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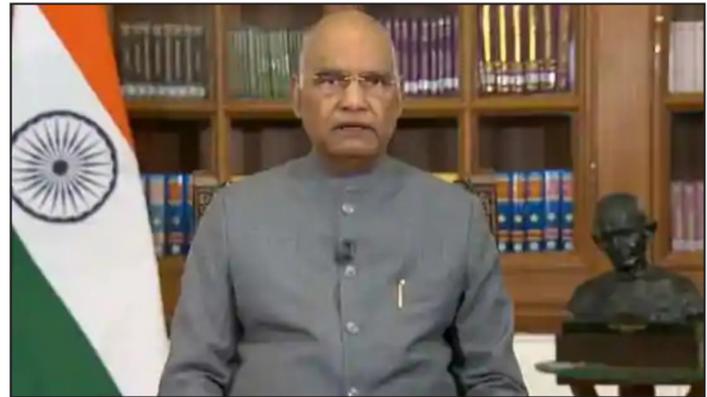
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**ଶଶେଶାମ୍ବି (ଗଣେଶା ଲାଳ)**  
ମାନ୍ୟବର ରାଜ୍ୟପାଳ, ଓଡ଼ିଶା

## President Hails Farmers, Scientists And Soldiers On Republic Day Eve

New Delhi, Jan 25: On the eve of Republic Day, President Ram Nath Kovind said justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity, outlined in the Preamble of the Constitution, are sacred to everybody in the nation. The President said in his speech: "These values - justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity - outlined in the preamble of our Constitution are sacred to all of us. Its abiding adherence is meant not only for those who are mandated to govern but for the people at large. "Justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity are perennial principles of our philosophy of life. They come to us from the dawn of this civilisation through an unbroken chain," the President said. He said the task of every generation to seek out the meaning of these values for its times. As the freedom fighters did in their



forces - Army, Air Force and Navy - are adequately mobilised in a well-coordinated move to thwart any attempt to undermine our security. Our national interest will be protected at all costs," the President further said. He paid tributes to those who have lost their lives in the pandemic. He lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for converting a crisis into an opportunity, "The Prime Minister gave a call of Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan...Our vibrant democracy, our enterprising and talented fellow citizens - specially the youth - energise our efforts in shaping a self-reliant India," he said. The President also praised the Election Commission for conducting free and fair elections in Bihar and in UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, despite the pandemic threat.

day, these key principles should light our path to development. President Ram Nath Kovind hailed farmers, scientists and soldiers for working to serve the country at an adverse time during the pandemic. "All our farmers, soldiers and scientists deserve special appreciation and a grateful nation greets them on this auspicious occasion of Republic Day." The President in his address said: "Despite adversities of nature, numerous other chal-

enges and the Covid-19 pandemic, our farmers sustained the agricultural production. From space to the farms, from educational institutions to hospitals, the community of scientists has enriched our life and work." Hailing the scientific community, the President said, "Our scientists have been working day and night for decoding the Coronavirus and they have succeeded in developing the vaccine in record time. With this accomplishment, our scientists have added a glorious chapter of contribution to the well-being of humanity." "From the freezing cold at Siachen and Galwan valley in Ladakh with temperatures as low as minus 50 to 60 °C to the scorching heat in Jaisalmer with temperatures as high as 50 °C, on land, in the skies and at the vast coastal areas, our warriors are vigilant every moment," he said "Though we reiterate our commitment to peace, our defence

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ଆସନ୍ତୁ, ଏକ ସଶକ୍ତ, ସମୃଦ୍ଧ ଓ ସ୍ୱାଭିମାନୀ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଗଠନ ପାଇଁ ସମସ୍ତେ ନିଜ ନିଜ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ରହି କାମ କରିବାକୁ । ଦେଶର ସମୃଦ୍ଧିରେ ନିଜର ଯୋଗଦାନ ଦେଇ ଭାରତକୁ ଆହୁରି ଶକ୍ତିଶାଳୀ କରିବା ।

**ନବୀନ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ (ନବୀନ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ)**  
ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ, ଓଡ଼ିଶା

## Odisha CM Urges MPs, MLAs To Adopt Schools Under Mo School Initiative

Bhubaneswar, Jan 25: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today appealed the two Union Ministers from the State Dharmendra Pradhan and Pratap Sarangi, judges of the High Court, all Ministers, all MPs and MLAs to adopt the school in which they

had studied or any school of their choice under the 'Mo School' programme. Patnaik has written letters to all in this connection, said an official press release issued here today. An individual can on the maximum side adopt three schools. "You all have established your-

selves in society by the dint of your merit and skill. The school in which you had studied has a significant contribution to that. Contribution of school is immense, it has shaped us. It has provided us with the ability to create a unique identity for ourselves. It has further strengthened our commitment to reach our goals. With a generous heart you can create an opportunity for transformation of your dear-



est school," wrote Patnaik while requesting to adopt their dearest school/schools. The Chief Minister has said that the State government's 'Mo School' programme has brought them an opportunity to do something for their dearest school.

## PM interacts with recipients of Rashtriya Bal Puraskar



New Delhi, Jan 25: The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi interacted with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) awardees today via video conferencing. Union Women & Child Development Minister, Smriti Zubin Irani was also present on the occasion. The Prime Minister said that this year's awards are special as the recipient earned them in the difficult times of Corona. During the in-

teraction, the Prime Minister acknowledged the role of children in major behaviour-change campaigns like swachhta movement. He said when children got involved in campaigns like handwash campaign during Corona time, the campaigns caught the imagination of people and achieved success. The Prime Minister also noted the diversity in the fields in which awards have been

given this year. The Prime Minister observed that when a small idea is supported by the right action, results are impressive. He asked the children to believe in action as this interplay of ideas and action will trigger many actions inspiring people for greater things. The Prime Minister advised the children not to rest on their laurels and they should continue to strive for better results in their lives.

The Prime Minister asked the children to keep three things, three pledges, in their mind. First, pledge of Consistency. There should not be any slackening of speed of the action. Second, pledge for the country. If we work for the country and treat every work in terms of the country then that work will become greater than the self. He asked the children to think what they can do for the country as we enter 75th year of

independence. Third, the pledge of humility. Every success should spur us to be more polite as our humility will enable others to celebrate our success with us, The Prime Minister concluded. The Government of India has been conferring the Bal Shakti Puraskar under Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to the children with exceptional abilities and outstanding achievement in the fields of innovation, scholastic achievements, sports, arts & culture, social service and bravery. This year, 32 applicants from across the country, under different categories of Bal Shakti Puraskar, have been selected for PMRBP-2021.

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**ସ୍ମୃତିଜିତ ଦାସ (ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ)**  
ଜଳସଂପଦ, ସୂଚନା ଓ ଲୋକସମ୍ପର୍କ ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ

## NCW to challenge Bombay High Court judgment on sexual assault

New Delhi, Jan 25: Justice Pushpa Ganediwala of the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court, in a judgment passed on January 19, held that there must be "skin to skin contact with sexual intent" for an act to be considered sexual assault. (File) The National Commission for Women on Monday said it will challenge in the Supreme Court the Bombay High Court judgment which said groping without "skin to skin" contact is not



sexual assault as defined under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. This judgment will not only have a cascading effect on various provisions involving safety and security of women in general but also

subject all women to ridicule, National Commission for Women (NCW) Chairperson Rekha Sharma said. It has trivialised the legal provisions provided by the legislature for the safety and security of women, she said.

"@NCWIndia is challenging the Hon'ble Bombay High Court, Nagpur Bench judgement in Criminal Appeal No.161 of 2020, Satish Ragde v. State of Maharashtra dated 19.01.2021," Sharma tweeted and added that the commission is going to challenge it in the Supreme Court. Justice Pushpa Ganediwala of the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court, in a judgment passed on January 19, held that there must be "skin to skin contact

with sexual intent" for an act to be considered sexual assault. She said in her verdict that mere groping will not fall under the definition of sexual assault. In another tweet, Sharma said, "This judgment will not only have cascading effect on various provisions involving safety and security of women in general but also put all the women under ridicule and has trivialized the legal provisions provided by the legislature for the safety and security of women".

