video on social media, adding that children were among the victims. Most of the deaths appeared to have been from inhalation of toxic gases, said Gustavo Salas, the state’s attorney general, citing its forensic medical service.

5 German climbers killed in avalanche

Rome: Five German climbers have died after being caught in an avalanche in the Italian Alps, local authorities said Sunday. The climbers had set out Saturday to scale Cima Vertana in the Ortler mountain range near the village of Solda. The avalanche struck as they headed for the summit. The cascade of snow and ice swept away members of two separate rope teams. The bodies of two men and a woman were recovered Saturday while the two other victims, a father and his 17-year-old daughter, were found Sunday. Two other climbers escaped unharmed.

Louvre jewel heist: Two more charged

Paris: A woman and a man were placed under formal investigation over the \$102 million Louvre Museum jewel heist, the Paris prosecutor said Saturday, bringing the total number charged in the case to four. The man, 37, known to police for previous thefts, was charged with organised theft and criminal conspiracy. The woman, 38, was charged with complicity in organised theft and criminal conspiracy. Three other people who had been arrested October 29 along with the man and the woman were freed without charge, the prosecutor’s office said.



Britain's former prince Andrew is due to be stripped of his last remaining military position as part of King Charles' decision to remove his brother from public life

JOHN HEALEY | DEFENCE MINISTER, UK

OVER 2K SIKHS TO VISIT PAK FOR GURU NANAK BIRTH ANNIV

As many as 2,150 Indian Sikhs are expected to arrive at Lahore via Wagah border to take part in festivities related to the 556th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev November 5, a top official said Sunday. The main event will be held November 5 at Gurdwara Janamas-than Nankana Sahib, some 80 kms from La-hore, the place where Guru Nanak was born



Russia launches new N-sub

The nuclear submarine ‘Khabarovsk’ was launched by Russian Defence Minister Andrei Belousov at a solemn ceremony in the presence of Russian Naval Chief Admiral Alexander Moiseyev and other top shipbuilding officials in Severodvinsk at Sevmash shipyards



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Moscow, Nov 2: Russia has launched its latest nuclear submarine to be armed with a ‘Poseidon’ nuclear drone, also known as ‘doomsday missile’ capable of “wiping out” coastal nations, according to media reports. The nuclear submarine ‘Khabarovsk’ was launched by Russian Defence Minister Andrei Belousov at a solemn ceremony in the presence of Russian Naval Chief Admiral Alexander Moiseyev and other top shipbuilding officials in Severodvinsk at Sevmash shipyards. “Today marks a significant event for us – the heavy nuclear-powered missile cruiser Khabarovsk is being launched from the stern of the renowned Sevmash,” Belousov said in

his televised remarks late Saturday night. Sevmash shipyards had earlier retrofitted INS Vikramaditya aircraft carrier for India. The Russian defense minister emphasized that the submarine carrying underwater weapons and robotic systems will enable Russia to successfully ensure the security of its maritime borders and protect its national interests in various regions of the world’s oceans, according to TASS, the Russian news agency. The Khabarovsk nuclear submarine was designed by Rubin, the Central Design Bureau of Marine Engineering, and is intended to address Navy missions using modern underwater weapons, including robotic systems for various purposes, the Russian Defence

Ministry said on its website. This nuclear submarine would be the carrier of underwater weapons and robotic systems to successfully address the challenges of ensuring the security of Russia’s maritime borders and protecting its national interests in various parts of the world’s oceans, it underscored. Commenting on the launch of the latest nuclear submarine, business daily Kommersant reminded that last week Russia tested the Poseidon underwater drone, equipped with a nuclear propulsion system. “The Poseidon is capable of exceeding the speed of submarines and modern torpedoes, travelling at great depths and over intercontinental distances. The Khabarovsk-class submarines are expected to be the

