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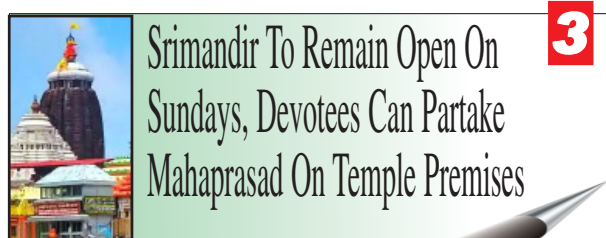
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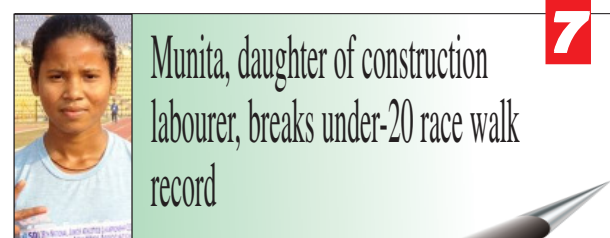
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'MSP, mandi system continuing even after farm laws': PM's top quotes from his Lok Sabha address

New Delhi, Feb 10: Replying to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday defended the contentious agriculture laws that are at the centre of farmers' agitation, which has now entered its third month. The Prime Minister asserted that neither has any farm mandi been shut nor has Minimum Support Price (MSP) discontinued after three laws were enacted. "After the Laws relating to agriculture were passed by Parliament – no Mandi has shut. Likewise, MSP has remained. Procurement on MSP has remained. These facts can't be ignored," PM Modi said even as Congress MPs staged a walk out. From the Covid-19 pandemic to the ongoing farmer's protest, here's what he said: "The speech by President showcased India's 'Sankalp Shakti'. His words



have boosted the spirit of confidence among the people of India. "During the discussion on the President's speech, a large number of women MPs took part. This is a great sign. I want to congratulate the women MPs who enriched the House proceedings with their thoughts. "The post-COVID world is turning out to be very different. In such times, remaining isolated from global trends will be counter-productive. We will have to emerge as a strong player. That is why India is working towards building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

We need to be self-sufficient like we become in the pharma industry. "Today we can hear 'vocal for local' in every corner of India. People look for local. This sense of self-respect is working a lot for Aatmanirbhar Bharat. "Our doctors, nurses, Covid warriors, safai karamcharis, those who drove ambulances...such people and so many others became manifestations of the divine who strengthened India's fight against the global pandemic. "This House, our government and we all respect the farmers who

are voicing their views on the farm bills. This is the reason why top-most Ministers of the Government are constantly talking to them. There is great respect for the farmers. "After the laws relating to agriculture were passed by the Parliament – no Mandi has shut. Likewise, MSP has remained. Procurement on MSP has remained. These facts can't be ignored. "Those who are disrupting the House are doing so as per a well-planned strategy. They are unable to digest that people are seeing through the truth. Through their games,

the trust of the people can never be won. "The public sector is essential but at the same time, the role of the private sector is also vital. Take any sector- telecom, pharma- we see the role of the private sector. If India is able to serve humanity, it is also due to the role of the private sector. "I consider the farmer's protest to be 'pavitra'. But, when 'Andolanjeevis' hijack protests, showcase photos of those jailed for serious offences, does it serve any purpose? Not allowing toll plazas to work, destroying telecom towers- does it serve a pavitra andolan? "There are people who talk the right things. But this same section, when it comes to doing the right things, fail to convert words into action. Those who talk big on electoral reforms oppose One Nation One Election. They speak of gender justice but oppose triple talaq.

Prepare Dist-Specific Projects: Odisha Govt Asks Collectors

Bhubaneswar, Feb 10: The Odisha government on Wednesday directed District Collectors to prepare district-specific projects for infrastructure development and improvement in livelihood of people. "Prepare innovative projects based on the potential of your districts for elevating people to surplus level of living," Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra said. His directions came during a review of present development and future prospects of growth in each district through videoconference. "Now that the coverage of the schemes focused on basic necessities like food, water, housing, road and electricity have expanded considerably towards saturation, the districts should plan for achieving the next higher stage of development," he said. The Chief Secretary



said: "This will be possible with the identification of district-wise potential in terms of agro-climatic zone, natural and human resources, and moulding those to definite projects for harnessing the opportunities." Mahapatra also directed the Collectors to identify "missing links in matters like all-weather connectivity to all villages, irrigation for more than one crop, livelihood enhancement, crop diversification, agricultural marketing, escalation of income generation, piped water supply, extension of health services, and intensification of economic activities". They

were also directed to expedite implementation of infrastructural projects through proactive action for forest clearance, tree-felling permission, issuance of no-objection certificates, and land acquisition etc. Development Commissioner Pardeep Kumar Jena said: "While expediting the infrastructural projects, the Collectors should look at both the government projects and the projects being promoted by private sector investors. Assess your present state of development and define the targets you fix for your districts in terms of short-, medium- and long-term objectives."

Centre Approves 3 Six-Lane Road Projects For Odisha



Bhubaneswar, Feb 10: The Central Government has approved three six-lane road

projects for Odisha, informed Union Road Transport & Highways Minister Nitin

Gadkari today. The projects include the Dhanara-Hatibena section worth Rs 477.76 crore, Hatibena-Badakumari section worth Rs 791.17 crore and Karki-Kaliagura section worth Rs 498.51 crore under Raipur-Visakhapatnam economic corridor.

Petroleum Products' Prices Depend On International Markets: Dharmendra Pradhan

New Delhi, Feb 10: Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan informed the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday that the prices of petroleum products in the country are governed by international market forces. The reply from Pradhan came during the Question Hour. Congress member KC Venugopal had objected to the Minister's response, saying that he was not putting forth the facts properly. Replying to questions of Hon. MP Shri Banda Prakash and



@SantanuSenMP in Rajya Sabha on the selling price of petrol and diesel. #BudgetSession2021 pic.twitter.com/nP8PUi51PO — Dharmendra Pradhan (@dpradhanbjp) February 10, 2021

Samajwadi Party member Visambhar Prasad Nishad asked why the "prices of fuel were more in the country of Lord Ram and less in Mata Sita's country Nepal".

Amendments To Certain Provisions In BPUT Act Approved By Odisha Cabinet

Bhubaneswar, Feb 10: To ensure smooth functioning and academic excellence in Biju Patnaik University of Technology (BPUT), Odisha Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday approved amendments to certain provisions under the BPUT Act, 2002.

Here're the provisions in BPUT Act to be amended: 1: It has been proposed to re-define "Constituent College" in the BPUT Act as a college established and controlled by the University so as to convert the status of Government engineering colleges from constituent colleges of BPUT and bring them under their respective autonomous Board of Governors for proper administration. 2: From the date of commencement of this Amendment Act, CET Bhubaneswar shall cease to be a constituent college of BPUT and shall be an affiliated college with its Board of



Governors functioning as its apex body. 3: It is proposed to re-designate the conventional designation of Professor, Reader and Lecturer as Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor in line with the All India pattern and as per AICTE norms. 4: A new section has been inserted wherein the Chancellor shall be competent to issue direction or instruction not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act and Statutes on any matter connected with the university when any authority or Vice-

chancellor fails act in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes or Regulations. It is similar to Section 5(9) of Universities Act. 5-To bring uniformity with other state varsities, the Cabinet proposed to fix the term of office of BPUT VC at 4 years instead of the current term of 5 years. 6: A disciplinary committee consisting of three members headed by a Professor will be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to finalise disciplinary action against the students of the BPUT, as and

when required, and Vice-Chancellor to act as Appellate Authority against the orders of Disciplinary Committee so constituted. 7: It was proposed to appoint an officer belonging to the Odisha Administrative Service, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to Government, as the Registrar of BPUT to ensure better and efficient management of the work of the University. 8: Similarly, it is proposed to appoint an officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to Government belonging to the Odisha Fi-

nance Service as the Finance Officer of the University. 9: It is proposed that the Chancellor/ Vice-Chancellor shall constitute Selection Committee for recruitment of teaching/ non-teaching posts of the University with prior approval of the Government. 10: Since Skill Development & Technical Education Department is the administrative department of BPUT, the words 'Industries Department' appearing in different sections of this Act shall be substituted by 'Skill Development & Technical Education Department'. 11: One Principal of any Government Engineering College shall be nominated by Government to the Board of BPUT for better coordination. 12: University shall submit its annual report within six months from the closure of each financial year to the Government for placing the same before the Odisha Legislative Assembly.

