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Spirituality can help adolescents face life's challenges with resilience



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We all know that as per the laws of nature, we live our lives through various stages such as infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and old age. Of these life stages, the most adventurous and interesting stage is adolescence which represents an inner emotional upheaval, a struggle between the eternal human wish to cling to the past and the equally powerful wish to get on with the future. It's indeed a very critical phase in the life of every human being because, in this phase, there is intense growth not only physically but also morally, cognitively, emotionally and intellectually.



To attain a well-integrated maturity, a series of factors need to be addressed for adolescents, like they need to acquire self-certainty, be ready to try out new roles, strive for achievement, acquire a self-identity, balance their rights with responsibilities and identify personal goals and ideals.

It is so unfortunate that in the formative stage of adolescence when children need a strong sense of direction & guidance, there is no source for them to get it. The family is no longer the strong institution it used to be. Hence, under this scenario, adolescents try to find support from other means such as their peer group, TV, internet, books etc. Tempted by the glamour and gloss that is promoted by the media, there is a constant conflict that adolescents go through to measure up to their peer group's values and to cope with the ideals and the reality of life.

(Writer is a spiritual educator and popular columnist; views are personal)

Capitalising on 'China Plus One': Will India step up?



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As global trade dynamics shift under Donald Trump's policies, India stands to gain from the move by multinational companies to diversify supply chains beyond China

Releasing a report the 'Trade Watch', on December 25, 2024, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam has suggested that trade policies under US President-elect Donald Trump could result in a potential economic boom for India, driven by significant trade diversion in global trade.

This comes after Trump announced additional tariffs on imports from its biggest trading partners - 25 per cent on Canada and Mexico if they fail to check illegal immigration and drug trade. He also announced a general 10 per cent tariff by the US on all imports and a 60 per cent tariff on imports from China.

US goods imports from Canada and Mexico were US\$436.6 billion and US\$454.8 billion or 13.6 per cent and 14.2 per cent respectively. In sharp contrast, US goods imports from India during 2022 were US\$85.5 billion or a meagre 2.6 per cent of its total goods import.

At the 16th summit held on 22-24 October 2024 in Kazan, BRICS leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping, publicly voiced their commitment to jointly introduce an alternative payment system that wouldn't be dependent on the U.S. dollar.



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boost the production of its goods such as electronics (including smartphones), automobiles etc in which it has a comparative advantage. So, it has imposed restrictions on the export of computer chip-making equipment, software, and high-bandwidth memory chips to China.

As a result, China not have much surplus to send to the US (and other countries), and India will have more space to boost its export of electronics, automobiles etc. Third, European Union (EU) countries have also imposed tariffs on Chinese EVs (electric vehicles) and solar equipment.

Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) etc which help the country to better integrate into the global economy and benefit from expanded trade opportunities by facilitating access to markets of their member countries.

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

De-dollarisation: A bold step toward economic equity or a path fraught with uncertainty

The global economy stands at a crossroads as the concept of 'de-dollarisation' gains momentum, sparking debates about the future of international trade and finance

The global economy is currently rife with discussions surrounding a potential 'de-dollarisation,' which pertains to the anticipated transition away from the supremacy of the US dollar in international trade and finance.



RACHNA LAKHPATRI

Advocates argue that it could stabilise economies, reduce inflation, and ultimately relieve financial pressure on everyday individuals. However, is this change truly the solution to the world's economic problems, or does it introduce a new set of challenges?

tion of elements: an increasing yearning for financial independence, the unpredictability of US policies, and the necessity for a differential system that is more resilient against sanctions and market instability. Several nations, particularly those within economic alliances like BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa), have put forth the concept of establishing a new shared currency to facilitate trade and lessen their dependence on the dollar.



families. A unified currency could simplify many aspects of daily life for the average person. Crossing border lines may appear quite effortless, as there will be no need for currency exchange.

Creating confidence and setting up governance frameworks for the currency would present a significant challenge. Critics contend that a unified currency could unfairly benefit more robust economies, putting smaller or developing countries at risk.

a unified currency represent daring approaches to addressing enduring economic challenges. The outcome of lower inflation and an improved quality of life hinges on the ability of nations to collaborate effectively and create frameworks that prioritise fairness and stability.