Russian attacks on Ukraine kill 2

Kyiv: Russian air attacks on Ukraine killed two people overnight and left tens of thousands more - and the entire eastern Donetsk region - without power, Ukrainian officials said Sunday. Moscow has stepped up missile and drone strikes on Ukraine as winter approaches, triggering outages and forcing emergency crews to quickly repair damage and manage rolling blackouts. The two deaths were reported in Ukraine’s southern Odesa region, where officials said cargo trucks had come under attack, while nearly 60,000 residents in the southeastern Zaporizhzhia region lost power, local authorities said. All of Ukraine’s eastern Donetsk region, where Russia is pressing forward on the battlefield, was also facing emergency power outages after attacks on energy infrastructure, its governor Vadym Filashkin said. Russian attacks on Ukraine’s energy system have been matched by its grinding offensive aimed at eventually capturing the industrialised region as diplomatic efforts to end the war have stalled.

primary carriers of this weapon,” Kommersant daily said. Russian President Vladimir Putin had announced the successful test of nuclear powered ‘Poseidon’ Wednesday, which, he said was launched from a mother-submarine and has a nuclear power plant 100 times smaller than the reactor of a strategic submarine. Deputy Chairman of the Russian Security Council Dmitry Medvedev described this drone as the ‘Doomsday missile.’ In a media interview, Chair of Duma Defence Committee Andrei Kartapolov said it was “capable of wiping out whole coastal nations.”

2 British men held over UK train mass stabbings



REUTERS

Huntingdon, England, Nov 2: British police said Sunday that a knife attack on a train which put 11 people in hospital was not a terrorist incident, adding that two men - both British nationals - had been arrested.

Counterterrorism police had helped with the initial investigation after the mass stabbing of passengers on a train in eastern England Saturday. “At this stage, there is nothing to suggest that this is a terrorist incident,” Superintendent John Loveless from British Transport Police told media Sunday. The two men arrested on suspicion of attempted murder were a 32-year-old male, a Black British national, and a 35-year-old British national of Caribbean descent, Loveless said. Both were born in the UK, he added. “We continue work to establish the full circumstances and motivation for this incident,” he said. “It would not be appropriate to speculate on the cause.” **ARMED POLICE BOARD TRAIN** The arrests were made by armed police after the train made an emergency stop at Huntingdon around 80 miles (130 km) north of London. Of the 11 people hospitalised,

Two victims in life threatening condition

Two British men arrested, both in their 30s

King Charles appalled and shocked

four have since been discharged and two patients remain in a life-threatening condition, police said. Prime Minister Keir Starmer called it an “appalling incident” which was “deeply concerning”, while King Charles said he was “truly appalled and shocked”. Knife crime in England and Wales has risen 87% over the past decade, with 54,587 offences last year alone, a 2% rise from 2023 and among the highest rates in Europe, according to figures from Britain’s interior ministry show. In her statement, Interior Minister Shabana Mahmood said she was “deeply saddened”, while urging people to avoid speculation about the incident. The government is keen to stop rumours spreading on social media following an incident in Southport in northwest England in 2024, when internet claims over the murder of three young girls sparked days of rioting across the country.

Hegseth urges closer ties with Vietnam

REUTERS

Hanoi, Nov 2: The United States wants deeper military ties with Vietnam, US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said Sunday at the start of a visit to Hanoi, amid prolonged talks for the potential supply of military equipment to Washington’s former foe. The Southeast Asian nation, which relies heavily on Russian weapons, has been looking to diversify its arsenal for years. Talks with the United States, which lifted an arms embargo in 2016,

gained momentum during the Biden administration but have not yet yielded any formal announcement on major items. “Deeper (military) cooperation will benefit both of our countries,” Hegseth, who arrived in the Vietnamese capital after meetings in Malaysia with Asian counterparts, said prior to meeting Defence Minister Phan Van Giang. The United States had already delivered three cutters to the Vietnamese coastguard and three T-6 trainer aircraft, from an order of 12.

Philippines, Canada sign defence pact

Manila: The Philippines and Canada signed a pact Sunday for their armed forces to train on each other’s soil, boosting defence cooperation to tackle common security concerns in the Indo-Pacific region. Canada’s first such deal in the region, the Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (SOVFA) takes to five the number of accords on troops Manila has concluded with allies, in the face of China’s increasingly assertive regional stance. The deal broadens the Philippines’ network of security ties while complementing a long-standing alliance with its treaty partner, the United States. The pact sets up a framework for expanded military and defence cooperation, to improve coordination of operations by both armed forces.