Parliament today passes landmark Major Port Authorities Bill,2020

New Delhi, Feb 10: Parliament today passed the Major Port Authorities Bill, 2020. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State (I/C) for Ports, Shipping & Waterways moved the bill in Rajya Sabha today and it was passed. Now the Bill will go to the President of India for his assent. With a view to promote the expansion of port infrastructure and facilitate trade and commerce, the Major Port Authorities Bill 2020 bill aims at decentralizing decision making and to infuse professionalism in governance of major ports. It imparts faster and transparent decision making benefiting the stakeholders and better project execution capability. The Bill is aimed at reorienting the governance model in central ports to landlord port model in line with the successful global practice. This will also help in bringing transparency in operations



of Major Ports. This will empower the Major Ports to perform with greater efficiency on account of full autonomy in decision making and by modernizing the institutional framework of Major Ports. The salient features of the Major Port Authorities Bill 2020 are as under: - The Bill is more compact in comparison to the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 as the number of sections has been reduced to 76 from 134 by eliminating overlapping and obsolete Sections. The new Bill has proposed a simplified composition of the Board of Port Authority which will comprise of 11 to 13 Members from the present

17 to 19 Members representing various interests. A compact Board with professional independent Members will strengthen decision making and strategic planning. Provision has been made for inclusion of representatives of State Government in which the Major Port is situated, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Defence and Customs, Department of Revenue as Members in the Board apart from a Government Nominee Member and a Member representing the employees of the Major Port Authority. The role of Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) has been redefined. Port Authority has

now been given powers to fix tariff which will act as a reference tariff for purposes of bidding for PPP projects. PPP operators will be free to fix tariff-based on market conditions. The Board of Port Authority has been delegated the power to fix the scale of rates for other port services and assets including land. An Adjudicatory Board has been proposed to be created to carry out the residual function of the erstwhile TAMP for Major Ports, to look into disputes between ports and PPP concessionaires, to review stressed PPP projects and suggest measures to review stressed PPP projects and suggest measures

to revive such projects and to look into complaints regarding services rendered by the ports/ private operators operating within the ports. The Boards of Port Authority have been delegated full powers to enter into contracts, planning and development, fixing of tariff except in national interest, security and emergency arising out of inaction and default. In the present MPT Act, 1963 prior approval of the Central Government was required in 22 instances. The Board of each Major Port shall be entitled to create specific master plan in respect of any development or infrastructure. Provisions of CSR & development of infrastructure by Port Authority have been introduced. Provision has been made for safeguarding the pay & allowances and service conditions including pensionary benefits of the employees of major ports

Tata Steel reports the highest ever consolidated quarterly EBITDA

Mumbai, Feb 9: The Board of Directors of Tata Steel Limited at its meeting held today, i.e., February 9, 2021, approved the Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2020. The Company's consolidated Profit after tax in 3Q FY21 improved 4.3 times to Rs.4,011 crores as compared to 3Q FY20. Consolidated EBITDA increased 2.6 times YoY to Rs.9,540 crores with improved realisation across key entities. Consolidated Free Cash Flow was Rs.12,078 crores during 3QFY21 and Rs.20,588 crores in the first nine months of the current financial year driven by strong operating performance, disciplined capital expenditure and working capital management. The Company continues to prioritise on capital expenditure; it spent Rs.1,394 crores on capex during the quarter. The Company has decided to restart work on Pellet plant and Cold Roll Mill complex at Tata Steel Kalinganagar. Both the Pellet plant and Cold Roll Mill complex, once completed, will expand margin. T. V. Narendran, CEO & Managing Director, said: "The recovery in the global and Indian economy has led to sharp improvement in steel demand in India. We pivoted our deliveries to domestic markets, to cater to the requirements of our local customers by reducing exports. All the segments, especially automotive, have performed extremely well supported by our continuous focus on strong customer relationships, superior distribution network, brands and new product developments. We are also making good progress on our various initiatives to de-risk the business while our digital marketing platforms are helping us reach new markets and be future ready. The investments in infrastructure and recent policy developments, to drive economic growth, should drive steel demand in India." "Given strong market conditions and our success with deleveraging, we have restarted work on the pellet plant and the CRM complex at Kalinganagar which will help in reducing costs and improving revenues," he added. As part of the en-

terprise deleveraging plan, Tata Steel has completed reduction of net debt by Rs.18,609 crores in the first nine months of the current financial year. During the third quarter, the company reduced the leverage by Rs.10,325 crores. As part of the continued de-leveraging strategy further deleveraging is being undertaken in 4QFY21. Koushik Chatterjee, Executive Director and CFO, said: "Continuing with the recovery from the deep impact of the pandemic in the first quarter of the financial year, Tata Steel has delivered one of the best financial performance during this quarter with the highest ever consolidated EBITDA of Rs.9,540 crores and free cash flows of over Rs 12,000 crores on the back of strong underlying operating performance of the India business, sharp focus on capital allocation and working capital management. All our operating hubs in India have performed exceptionally well with the standalone EBITDA margin at 37.5%. Our key subsidiaries Tata Steel BSL and Tata Steel Long Products have also reported the highest ever profitability in recent years." "Our enterprise strategy on debt management continues to be on target. After reduction in net debt by Rs.8,285 crores in the first half which surpassed our annual deleveraging target of \$1 billion, we continued to aggressively reduce our net debt by Rs.10,325 crores and gross debt by Rs.5,640 crores during the quarter, taking the nine month reduction in net debt by Rs.18,609 crores and gross debt by Rs.7,649 crores. This has significantly improved the credit metrics of the company. Our cash flow generation remains strong and in addition to the de-leveraging in the first nine months, we will further reduce the gross debt by more than Rs 12,000 crores in the fourth quarter of the current financial year. We have restarted allocating capital on margin expansionary growth projects in India within the contours of the targeted financial framework," he added. TSBSL merger with Tata Steel is progressing ahead. The merger of Tata Metaliks and Indian Steel and Wire Products with Tata Steel Long Products is also underway.

Protesting farmers announce 4-hour nationwide rail blockade on Feb 18

New Delhi, Feb 10: Intensifying their agitation against the three new agricultural laws, protesting farmer unions Wednesday announced a four-hour nationwide 'rail roko' (railway blockade) on February 18. In a statement, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha, which is spearheading the protest, also announced that toll



collection will not be allowed in Rajasthan from February 12. "There will be 'rail roko' across

the country from 12 pm to 4 pm on February 18," the SKM said in the statement. Earlier this month, they

had observed a three-hour road blockade to press their demand of repealing the three laws. Thousands

of farmers have been protesting against the three laws which were enacted in September last year. The protesters have been alleging the laws will weaken the MSP mechanism and end the mandi system. But the government says the new legislations offer more options to farmers to sell their crops, and will help raise their incomes.

China-India Stand-Off Along LAC In Ladakh Comes To End, Claims Beijing

New Delhi, Feb 10: China and India on Wednesday began their simultaneous withdrawal of troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, according to an official statement issued by the Chinese government. If the Chinese official statement is to be believed, the nine-month-long stand-off between the two Asian giants has come to an end. The Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi has not issued any statement yet. The spokesperson of China's Ministry of National Defense, Wu Qian said: "According to the consensus reached by the 9th round of the military commander-level talks between China and India, the frontline units of the Chinese and Indian armed forces in Pangong Hunan and North Coast began to simultaneously and systematically organize disengagement on February 10." Since May last year, Indian and Chinese troops were engaged in skirmishes along the



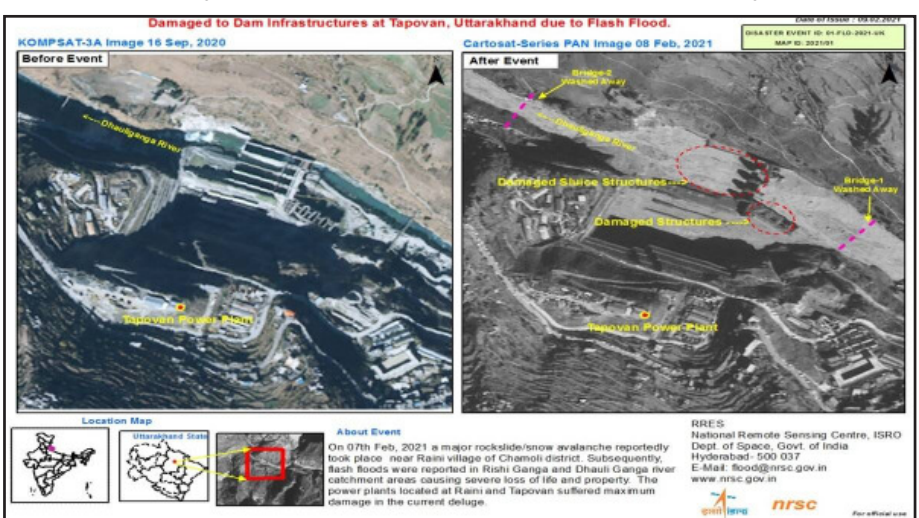
LAC near Pangong lake in Ladakh and the Tibet Autonomous region. In one of the violent clashes, 20 Indian soldiers and over 40 Chinese troops were killed in the Galwan valley on June 15-16. Amid the face-off, India sent massive deployments to Ladakh. Though both sides disengaged in the Galwan valley of Ladakh in July but the stand-off continued at critical points at Pangong and PP17A. In August, Indian troops regained multiple strategic heights in Chushul sector along the LAC. However, both the countries remained engaged in talks through established institutions and mechanisms like 'Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordi-

nation on China-India Border Affairs' (WMCC). Several rounds of talks were held at diplomatic and military levels. On January 24, the ninth round of the Corps Commander level meeting was held. The tensions between the two Asian economies resulted in Indian people threatening to boycott Chinese products. The accusations that Chinese smartphone apps were stealing Indian data, led to the government banning over 200 Chinese apps. However, the bilateral trade continued through the hostility and during the coronavirus pandemic, which had originated in Wuhan city of Hubei province in China.

Unusually wet, warm January for South India: IMD

Pune, Feb 10: This January has been the warmest-ever recorded over the South Peninsular India in 121 years with the average monthly minimum temperature reaching 22.33 degrees. Meanwhile, South India recorded a prolonged wet spell for 17 days, resulting in a significantly wet month. Such rainfall added to the overall monthly rainfall in the country, which was in excess by 17 per cent with respect to the Long Period Average (LPA), the India Meteorological Department (IMD) stated in its latest monthly weather report. Heavy and frequent rainfall events, lasting 8 to 10 days, kept the temperatures along South India above normal for most days. For three consecutive weeks, between December 31 and January 20, surplus rainfall—807 per cent, 1036 per cent and 727 per cent—were reported mainly over Tamil Nadu, Karaikal and Puducherry.