## Gujarat Police leave for Punjab to bring back Kutch cattle-herder released from Pakistan jail

Rajkot, Jan 25: A Pakistani court had sentenced him to five years imprisonment after convicting him of espionage. A team of

Singh, Superintendent of Police, Kutch (west), told Monday. A 53-year-old cattle-herder from Nana Dinara village near

October 2016 but he had continued to be in detention pending the verification of his nationality and other formalities. On January



police from Kutch (west) Sunday left for Punjab after the district administration of Amritsar sent a communication to the Gujarat Police to visit the state for facilitating the return of Ismail Sama, a cattle-herder from Kutch who was released by a Pakistan jail three days ago. "We received a communication from the district magistrate of Amritsar regarding the arrival of a man from Nana Dinara village. Accordingly, we sent our team last evening to Amritsar and bring the man back to Kutch," Saurabh

Khavda on the India-Pakistan border in Kutch district, Ismail was handed over to the Indian authorities at Wagah border Friday. Ismail had gone missing from his village in August 2008 and was found in a Karachi jail in 2014. His family believe that he had either crossed over to Pakistan after losing the way while grazing his cattle or was abducted by Pakistani border guards. A Pakistani court had sentenced him to five years imprisonment after convicting him of espionage. The sentence had ended in

14 this year, the Islamabad high court ordered his repatriation on January 22. After his release, Ismail's step brother Yunus and Nana Dinara deputy sarpanch Fazalla Sama had reached Amritsar Saturday morning to receive him. While the authorities allowed Yunus and Fazalla to meet Ismail at a hospital, the 53 year old would be allowed to leave the hospital only when Kutch police reach there and bring him back to the district, police officers in Kutch said.

## Galwan braveheart Col Santosh Babu named for Mahavir Chakra in R-Day honours



New Delhi, Jan 25: Colonel B Santosh Babu, the commanding officer of 16 Bihar battalion, who led sol-

diers to evict Chinese soldiers from East Ladakh's Galwan Valley last June, has been posthumously named

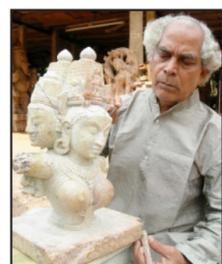
for Mahavir Chakra, India's second-highest military award for acts of conspicuous gallantry in the presence of the enemy, an official announcement by the Defence Ministry said on Monday. The bloody Galwan clash was the first deadly conflict between India and China in at least 45 years and was seen to underline the risk of the border standoff escalating into a full-scale confrontation. The news of the Republic Day honours for the Galwan bravehearts came

hours after a fourth clash between Indian and Chinese troops in the last year was reported from north Sikkim. Twenty Indian soldiers including Col Santosh Babu were killed in the seven-hour-long clash that at its peak involved more than 600 rival soldiers. China acknowledged the PLA suffered casualties in the violent scrap but didn't give any figures. The Indian Army, based on intelligence inputs and communication intercepts, believes the PLA lost at least 50 soldiers including the commanding

officer of the battalion concerned. India's national security planners believe PLA soldiers, who had come prepared with clubs wrapped with barbed-wire and spears, had hoped to wrest control of Galwan Valley from India. But they were evicted by the Indian soldiers in the operation listed in army records as Operation Snow Leopard. A majority of the casualties on both sides were caused by hypothermia when soldiers were pushed off the cliff into the freezing Galwan river.

## Sudarshan Sahoo From Odisha To Receive Padma Vibhushan

New Delhi, Jan 25: Padma Awards – one of the highest civilian Awards of the country, were conferred in three categories, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri today. The awards were given in various disciplines/ fields of activities, viz.- art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc. 'Padma Vibhushan' was awarded for exceptional and distinguished service; 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field. These awards are conferred by the President of India at ceremonial functions



which are held at Rashtrapati Bhawan usually around March/April every year. This year the President has approved conferment of 119 Padma Awards including 1 duo case (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one). Seven Padma Vibhushan, 10 Padma Bhushan and 102 Padma Shri Awards were awarded this year. A total of 29 of the awardees are women. Also, 10 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI, 16

Posthumous awardees and 1 transgender awardee in the award list. Renowned sculptor Sudarshan Sahoo from Odisha will receive Padma Vibhushan for his distinguished work in the field of Art. Five personalities from Odisha from different fields were awarded Padma Shri this year. Shanti Devi was awarded Padma Shri for her distinguished service in the field of Social Work. Purnamasi Jani will receive Padma Shri for the work in Art field. Rajat Kumar Kar will get the award in Literature and Education, Krishna Mohan Pathi in Medicine and Nanda Prusty in Literature and Education field.

## Time to work not just for global economy but as a global family: Smriti Irani

New Delhi, Jan 25: Speaking at the World Economic Forum's online Davos Agenda Summit, Irani said, "My country is the proof that when the government and citizens come together, much can be done, despite initial fears about the scale of the pandemic making it difficult to coordinate responses." Asserting that the coronavirus crisis has brought the world together in sharing best practices, Union Minister Smriti Irani on Monday said it is the time to work together as a global family and cited India's example in fighting the pandemic through cooperative federalism. Speaking at the World Economic Forum's online Davos Agenda Summit, Irani said, "My country is the proof that when the government and citizens come together, much can be done, despite initial fears about the scale of the pandemic making it difficult to coordinate responses." Irani, who was participating in a panel discussion on 'Restoring Economic Growth' along with Singapore's Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam and Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda, among others, stressed on the need to support



the global community. She said her country has supported the needs of poorer sections of society with measures, including cash transfers and clean fuel grants, while the Indian government also gave financial support to millions of SMEs and farmers over the course of the pandemic. The global economy contracted by more than 5 per cent in 2020 with many countries falling into recession, according to the World Bank. Discussing how businesses and governments can collaborate more effectively to restore growth sustainably while boosting productivity and sharing prosperity, the panelists said the range of possibilities is narrower this year, but still wide. "No one can predict what will happen in 2021," Shanmugaratnam said. He also warned

that this would not be the last global health crisis and there is a need to invest in multilateralism. "The biggest lesson we need to take from the pandemic was the importance of mutual interest. We have greatly underfunded the global public good and this will be far more expensive in the long term," the minister added. Irani also agreed that there was a need for greater international cooperation, but cautioned, "those who made predictions about the year 2020 will bite their tongue before making pronouncements for 2021". She said, "In India, we learned very richly from our experience of cooperative federalism. We are proud of the fact how everyone rallied together. there was no sense of despair that we will not overcome whatever challenge the

pandemic throws up." Irani said it is time to invest in each other. While the world has lived as a global community for years, there was no recognition of the fact that the future can be so uncertain that we throw out of the window every technology in science and defence. "This pandemic has given many economies and an opportunity to introspect that it is as wise to invest in your own nations as well as the global community." She further hoped that the introspection, which has been deliberate because of the pandemic, is giving us an opportunity to come together to recognise that technology is important as the human interface that has benefited us as economies and countries. Irani, Minister of Women and Child Development, and Textiles, said it is yet

to be seen whether the pandemic and its impact were really behind us and whether the world was looking forward to a new normal or still adjusting to the despair that was thrown up by the pandemic. "I am hopeful that we will go from despair to a new hope," she added. Asserting that the definitions of developing countries, global economy and resurgence will change post-pandemic, she said, "We need to work not only as a global economy but as a global family." "And when you talk about the global family, there will be restrictions and challenges, but our minds will come together in terms of finding solutions and applications that are viable for all." She also said it needs to be ensured that those without digital skills are not left behind when technology expands in our workplaces. On how bravely India handled the pandemic, she said India did not produce a single PPE suit in March last year, but within three months it became the world's second-largest exporter for this product by creating an industry worth over USD 1 billion, growing from zero to 1,100 companies.

## Indian Army helicopter crash lands in J-K, both pilots injured



Lakhanpur, Jan 25: Two pilots have been evacuated from the helicopter and rushed to a Military Base Hospital nearby. Two pilots were grievously injured when an In-

dian Army's Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv crash landed in Lakhanpur area of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, police said. The pilots have

been evacuated from the helicopter and rushed to a Military Base Hospital nearby. Kathua district police chief Shailendra Kumar Mishra confirmed the incident. "A Dhruv helicopter of the Army crash landed near Lakhanpur. Two Army pilots have been injured in the incident. They have been evacuated to military base hospital in Pathankot."

## 11th National Voters Day Celebrate at Khordha



(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Jan 25: District Administration celebrate 11th National Voters Day at Khordha is aimed at increasing voters enrollment with special focus on new voters. On the occasions the awareness rally was flagged off by the MLA, Khordha, J. N. Mitra and Collector Sanat Kumar Mohanty from Zilla Sanskruti Bhavan to collectorate Khordha. ADM, Khordha Manoj Kumar Padhi, Sub-

Collector Khordha Ashok Kumar Behuria, District Sports Officers, Executive Officer, Khordha Municipality, Deputy Collector Election Kumuduni Subudhi and New Voters were participated in this rally. The main function was held at conference hall of collectorate Khordha, where collector Khordha, MLA, Khordha, ADM, Sub-Collector, Executive officer Khordha municipality, Deputy Collector Election along

with Assistant Electoral Registration officers, Booths level officers, Supervisors, New voters and others graced the occasions. As part of the celebration EPIC cards were given to several newly enrolled voters. Letter for appreciation and prizes were also given to the Assistant Electoral Registration officers Akshya Kumar Rout, Saroj Kumar Rout, Booths level officers and Supervisors to create awareness among the Voters.