(The writer is a freelance writer; views are personal)









# Gauff, Fritz qualify the US for the United Cup mixed teams tennis quarterfinals

AP ■ PERTH

The top-seeded pair of Coco Gauff and U.S. Open finalist Taylor Fritz of the United States are into the United Cup mixed teams



tennis quarterfinals. Fritz beat Borna Coric 6-3, 6-2 Tuesday as the American team needed to win only one match to top Group A. For good measure, Gauff beat Donna Vekic 6-4, 6-2 in the later women's singles. The world No. 3 lost to Vekic at the Paris Olympics but Bencic was no match for

Gauff on Tuesday. "Really happy with how I played today," Gauff said. "She's a great player. The Olympics loss hurt so I definitely was thinking about it just as motivation to do better and I'm happy to send my team through." The U.S. Beat Canada in its opening match. The Perth quarterfinals were set for Wednesday, with the U.S. Taking on China, which qualified as the best runner-up, and group winners Kazakhstan and Germany playing each other. In Sydney, Italy also moved into the quarterfinals Tuesday with a 3-0 win over France at Ken Rosewall Arena. Flavio Cobolli claimed a 6-3, 6-7 (8), 6-2 upset singles win over France's Ugo Humbert.

Jasmine Paolini beat Chloe Paquet 6-0, 6-2 to give Italy its winning margin before also winning the mixed

doubles. Winners of the past two Davis Cups and runners-up two years ago to the U.S. In

the inaugural edition of the season-opening mixed teams' event, Italy won Group D without world No.

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No. 2611  
**2nd Corrigendum Notice** dated. 30.12.2024

O-1104 The 2nd Corrigendum to the Bid Identification No. **BLGR-Online-05/2024-25**, the revised date and time are as follows:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Bolangir	<b>BLGR-Online-05/2024-25</b>	05.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	18.01.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.	17.01.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.	20.01.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated separately

N.B. - All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- S.Mahali  
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O-1101

Corrigendum

Due to unavoidable circumstances the details of e-procurement Notice No.05/ Road Works / 2024-25 are hereby changed, which are in given below followed by the Procurement officer Executive Engineer, R.W. Division, Dhenkanal.

- Availability of Tender on-line for bidding-From 04.01.2025 at 11.00AM to 10.01.2025 upto 3.00PM instead of 14.01.2025 upto 5.00 PM
- Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification- 09.01.2025 upto 4.00 PM instead of 13.01.2024 upto 4.00 PM
- Date & Time of opening of Tender- 10.01.2025 at 5.00 PM instead of 15.01.2025 at 11.00 AM

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O-1105

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR BUILDING WORKS IN ODISHA  
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- Name of the work : Building Works as per DTCN available in the [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in)
- Total No. of Work : 03 (Three) Nos.
- Estimated Cost : Rs. 1.68 Lakh to 4.20 Lakhs
- Period of completion : 01 (One) Calendar Month
- Period and Time of availability of bid document in the portal for bidding : Dt. 03.01.2025 at 11.00 A.M. to 09.01.2025 upto 05.00 P.M.
- Date and Time of bid opening : Dt. 10.01.2025 at 11.00 A.M.
- Name and address of the officer inviting Bid : S.E., R.W.Division, Jharsuguda

(1) Other details can be seen from Detailed notice Inviting Tenders, available in website [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in)

(2) Corrigendum if any shall only be published in the above website.

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

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Airline Operator	Routes	Frequency	Date of Commencement
Star Air	Jharsuguda → Hyderabad → Jharsuguda	Daily flight	01 January 2025
	Jharsuguda → Raipur → Jharsuguda	Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday	01 February 2025
	Jharsuguda → Lucknow → Jharsuguda	Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	01 February 2025
Air India Express	Bhubaneswar → Kochi → Bhubaneswar	Daily flight	03 January 2025
	Bhubaneswar → Jaipur → Bhubaneswar	Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday	03 January 2025
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