Uttarakhand glacier burst: ISRO releases first images of damage at Raini, Tapovan



New Delhi, Feb 10: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has released the first images of the Uttarakhand glacier burst that has so far claimed 32 lives, while more than a hundred people remain missing. As per the satellite images, the flash floods—reported in Rishi Ganga and Dhaul Ganga river catchment areas—as a result of a major snow avalanche near Raini village of Chamoli district, has caused severe loss of

life and property. The power plants located at Raini and Tapovan suffered the maximum damage in the deluge. While one of the satellite images show massive debris deposition in Dhaul Ganga, other images have displayed damage that have occurred at dam infrastructures at Tapovan and Raini due to the flash floods. The images were captured by the space agency's advanced earth imaging and mapping satellite CARTOSAT-3. CARTOSAT-3 is a

third-generation agile satellite with high-resolution imaging capabilities. The images have emerged as multi-agency relief operations continue in Chamoli and adjoining areas of Uttarakhand. A DRDO team is working along with ISRO scientists and experts to ascertain the cause of the tragedy. Rescue efforts by multi-agency security personnel were intensified on Wednesday with the help of drones and remote-sensing equipment to

locate those trapped inside the Tapovan tunnel, which is chock-a-block with tonnes of debris. Meanwhile, scientists are investigating what caused the glacier to break—possibly an avalanche or a release of accumulated water. Experts say climate change may be to blame since warming temperatures are shrinking glaciers and making them unstable worldwide. What is known is that a portion of the Nanda Devi glacier possibly burst through its banks at Joshimath, triggering an avalanche and a deluge that rippled through the Alaknanda river system in the upper reaches of the Himalayas on Sunday. It swept away a small hydroelectric project and damaged a bigger one downstream on the Dhaul Ganga.

Odisha RTOs Go Paperless As 9 More Online Services Added

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 10: As Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today launched several citizen centric services of the State Transport Authority under the 5T initiative, the transport offices of the State went paperless enabling the citizens to get the services online from any place any time. As many as nine services were rolled out on virtual mode that includes vehicle registration, auto approval of goods and contract carriage permits, special permits for buses, online application of international driving permit, renewal of registration and transfer of ownership in any RTO of the state, learners licence through mobile app. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the freedom to choose any transport office of the State for vehicle related services will be a kind of liberation for thousands of people. The long queues in front of transport offices will soon be a thing of past, he hoped. Underlining the 5T initiative of the State, the Chief Minister said that his Government is committed



to provide Citizen Centric Services in a hassle free manner through online process, system improvement and automation. Stressing on the importance of Transport sector in our daily life, the Chief Minister said that the vehicle registration process has been made paperless, contactless. He said that Odisha is the first State in the country using the platform of NIC to introduce document upload through Digital Signature with auto number generation, thereby dispensing with the submission of paper documents at the local Road Transport Offices, and allowing the owner to register the vehicle at any Transport Office of the State. Patnaik added that the state is also the

first to introduce Learner License Application in UMANG App, the mobile platform of National E-Governance Division. The chief minister congratulated the Transport Authority for taking the initiative to gain pre-eminence in application of digital technology. Advising the Transport Authority for providing excellent services, the Chief Minister said that such a huge transforming initiative will create great expectations from people. The Transport Authority should live up to the promised satisfaction level of the people, he added. Outlining the services of Transport Department, Commerce & Transport Minister Padmanabh Behera said that the transport services in

the State have been made people-centric. It is for the vision of the Chief Minister, Odisha is now a leading state in providing paperless, instant services in transport sector, he added. List of Online Services: 1. Automated and Hassle free Vehicle Registration. 2. Auto Approval of Contract Carriage Permit. 3. Auto Approval of Goods Carriage Permit. 4. Auto Approval of Inter State Special Permit for buses. 5. Auto Approval of Inter Region Special Permit for buses. 6. International Driving Permit. 7. Learner's Licence in UMANG mobile APP. 8. Renewal of Registration in any RTO. 9. Transfer of Ownership in any RTO. Registration of Ve-

hicles: Whenever a citizen buys a vehicle, the dealer applies online, scans the required documents, uploads the documents through his digital signature. As soon as the tax is paid, the system auto assigns the registration number instantly. No physical paper is submitted and no one is required to visit the RTO. The buyer has the option to register the vehicle in any RTO of the state without any physical visit to any RTO. The following transformations are the outcome of this 5T initiative: Paperless- Documents are submitted in electronic form. On an average 1 crore pages of paper will be saved in a year, which is equal to saving 1000 trees per annum. Contactless- The visit to the RTO office for submission and verification of documents is dispensed and the whole process has become contactless. Authentication- The uploaded documents are authenticated through Digital Signature of the Dealer. Auto Assignment- The registration number is auto generated by the system soon after payment of tax at dealer point.

Raj Kishore Dora appointed New SP of Khordha



(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Feb 10: The state government appointed senior most OPS(S) of-

ficer Raj Kishore Dora as the New Superintendent Of Police, Khordha. After the retirement of

former SP Ajaya Pratap Swain from - 31st January -2021 the post remain vacant.

Last Date For Filling Matric Exam Forms Extended To Feb 12



(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, Feb 10: The Board of Secondary Education (BSE) has extended the last date for filling forms for the Annual Higher Secondary Certificate Examination 2021 by two

days. According to the BSE, the last date for filling the matriculation (Annual HSC 2021) exam forms is February 12. With this amended deadline, the applicants can register for the matric exam till

Friday midnight. "Head of the Institutions can fill up the forms of their candidates, if not already done by the scheduled period. No further extension shall be allowed," the BSE informed.

24 Monuments Remain Untraceable In India: ASI

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 10: The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has a list of 24 monuments which remain untraceable. Moreover, the ASI has made efforts to locate/identify the untraceable monuments through field offices based on inspection, old records, revenue maps and published reports. As per PIB release, there are 3693 monuments of national importance under protection of Archaeological Survey of India. The encroach-

ment in the premises of the protected monuments/area are removed as per the provisions contained in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules framed thereunder. The Superintending Archaeologist in charge of the Circles has also been vested with the powers of an Estate Officer to issue eviction notices/orders to the encroachers under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occu-

pants) Act, 1971, the statement read. Assistance in containing and removing encroachments is also sought from the respective State Government/Police force and where there are no fruitful results, actions are initiated against the encroachers by filing cases in the court of law. Regular watch and ward staff, private security personnel, State Police guards and CISF have also been provided for the safety and security of selected monuments.



Srimandir To Remain Open On Sundays, Devotees Can Partake Mahaprasad On Temple Premises

(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Feb 10: The Jagannath Temple will remain open on all days of the week. The public darshan of Lords will start by 6 am and it will be mandatory for the pilgrims to wear masks at all times, both inside and outside the Temple, the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) informed today. A meeting was convened by the SJTA here today to take a call on changes in standard operating procedures for public darshan amid COVID restrictions. SJTA chief administrator Dr Krishan Kumar presided over the meeting where it was decided that devotees will be allowed to partake Abhada Mahaprasad inside Ananda Bazar and on temple pre-



mises at designated places only. Similarly, the lighting of 'Deepas' or earthen lamps inside the Temple by the Devotees will be permitted at designated places only. Besides, the special arrangements for the residents of Puri for one hour from 6 am to 7 am has been discontinued. "Devotees should sanitize

their hands before entering into the Temple. Devotees should maintain physical distance at all times as per COVID-19 guidelines," Dr Kumar said. The detailed SOP for Darshan at Srimandir: Devotees are requested not to touch Statues or Idols inside the Temple; Chewing of Tobacco/ Paan and spitting inside the

Temple premises is strictly prohibited. A fine of Rs. 1000/- will be levied for each violation; There is a complete ban on carrying polythene bags inside the temple. A fine of Rs. 100/- will be levied for each violation; The entry of Devotees to the Temple in Queue System will start from the Barri-cades opposite to the

Shoe Stand; All Devotees will enter through Singhadwar. After the Darshan, the exit will be allowed through all the Dwaras except Singhadwar (East Gate); People who leave their belongings such as shoes, mobiles etc, at the shoe stand located in the North-East side of the temple, are advised to exit from the Hasti dwara (North Gate) for easy & faster retrieval of their belongings; Nighttime sanitization of the Temple premises will be conducted three times a week after closing of public darshan; The SOP guidelines will be reviewed further from time to time, to facilitate the Darshan by the devotees and also for the management of COVI D-19 pandemic.

Best COVID19 Managed States: Odisha Ranked 14th in Country!

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 10: Even as Odisha government was on a high claiming its Ganjam Covid-19 management a model for the nation, and had even showcased nationally how skillfully the State had controlled the novel Coronavirus pandemic in the district, the dampener is Odisha has not been ranked in the top-10 best Covid-19 managed states in the country. Such a bit-

ter truth has come to fore in the recently released SBI research report on the Union Budget 2021-22. SBI Research is the country's reputed and leading research agency. The recent report had put Odisha at a distant 14th rank, and the chart is led by Uttar Pradesh. However, the consolation fact for the State is the report praised Odisha for controlling the fatalities due to COVID-19. SBI report

said, "States' performance in case of controlling death rate shows that Kerala and Telangana have done well, averting 3800 and 2290, respectively. Even Andhra Pradesh and Odisha have avoided 1410 and 1080 deaths, respectively. On the other hand, more people died in Maharashtra than that estimated by the model (30,950), followed by Delhi with 7,170 deaths more than model esti-



mated." However, Jharkhand and West Bengal displayed a better show in COVID-19 management, if the SBI's updated report is to be believed.