Israel urges Lebanon to disarm Hezbollah under ceasefire terms

Jerusalem: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Sunday that Hezbollah was seeking to rearm and that Israel would exercise its right to self-defence under last year’s ceasefire accord if Lebanon failed to disarm the militant group. At the start of a cabinet meeting Netanyahu said Israel would “act as necessary”, if Lebanon does not take steps to prevent its territory from becoming a renewed front. The US brokered a truce in November 2024 between Lebanon and Israel after more than a year of conflict sparked by the war in Gaza, but Israeli strikes across the border have continued sporadically. The Israeli military said in a statement Sunday that it had killed four Hezbollah members. Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz also said the Lebanese government must fulfill its commitment to disarm Hezbollah and remove the group from southern Lebanon.

Syrian prez to visit White House in early November

Washington: Syrian Foreign Minister Asad al-Shaibani confirmed Sunday that President Ahmed al-Sharaa will visit the White House in early November and discuss the reconstruction of Syria. US Special Envoy Tom Barrack said the previous day that Sharaa would visit Washington, with a White House official later saying the visit would happen around November 10. “There will be many issues on the table, starting with the lifting of sanctions and opening of a new chapter between the United States and Syria. We want to establish a very strong partnership between the two countries,” Shibani added. According to the US State Department, no previous Syrian president has paid an official visit to Washington. Sharaa addressed the UN General Assembly in New York in September.

WEEK'S BEST PICS



Chinese artists perform the 'Adi Kavya-The First Poem', a dance drama based on Ramayana, directed by Chinese Bharatanatyam dancer Jin Shanshan, at the Embassy of India, in Beijing, China, Nov. 1

PTI PHOTO



A protester wearing Catrina-inspired makeup and a Statue of Liberty-style headpiece takes part in a "No Kings" protest against U.S. President Donald Trump's policies, outside City Hall in Los Angeles, California, October 18

REUTERS



A drone view shows people walking in an affected area after Hurricane Melissa made landfall, in Crane Road, Black River, Jamaica, October 30

REUTERS



A woman dressed in a costume poses for a portrait during the West Hollywood Halloween Carnaval in West Hollywood, California, October 31

REUTERS



A couple stand near the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, October 26

REUTERS

of the day

quote

As we rethink how our cities grow and our infrastructure evolves, innovation must guide every stage - from design to execution.



VIBHA DHAWAN | DIRECTOR GENERAL, TERI

Training for engineering & O&M personnel on climate-resilient designs and digital-monitoring systems is essential. Further, funding and policy frameworks should treat transmission resilience on par with generation capacity.



PIYUSH GOYAL | CEO, VOLKS ENERGIE

If more than one accident happens in a particular stretch, say 500 meters, then the contractor will face a penalty of Rs 25 lakh. Penalty will increase to Rs 50 lakh if an accident happens next year



V UMASHANKAR | ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS SECRETARY

SHORT TAKES

Royal Enfield reports 13% rise in sales

New Delhi: Motorcycle maker Royal Enfield, Sunday reported a 13 per cent rise in total sales at 124,951 units in October as compared to 110,574 units in the same month last year. Domestic sales were at 116,844 units as against 101,886 units in October 2024, up 15 per cent, Royal Enfield said in a statement. Exports were, however, down 7 per cent at 8,107 units last month as compared to 8,688 units in the year-ago period.

Tata Chemicals profit dips

Mumbai: Tata Chemicals, Saturday reported over 60 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at Rs 77 crore during the September quarter. The company's net profit stood at Rs 194 crore in the year-ago period, Tata Chemicals said in a regulatory filing.

Pidlite expects double-digit growth

New Delhi: Pidilite Industries expects a "double digit underlying volume growth" in the second half of the current fiscal, its Managing Director Sudhanshu Vats has said. The company expects to continue the momentum in H2 with a higher EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation), as input costs remain benign.

Orient Cement profit up

New Delhi: Orient Cement Ltd, now part of Billionaire Gautam Adani-led Adani Group, Saturday reported a multi-fold jump in net profit to Rs 49.08 crore in the September quarter, helped by gains from tax reversals and increase in volume. The company reported a net profit of Rs 2.32 crore for the July-September quarter a year ago.