## Security Awards Ceremony and National Symposium

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Jan 25: The Glory of the International Foundation Trust (GIFT) has organized a "Safety Honor" award ceremony at the local Rotary Building. The occasion included a national symposium on "Causes and Safety of Violence Against Women." The function was presided over by Sangeeta Patnaik, Chairperson of the Trust, and was attended by Rajya Sabha MP Mujibullah

(Munna) Khan as the Chief Guest, Sulta Deo, Adviser, Department of Women and Child Development, as the Chief Guest, and former Justice Krishna Chandra Rath as the Guest of Honor. Das attended the seminar as the chief guest. Violence against women is on the rise. The guests were of the opinion that women can be better protected in society by building a better society and raising awareness. Police Zone 2 ACP Vishnu



Prasad Patra, Police Officer Vijayani Singh, Neurology Department Dr Srikant Sahu, Elderly Madhubabu for discussion and posthumous Bharat Ratna

collected signatures in four states for various notable contributions. Rudra Samantaraiah, Manoj Mohanty, Riturani Samal, the body bearer, were

given security honors. Sasmita Mohapatra delivered the welcome address, Kharbel read the statement while Deepak Mohapatra thanked the audience.

## Vinil Krishna has taken a review of the progress of Sri Jagannath cricket stadium



(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Jan 25: Sri Vinil

Krishna The director of youth and sports dept.

Govt of odisha has taken a review of the

progress of Sri Jagannath cricket stadium the construction is going on about 13 acre of land where there will be Cricket Stadium, Indore Stadium, viewer Gallery, Swimming pool and court for Kho Kho, Kabadi Basketball, There will be many more modern facilities will be available for the youth players. The

construction work should finished coming 7 months as directed by Sri Krishna amount them in this review meeting Sub collector Bhabataran Sahu, dist.sport officer ChanDan Ku Sahu Pwd Engineer Girish Ch Behera, asst engineer Ghanshyam Panda and the wapakas company personas were present

## 193th Commomeration Day of Buxi Jagabandhu Observed in Khordha

(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Jan 25: District Administration Observed the 193th Commomeration Day of Buxi Jagabandhu in the premises of Zilla Sanskruti Bhavan here on Sunday. Additional District Magistrate Khordha Manoj Kumar Padhi presided over the meeting and spoke about the life and sacrifices of the Buxi and the historic paika rebellion. On the auspicious occasion MLA,



Khordha J. N. Mitra said Buxi Jagabandhu has created history, a history that elucidates the story of struggle against injustice of

the Britishers. President Zilla Parishad Khordha Prafulla Kumar Dalei said though among the first armed uprising

against the British East India company it never found it's place in history books while Sepoy mutiny of 1857 is officially recog-

nized as the first war of independence. Eminent Educationist of Khordha Bhimsen Pradhan said recognition of paika rebellion at the national levels has brought Cheer's of Odisha. The chief speaker of the occasions eminent historian Satyabadi Baliarsingh elaborately discussed the life of Buxi Jagabandhu. DIPRO, Khordha Manash Ranjan Biswal delivered welcome speech on the occasions.

## Railway traction power transmission projects put on fast track

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Jan 25: Railway traction power transmission projects have been put on fast track with Chief Secretary Suresh Chnadra Mohapatra reviewing the progress and resolving the ground level issues in a high level meeting held today on digital mode from Lokseva Bhawan. Taking a project wise review, Mohapatra set timelines for completion of each project and asked Odisha Power Transmission Corporation (OPTCL) to adhere to the time line. Further, Mohapatra asked the Principal Secretary Energy to take a month wise review of the work-schedule in coordination with concerned departments for expeditious implementation. Railways were asked to complete construction of their power conversion sub-stations in pace with power supply projects of the OPTCL. It may be pertinent here to



mention that OPTCL supplies 132 Kv or 220 Kv power to railway feeders from where the railways take power as per requirement of the trains through power conversion sub-stations. MCL was requested to expedite the issue of no objection certificates for Belpahar transmission tower. Presenting details of the projects, Principal Secretary Energy N.B. Dhal said, "Presently around 27 railway traction transmission projects have been assigned to OPTCL out of which 07 projects have been completed within the scheduled time with investment of around Rs.59 cr.

Other 17 projects estimated around Rs.247 cr are in different phases of implementation and 03 are in process of tendering. Out of 17 ongoing projects, 08 have been prioritized as critical ones by the railways for which special focus have been laid on early completion of the projects". Chairman OPTCL Dr Sourabh Garg appraised, "As of now construction of OPTCL railway transmission sub-stations have been completed at Nuapada, Kamakshya Nagar, Kendrapara, Kechobahal, Deogaon, Lanjigarh and Boina road stations.

## Odisha CM approves 62 posts for special wing to probe crimes against women, children



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Jan 25: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday announced the opening of a special wing of the state police to probe crimes against women and children and approved as many as 62 posts for the special cell. According to the CMO, the Chief Minister today approved 62 different posts for the special branch, including two special

posts—cyber forensic and IT Expert. The special wing will be headed by an IG rank officer. The state government has also deployed two additional SPs, 10 DSPs, four inspectors, 10 sub-inspectors, eight ASIs and 14 constables. In addition, five ministerial staff posts have been approved. Besides, five ministerial staff has also been approved for the special wing.

## Dense Fog Likely In 10 Odisha Dists, SRC Issues Advisory

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Jan 25: With India Meteorological Department (IMD) issuing dense fog warning for 11 districts of Odisha, the Special Relief Commissioner's (SRC)'s office on Monday issued an advisory to police and transport officials of respective districts. As per the weather bulletin issued by the IMD today, dense fog is very likely to occur at a few places in the districts of Angul, Dhenkanal, Boudh, Kandhamal, Nayagarh, Khurda, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Jajpur & Bhadrak dur-

ing the night of January 25 and early morning of January 26. Similarly, the IMD has forecast that dense fog is very likely to occur at a few places in the districts of Kandhamal, Boudh, Nayagarh, Khurda, Cuttack, Angul, Dhenkanal & Jagatsinghpur during the night of January 26 and early morning of January 27. Accordingly, the SRC's office has advised the Police and Transport department officials of respective districts to take necessary steps for controlled plying of vehicles on highways during dense fog to avoid any road accident.



On the Occasion of 72nd Republic Day, International Sand Artist, Mr.Manas Kumar Sahoo, conveys his best wishes through his Sand Art which displays our Tricoloured Flag & prays for the well being of Our Country. The Sand Art is displayed on the Golden Beach of Puri, Odisha near the Light House. It is about 15 ft wide & about 15 tonnes of Sand has been used to create the art. The messages engraved in the Art read as "Happy Republic Day" & "Mera Bharat Mahan".

## Eminent Pediatrician Dr. Pradeep Dey Joins Sum Ultimate Medicare

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Jan. 25: Eminent pediatrician Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dey has joined the SUM Ultimate Medicare here as a senior consultant. An alumnus of the V.S.S. Medical College at Burla, Dr. Dey had completed his post-graduate studies in Pediatrics from the Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi, and worked as a Senior Resident in AIIMS

and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital, both located in New Delhi. With an enviable professional record, he is a recognized expert in Pediatric Intensive Care, Pediatric Hematology, Pediatric Nephrology, Adolescent Healthcare, Neonatology and management of infectious diseases. Dr. Dey has rich experience of over 20 years in top-notch corporate hospitals. He will be



available for OPD consultation at SUM Ultimate Medicare and can be contacted at 6372900010 for appointment.