"While Jharkhand reported actual cases 0.98 lakh less than model estimated cases, the neighbouring West Bengal reported 0.68 lakh

less," the report said. As per SBI Research Cell, "To see statistically the state-wise infections, we tested a two-stage least square (2-SLS) panel model with 20-major states considering the monthly data from April 2020 to January 2021. In this 2SLS regression, we first regressed the state-wise test data on population from Apr'20 to Jan'21 to gauge the number of tests that should have been done given the

population difference. In Stage 2, the number of confirmed cases was regressed on estimated test numbers calculated in equation 1 to arrive at model estimate of number of cases if the tests were done in accordance with the population size." "The empirical results indicate that India has managed well the Covid pandemic given the large population. Even the economic survey illustrates the same thing

by estimating multivariate model. According to the survey results, actual cases in India are 37 lakhs lower than that estimated by the model. Our updated model till 29 January indicates that India has managed COVID-19 very well, by which the infections would have increased by 33.8 lakh. Further, we have averted around 1 lakh deaths if we consider their model."

EDITORIAL

Serious business

With Trump gone, it is in India's interest now to modify its approach towards the US. There was nothing unusual in Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeting about his interaction with US President Joe Biden but POTUS choosing to remain silent on the micro-blogging site entails a message. Gone are the days of "Howdy, Modi" and "Namaste, Trump" when Modi and the former American President hugged each other, walked hand in hand and their informal bonding was the bedrock of Indo-American relations. India will now have to deal with a seasoned and astute politician in Biden and not someone as unpredictable as his predecessor who was nothing more than a "butt of a joke" because of his posturing and scattershot policies. New Delhi should keep in mind that in his first diplomatic address, Biden did not mention India even once though he hinted that he would turn the heat on arch-rivals China and Russia. India must not consider his aggressive posturing towards Beijing as something that will favour its interests in the region as Biden, at the same time, asserted that Washington is ready to work with China if that is in its own interest. In his first official interaction with Biden, Modi discussed at length a host of issues including the COVID-19 pandemic, regional matters, climate change, global economy, terrorism and so on. The leaders agreed to continue the close co-operation between the nations to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific. Modi even invited Biden and the First Lady to visit India at their earliest convenience. All of this points towards the soft diplomacy that is being undertaken at this stage by both the countries. But instead of Biden tweeting like Modi, the White House released an official statement detailing the interaction. The message it carries is that the days of "tall talk" on social media are now over with Trump's era and Indian policymakers should not expect Biden to behave and act in the manner his predecessor did. It also seems likely that the world will no longer witness the US President and the Indian Prime Minister seconding each other's statements and praising each other on Twitter. During the interaction, the two leaders resolved that the democratic process must be upheld in Myanmar. It simply implies that POTUS wants to see New Delhi playing a pivotal role in restoring the democratic regime in erstwhile Burma. The US well understands that Myanmar's junta may join hands with communist China for currying favour in the United Nations Security Council and, if that happens, the continuation of the military regime in Burma will only strengthen Beijing in the region. The growing influence of China, which pursues an expansionist policy both on land and in sea, will be against the interests of both New Delhi and Washington. As per the White House note, the "leaders agreed to stay in close touch on a range of global challenges"; however, we should not take it without a pinch of salt and this "closeness" would certainly be a bit different from what it was with Trump. Now India needs to make some smart moves as dealing with the American President looks like serious business. But instead of Biden tweeting like Modi, the White House released an official statement detailing the interaction. The message it carries is that the days of "tall talk" on social media are now over with Trump's era and Indian policymakers should not expect Biden to behave and act in the manner his predecessor did. It also seems likely that the world will no longer witness the US President and the Indian Prime Minister seconding each other's statements and praising each other on Twitter. During the interaction, the two leaders resolved that the democratic process must be upheld in Myanmar. It simply implies that POTUS wants to see New Delhi playing a pivotal role in restoring the democratic regime in erstwhile Burma. The US well understands that Myanmar's junta may join hands with communist China for currying favour in the United Nations Security Council and, if that happens, the continuation of the military regime in Burma will only strengthen Beijing in the region. The growing influence of China, which pursues an expansionist policy both on land and in sea, will be against the interests of both New Delhi and Washington. As per the White House note, the "leaders agreed to stay in close touch on a range of global challenges"; however, we should not take it without a pinch of salt and this "closeness" would certainly be a bit different from what it was with Trump. Now India needs to make some smart moves as dealing with the American President looks like serious business.

Time to set our house in order



The Government has missed a legitimate opportunity to repair the frail Defence Budget which is unfit to meet the Pakistan-China dual threat. China's pithy, almost dismissive, response to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's connect between the border and bilateral ties has escaped notice. In reply to Jaishankar's multiple complaints about China's erratic behaviour in altering the status quo along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in breach of existing protocols and violations of peace and tranquility, Beijing simply repeated its mantra that Indo-China relations have to be de-coupled from the border dispute. At the all-India conference on China Studies in New Delhi last month, Jaishankar summarised his various comments across eight months on the border issue into three "mutuals": Recognition of mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interest; and eight broad principles as key to mending Indo-China relations. He emphasised that a peaceful border was the pre-requisite for stable relations. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said: "We have noted Minister Jaishankar's remarks and appreciate the importance India attaches to ties with China. But we stress the boundary issue shall not be linked with overall bilateral relations." At one stroke, China segregated its aggression along the LAC from bilateral relations and bracketed its territorial encroachments to outstanding claims to all of Ladakh, not just the 300 km spread of intrusions. China's claim to Ladakh was articulated in 2008 through its denial of its western border covering Jammu and Kashmir with China and excising 1,597 km of the

3488-km LAC. When this was pointed out to an MEA mandarin at the time, he responded: "They can do what they like but we have troops on the LAC." What happened in mid-May last year was a failure of the institutional memory of Chinese intent. If the way forward, as noted by Jaishankar, is the Sumdorong Chu route, it will cost India dearly both operationally and financially. Last week, India missed a legitimate opportunity to repair the frail defence budget unfit to meet the Pakistan-China dual threat despite aggression in Ladakh. Few point out the anomalies in defence spending probably because it is anti-national to question it, especially when the BJP Government — very vocal on defence and national security — makes hollow fund allocations. On Budget day, the armed forces would attract thunderous applause from the lawmakers for their sacrifices when the Finance Minister, after announcing the defence allocation, would predictably add: "More funds would be provided, if needed." Since 2019, there is deafening silence on defence on Budget day. Surprisingly, the oversight was questioned this year by many. The aggregate defence

budget, revenue and capital heads; all three reflected a decline in the allocation as compared to the previous year's revised estimates (RE). The allocation for defence modernisation, which is at the heart of deterrence and capacity building and which was acclaimed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as the highest increase of 19 per cent in 15 years, was actually Rs 2,700 crore less than in the RE of 2020-21. Even as GDP percentage, defence has declined to 1.5 per cent from 1.6 per cent the previous year. What we do not know is committed liabilities under the modernisation head of the three services though we do know that last year, the Air Force, the highest recipient this year, was allotted nearly Rs 3,000 crore less than committed liabilities, leaving no money for new projects. Other negatives this year in the Budget are lower GDP, higher rupee to dollar rate, higher fuel costs, higher internal and external inflation and substantial additional costs for maintaining the additional 50,000 troops in Ladakh along with costs for re-balancing of forces following the belated recognition of China, which spends thrice

more than India on defence, as the primary threat. It is mystifying that even after yielding ground on the LAC, now convoluted by Gen VK Singh's not-so-useful admission on transgressions, Singh has made lofty claims to India's deterrent actions, CDS Gen Bipin Rawat waved the military option, Army chief Gen MM Naravane warned (the PLA) not to test India's patience and the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, noted that the Rafale had unnerved the Chinese. These are undoubtedly signs of resolve but without capability backup to restore the adverse situation created by the PLA. Equally intriguing was Singh last week at the Indian Ocean Region Defence Ministers' Conclave, referring to India as a net security provider when it has formidable security challenges on two fronts. Singh also made exaggerated claims about raising defence exports to a staggering Rs 35,000 crore in 2024 from the existing Rs 10,000 crore. Taken together, China separating the border issues from bilateral relations and India's failure to accelerate Defence modernisation amount to Beijing's continued bullying of India and its rapidly-expanding PLA Navy posing a second front in the Indian Ocean. Zhao's blunt response to Jaishankar's missive of interdependence of border and bilateral relations indicates China's hardline posture will stay till at least July next year, the completion of 100 years of the Chinese Communist Party. Without boosting combat capacities dovetailed in a Defence strategy factoring the primacy of China threat, New Delhi will keep shadow-boxing.

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Niti Aayog's Study On Economic Impact ??



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The Govt Think Tank Niti Aayog has recently entrusted study on Economic Impact of judicial decisions to Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) on this a spate of positive as well critical opinion have now divided the country's intelligentsia; as while one section is bolstering such initiatives of niti aayog another section putting the motive' of such studies on a sector which may act as a stroke of restraints on an overt judiciary activism, they maintained. If one look to the emergence of such study needs of aayog, it's mostly stemmed from few orders impacting the curb on economic expansion of few govt backed projects in the country. These are a curb on the green field airport at Mopa, Goa & restrictions on iron ore mining again in Goa, by SC & again NGT ban on sand mining in Yamuna river embankment, curb on building construction in NCR region and finally the SC order of closure on Sterlite unit of Kerala, to name a few. Again the vision document of aayog described that 'by commissioning this study it aims to build a narrative for sensitising the judiciary on the economic impact of their judicial decisions which further will be used as training inputs for judges of commercial courts, NGT, HCs & SC' it said. While many lauded this initiative another segment cometh with a proposal to launch

similar studies to map the Impact of public money on the several initiative of many govt's all over the country like : Mapping of ADR, Ecourts, Commissions, regulatory authorities excruciatingly spanning all over the country to impart justice, adjudication to the common man and their utilities, as many substudies undertaken by this scholar and few others in local level pointed this. Numbers of such commissions, regulatory bodies hugely funded with public funds by respective state governments found to be protecting the several interests of a conglomerate rather than of commonmen for whom they were initially formed to deliver, adjudicate, remedied the nuances of social justice. Many further puts that can these findings would used to work as peer pressure on the independent entities of judiciary! What ever is the methodologies coming up in next days is a thing for us to ponder that more such studies by Think Tanks to improve development, governance, academia, media, health sector may coming up in future with the funds support of the aayog' as few such active concept note presented by this scholar in improving Governance Public Policy Institutions working have hit such ideas at national level. Now is the time to explore more insightful studies on every aspect of govt working and deliverables to its stakeholders, citizens in this grand plan of things on which the need for emergence have crop up from the new emerging situation of hardhit economy and topsy turvy politics!