JK Cement net rises

New Delhi: JK Cement Ltd, Saturday reported an increase of 17 per cent in consolidated net profit to Rs 159.25 crore for the September quarter. The company had posted a profit of Rs 136.15 crore in the July-September period a year ago, according to a regulatory filing .

GHCL loss widens

New Delhi: GHCL Ltd, Saturday reported a 32 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 106.70 crore for the September quarter, impacted by lower sales and pricing pressure from cheap imports. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 154.83 crore in the July-September period of the preceding 2024-25.



There are clear signs of earnings recovery now. If brisk demand conditions are sustained, earnings will improve, which in turn will make valuations fair. In such a scenario, FPIs are likely to remain buyers

VK VUAYAKUMAR | CHIEF INVESTMENT STRATEGIST, GEOJIT INVESTMENTS

OYO EXTENDS APPLICATION DEADLINE OF BONUS ISSUE

Oyo, Sunday announced that it has extended the application deadline for the bonus issue, linked to its potential IPO, for its unlisted equity shareholders from November 1 to November 7. In its message to shareholders, the company said it has received feedback during the postal ballot process and decided to provide investors ample time to choose the bonus option that suits them. Under the bonus issuance, shareholders will get one preference share for every 6,000 equity shares held



Steel makers seek govt support

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 2: Steel makers have urged the government for more measures to check rising imports from select group of countries including China which has produced 746.3 MT of crude steel in January-September period, over six-fold of the domestic output.

As per global body World Steel Association (worldsteel), India has produced 122.4 MT of crude steel in January-September. While in September alone China has produced 73.5 MT of crude steel, over 5-fold higher from 13.6 MT of domestic production.

As per market data, stainless steel is also unable to reach 100 per cent capacity utilisation of the total installed capacity of 7.5 million tonnes. It remains around 60 per cent only due to impact of imports.

The government has taken several measures to curb the imports to protect the competitiveness of domestic steel industry. Over the past few years, the Ministry of Steel has come up with more than 100 quality control orders (QCOs) which



refrain from non-BIS compliant steel products to enter the Indian market.

The QCO of June this year had put restrictions on even import of inputs of certain steel products.

The validity of QCOs can be extended to avoid sub standard and cheap materials from entering the country, an industry player said.

The government can come up with more similar measures to protect the domestic industry, both steel and stainless steel, which looks make crores of investment to increase capacity to meet future demand in line

with Atmanirbhar initiative of the government, said the industry player.

In March, the commerce ministry's investigation arm DGTR had recommended the imposition of a 12 per cent provisional safeguard duty for 200 days on certain steel products with an aim to protect domestic players from a surge in imports.

After this stainless industry also approached the government to investigate stainless steel imports as the safeguard duty did not cover their concerns.

A high level committee of NITI Aayog is likely to meet

BIZ BUZZ

Union Bank of India observes Vigilance Awareness Week

BERHAMPUR: Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Berhampur observed "Vigilance Awareness Week-2025" from Oct 27 to Nov 2. As a part of VAW, RO conducted Vigilance Walka-ta to sensitise general public, November 1. Various activities like Tree Plantation, Gram sabhas, Quiz competitions, Drawing competitions were organised to create awareness. Regional Head Rajat Kumar Panda presided and informed everyone about the rally. Sanjib Kumar Sahoo, Chief Manager (Vigilance) Berhampur, informed about the importance of Vigilance Awareness and its need for everyone especially in the wake of spurt in fraud cases. Deputy Regional Head Meghrai Marndi and Bibbhuti Bhusan Mohanty highlighted about the importance of Vigilance Awareness Week and the need for vigilance in current scenario. The vigilance rally started at 7.30 am from the Regional office premises and ended at the Regional office via Tata Benz Square, Girl Road, Station Road, Khallikote College, Subarao Square and Janana Hospital Road. All the departmental heads and staffs of the Regional office, branch heads and officers under Berhampur City were present on this occasion.



PNB Sambalpur organises CSR Activity

BHUBANESWAR: Punjab National Bank, Sambalpur Circle has organised a CSR activity at Saraswati Sishu Mandir, Sambalpur in presence of Circle Head Ajit Kumar Meher. In this event, bank has donated a Voltas Water Cooler. Ajit Kumar Meher, Partha Sarathi Mohapatra, Anmol Ustav, and Rashmi Ranjan Padhan were present on this occasion.