## EDITORIAL

## Missing cohesion

The latest attempts by the Congress to paper over differences raise more questions than these answer. One cannot help wondering what ails India's 'grand old party'? Why is it that over four months after the Congress set into motion the process of holding elections for the appointment of a new president, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) on Friday unanimously put off the exercise until June? Does the Congress not realise that it is rapidly losing political relevance in the country by losing State after State? So now, with the Assembly elections to five States slated for May or earlier, is it not the time for the party to elect a leader who will be able to effectively lead the party into the polls and work out a strategy to reverse its dwindling fortunes? It is very obvious that Rahul is not interested in being at the helm of affairs despite his mother Sonia Gandhi's fervent desire to see her son lead it. Though Rahul is rapidly shaping into a politician who frequently raises uncomfortable and relevant questions for the Government and even takes on the Prime Minister, he is a "reluctant politician" who would rather be away from it all instead of right in the middle of a fight at the hustings. So isn't it time that the Congress began looking at someone outside the "dynasty" to lead it into the poll battles? However, given that the schedule announced by the party's working committee will ensure that the new president escapes responsibility for the outcomes of the five Assembly elections, one cannot be blamed for thinking that the mantle might again fall on the Gandhi scion. Is it that the party does not have faith in the bevy of veteran leaders who are more than capable of steering it on the path of victory and, by extension, political relevance? Or is it that the loyalists would rather run the party into the ground than change guard? Is there so much rivalry in the 'grand old party' that the members can't rise above it and do what is best for the future of the Congress and, by extension, the country? Everyone knows that for democracy to be relevant, alive and kicking in a country, a strong Opposition is a must to keep the Government on its toes. But all attempts at forging Opposition unity have come to nought till now as senior leaders — like Chandrababu Naidu, Mamata Banerjee, Sharad Pawar and so on — refuse to kowtow to a young and inexperienced leader who has never even been a Chief Minister? So isn't it time that the Congress began looking at someone outside the "dynasty" to lead it into the poll battles? However, given that the schedule announced by the party's working committee will ensure that the new president escapes responsibility for the outcomes of the five Assembly elections, one cannot be blamed for thinking that the mantle might again fall on the Gandhi scion. Is it that the party does not have faith in the bevy of veteran leaders who are more than capable of steering it on the path of victory and, by extension, political relevance? Or is it that the loyalists would rather run the party into the ground than change guard? Is there so much rivalry in the 'grand old party' that the members can't rise above it and do what is best for the future of the Congress and, by extension, the country? Everyone knows that for democracy to be relevant, alive and kicking in a country, a strong Opposition is a must to keep the Government on its toes. But all attempts at forging Opposition unity have come to nought till now as senior leaders — like Chandrababu Naidu, Mamata Banerjee, Sharad Pawar and so on — refuse to kowtow to a young and inexperienced leader who has never even been a Chief Minister? Plus, each of them is more than capable and harbours prime ministerial ambitions. So why would the stalwarts step down for a dynasty? The result is a country with a weak and scattered Opposition and no leader tall enough to give an alternative Government at the Centre and occupy the Prime Minister's chair. It is a shame that at a time when the Congress should be finalising its strategy for the looming Assembly elections, there is infighting over the internal elections and the CWC polls which were last held when Sonia took over as Congress president in 1998. The Congress obviously needs to put its house in order, both for its sake and for that of the country.

## Professions versus self-employment

Since only about half the employable people globally have jobs, it's time to start training youngsters for self-employment. For a living, there is nothing more pleasurable than owning and running one's own enterprise. True, lately, even in India, some companies offer a hefty pay and perks which exceed the profits of a small-to-medium industry or business. Nevertheless, the satisfaction of owning an enterprise is greater and well offsets the income of a top job. Mind you, a chief executive of a large corporation has several advantages other than merely pay and perks. To be able to operate on a large scale as well the potential of further expansion on commensurate scale is itself a substantial compensation. The larger the enterprise, the greater the market and, perhaps, influence, and the more the number of people reporting to the CEO. Some chief executives experience, and rightly so, a sense of power which a medium self-owned enterprise can't provide. Until 1980, I headed a company, with no questions ever asked, which employed 25,000 people. That pleasure is yet to be replicated in my own business-cum-industry which has been successful for its size. For a musician, the pleasure of playing on a grand piano far outweighs the satisfaction that a harmonium provides, although the former belongs to someone else while the latter is one's own. The pain and humiliation of the piano being taken away would be greater than the pleasure it ever gave you. Nevertheless, if I were born again, I would get into my own business earlier than I did in this innings. But I must not forget to mention that a certain discipline and method of work that a large



organisation provides, a small one seldom gives. It is not widely known that management science or business management as a subject was started by what an officer observed of the German Army's functioning during World War I: How best to develop an effective organisation economically and then run it optimally. An example that readily comes to mind is the famous "tooth to tail ratio". Given, say, a division of soldiers, maximise the number of fighting/firing men and keep the deployment for servicing/supporting the frontline men with rifles and machine guns at the bare minimum. It was subsequently discovered that the British Army had a 1:10 ratio, while the German ratio was 1:4. On this criterion, the Germans were two-and-a-half times more efficient than the British at the fundamental function of fighting and killing the enemy. Do not get the impression that I favour the Army set-up as an ideal example for organising a large company. One, I have quoted an example of over a century ago. Two, in today's context, the Army's fighting soldiers and officers are divided into many layers. A better focused training would require fewer layers of supervision or leadership. In

contrast, small businesses require versatile men and women, persons who know how to perform multiple functions for the simple reason that the smaller the company, the fewer number of persons it can afford to employ. Looking at the world scenario, only about half the employable people have jobs. The other half is self-employed, which includes the wealthiest entrepreneur to the humblest hawk. The message is that of the two youngsters coming into the employment market, one must look for self-employment. If one's education has been law, medicine, accountancy or such-like, s/he knows what to do. Else, one may try one's hand at business. This is where youngsters who do not belong to families with a business tradition can feel lost. Business management studies enumerate theories on commerce-related subjects. But they seldom lay out advice on how to set up a business if one has no experience. Few successful entrepreneurs write their life stories for the beginners to learn from. Nor have the publishers of educational books apparently persuaded enough entrepreneurs to fill this knowledge gap. A word of caution: Neither an inheritor of business nor an academician

is quite the appropriate author of a truly useful book. Only someone who happens to have started his/her enterprise from scratch and succeeded, is such an author. My plea is urgent because in the employment market right now, women in significant numbers are seeking jobs, which was earlier a men's monopoly. We had not heard of women fighter pilots in the Air Force; now they are a reality. On the other hand, the COVID-19 affliction has caused a loss in jobs. Will all the shops survive or will home deliveries replace some of them? What are likely to be the effects of work-from-home on employment? With no family tradition of business, I worked as an executive in big companies for 23 years. By pursuing acquaintances in multi-national corporations, I got started with contract manufacturing. That line helped me set up small factories manufacturing and selling similar goods. This is one example of how a novice can enter his/her own enterprise. But one factor is certain: The person concerned has to lose his/her fear of insecurity. The security of a steady job can sometimes be as bad as a disease. India is proud of its business management schools which have turned out first-rate executives. But it will be interesting to see a survey of their alumni: What percentage has developed their own enterprises? I feel there is a need for similar schools for small enterprises. A laundry, a restaurant, even a grocer or panwallah is a business worth learning and pursuing. Everyone need not learn how to run a large company. In fact, there is greater scope for smaller enterprises but I doubt if there are schools teaching about them.

Prafull Goradia

## Swachh Bharat Mission can be a model for caution post the vaccine

Across Europe, even in Rome, there were poignant reports of subdued Christmas celebrations, unavoidable, because of the fear of the unpredictable coronavirus. Countries have fallen back on that age-old adage, discretion is the better part of valour. New Year's Eve was not much different. In India, cities and states took recourse to a new set of restrictions that can't be dismissed as killjoy. Leaders and governments are having to anxiously remind citizens about pandemic protocols. Among the few rescue acts of Joe Biden's first day in the White House was the restoration of the mask. In Mumbai, civic authorities have found that the number of people revelling at wedding receptions, pubs, restaurants and nightclubs exceeded the permissible limits — in fact, many were making merry without the mandatory mask. More than 10 lakh people were fined in the Maximum City for not using masks. Violations were also reported in other cities and towns. So, the announcement of a night curfew was an expected enforcement response. Fines and police action are perhaps justified for protecting lives and preventing the system from collapsing. But making the wearing of masks a sustainable habit and observing physical distancing as part of everyday behaviour would have to be part of a shared — albeit none to cheerful — vision till there is a decisive green signal. It has to be like India's

Swachh Bharat, a sterling example of people's participation. In Prime Minister Narendra Modi's words, "swachhata" was taken up as a "collective national responsibility". As the vaccine entered the collective imagination of an expectant population, PM Modi reminded: "Dawai bhi, Kadaai Bhi". Though it's currently constricted by avoidable vaccine hesitancy, India's vaccine programme will hopefully usher in herd immunity at the earliest. Behavioural changes require time. The observation of safe sanitation practices — especially those pertaining to toilet use, assiduously cultivated during the Swachh Bharat years of 2014-2019 — is a case in point. The key findings of the Fifth Round of the National Family Health Survey, 2019-20 do throw up certain concerns about the state of sanitation in the country, particularly in its rural parts. It would appear that the focus of the Swachh Bharat Mission on toilet access and use needs to be taken forward with double the vigour. Sustaining the changed behaviour requires a steady stream of campaigns, something that has always tested the implementers. Very pertinently, the Swachh Bharat Mission Phase II gives institutionalised attention to the sustainability of ODF (Open Defecation Free) status, despite the action moving on to solid and liquid waste management. While Amitabh Bachchan called out for "Darwaza Bandh" — shut the door on open