XII Board Exam and NEET UG 2021 prepare, toppers share how to manage both at the same time



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National Testing agency NTA would be conducting the NEET UG 2021 examinations in July, right after the Class 12 Board Examinations of 2021. NEET UG 2021 would be conducted on July. Nearly 15 lakh students from all over India have registered for the Medical entrance test in 2020, managing both at the same time is a task that can be both daunting and stressful. Toppers of Medical Entrance Examination share tips on how to manage both at the same time. However, before we share the tips, here is a simple advice given out by teachers and experts. Teachers ask students to ensure compartmentalization. It is essential to not worry about the entrance examinations. The preparation is already done, notes teachers and experts. What is essential at this time is to concentrate the efforts towards handling the board examinations and then moving on to the entrance exam prep. Toppers agree on the fundamental and share how the strategy has helped them excel in NEET and score well in boards at the same time.

Topper's Tips to manage Class 12 state Board Exams 2021 and NEET UG 2021- Blackout the entrance examinations ahead of the board examinations. All toppers share that just ahead of the board examinations they made an extra effort to keep the worries of the entrance examination at bay. Easier said than done with the level of competition, the strategy

helps as it gives the students the ability to look at one problem at hand rather than worrying about two. Teachers second the opinion and urge students who are preparing for both to look at the board examinations as equally important. Students have been preparing for NEET Main for over year or two...it is imperative, teachers say, to give undivided attention to board examinations now. Concentrate on the curriculum of the CBSE Class 12 Board Exams for Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Toppers share how they used the board examinations as a preparation for their NEET UG examinations in previous years. With most of the syllabus similar to that of Class 12 board examinations of CBSE, candidates appearing for both should wholeheartedly revise for the Physics, Chemistry and Biology board. This is the time when the class 11 topics can be ignored and focusing on them would have a negative impact on the class 12 board examinations. Don't give NCERT Textbook problems a miss. This is an advice that is applicable to both with equal importance. NCERT Textbook numerical, though limited in number, try and cover a variety of topics. Toppers share that these questions provided in the NCERT Textbooks should be taken as the type of questions. Also, candidates preparing for NEET should try and tackled the HOTS or High Order Thinking Skills questions provided in the reference books to get that extra edge. Another topper shared that the small boxes in NCERT textbooks once reminded him of a particular question as he remembered going through the same.

Severe irregularities in rice procurement in Badimunda PACS

(A.O. Bureau) Balangir, Feb 10: There has been a huge delay in buying paddy at Badimunda Mandi this year. Thousands of sacks of paddy are lying in Badimunda PACS under Loisingha block of Balangir district. It has been an informative and informative communication with the farmers present in Enei Mandi. They have shared their pain and perseverance that they are facing to-



day "We have been waiting for 35 days to go on a hunger strike, but to no avail," he said. "If the issue is not resolved soon, we will protest in the coming days," he said. PACS editor Shatrughan Das, on the other hand, said. The target was to collect 16,600 quintals of paddy and so far we have collected 16385

quintals from farmers. Yesterday we had a meeting with senior officials of the district administration and decided to collect another 1000 quintals of paddy and we are now working in that direction. But if more than 1,000 quintals are harvested, 2,000 quintals of paddy is still lying in the mandi. Who is playing a role in collecting the remaining rice? Who is responsible for getting the remaining 2,000 quintals of rice? In PACS 482 farmers have been registered and so far paddy has been procured from 284 farmers. And 198 remain to be collected from farmers. To date, 44 farmer tokens have expired So far no one was able to send in the perfect solution, which is not strange. Farmers have demanded that the government look into the matter as soon as possible.

A Cold Drinking Water System has been inaugurated near the Ram Temple in Kansar Panchayat

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Feb 10: A Cold Drinking Water System has been inaugurated near the Ram temple in Kansar gram panchayat under Kendrapara block. Panchayat Sarpanch Pradyumna Kumar Jena inaugurated this Project. Sarpanch Shri Jena informed that the project was constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 80,000. This allows devotees and devotees who come to the temple to use pure and cold drinking water .



Mehendipur Lal Bahadur High School's 1988 old batch of friends get together



(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Feb 10: Lal Bahadur High school on Sunday Shikshashram Mehendipur's 1988

batch of students is a gathering of friends get together. It was held at Languli Math near Olashuni. At the reunion, 40 old friends

reunited after a long 32 years. Dilip Rout, Himanshu Rout, Shivprasad Das, Biswajit Samal, Dr. Amalendu Jena. E. Tapas Barik, E. Prasant Mall, Swarnalata Behera, Sudhir Kumar Das, Suryakanta Biswal, Bibhuti Das,

Baradkant Mantri, Suprava Jena, Subrata Jena, Manas Sahu, Mamata berura, Nirupama behura, Sukanti Mohanty , Tapan Das, Rabindra Tripathi, Rajendra jena, Prahlad Das, Laxmipriya Barik, are Everyone joined in, reminiscent of the school's old memory. Everyone has decided to make friends get together every year. The program is an inspiration to the younger generation. The purpose of the "Mo School" campaign was to spread the word.

Three Minors Drown While Taking Bath In Koel River



(A.O. Bureau) Rourkela, Feb 10: Three minor boys met watery grave while taking bath in Koel river in Jhiripani area

of Sundargarh district today afternoon. After some locals spotted three bodies floating in the river, they informed the local po-

lice. With the help of Fire Service personnel and locals, the police fished out the bodies. Identity of the bodies could not be established till the filing of this report. As slippers were found at Bhata Basti ghat, the police suspect the deceased could be from the nearby slum. The bodies were sent for post mortem and investigation into the matter is on, informed a police official.

Murderous Assault On Odisha Hotelier, Succumbs To Injuries

(A.O. Bureau) Rourkela, Feb 10: A well-known hotelier of Steel City succumbed to his injuries in the wee hours today while undergoing treatment. Sajjan Mittal was attacked by unknown miscreants near DAV lane while he was returning home late last night. A profusely bleeding Mittal, the owner of Hotel Basera, was rushed to IGH here. However, he breathed his last while undergoing treatment. The



attending doctors pronounced him dead at around 3 am. Brain hemorrhage and excessive blood loss is said to be the reason behind his death. Post mortem report would shed light on the rea-

Abandoned Infant Girl Found Near Rail Track In Koraput

(A.O. Bureau) Jeypore, Feb 10: A two-month-old girl abandoned beside a rail track near Kakariguma in the district was rescued by the Childline officials on Wednesday. The infant, whose identity is yet to be established, was found in a critical condition as stray dogs mauled her. A local youth, whose sister is a member of the district Childline, first got the information about the abandoned baby. He immediately informed his



sister who along with her team rushed to the spot and rescued the baby before shifting her to the Saheed Laxman Nayak Medi-

cal College and Hospital in Jeypore, said Rajshree Das, District Child Protection Officer (DCPO). "The infant has been admit-

ted to the SNCU ward of the hospital and is currently being treated under the supervision of paediatric specialists. Her condi-

tion is stated to be critical. As her body bears deep injuries, a special surgeon has been called to look after the baby," the DCPO added. A case has been registered at a local police station. The identity of the baby has not yet been ascertained, she added. Hospital authorities said that her condition is critical. "She is unconscious now. We are trying to warm her up. After she gains sense, we will proceed with further treatment," a hospital staff said.

Couple Dies After Being Run Over By Truck In Jaipur

(A.O. Bureau) Jaipur, Feb 10: In a tragic incident, a couple died when a truck ran over a two-wheeler carrying them at Chdheidhara Chhak on NH-53 in Jaipur district today afternoon. As per reports, Golak Sahu from Mahisara panchayat in Dankari area and wife

Kanaklata Sahu riding a two-wheeler were going towards a place. A truck came from behind and hit the two-wheeler at Chadheidhara Chhak on the national highway. The couple died on the spot in the road mishap. On being informed, the Jenapur Police reached the

Odisha Youth Missing In Uttarakhand Glacier Disaster



(A.O. Bureau) Baripada, Feb 10: A youth from Mayurbhanj district of Odisha is reportedly untraceable after the devastating glacier burst in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district. Parsuram Hansdah, who hails from Bangar village under Khunta block in Baripada area, was engaged as a labourer in Rishi Ganga Power Project in the Himalayan state. His family members said that he is incommunicable since the fateful day. Unable to contact him, the anxious family members of the youth

today met Mayurbhanj district collector and pleaded to take measures for his safe rescue. Earlier, a youth, identified as Nagarjuna Das of Kuda village under Chandbali block in Bhadrak district was reported missing after the glacier burst in Uttarakhand. Nagarjuna, who was working as a crane operator, has also 'gone missing' following the disaster. His family members had approached the district administration and informed about his disappearance. So far, 32 bodies have been recovered from different places in the avalanche-hit areas of Chamoli, of which eight have been identified while 174 people are still missing, the State Emergency Control Centre in Dehradun said.