UCO Bank organises Vigilance Awareness Week



BHUBANESWAR: UCO Bank's Chandrasekharpur Branch, in collaboration with the Zonal Office, Bhubaneswar, organised a Quiz Competition at Netaji School and College of Nursing, November 1, 2025, on the occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, which is being observed from October 27 to November 2, 2025. Branch Manager Santosh Kumar Sahani addressed the students, emphasising the significance of vigilance in daily life and public service. He highlighted the role of vigilance in maintaining transparency and accountability in all institutions. The quiz competition witnessed enthusiastic participation, with Bijaylaxmi Pradhan, Subhalaxmi Pani, Shaswati Swarupa Sukla emerging as the top three winners. The event was supervised by College Director Bijan Kumar Jena, CEO Rashmita Jena, and Bank officials Madhusmita Naik.

BOI observes Vigilance Awareness Week

Bhubaneswar: Bank of India, Bhubaneswar Zone organised a Human Chain Formation activity under Vigilance Awareness Week-2025. Bhubaneswar FGMO & ZO team formed a Human Chain at Star House Bhubaneswar to promote Vigilance Awareness. Staffs also participated in the Walkathon held at Star House Bhubaneswar around (2KM) market area. The event was graced by GM Vikas Krishna, Bhubaneswar ZM Bijoy Kumar Malik, FGMO DGM Rajnikanth Bhuiyan, DZM Bhubaneswar Shyamal Kumar Das, FGMO AGM Ashok Kumar Jena, SMECC AGM SK Mohanty & Jaydev Vi-har Branch AGM Soumya Ranjan Behera, and all staff members of the FGMO, Zonal office & SMECC Bhubaneswar. The Human Chain and Walkathon aimed to spread the message of "Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation", "Vigilance Our Shared responsibility", encouraging all to uphold integrity in every sphere of life.



Gold may consolidate for third week amid weak global cues

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 2: Gold prices are likely to see consolidation for the third straight week as traders focus on key macroeconomic indicators and policy developments, including the US Supreme Court's tariff hearing, November 5, analysts said.

The focus will be on the manufacturing and services PMI data from key regions as well as China's trade and growth numbers.

In the US, private data, including ADP non-farm payroll, consumer sentiment and inflation expectations, will also be closely watched as they will steer the bullion prices in the near-term, they added.

"Also in focus will be the tariff hearing in the US Supreme Court on November 5 and any decision, positive or negative, markets may see a significant reaction," Pranav Mer, Vice President, EBG - Commodity & Currency Research, JM Financial Services Ltd, said.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures for December delivery dropped by Rs 2,219, or 1.8 per cent, during the past week to settle at Rs 1,21,232 per 10 grams, Friday.

"Gold prices corrected from the recent highs of Rs 1,29,000 per 10 gms to around Rs 1,21,000 per 10 grams as on October 31, mainly due to easing tensions between US and India on the tariff as well as strengthening dollar index, which is at three-months high," Prathamesh Mallaya, DVP - Research, Non - Agri Commodities and Currencies, Angel One, said.

Commodity markets will remain closed, Wednesday on account of Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti.

India to emerge as world's green hydrogen hub: Kant

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 2: Green hydrogen has emerged as a key fuel to cut emissions in difficult sectors such as steel, fertilisers, shipping, aviation, and road transport as the world fights the war against climate change, according to an article by former G20 Sherpa and NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant.

Europe, Japan, Korea, and the Middle East are investing billions into renewable hydrogen, India has the right mix of resources, policy, and demand to emerge as the world's pre-eminent hub for this new energy vector, states the article by Amitabh Kant in India Narrative.

The article identifies five decisive strengths that are working in India's favour.

First, India offers globally

unmatched rates for round-the-clock renewable energy, with prices ranging from Rs 4.60 to Rs 5 per kWh, making green hydrogen production extremely cost-competitive.

Second, government policy has been both consistent and ambitious: the National Green Hydrogen Mission sets clear targets and provides the regulatory confidence that investors and companies seek.

Third, India's industrial base is already strong, spanning engineering capabilities, pipelines, refineries, and ports, providing a ready ecosystem for scaling green hydrogen.