defecation — in the initial phase, the current call is for "Har Koi, Har Roz, Hamesha". Trained swachhagrahis remain watchful across India's six-and-a-half lakh villages to make sure that the guard is not down. The scale of mass action and buzz creation around sanitation under Swachh Bharat Mission was unprecedented. For a country that prides itself on accomplishing the world's largest behaviour change programme, involving 600 million citizens, sustaining a corona-responsive behaviour should be less challenging, given that the threat is much direct. In fact, to inculcate a new behaviour has always been relatively easier compared to changing an age-old habit like open defecation. The hard work of the last 10 months of surveillance and testing, not to speak of enduring the painful lockdowns, and the fruitful precautions of masking, distancing and regular hand washing will come to a naught if the commencement of vaccination or the slide in the COVID case count are seen as an invitation to freedom. The year of vaccination, 2021, can only be compared with Phase II of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Much like the imperative sustain an ODF society, the behavioural changes necessitated by the pandemic must be preserved with double the effort even though the vaccine has opened up a vista of hope and the scale of infection is down — the latter owes in no small measure to the observance of

the distancing and masking prescriptions. While the network of election operations is seen as a model for vaccine distribution, the instruments and mechanisms of Swachh Bharat Mission can address the need for sustaining COVID-responsible behaviour — covering the face and maintaining physical distance. A volunteering force like the swachhagrahis or the band of young and skilled warriors like the zila Swachh Bharat preraks could be apt for the purpose. Barely have the first jabs been administered in a handful of countries, a mutant variant of the virus has made its presence felt. The fear of a second or third surge of the pandemic lurks. Post vaccine, COVID-19 may moderate in terms of severity and infectivity, but it might not be completely eliminated some time soon. The learning from the pandemic is not only resilience but also humility in conduct and being aware that the virus remains an unpredictable adversary. The piece of cloth spread across the face that shuts off some of our sensory organs, besides being functionally efficient, is symbolic of this willing subjugation — that has to continue. The Clean India of Mahatma's dream became possible when 130 crore Indians came together and adopted new habits of sanitation. The same joint resolve is necessary not to let a single mask drop off the nose.

Akshay Rout

## Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's visit to Kendrapara

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Jan 25: I heard it as a child? I haven't seen it, I Balancing the environment and tourism is needed. The interior will be even more beautiful Will increase employment and revenue. It's too late for me to come here? I will bring in the Union Minister of Tourism and Environment Bhitarkanika Infrastructure Responsibility. The Government of Odisha plans to take the Coastal Highway forward. It will be more beneficial to the center Industrial tourism will be an agricultural development. Coastal high will be a life line. It will cost tens of thousands of crores. A memoran-



dum of understanding will be signed with the Port of Paradip very soon. For the construction of a river-based port. There can be industry in the center. The potential of the steel plant can be

bright. The Cabinet has approved the construction of the Western Dock in Paradip. After visiting the Bhitarkanika National Park, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan arrived at the Circuit

House in Jajang at 12 noon today to pay tribute to the first corona warriors who were vaccinated with northern and bouquet flowers. Child runner Kishore Behera and his sister, who were

discussed on social media, also met the minister. From there, he went directly to pay homage to Lord Sidha Baladevjew, the deity of Kendrapara. The minister said the central government was aiming to launch a large mega project very soon in the non-industrial center. The passenger train on the Paradip-Haridaspur railway line in inaugurate Kendrapara has been promised by the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister of Odisha. He also informed the Union Minister of Tourism about the Bhitarkanika National Park and would pay special attention to how to maintain the Bhitarkanika Sanctuary.

## National Voters' Day observed at Malkangiri

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Jan 25: Malkangiri celebrates National voters'/ Election Day! On January 25, 2021, National voters'/ Election Day was observed in the premises of Malkangiri Sanskriti Bhavan in favor of the district administration! The function was presided over Sub Collector Rameshwar Pradhan while Additional District Magistrate

Birsan Pradhan was the Chief Guest, Deputy District Magistrate Lalit Mandal was the Guest of Honor and Assistant District Magistrate Chandramani Swain was the Chief Guest. Ranjan Kumar Swain, the district host of the Young Red Cross, officiated! The guests expressed their views on the significance of the vote! The new generation of young people, who are 18

years old, have been given voter ID cards! In addition, BLOs were rewarded for their dedicated work! At 9 a.m., students from various educational institutions gathered at the district attorney's office and marched in a procession to the local Sanskriti Bhavan! Everyone attended the meeting and learned about voting! Finally, Ranjan Kumar Swain thanked everyone!



## Utkalmani Yubak Sangha Celebrates National Girl's Day

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Jan 25: The Leading Voluntary Organization of Pattamundai Block of the Utkalmani Yubak Sangha has Celebrated the 14th National Girl's Child Day. Every Year, January 24 is Celebrated as National Girl's Child Day. The Underdeveloped Society of the so-called Philosophy "Yatra Narishu Pujyete, Ramante Tatra Devata" In that society, there is a lot of Inequality, Especially in Indian Social Public life, The Utkalmani Yubak Sangha Create Public Awareness Among all kinds of Negative Images from the use of Women as a Commodity of Violence

Against Women, Female Fetus Killing, Advertising as a Commodity. Mr. Gouttam Behera as National Youth Volunteer and Founder of Utkalmani Yubak Sangha gave a Detailed Discussion on the Importance of Education, Health, Advancement, Equality to the General Public and the Approach of Celebrating National Girl Child Day. A Walkathon was held in Collaboration with Mrs. Rosnamayee Pratihari, Mrs. Kabita Sahu Two Administrators of Deuli Anganawadi, Harekrushna Behera, Balaram Behera and other members of the Utkalmani Yubak Sangha Were Present on the Occasion.

## Kalimela Revenue Inspector and Tahasil Clerk suspended



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Jan 25: In Kalimela tehsil of Malkangiri district, 18 people in the kalimela Town's encroachment site were forged and allotted in September. Thus began its digging

by the district administration. Following the investigation, the district magistrate today suspended Suresh Pujari, a revenue inspector, and Dibyasinghe Paikrai, an enclosement clerk.

However, Tahsildar Alok Kumar Anugulia has been asked when the action will be taken. Two other suspended officials have been asked to be present in the entire tehsil. It is alleged that the informer provided the information to the police in a bid to dissuade them from commenting on the allegations. Among the people who got the lease were contractors,

well-known businessmen, politicians, job families and students. Hundreds of beneficiaries in the Kalimela area have been left homeless due to lack of leases. To date, local residents have not been granted leases, so they do not have access to personal loans, ethnicity certificates, or residents' certificates. The tehsil authorities ignored all this and leased the

money to the people who had the money. The district attorney's office ordered an investigation. The 18 people who were given the lease were from outside the district and were identified as wealthy. However, the clerk and revenue inspector of Kalimela tehsil and others involved in the incident have been investigated and there is a general demand for action against all.

## A man has been arrested in connection with the theft of a Rs 200,000 bike

(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, Jan 25: Rengali police have arrested a man and rescued him from the Rengali bus stand under the Rengali police station in Sambalpur district at around noon. On January 15, Pramod Kumar Patel, a CRPF youth from Pahar Pali village under Katarbaga police station, withdrew Rs 2 lakh from a cooperative bank in Rengali from a paddy sale and put it on his bike dock,



parked his car at the Rengali bus stand and bought an account. At that moment, someone broke the dock and took a bag full of money and

ran away. Pramod had lodged a written complaint with the Rengali police station. Police have registered a case under case no. 12/21 and

launched an investigation. Police formed a special team to investigate. Police also found other subnets place of the state, including the

Sambalpur district. A special team of police from Ganjam district, Aska, N.K. Police arrested Naveen and recovered Rs 2 lakh from the theft and confiscated a motorcycle, mobile and stolen items from him. The accused was arrested and taken to court. Rengali police on Monday handed over the stolen money to Pramod. Returning to his hard-earned money, Pramod thanked Rengali and Sambalpur police.

## Rural Post Office Torched In Balasore, Property Guttled

(A.O. Bureau) Balasore: A postal office based at a rural area here in the district was set on fire by unidentified miscreants last night following which important official documents and other assets have reduced to ashes. While the incident has taken place at Sampei village under Khaira Police Station (PS) limits on Sunday night, it was noticed by a nearby grocery shop owner this morning and was immediately intimated to the postmaster. The locals at once swung into action to douse the flames. However, the important documents and other valuable assets of the rural post office had got

guttled by that time. The lock of the front door of the post office was also found to have been broken. It is being suspected that the reason behind

nearby grocery shop owner and some other villagers intimated me that smoke was bellowing out from the post office. When rushed there, we



the crime is old rivalry. After registering a case basing on the postmaster's written complaint, Khaira police initiated investigation. Talking to media on the spot, Sampei postmaster Shashmita Jena said, "This morning, the

found official assets burning. Now I'll move to the police station to lodge an FIR." "I haven't yet gone inside to assess the damage caused. I'll file FIR and urge for action against the miscreants soon," she reacted.