3 Juveniles Detained For Gang-Raping Minor Girl In Berhampur



(A.O. Bureau) Berhampur, Feb 10: The Berhampur Sadar Police detained three minor boys on Wednesday for allegedly gang-raping a 10-year-old girl here in Ganjam district two days back. The accused trio is being interrogated by the police and will be forwarded to juvenile court later in the day. As per reports, the minor girl's parents are daily wage worker and had gone to

Berhampur on the fateful day. Taking advantage of her parents' absence, the three boys of her locality entered the house and gang-raped the girl. They later fled the spot after committing the crime. Subsequently, when her parents returned home in the evening, the rape survivor narrated the ordeal to them following which a complaint was lodged with the local police. Sub-divi-

sional police officer (SDPO) Berhampur Sadar, Jayant Kumar Mohapatra said that the three accused and the minor girl will be sent for medical examination. Further investigation into the case is underway. Earlier on February 2, two brothers were arrested by the Mahakalapada police for allegedly abducting a 16-year-old minor girl and gang-raping her for five days in a house in Derabish block of Kendrapara district. The girl, a Plus Two Arts student in a college in Mahakalapada, was abducted on January 29 by the brother duo. Following an FIR by her mother the next day, police started investigation and arrested the brothers from their hideout in Derabish.

Truck Overtakes On Ambulance Killing Patient & Injuring Several Others



(A.O. Bureau) Mayurbhanj, Feb 10: A truck overturned on an ambulance killing the

patient and critically injuring as many as five other people in Bangiriposhi ghat. As

per sources, the occupants in the ambulance were shifting a critically ill patient from Tiring hospital to Baripada Medical. The driver of the ambulance and four other family members of the patient have suffered critical injuries in the mishap. Locals and police have reached the spot. Rescue operation has been launched.

Saumya Tandon Dances on Deepika Padukone's Ghoomar, Fans Call it 'Flawless'

New Delhi, Feb 10: Fans of 'Bhabiji Ghar Par Hain' famed Saumya Tandon are surprised after seeing their favourite star perform the traditional Rajasthani dance. Fans of 'Bhabiji Ghar Par Hain' famed Saumya Tandon are surprised after seeing their favourite star perform traditional Rajasthani dance. Saumya shared a clip on her Instagram handle and the entire performance on her YouTube channel. She was dressed in a traditional attire and wore a magenta coloured lehenga along with Rajasthani jewellery to complete her look. She danced on the song Ghoomar from



Deepika Padukone's film Padmavat. Saumya's look in the video is similar to how Deepika looked in the song. Posting the video, Saumya said that she wanted to

learn a Rajasthani form of dance for a long time. She added, "What can be better than ghoomar song." The setting of the video is different as it is shot inside a home

unlike the original one which was picturised at a set of Chittorgarh Fort but Saumya aced the performance. With a smile on her face, the 36-year-old actor danced to the Bollywood version of the folk number. Her fans are impressed with Saumya's latest video. On Instagram, Saumya's followers showered her with appreciation. A fan said that her performance was flawless while another called her dance performance elegant. Ghoomar is a traditional dance form which was first performed by the Bhil tribe in order to worship Goddess Saraswati. Later, more Rajasthani com-

munities also embraced the dance form. Performed on special occasions like weddings and festivals, ghoomar involves the dancers twirling in a circle. Although this is the first time Saumya has tried ghoomar, she has previously shared videos of her dance performance on her YouTube channel. She previously performed on Madhuri Dixit's Hamari Atariya and Hrithik Roshan's Ghungroo. Saumya is most famous for her portrayal of Anita Mishra on the show Bhabiji Ghar Par Hain!. She played the character for five years before quitting the serial in 2020.

Priyanka Chopra Reveals her Struggles in Unfinished; Says She Learnt Humility from Thalapathy Vijay



New Delhi, Feb 10: Actress Priyanka Chopra, in her book Unfinished, wrote that South star Thalapathy Vijay's humility and generosity with fans made a lasting impression on her. Priyanka Chopra Jonas has revealed a lot of hidden truths through her memoir Unfinished. The book was released on February 9, 2021, and is receiving overwhelming response and reviews from the people. Describing her initial struggles in the film industry, the global icon in her book has spoken about how she learnt humility from Thalapathy Vijay, co-star in her debut film Thamizhan. Priyanka also revealed that she had also sung a song composed by D Imman in the film Ullathai Killathe. The actress in her book wrote that Vijay's humility and generosity with fans made a lasting impression on her. She said that while she

was shooting in New York for her web series Quantico fans thronged onto the sets to get a few pictures clicked with her. This was the time when she recalled the teachings of Vijay during the shoot of Thamizhan. Priyanka said that while she was taking pictures with the fans through her lunch break, she thought about her very first co-actor ever and the examples he would set. The debut movie of Priyanka was directed by Majith and had a screenplay written by Vijay's father, SA Chandrasekar. The film was released in 2002. PC has also spoken about her encounter with a director and his unprofessional behaviour. She was supposed to shoot a sensuous dance routine in the film and was asked to take off her clothes. It was then when the actress asked the director if she can wear extra layers of clothes as the song

was long. Responding to which the director asked her to discuss it with her stylist and later, when Priyanka passed on the phone to him after discussing the scene, he told her stylist that whatever be the situation, panties should be visible or else why would people come to watch the film. Disgusted by his response, PC decided to quit the film. The actress has also explained the incident when she was asked by a director to get her 'proportions fixed' to become an actress. Priyanka, who has marked a fabulous impression by her acting talent on the world by her performances in Bollywood and Hollywood movies, has a lot of projects in her kitty including an international web series titled Citadel, which will be produced by Avengers: Endgame makers Russo Brothers and also feature Richard Madden in the lead role.

5 Best Kannada Romantic Movies to Watch this Valentine's Week

New Delhi, Feb 10: As Valentine's Week rolls on and we prepare for February 14, we're arming you a watchlist from regional languages in keeping with the mushy mood all around. After Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam, it's time to look at some romantic Kannada films that have been popular among viewers. Some of these are commercially successful, while others have been critically lauded. We've tried to stick to fun films, except for one title for viewers who prefer more realistic cinema. Here's our pick of five Kannada films which serve oodles of romance mixed with comedy, drama, action and tragedy. Milana (2007): The romantic drama film is co-written and directed by Prakash, and starring Puneeth Rajkumar, Parvathy Thiruvothu and Pooja Gandhi in the lead roles. The story begins with a couple, Akash and Anjali, who make it clear they don't want to stay with each other right from their wedding night. Anjali is on a quest to find the man she loves and is separated from, Akash is also in love with someone else. But his good nature wins Anjali's heart and she eventually falls in love with her. The story then waits for Akash to realise he wants Anjali, too, and when that happens, it's a happy ending after all. Milana saw massive commercial success and completed a 500-day run in theatres, with critics praising Puneeth Rajkumar's performance. Dia (2013): Dia's story is centered on the external and internal experiences and dialogues of the female

protagonist. The protagonist Dia falls in love with Rohit, and finds out that he reciprocates the feeling, after waiting for several years. But an accident separates them and Dia thinks she has lost Rohit forever. The loss comes with unbearable pain. She meets another man, Adi, who helps her cope with life. Just when they find joy in each other company, Dia finds out that Rohit is still alive. While most love stories end happily, director KS Ashoka goes off the usual track to give it a rather shocking ending, proving that not everything is always hunky dory in real life. The realism of the story, performances of the three main leads, the cinematography, and the music score of the film have been praised by critics. Googly (2013): Romantic comedy Googly packs in everything that a fan of actor Yash might ask for. Much before he was beating up the baddies in KGF, the actor was wooing the fresh-faced Kriti Kharbanda in Googly. Ego and misunderstandings separate the lead pair despite their love for each other, only to reunite them years later. From action to choreography and music, the film is an all-round entertainer which also impressed critics with the storyline and direction. Googly became the highest grossing Kannada cinema in the year 2013, establishing Yash as a bona fide star in Kannada cinema and also made Kriti popular in the industry. Mr. and Mrs. Ramachari (2014): A year after Googly, Yash tasted success yet again with this



romantic action comedy. Mr. and Mrs. Ramachari is the actor's 5th hit film. The story revolves around two characters: a tearaway and hot-headed youngster, Ramachari, who is a diehard fan of Vishnuvardhan, and his love interest, the sophisticated Divya. Divya and Ramachari meet and fall in love, and impulsively decide to get married. But they face problems with their relationship, which leads to a painful breakup. Both of them agree to marry different people on the same date. But as fate would have it, a mix-up by their wedding planner leads to confusing situations between either parties. The couple ultimately unite. Love Mocktail (2020): Much loved Kannada actor Darling Krishna acted and directed this fun romantic drama which became superhit in 2020. The film starts with a comic mood, and but ends on an emotional note, leaving you with a feeling that's somber and satisfying in equal parts. This film's story is narrated while the protagonist Aadi (Krishna) is driving with a girl he just met, Aditi (Rachana Inder), who is extremely curious about his love stories. Starting with his

adolescence, Aadi narrates the various experiences he went through each time he fell in love. And when he finally found true love, the happiness was short-lived. Krishna and Milana Nagaraj's

onscreen chemistry is impressive and Rachana Inder wins hearts with her bubbly demeanour. The music by Raghu Dixit is an added bonus in this relatable film full of comedy and romance.