Fourth, India's large domestic demand for fertilisers, refining, steel, and chemicals ensures that hydrogen uptake will be driven not just by exports but also by domestic consumption.



Lastly, the global export opportunity is immense. Markets like Europe and Japan are actively seeking clean hydrogen imports, and India is uniquely placed to serve them, the article states.

Highlighting the achieve-

ment of India's green hydrogen drive, the article points out that the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) has awarded contracts for 450,000 tonnes per annum of green hydrogen production with leading firms like Reliance, Greenko, ACME,

Govt mulls FDI in inventory based e-comm for exports

The proposal is to permit e-commerce entities in the inventory-based model of e-commerce, exclusively for the export of goods and products manufactured or produced in India, in compliance with the existing FDI policy, the official said



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 2: The Commerce and Industry Ministry has floated a note seeking views from various central government departments on a proposal to allow foreign direct investment (FDI) in the inventory-based model of e-commerce solely for export purposes, an official said.

The proposal aims to boost India's exports without impacting the businesses of small retailers.

At present, the country's FDI policy does not permit overseas investments in the inventory-based model of e-commerce. It is 100 per cent allowed through the automatic route in firms that are operating through a marketplace model only, like Amazon and Flipkart.

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According to the FDI policy, the inventory-based model of e-commerce means an e-commerce activity where the inventory of goods and services is owned by e-commerce entities.

On the other hand, the marketplace-based model of e-commerce means providing an information technology platform by an e-commerce entity on a digital and electronic network to act as a facilitator between buyer and seller.

According to experts, the policy talks about selling these goods in the domestic market and not exports.

The FDI policy also states

Festival fuels petrol sales; diesel sees marginal drop

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 2: India's petrol sales surged to a five-month high in October on festive travel boost, but diesel consumption remained flat, defying the trend, according to preliminary industry data.

Petrol consumption rose 7 per cent year-on-year to 3.65 million tonnes in October, as the onset of festival season increased demand for the fuel. The sales were higher month-on-month as well when compared to 3.4 million tonnes in September.

Diesel - the most consumed fuel in the country, accounting for almost 40 per cent of the fuel consumption basket - posted a marginal drop in sales at 7.6 million tonnes in October compared to 7.64 million tonnes in the same month of the previous year.

Historically, diesel consumption dipped with the advent of the rainy season in June, as demand for fuel to run irrigation pumps dropped and vehicular movements slowed. But sales rebounded from October as rains receded and the festive season fuelled a rise in trucking.

Sahoo's legacy endures in Odia households

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 2: From a modest beginning in a rented premises at the Industrial Estate, Cuttack, in 1976, Ruchi Products Pvt. Ltd. (then known as Om Oil & Flour Mills) has grown into one of Eastern India's most trusted names in the food processing industry. What started with the production of pure turmeric powder has now expanded into a diverse range of spices, noodles, pasta, ready-to-eat meals, and condiments, enjoyed by millions of consum-



ers in India and abroad.

The driving force behind this inspiring journey is Dr Sarat Kumar Sahoo, the visionary Founder and Managing Director of Ruchi Products. His commitment to quality, innovation,

and ethical business practices laid the foundation for the company's enduring success. With nearly five decades of leadership, Dr Sahoo transformed Ruchi into a symbol of purity and authenticity in every Indian kitchen.

Today, continuing his legacy, Arbind Sahoo and Rashmi Sahoo, Directors of the company, are taking the Ruchi brand to new global heights. With a strong presence across, Ruchi Products stands as a shining example of Indian entrepreneurship and excellence.

and L&T in the fray. SECI has also finalised a 724,000 tonne green ammonia tender aggregating demand from 13 fertiliser plants nationwide.

his tender achieved a record-low price of Rs 55.75 per kilogram, among the most competitive globally. Similarly, Indian Oil Corporation has awarded a landmark project at its Panipat refinery, and Bharat Petroleum has partnered with Singapore's Sembcorp to develop green hydrogen and green ammonia projects in India.