## The villagers again complained to the District Commissioner against the NLC



(A.O. Bureau) Rengali 25/01 - Displaced villagers are once again protesting against the NLC company, which works in the Talabira 2 and 3 coal mines in the Rengali block of Sambalpur district. Villagers have long complained to the district administration and the Rengali administration, but to no avail. The administration does not take the de-

mands of the villagers seriously. "It simply came to our notice then. On Monday, landlords and displaced villagers returned to the district administration. The villagers demanded that the company release the PDF and PAF list as soon as possible. Let's make it clear what kind of compensation the company is paying. The company promised

to pay 3,500 rupees a month to those who did not receive compensation, but the company did not pay anyone. The company compensates everyone by giving Category 1 status. In 2016, the company will pay compensation for the land it owns. We provide employment to local people. If these demands are not met by 2/2/2021, the villagers have warned the agitation to stop mining from the 3rd. Led by Biju Student Janata Dal Babul Raut, Himanshu Mallick, Padma Lochan Raut, Tarun Budhia, Manu Pradhan and Ajit Budhia.

## Farmers block highway over paddy procurement in Jharsuguda

(A.O. Bureau) Jharsuguda, Jan 25: Farmers outrage in Jharsuguda on paddy procurement intensifying day by day over not getting token to sale paddy. The irate farmers today blocked National Highways 49 demanding paddy procurement by the district administration. As per the sources, as many

as 172 farmers of Lakhanpur block did not get token to dispose their paddy following which Atabira Cooperative Society denied to purchase paddy from the concerned farmers. And the farmers had to return back home with tractor-loads of paddy from the nearest PACS.



## 8 arrested in former Beguniapada block chairman murder case

(A.O. Bureau) Berhampur, Jan 25: Eight persons have been arrested in connection with murder of Debraj Sahu, the former chairman of Beguniapada block in Ganjam district, said the police on Monday. Sahu was shot dead by some unidentified miscreants at a tea stall over some personal enmity on January 20. A team



led by Additional Superintendent of Police (SP) including two SDPOs and four IICs was constituted to nab the culprits.

Finally the police nabbed the accused on Monday following frequent raids at several hideouts and forwarded to court.

## Farmers halt shooting of Janhvi Kapoor's Good Lucky Jerry in Punjab



Patiala, Jan 25: Shouting slogans against Bollywood, protesters lamented that no actor extended support to farmers' agitation against the Centre's three farm laws. Shooting of actor Janhvi Kapoor's upcoming film Good Luck Jerry was disrupted after a group of farmers held a protest here. The inci-

dent took place near Civil Lines area on Saturday when protesting farmers opposed the filming of the movie. Shouting slogans against Bollywood, protesters lamented that no actor extended support to farmers' agitation against the Centre's three farm laws. "We are telling the film industry which is holding

its shooting in Punjab to at least speak in favour of farmers who are agitating against the legislations," said a protester Rajwant Singh Sandhu. Another protester said, "We are opposing Bollywood actors for not extending support to farmers." They also slammed the Centre for imposing black laws on the farming community. Some farmers held protest outside the hotel where the film's crew is staying. A police official on Sunday said the protests were peaceful. Earlier this month, shooting of Good Lucky Jerry had briefly come to a halt at Bassi Pathana in Fatehgarh Sahib after a group of farmers had insisted that Janhvi make a comment on the ongoing farmers' protest.

## Reasons Behind the Increasing Trend of Egg Freezing in India

New Delhi, Jan 25: Eggs freezing comes as a boon and most suitable option for people who are advancing in age and their biological clocks are ticking. Gone are the days, when women were asked to get married at age of 18 - 22 years and were pressurized to complete their family by 24-26 years of age. Nowadays, most of the women are not ready to start the family due to social and economic reasons. Eggs freezing comes as a boon and most suitable option for these females who are advancing in age and their biological clocks are ticking. First pregnancy with frozen Oocytes in the world was reported in 1986 by Dr Christopher Chen from Singapore. Chemo and Radiotherapy has toxic effects on gametes. Eggs freezing was started for

cancer patients before starting chemotherapy / radiotherapy to prevent them from losing their eggs and to have their biological children later in future. Later on this technique was preferred by the patients and treating doctors for other medical illnesses like endometriosis, history of early menopause and also for other social reasons. With the increasing awareness, trend of egg freezing is increasing in India also, the reason being medical and/or social. On the other hand, one should know that carrying the pregnancy in advanced age has its complications on mother and foetus too. So one should opt for this technique judiciously and at the right time. Women at the age 40 have upto 45 per cent chances of miscarriage and by the age of 45 it

increases to 75%. Freezing their eggs at an early age gives them a fair chance of having a healthy baby at later stage. It is an easily approachable and affordable process. Best time to freeze the eggs is before 35 years age as the number and quality of eggs drastically declines after 35. Procedure of Egg freezing is absolutely safe and can be kept frozen for as long as one desires. With the development and advancement in oocytes freezing techniques its no longer in an experimental stage. Latest data says it's a well established practice with good pregnancy outcome and its use has been extended to fertility preservation and social freezing. According to current data of Fertility clinic, has the survival rate of



frozen oocytes 95 per cent, fertilization rate is 85.3 per cent and pregnancy rate is 68.75 per cent. Egg retrieval is a day care procedure without any cut/stitch, done under general anaesthesia, transvaginally under ultrasound guidance. Patient is discharged on the same day and the eggs are frozen. When the woman decides to plan for pregnancy, eggs are thawed and fertilized with the sperms to form embryos, they are further cultured in the lab for 3-5 days and

transferred in the uterus. The important factors which determine the success of having a healthy baby is the age at which oocytes freezing was done and the number of eggs stored. Expertise and Experience of clinician/embryologist team is also important to have the good outcome. As awareness is increasing among general population, more and more women are coming forward. This procedure is gaining popularity in developing countries and in India too.

## 'Playing Mahi is not easy'

New Delhi, Jan 25: Amandeep Sidhu, who plays Mahi in Zee TV's latest offering Teri Meri Ikk Jindri, about the challenges associated with the role and her day on the sets as the lead. This is your first show as a lead, how was the experience? Did you have some kind of pressure? Yes

to take this responsibility. Also, the character was not so easy. But at the end of the day, I was convinced I can do it. What all preparations did you have to do? First,

definitely. There was a lot of pressure. It was fun, but challenging. Mahi is an independent girl, motivated multitasker, who is betaab to contribute to her family by making a mark of her own. She is the first woman cab driver of Amritsar and juggles between household work and her career at ease. However, on the other hand, Amandeep is not so expressive. So it was challenging for me to do justice to my character. Also, being the lead came with a lot of responsibility. Were there any apprehensions before taking up the role? Yes, a lot. The creatives kept on telling me that I have to carry the show on my shoulders. They said: "Aman yeh show tera hai, tujhey hi sambhalna hai." This made a nervous. I thought whether or not I will be able

I am a fitness freak and I spent the last few months keeping fit. But then I was

I was given 25 days to gain some weight. I was well-versed with automatic cars, but here I have to learn driving from the scratch in 15 days. I was made to drive on the galis of Amritsar that too while delivering dialogues on the go. I told them that I can only do the dialogue delivery when the car is on a halt because it was difficult to do the two things at the same time. This was not all. I was also asked to learn to drive a heavy bike. I found it extremely dangerous, because I can drive a scooty but bullet is way too heavy. But then I learnt it as well. How was the day one on the sets? Initially, I was excited for the shoot to begin. But once I reached the sets and was made to shoot, I got blank. First, there were so many cameras and I had to perform in front of so many people with so much of responsibility. Second, I had to perform opposite Adhvik Mahajan who is an experienced actor. It made me even more nervous. For a few minutes, I went blank and couldn't

do anything. Then the director told me that he has faith in me and that I have performed so good during the mock shoot. It took me a couple of days to get into the skin of Mahi. How did Yeh Pyaar Nahi To Kya Hai happened to you? After completing my Class XII, I told my parents that I want to do modeling. I was pursuing my BA and also modeling. I went for a few shoots. One day, my friend told me that the auditions are happening for Yeh Pyaar... and that had given my profile for it. I was shortlisted and was called for the auditions. They liked it and called me for re-auditioning. Back then, I thought you have to audition only once and if you are selected you begin shooting. But reality hit me and went for re-auditioning. They liked my performance but said that i was too young to play the lead. I was only 17 and the character was of a 28-year-old girl. But they liked my audition and asked me if I would play the character of he lead's sister. I said yes. What kinds of roles would you like to experiment with? My tummy is full with having got a chance to play Mahi. It is all I could have ever asked for. There is a lot to play in the character. But, if given a chance, I would like to play a cop some time.