Here are the Lesser Known Benefits of Consuming Omega-3

New Delhi, Feb 10: Fish and other sea foods, such as salmon, herring, sardines and tuna, are excellent source of omega 3. Other than fish, flaxseed, chia seeds, walnuts, canola oils, soyabean oils, cod liver oil, krill oil and eggs are brimming with the goodness of omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3 fatty acids are extremely essential for our body. It is known to be endowed with some amazing health benefits. There are basically 3 types of omega-3 fatty acids: ALA, EPA, DHA. And our body does not make omega-3 fatty acids on its own. Hence, it is mandatory to get this essential element from our diet. There are some foods that naturally possess omega 3, and it is also added to some fortified foods. Fish and other sea foods, such as salmon, herring, sardines and tuna, are excellent source of

omega 3. Other than fish, flaxseed, chia seeds, walnuts, canola oils, soyabean oils, cod liver oil, krill oil and eggs are brimming with the goodness of omega-3 fatty acids. Take a look at the ways in which omega-3 helps the body to stay fit: 1. Reduces risks of Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD): Ensure a high dietary intake of omega-3 fatty acids to avert the risk of AMD. DHA is a significant structural component of retina. So, having omega-3 is important as the DHA in it protects eyes from dryness, facilitates proper drainage of intraocular fluid, thereby reducing the risk of glaucoma and high eye pressure. Have omega-3 rich foods to get significantly better visual acuity. 2. Beneficial for Cardiovascular health: Have omega-3 rich foods as it lowers triglycerides, reduces



blood pressure, raises 'good' HDL cholesterol, prevents formation of damaging blood clots and plaque formation on arterial walls – all of which is the pathway to ensure a good, healthy heart. 3. Beneficial for Rheumatoid arthritis: If you are suffering from it or trying to avoid being a victim of this chronic disease, omega 3 consumption is highly recommended. Taking timely Omega 3 supplements along

with necessary arthritis medication will provide relief from chronic pain, acute stiffness and swelling of joints. 4. Beneficial for brain health: Around 40% of the polyunsaturated fatty acids in brain is accounted for by DHA. So, to avoid ADHD, cerebral palsy and autism, omega-3 supplements are absolutely essential. Omega-3 fatty acids is known to prevent Alzheimer's disease, depression and anxiety. Adequate in-

take of omega-3 supplements is known to be beneficial for mood swings. Patients suffering from schizophrenia and bipolar disorders are asked to have lot of omega-3 rich foods. 5. Beneficial to fight autoimmune disease: Autoimmune diseases such as Type 1 diabetes, ulcerative colitis, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease and psoriasis can be fought with consistent and adequate consumption of omega-3 fatty acids.

ICC Test rankings: Kohli & Pujara move down, Root goes to 3rd



Chennai, Feb 10: India's Virat Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara have moved down by a spot while Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah have moved upwards in the respective ICC Test

rankings which got updated after the culmination of the first Test which England won by 227 runs on Tuesday. Kohli, who returned with scores of 11 and 72 in the first Test, is now placed at the fifth spot

while Pujara - having accumulated a total of 88 runs across two innings at the MA Chidambaram Stadium - is now placed at the seventh spot. In the list of bowlers, Ashwin and Bumrah are placed at the sev-

enth and eight positions respectively. England captain Joe Root's match-winning 218 in the first Test has helped him advance two places to third position. He has overtaken Kohli in the process. Root, who helped his team to a memorable win in Chennai that kept England in contention for the ICC World Test Championship final, has reached 883 rating points, his highest since September 2017, after a fabulous run in the sub-continent has seen him accumulate 684 runs in three Tests, two of which were in Sri Lanka. Ahead of Kohli for the first time since November 2017, the England skipper is now 36 points behind top-ranked Kane Williamson and trails

Steve Smith by only eight points. With Marnus Labuschagne also in the mix, competition for the top five slots is intense with all of them above 850 rating points. For India, Rishabh Pant's knock of 91 in the first innings has helped him become the first full-time wicketkeeper from his country to reach 700 rating points as he retained 13th position among batsmen. Shubman Gill has progressed seven places to 40th position while all-rounder Washington Sundar is at the 81st spot after moving up two slots. Left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem too has gained two places to reach 85th position among bowlers. The second Test, also in Chennai, will begin from Saturday.

Swing it like Jimmy

Chennai, Feb 10: Anderson's reverse swing deflates India as England go 1-0 up with 227 run win Veteran James Anderson's artistic spell of reverse swing trumped Virat Kohli's show of grit as England decimated India in the opening Test by a comprehensive 227-run margin here on Tuesday. A target of 420, with 381 left on a fifth day worn out Chepauk track, was always a tough ask going by cricketing logic and Anderson's mid-morning burst blew away the Indian middle-order. In the end, the hosts could manage only 192 in 58.1 overs. That spell ensured that there wasn't a Sydney like heist or the magic of Brisbane final day which many had hoped for despite the world record target. Kohli (72 off 104 balls) seemed like a lonely general standing on a burning deck as he showed his colleagues how to bat on a difficult track. He covered the swing and shuffled towards the off-stump to counter Anderson, ran purposefully and scored his runs against spinners. But there was that one ball that was always going to keep low and he got that from Ben Stokes. Courtesy Anderson

(11-4-17-3), the match became a mismatch within an hour and India now need to win two out of the next three Tests to qualify for the World Test Championship final in June. The player of the match honours went to England skipper Joe Root for his match-defining double hundred in the first innings. It was left-arm spinner Jack Leach (26-4-76-4), who after his first innings humiliation at the hands of Rishabh Pant, finished with the best figures but the effort paled in comparison to the effect that Anderson had on the psyche of the Indian team. Anderson sowed doubts among rank and file of the home line-up, whether they had the technique to play the moving ball which swings the other way round. Kohli can but can his colleagues do it will be the big question going forward. The man from Burnley, in his 19th Test match season, showed his artistry with a semi-new ball, on a fifth day track and sapping Chennai heat, far removed conditions from the grey skies and cool breeze that Old Trafford gives him. But then Anderson is a devotee and best practitioner of Test match ethos and



doesn't need to take refuge in conditions because of his supreme control over his craft. Another fifty for Gill (50, 83 balls) once again looked dazzling till the time he was at the crease. The sinewy wrists were in play as he hit seven fours and a six, dealing with spinners comfortably. Even Cheteshwar Pujara's (15 off 38 balls) dismissal off Jack Leach's "peach" didn't unfaze the young man from Punjab as he along with Kohli calmly went about their business. It was the 27th over when Anderson first came into the attack and the second ball was a perfect reverse inswinger which had Gill in a daze as the off-stump went for a walk. The way the shiny part on the inside tailed in was a

sight to behold. Rahane (0), for all the appreciation coming his way, was in very poor form for the better part of the Australia series, save a hundred at MCG where he was dropped thrice. The first ball he faced on Tuesday was another one that came back a shade and it was hitting the middle of the middle stump with the Umpires' Call saving the vice-captain of what looked like a plumb leg before. The wily Anderson realised that an out-of-form Rahane's feet are not moving. The next time he just went a shade wide off the crease and delivered another reverse inswinger. Rahane knew that there was no comeback. Pant (11) has had three great knocks but he was facing a bowler with supreme game

awareness and immaculate understanding of conditions. Against a left-hander, he predictably came round the wicket and angled a few in with a busy Pant hitting a boundary. By then, Anderson had gauged that Pant could be hurried on the drive. So the master changed his tactic and bowled a slower one enticing Pant to go for a drive. Pant tried his best to check it but the bowler had asked his skipper Joe Root to specifically stand at short cover for that particular shot. From 92 for 2, it was 110 for five and Kohli cut a lonely figure at the other end. Washington Sundar (0) was then picked by Dom Bess with the one that turned away leaving India in complete tatters.

Munita, daughter of construction labourer, breaks under-20 race walk record

New Delhi, Feb 10: Each time race walker Munita Prajapati finishes on the podium, the 19-year-old knows she is not only inching closer to fulfilling her dreams of competing in the Olympics someday but is also a step closer

to helping her family escape poverty. The wiry race walker from Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi district hogged the limelight on the fourth day of the junior nationals in Guwahati, winning the (U-20) 10,000m race



walk event and breaking the national mark in the progress. Munita clocked 47:53.58 s to erase the Reshma Patel's 48:25.90s record, which was achieved just last month at the Junior Federation Cup in

Bhopal. The daughter of a construction labourer father and a homemaker mother has also earned the distinction of becoming the first woman walker to clock a sub-48 minute time in the 10,000m race walk in the U-20 category.

Juventus reaches Italian Cup final after 0-0 draw with Inter



Turin, Feb 10: Juventus progressed to its sixth Italian Cup final in seven years after a 0-0 draw against Inter Milan to win 2-1 on aggregate. Atalanta hosts Napoli on Wednesday in the other semifinal after having drawn 0-0 in the first leg. The final is on May 19. Juventus coach Andrea Pirlo has faced criticism in the first season in his managerial career but his team won the Italian Super Cup last year and is still firmly in the hunt for what would be a record-extending 10th successive Serie A title. "I hoped to get to this stage of my debut campaign and be in the last 16 of the Champions League, have won the Super Cup and reached the final of the Italian

Cup, but we haven't done anything yet so we have to keep working away and stay focused," Pirlo said. "We played well today because Inter hardly had any shots on goal. We had the best chances and (Inter goalkeeper Samir) Handanovic was the best player on the pitch." It is the second successive season Inter has been eliminated in the semifinal of the Italian Cup. It is also out of European competition, having finished bottom of its Champions League group. "We undoubtedly needed to make the most of the many chances we created over the course of 180 minutes," Inter coach Antonio Conte said. "I think that we saw two teams that fought it out until the very end,

but we've unfortunately paid the price for gifting them goals in the first leg. "We tried to turn things around tonight but weren't able to. We need to learn from our mistakes and bounce back." Juventus had won the first leg 2-1 last week, with Cristiano Ronaldo scoring both goals for the Bianconeri. Ronaldo also netted on Saturday in a 2-0 victory over Roma in the league, a day after celebrating his 36th birthday. He was kept quiet in Turin, although the Juventus forward did go close on three occasions at the end of the first half. Conte has only had one success over his former club, with the Nerazzurri having beaten Juventus in the league last month.