The article also states that while the risks associated with expanding India's green hydrogen industry are significant, they are not insurmountable. High capital costs can be addressed through concessional finance, sovereign green bonds, and blended finance models. Certification disputes must

be preempted by adopting international standards and securing bilateral recognition agreements with major markets. Skill shortages can be mitigated through a national skilling mission tailored to hydrogen and allied industries. The challenge of tender cancellations and delays can be improved by better bid design and more realistic project timelines.

By producing the cheapest green hydrogen in the world, building value-added products like green steel, ammonia, and fertilisers, and establishing itself as the trusted supplier for the world, India can leapfrog into global leadership in the clean economy. The green hydrogen race is underway, and while many countries are running hard, India is uniquely positioned to finish in front, says Kant.

Harmanpreet's trailblazers lift game-changing ODI World title

INDIA'S WONDER WOMEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Navi Mumbai, Nov 2: From heart-breaks to history, Indian women's cricket completed its long, unfinished journey to glory as Harmanpreet Kaur's fearless team outlasted South Africa by 52 runs in a gripping final to lift their first-ever ICC Women's World Cup crown here Sunday.

Indian women's cricket finally touched its Everest as years of toil and near-misses culminated in an evening of redemption and history for the hosts.

India's breakthrough in the 13th edition of the global showpiece made them on-fourth team to win the trophy, joining Australia (7), England (4) and New Zealand (1) in the pantheon of champions.

With the victory, Harmanpreet's team finally buried the ghosts of past



heart-breaks — the 2005 and 2017 finals — and delivered India's much-awaited World title, a watershed moment for the game in the country.

After posting 298 for 7 — the second-highest total in tournament history — India held their nerve to bundle out South Africa for 246 in 45.3 overs.

The Proteas' charge revolved around captain Laura Wolvaardt's magnificent 98-ball 101, but the brilliance of Deepti Sharma (55 and 5/39) and Shafali Verma (87 and 2/36) ensured India's moment of destiny could not be denied.

DEEPTI, SHAFALI SHINE

Fittingly, India's triumph was shaped by two players with contrasting journeys.

Deepti, the ever-reliable workhorse, finished as the tournament's highest wicket-taker (21) and bowled with guile and grace on the grandest stage.

Shafali, on the other hand, was a story of second chances — drafted into the squad from outside the preferred group after Pratika Rawal's injury.

Confined to domestic cricket with Haryana weeks ago, the 21-year-old dynamo returned to the world stage with an innings of audacity and maturity — 87 off 84 balls — before taking two



crucial wickets to tilt the game decisively India's way.

Her re-entry into the XI proved a master-stroke Smriti Mandhana (45) gave India the perfect launchpad with a 104-run opening stand, forcing South Africa's bowlers into disarray after a two-hour rain delay.

Mandhana's dismissal denied her a half-century, but it capped off a record-breaking campaign

If June 25, 1983 was a watershed moment for Indian men's cricket, when Kapil's Devils beat the mighty West Indies at the Lord's, November 2, 2025 will be a seminal moment for women's cricket movement

— 434 runs at 54.25, the most by any Indian batter in Women's World Cup history, including a century and two fifties.

Star of India's semifinal win over mighty Australia, Jemimah Rodrigues and Richa Ghosh, it marked the dawn of a new era — one where Indian women's cricket finally stood shoulder to shoulder with the sport's power-houses.

As fireworks lit up the Navi Mumbai sky, the emotion on Harmanpreet's face said it all. The wait was over.

From heartbreak to history, India's women had finally rewritten their story — and this time, they wrote it in gold.

Rohit Sharma, who carries the scars of November 19, 2023, was watching the final from the stands with a prayer on his lips that Har-

A VICTORY FOR GENERATIONS

The night was soaked in symbolism. Harmanpreet lifted the trophy that eluded Mithali Raj and Jhulan mi, for over two decades.

For the younger generation



manpreet Kaur doesn't meet his fate.

For Harmanpreet, the lady who has done way more for Indian women's cricket than anyone can envisage, knows how much it hurts to lose a final as it happened eight summers back and her girls didn't let her down.

As she latched on to Nadine de Klerk's offering while back



A spectacular win by the Indian team in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 Finals. Their performance in the final was marked by great skill and confidence. The team showed exceptional teamwork and tenacity throughout the tournament. Congratulations to our players. This historic win will motivate future champions to take up sports

NARENDRA MODI | PRIME MINISTER

pedaling at extra cover, Ian Bishop fittingly called the moment "inspiring generations".