## Godzilla vs Kong trailer: Five key takeaways

New Delhi, Jan 25: The majority of responses to Godzilla vs King's trailer are positive, and if the film is anything like the latest promo, it will be so much fun. The first trailer for Godzilla vs Kong is out, and social media users are already discussing which monster will come out on top. The majority of responses to the trailer are positive, and if the film is anything like the latest promo, it will be so much fun. Godzilla is the villain? In the trailer, it looks like Godzilla has gone rogue. We do not know the reason, but

But the world still has somebody who can stand against him. It seems as though Kong is the last hope of humanity against Godzilla. Though he can be destructive when threatened, we know Kong does not hurt or kill people needlessly. But that is how we thought Godzilla was too. We are shown a few shots of the titular brawl, and boy, they look amazing. Kong is more than holding his own against Godzilla, even succeeding to stop Godzilla's most fearsome attack that can easily level cities — atomic breath.

Will Godzilla and Kong team up against a common enemy? This seems too much like Batman v Superman, but this likely won't be a simple one-on-one. There is likely more going on here. We see shots of Kong battling other Kaijus. Will the two unite against an alien threat that they cannot deal with alone? Even Ghidorah was an alien being. The best and most promising thing about the trailer is the light tone. Warner Bros and Legendary have learned their lesson after the debacle of Godzilla: King of the Monsters. This



he appears to be destroying a city and killing people indiscriminately in several shots. Godzilla has so far been portrayed as a force for good in the MonsterVerse, and it is anybody's guess what made him mad.

Kong seems to be wielding a defensive weapon that counters atomic breath and reportedly that weapon is made up of Godzilla's own dorsal plates, thus the immense absorbing power.

time, although the stakes are even higher, the tone is comparatively lighthearted, and the film appears to take inspiration from classic monster movies. Godzilla vs Kong releases on March 26 in theatres around the world.

## Vidyut Jammwal reunites with Vipul Shah for Sanak

Mumbai, Jan 25: Sanak marks Vidyut Jammwal's fifth collaboration with filmmaker Vipul Shah. The film will be directed by Kanishk Varma. Actor Vidyut Jammwal on Monday announced his next film titled Sanak with filmmaker Vipul Shah. Jammwal took to Twitter to share the news of his upcoming film. The project marks the fifth collaboration between Shah and Jammwal after action movie series like Force and Com-

mando. According to a source close to film's team, Shah is co-producing the film with Zee Studios and Sunshine Pictures. It will be directed by Kanishk Varma, who recently helmed Gulshan Devaiah-starrer Foot Fairy. "The film went on floors last week in Mumbai and the shoot is likely to be wrapped up by March," the insider added. Sanak marks the debut of Bengali actor Rukmini Maitra and also stars Chandan Roy Sanyal.

## West Indies win toss, opt to bowl in 3rd ODI vs Bangladesh



**C h a t t o g r a m** (Bangladesh), Jan 25: West Indies skipper Jason Mohammed won the toss Monday and decided to bowl first in a bid to avoid a series sweep by Bangladesh. West Indies made two changes, with fast bowler Keon Harding and wicketkeeper batsman Jahmar Hamilton replacing Andre McCarthy and Joshua Da Silva for the third and final

match in the one-day international series. After wins by six and seven wickets in the first two games, Bangladesh also made two changes. Allrounder Saifuddin and fast bowler Taskin Ahmed replaced fast bowlers Hasan Mahmud and Rubel Hossain. Lineups - Bangladesh: Tamim Iqbal (captain), Liton Das, Nazmul Hossain Shanto, Shakib Al

Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah, Soumya Sarkar, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Saifuddin, Mustafizur Rahman, Taskin Ahmed. West Indies: Sunil Ambris, Jason Mohammed (captain), Kyle Mayers, Nkrumah Bonner, Rovman Powell, Jahmar Hamilton, Raymon Reifer, Alzarri Joseph, Akeal Hosen, Kjorn Ottley, Keon Harding.

## Flamboyant and fearless: How Shubman Gill made the opening slot his own

New Delhi, Jan 25: On the bouncy tracks of Australia, which also had a fair share of swing on offer for the fast bowlers, Shubman Gill's fearless approach helped him get on top of the Australian quicks Shubman Gill was destined for the opener's slot, a position he slowly but surely made his own in the six innings he played Down Under for the national cricket team. In those many innings, the 21-year-old scored 259 runs at an average of 51.80, thereby making a strong case for himself as a frontline batsman. Batting higher up the order comes naturally for Gill, a position where he has scored heavily for his state (Punjab) in first-class and List-A cricket. Gill, who enjoyed phenomenal success in 2018, was voted player of the tournament as

India won the ICC Under 19 World Cup. Following up on his success, he went to record a string of big scores in first-class cricket. However, it was in the 2018-'19 Ranji season that he truly blossomed as an opener. Hitting a purple patch, he scored his runs almost at a Bradmanesque average with a top score of 268 against Tamil Nadu. As a 19-year-old, he was ready to take the big leap in 2019, and in an exclusive interview with In-

dian Express, he had said that he was always a comfortable opening for his state team but the goal was to break into the Indian cricket team. Playing franchise cricket for the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in 2018 and 2019 editions of the Indian Premier League, Gill was often

daily. Asked which role he preferred, Gill said, "I am an opening batsman and I always love to open." A year later, in IPL 2020, Gill was one of the key performers for KKR, opening the innings. The elegant right-hander scored 440 runs, including three fifties, in 14 matches. Finally, at the end of the year, Gill was asked Gill, whose classical technique and purity of stroke play has drawn many eyeballs, had also spoken about his intention to domi-

nate bowlers. "Since I started playing the game, I played with an attacking mindset. Free-flowing batting, dominating the bowlers is what I like," he had said. Saying that his attacking approach helps him turn decent deliveries into boundary balls, Gill had said, "Picking the length early has helped me a lot. It gives you an extra bit of time to play your shots. As a batsman, I like to play my shots. I am not one of those who likes to take his time and then score runs. I love to dominate bowlers and picking the length early helps me do that." On the bouncy tracks of Australia, which also had a fair share of swing on offer for the fast bowlers, Gill's fearless approach helped him get on top of the Australian quicks and play some delightful shots off the back foot.



## Rishabh Pant claims segregating himself from 'outside noise' quite difficult

New Delhi, Jan 25: Up against one of the best bowling attacks of all time, Rishabh Pant came into his own during the Test matches in Sydney and Brisbane against Australia earlier this month. Rishabh Pant has navigated a wave of criticism and ridicule with his electrifying strokes in Australia but not long ago, the wicketkeeper was "feeling the heat each and every day" even after cutting himself off from the outside world. Up against one of the best bowling attacks of all time, Pant came into his own during the Test matches in Sydney and Brisbane, where he successfully powered India to an epic win days after failing to do so by a whisker in the third and penultimate match. But the time prior to those two knocks of 97 and 89, the first one coming after he had taken two painkilling injections and sedatives, wasn't so kind on the player who has been carrying huge

expectations since bursting on to the scene. "I was feeling the heat each and every day, it's part and parcel of the game. But as an individual you need to believe in yourself," Pant, a key player in the team's 2-1 series triumph, told 'India Today'. "If you're moving forward then you're im-

you're doing well people will write good but when you're not, they will criticise you. It's part and parcel of a cricketer's life nowadays. So if you don't focus on the criticism and instead focus on your cricket then that's much better I guess," he added. The 23-year-old's hard work paid

was never an option for him. "The mindset was always to play normal cricket, even the team management spoke about it in the first innings. Let's look to score runs, cash in on the loose balls, just stick in there and do whatever you can at that time. "The team management's plan

pectations during the 2019 World Cup in England. "There have been ups and downs, the World Cup was a massive opportunity because it comes once in every 4 years. But I got out in my 30s, I was very disappointed because that was one of the biggest opportunities for me. "My career hit a low after the World Cup, but then slowly I started increasing my focus towards the game because there is always scope for improvement in life. "I've realised that there is no limit to how much you can improve, that's what I've got to know in these last two years." Called the heir apparent of the iconic Mahendra Singh Dhoni at the beginning of his career, Pant has had to deal with the additional pressure of being as good as the former captain behind the stumps. He has maintained that although the comparisons are flattering, he was aiming to make an identity of his own in the game.