For head coach Amol Muzumdar, who couldn't wear the whites that he richly deserved, the global triumph with the women's national team would certainly heal those wounds that he has carried for years.

Brief Scores: India 298/7 in 50 overs (Shafali Verma 87, Deepti Sharma 54, Richa Ghosh 34; Ayabonga Khaka 3-58) beat South Africa 246/10 in 45.3 overs (Laura Wolvaardt 101, Annerie Dercksen 35; Deepti Sharma 5-39, Shafali Verma 2-36) by 52 runs.



Williamson retires from T20I

Auckland: Charismatic batter and former New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson Sunday called time on his T20 International career days before the commencement of a five-match series against the touring West Indies. Williamson, who played 93 T20I games for New Zealand, was recently appointed the strategic advisor for the IPL franchise Lucknow Super Giants for the 2026 season. Following the announcement, the 35-year-old top-order batter was not included in the 14-member T20I squad for the series against the West Indies beginning here Wednesday. Williamson, who amassed 2575 runs T20Is but never scored a century, will also miss the ensuing ODI series to focus on the three Tests against the Caribbean side. He retires as New Zealand's second-highest men's T20I runs-scorer at an average of 33, including 18 half-centuries and a highest score of 95. The cricketer, who has more than 19,000 runs across formats, had made his T20I debut in 2011 and went on to lead the side on 75 occasions, including captaining them to two T20 World Cup semifinals, in 2016 and 2022, and the final in 2021.

Bhagat, Kadam lead India's triumph

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jakarta, Nov 2: India's para-badminton contingent shone brightly at the Indonesia Para-Badminton International with the pair of Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam, four others clinching gold medals across categories to cap a dominant campaign.

Tokyo Paralympic champion Pramod teamed up with Sukant to claim the men's doubles SL3-SL4 gold, defeating Indonesia's Dwiyoko and Setiawan 21-16, 21-12 in straight games.

"It's an incredible feeling to win gold with Sukant after such a demanding tournament. Every medal reflects our hard work and the pride of representing India," Bhagat said after the win.

Kadam added, "Our connection on court was strong all week. Beating the local pair for gold shows the level we are now playing at. This win gives us great momentum for the season ahead."



India's dominance extended to the SL3 and SL4 men's singles categories, where Nitesh Kumar and Sivakumar emerged champions after commanding performances throughout the tournament.

Pramod also added a bronze medal in mixed doubles, while Tokyo Paralympic champion Krishna Nagar earned a bronze in men's singles SH6 and a silver in mixed doubles SH6.

Washington stars in series levelling win

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Hobart, Nov 2: Washington Sundar enhanced his reputation as a T20 hitter with India batting in top gear through the innings to comfortably chase down a target of 187 for a series levelling five-wicket win over Australia here Sunday.

Tim David (74 off 38) bludgeoned the Indian bowling attack to take Australia to 186 for six after the visitors opted to bat.

With the firepower India possess, they were expected to overhaul the target but Nathan Ellis (3/36) made their job tougher with his sharp and testing spells. India eventually got home in 18.3 overs.

Abhishek Sharma (25 off 16) once again produced a flurry of boundaries in the powerplay before skipper Suryakumar Yadav (24 off 11), Tilak Varma (29 off 26), Axar Patel (17 off 12) and Washington (49 not out off 23) did their bit.

Jitesh Sharma (22 not out off



12), playing his first game of the series, got valuable time in the middle and got the job done alongside Sundar.

Washington, who is rather underrated as a power-hitter, showed he can use the long handle effectively with majority of his sixes coming in the cow corner region.

The absence of Josh Hazlewood in the opposition camp — the pacer's focus now shifts to the Ashes, also made India's task a lot easier.

Barring Ellis, who troubled the Indian batters with short balls at express pace, Australian bowlers were not able to test the Indians enough.

The fourth T20 of the five match series will be played in Gold Coast November 6.

Opting to bowl in nippy conditions, India started well courtesy Arshdeep Singh who struck twice in a two-over spell on his return to the side. His performance earned him the Player of The Match award.