## Gareth Bale must earn game time at Tottenham Hotspur: Jose Mourinho



New Delhi, Jan 25: Gareth Bale's return on loan from Real Madrid was greeted with much excitement at Tottenham Hotspur but he has started only one Premier League game so far this season. Tottenham Hotspur manager Jose Mourinho said he would not just give Gareth Bale playing time and that the Welshman must earn minutes by showing consistency in training. Bale's return on loan from Real Madrid was greeted with much excitement at Spurs but his impact

has been minimal. The 31-year-old has spent most of his time on the bench, starting only one Premier League game and featuring mainly in the Europa League. "I cannot give players minutes - minutes on the pitch is not something I can give," Mourinho told reporters ahead of Monday's FA Cup fourth-round tie at Wycombe Wanderers. "We all know the difficulties that he had for a couple of seasons... The most important thing is to be consistent in training... when a player is consistent in training

then he is ready, not to be given minutes but to earn minutes. "He is working every minute like everybody else at a good intensity and let's see the way that he reacts... It is also about his confidence. If he feels that the week has had a positive impact on him and, on his confidence, he will play." Mourinho will take a full squad for the trip to Wycombe but is expected to make a number of changes with one eye on Thursday's Premier League game with champions Liverpool.



proving, this is what I've learnt during the tough phase. Focus so much on your game that you don't notice anything else. It's difficult also to block the outside noise because of social media but I have segregated myself from it. "When

dividends as he finished the four-match Test series as the third-highest scorer with 274 runs from three matches. Set a record target of 328 to win the match and series in Brisbane, Pant said he was always focused on going after it as draw

from the beginning of the match was 'let's look to win the match'. Even my thinking has always been to win. I just want to win every game, draw is always the secondary option." Pant said he was disappointed at not being able to live up to the ex-

## Four Covid-19 positive football players killed in Brazil plane crash

New Delhi, Jan 25: Brazilian club Palmas president also died in the crash after the plane suddenly plunged to the ground at the end of the runway while on take-off. The pilot also died. Four soccer players from Brazilian club Palmas died in a plane crash while traveling separately from the team after testing positive for the coronavirus, the club said. The club's president also died in the crash after the plane suddenly plunged to the ground at the end of the runway while on takeoff in the northern state of

Tocantins, the team reported. The pilot also died. The players were on their way to Goiania, in the central region of the country, to play a match against Vila Nova. The players were traveling in a private plane because they had tested positive for COVID-19, club spokesperson Izabela Martins told The Associated Press. Martins said that Sunday would have been their last day of isolation and that the rest of the team would travel on a commercial flight. The victims were identified as president

Lucas Meira and players Lucas Praxedes, Guilherme No, Ranule and Marcus Molinari, the club said. The pilot was not identified. There were no survivors. Palmas Futebol e Regatas was founded in 1997 and plays in Brazil's fourth division. The cause of the accident was not immediately known. A very sad day for Brazilian football ?? 4 players from Palmas, along with the club's president and the pilot passed away in a tragic plane crash. There were no survivors. Tocantins fire officials



reported that the twin-engine Baron model had a capacity of six occupants. When firefighters arrived at the crash site, 500 meters from the runway, the aircraft was being consumed by fire. At least two explosions were registered, according to the official report. The Brazilian Football Confederation expressed its solidarity with Palmas' family members and the club's fans in an official note, and it ordered a minute of silence in all matches played Sunday as a sign of mourning. In 2016, a plane crash killed 19

players of the Chapecoense soccer club. Chapecoense's plane went down en route to the club's first-ever South American tournament final in Colombia after it ran out of fuel near Medellin. "Unfortunately, we know what this moment of pain is like and we wish that no other group had to feel the same," Chapecoense said in a statement. "You won't go through this alone." FIFA expressed its condolences to the six victims. "Football extends its deepest sympathies to the victims and their

families at this difficult time," it said on Twitter. FIFA offers its condolences after a plane crash tragically claimed six lives in Brazil - including five members of Palmas Futebol e Regatas. Football extends its deepest sympathies to the victims and their families at this difficult time. Alejandro Domnguez, the president of South America's soccer body CONMEBOL, also offered his condolences. "I deeply regret the plane crash that affected Palmas," he said on Twitter.

## India, China agree to '10th round of talks at an early date' to advance de-escalation

(A.O. Bureau)  
New Delhi, Jan 25: The 9th round of Corps Commander Level Meeting between India and China, held on Sunday (Jan 24) on the Chinese side of the Chushul-Moldo Border Personnel Meeting (BPM) point, agreed to push for an early disengagement of

Army, the two sides agreed to "follow the important consensus of their state leaders, maintain the good momentum of dialogue and negotiation, and hold the 10th round of the Corps Commander Level Meeting at an early date to jointly advance de-escalation". The Army

standing". On Sunday, the Indian delegation was led by Lt Gen P G K Menon, XIV Corps Commander, which is responsible for the LAC in eastern Ladakh, and included another senior military officer from Delhi. Naveen Srivastava, Additional Secretary (East Asia) in



the frontline troops. The meeting began around 10 am and continued until evening. The latest effort came two-and-a-half months after the last round of discussions between the two sides on November 6, with around 50,000 troops deployed in the region, along with additional artillery, tanks, and air defence assets. According to a statement by the

statement said senior military commanders from India and China had "an in-depth exchange of views on disengagement along the Line of Actual Control in the Western Sector of China-India border areas. They also agreed that this round of meeting was positive, practical and constructive, which further enhanced mutual trust and under-

the Ministry of External Affairs, was also present. This is the fourth time that Srivastava, who has been leading the Indian side in meetings of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC), was part of the military discussions. The WMCC talks last took place on December 18.

## Tata Steel Foundation celebrates 'International Day of Education' at Joda

(A.O. Bureau)  
Joda, Jan 25: 'International Day of Education' was celebrated with lot of fervor at Girl's and Boy's Residential Bridge Course Centres (RBCs), Joda on Sunday by Tata Steel Foundation, the CSR wing of Tata Steel. More than 100 students participated in the events organised at both the centres. The celebrations aimed at recognising the importance of education for children for their brighter future. Ms Vinita Singh, Vice President of Spandan Mahila Samiti graced the occasion as Chief Guest along with Ms Debolina Sarkar, Secretary, Spandan Mahila Samiti and Ms Pallavi Singh, Treas-



urer, Spandan Mahila Samiti at Girl's RBC. Mr Rajesh Kumar, Chief, Joda, Tata Steel graced the occasion as Chief Guest at Boy's RBC. On the occasion, the students organised a cultural programme including a drama and a song based on the subject 'Importance of Educa-

tion' that was appreciated by the guests. During the celebrations, a few students also shared their experiences with the guests. Apart from this, a drawing competition for the students was also organised at both the centres and the winners were felicitated. The dignitar-

ies also distributed educational materials to the students. Currently, there are 195 girls and 140 boys at the Girl's and Boy's RBC respectively. These RBCs have come as a boon for the students of 17 Panchayats under Joda block of Keonjhar district who have

dropped out of schools or never been to schools for varied reasons. Lack of financial support has been found to be the main reason in most of the cases. Since 2019, every year, January 24 is observed as 'International Day of Education' across the globe to celebrate the role of education for peace and development. This year the theme is 'Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation'. A dedicated day for education also works to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4, which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all by 2030.

## Punjab CM Appeals Protesting Farmers To Maintain Peace During Tractor Rally



(A.O. Bureau)  
Punjab, Jan 25: Ahead

of the upcoming tractor rally by the protesting

farmers on the occasion of Republic Day, Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amrinder Singh has appealed to the protesting farmers to maintain peace during the rally. In his Republic Day eve message, the Chief Minister said

“Peace has been the hallmark of your (farmers’) democratic protests all these months, and should remain integral to your agitation in the days ahead, including the R-Day Tractor Rally into the national capital, ” He

also added that , ” The sight of your (farmers’) tractors on Delhi roads tomorrow will underline the fact that the ethos of the Indian Constitution and the essence of our Republic is inalienable and uncompromisable,

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### Japan's Shinzo Abe gets Padma Vibhushan for Public Affairs, S P Balasubramaniam for Arts



(A.O. Bureau)  
New Delhi, Jan 25: Singer S P Balasubramaniam and Japan's Shinzo Abe. Padma Awards, one of the highest civilian Awards of the country, were announced for the year 2021 on January 25. These awards are conferred in three categories, namely,

### Two held for hurling grenade attack at Governor's bungalow

Imphal, Jan 25: Manipur police have arrested two men allegedly involved in several bomb blasts in and around Imphal, including the recent hurling of a grenade at Raj Bhawan, the Manipur Governor's official bungalow. According to the police, eight circuit devices, two remote controls and five SIM cards, among others, have been seized from the men, identified as Lisham Ibosana Meitei and Konsam Manithoi.

### NOTICE

I (Jhituku Mahanandiya) S/o- Late, Danari Mahanandiya, Village: Narayanpatna, PS: Narayanpatna, Dist: Koraput, would like to state before you all that land belonging to my late Grandfather, Kumuti Dombo. in Narayanpatna, Mouza Plt No: 261- 1 acre 56 decimal, Plt No: 395- 4 acre40 decimal. Plt No: 299, 3 acre41 decimal, Plt No: 398: 0 acre, 33 decimal. Plt No: 286/1- 0 acre 67 decimal is transferred under the name of different people, hence a case has been registered in the court of respectable Koraput Civil Judge ( senior division) cs no84/2020and IA No:29/2020 and also a case has been registered with additional commissioner land records Koraput case no RP05/2019 case under hearing. Till the case is not finalized its my humble request not to buy. I and my family will not be responsible in future for any dispute.

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