Australian Open 2021: Serena, Thiem, Djokovic progress, Andreescu knocked out



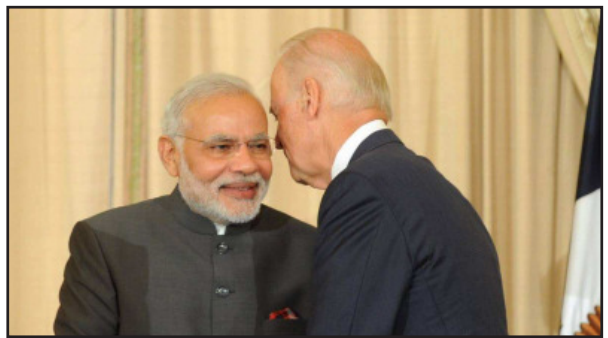
New Delhi, Feb 10: After an eventful second day, the Australian Open resumed its action on Wednesday with several second-round clashes featuring big-money names like Serena Williams, Dominic Thiem, Stan Wawrinka and Bianca Andreescu. Serena Williams overcame a spirited Nina Stojanovic 6-3 6-0 on a sun-drenched Rod Laver Arena to reach the third round of the Australian Open for the 19th time on Wednesday. The American, again sporting her distinctive one-legged leotard, needed to find her best game at times in the first set against a Serbian 15 years her junior who was playing in her fourth Grand Slam. "She pushed me really hard and played well through-

out the match," the 39-year-old said. "I wasn't thinking so much in the second set." Venus Williams refused to give up after suffering an injury against Italian Sara Errani and fought through pain before bowing out of the Australian Open second round with a 6-1 6-0 defeat on Wednesday. The 40-year-old American, a seven-times Grand Slam winner and twice finalist at Melbourne Park, started the match with a taped left knee and twisted herringbone ankle trying to play an approach shot while trailing 1-5 in the opening set. Bianca Andreescu's comeback after a 15-month absence from tennis ended abruptly in the second round of the Australian Open on Wednesday with the Canadian eighth

seed crumbling to a 6-3 6-2 defeat to Taiwan's Hsieh Su-wei in the opening match at Rod Laver Arena. Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova was sent packing from the Australian Open on Wednesday after a 6-4 1-6 6-1 second-round defeat by Romanian Sorana Cirstea. Naomi Osaka marched confidently into the third round of the Australian Open on Wednesday, overpowering Caroline Garcia 6-2 6-3 with a rock-solid performance at the Rod Laver Arena. The Japanese third seed fired six aces at her French opponent in the first set and four in the second. Garcia was unable to muster up a single break point over the contest.

Biden Admin welcomes India's emergence as a leading global power, its role in Indo-Pacific region

(A.O. Bureau)
Washington, Feb 10: Describing India as one of the most important partners of the US in the Indo-Pacific region, the Biden Administration on Tuesday said that it welcomes India's emergence as a leading global power and its role as a net security provider in the region. "India is one of the most important partners in the Indo-Pacific region to us. We welcome India's emergence as a leading global power and its role as a net security provider in the region," State Department Spokesperson Ned Price told reporters at his daily news conference. Earlier in



the day, he said, Secretary of State Tony Blinken spoke with his Indian counterpart, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, for the second time in less than a fortnight. During the call, the two leaders reaffirm the strength of the US-India partnership and discussed issues of mutual concern, including the situation in Myanmar. Blinken expressed concern over

the military coup and the importance of rule of law and the democratic process in Myanmar. They also discussed regional developments, including the value of US-India cooperation across the Indo-Pacific. "Both sides look forward to expanded regional co-operation, including through the Quad, and to address the challenges of COVID and climate change," Price said.

Fifth edition of Arunima unfolds with Jyoti Fellowship

(A.O. Bureau)
Kalinganagar, Feb 10: The fifth edition of Arunima, a three-day programme hosted by Tata Steel Foundation, kicked off here today. The event, hosted online this year, provides a one-stop platform to communities proximate to Tata Steel's Sukinda, Bannipal and Kalinganagar operations, to recognise their efforts and apprise the community on the growth journey that the region has ventured on. Arunima is a community-based event that lays emphasis on the co-creation of solutions and meaningful dialogue between communities around the Tata Steel Kalinganagar ecosys-



tem. The theme for Arunima this year is based on a strong felt need to focus on Water in the ecosystem and is also inspired by the United Nations' mission of declaring 2018-28 as the Water Action Decade. Arunima comprises three key components - the Jyoti Fellowship, an agriculture meet for farmers and women entrepreneurs, and a youth conclave. The inaugural day commenced with the Jyoti

Fellowship ceremony where a total of 503 meritorious students from economically weaker SC/ST families of Odisha were recognised for their dedication and talent. The Jyoti Fellowship is part of Tata Steel's Affirmative Action Policy that looks at addressing gaps in the field of education. For over 30 years, Tata Steel has been extending financial support in the form of Fellowships to deserving

school and college students across communities. Of the students awarded the Jyoti Fellowship this year, 236 students are from Kalinganagar, 166 from Bannipal and 101 from Sukinda. Fellowship amounting to Rs 31.1 lakh was disbursed to students this year. The programme was inaugurated by Mr R R Satpathy, GM (Corporate Services), Tata Steel Kalinganagar. "Education is a great game changer and with the help of education one can enhance the development process," he said. Mr Santosh Kumar Mishra, ADM, Kalinganagaralsograced the occasion and appreciated the efforts of

Tata Steel to create awareness on conservation of water. Mr Ambika Prasad Nanda, Head, CSR, Odisha, said: "Since last year, we have recalibrated our approach to focus on a concerted and sustainable approach towards water-related issues. Taking the conversation forward this year, we aim to bring the community together to discuss and come up with sustainable solutions to various issues related to water." To ensure maximum participation of students as well as their parents and teachers, centers were set up at various locations from where they could connect and engage on digital platforms.

Vedantalaunches Aluminium Cylinder Head Alloy at ACMA 2021



Ajay Kapur, CEO- Aluminium & Power Business & Managing Director - Commercial at Vedanta Ltd. launches Cylinder Head Alloy

(A.O. Bureau)
New Delhi, Feb 10: Vedanta Limited, India's foremost producer of metals and oil & gas, announced the formal launch of its newest product, the aluminium Cylinder Head Alloy, a critical raw material for manufacturing cylinder heads and other automotive components. This is the company's latest value-added offering in its aluminium product line, which caters to various raw material requirements of the automotive industry. The Cylinder Head Alloy leverages material design to help automakers increase efficiency of internal combustion engines for improved performance on emission control, in line with BS-VI and CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency/Economy) norms. Currently, this alloy is entirely being imported into India from other countries. Vedanta unveiled the product for the domestic industry at the 2nd Automotive Raw Material Localization Conclave & Exhibition today, hosted by Automotive Components Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA). Vedanta has invested in creating this cylinder head

alloy capacity of 10,000 tonnes using world class technologies of Befesa (Spain) and Properzi (Italy). This initiative is in alignment with the government's thrust on self-reliance to cater to the domestic requirement of automotive companies and original equipment manufacturers to rely on indigenously procured material. Localisation of the domestic raw material supply chain will surely help the Indian automotive industry. At the event, Vedanta also showcased its diverse portfolio of high-quality products for the automotive industry in aluminium (Primary Foundry Alloy or PFA, Billets, Rolled Products and Slabs), Zinc (Hindustan Zinc Die-Cast Alloy and Special High Grade Zinc), Lead Ingot and Alloy, Silver Bars, Copper Rods, and Steel Wire Rods, as well as capabilities for high-end value-additions, technology leadership and logistics to support the auto industry. Looking at the growing sustainability consciousness and faster rate of adoption of Electric Vehicles (EV) and hybrids globally, Vedanta has also created a centre of excellence for R&D and in-

novation, and is well placed to cater to the emerging needs of the automotive industry. Speaking about the need for import substitution making India's automotive industry self-reliant, Mr. Ajay Kapur, CEO- Aluminium & Power, and Managing Director - Commercial, Vedanta Limited, said, "For India to become a USD 5 trillion economy by 2025 and an economic powerhouse, the entire manufacturing sector has a crucial role to play. India's auto component sector is among the fastest growing but lags in contribution to manufacturing turnover. The Indian auto component industry's aspirations of having a significant share of the global tradecalls for a renewed focus on localization on every business front, particularly with respect to sourcing raw materials. As India's leading producer of a vast array of globally acclaimed metals and value-added products, Vedanta aims to partner with various industry sectors, especially automotive and auto ancillary industry, across their entire value chain, from large players to MSMEs, for the nation's growth." Addressing the industry representatives,

- First Indian company to manufacture Aluminium Cylinder Head Alloy for automotive industry; an alloy hitherto completely imported into India
- Deployed world class technology of Befesa (Spain) and Properzi (Italy) for manufacturing Cylinder Head Alloy
- Showcases market readiness with high-quality products, value-addition capabilities, and partnerships with global experts
- Evinces interest on collaborations for new product development with dedicated R&D Centre

Ruchika Jha, CEO- HZL Silver Business, and Chief Marketing Officer - Vedanta Limited, said, "There is immense opportunity for India to leverage domestic capabilities and potentially substitute automotive parts imports of nearly USD 12 billion. Vedanta is a natural partner for the automotive industry, well-resourced to create long-term value for automotive component manufacturers. With state-of-the-art infrastructure, engineering prowess, global technology partnerships and R&D capability to develop product solutions perfectly tailored for downstream industries, Vedanta is keen to partner with the Indian automotive and auto-ancillary players and together with them, build the future of mobility." Vedanta's offerings for the automotive industry include a robust portfolio of value-added products in aluminium, zinc, lead, silver, copper, iron and steel, and a broad range of product customisations. Vedanta has been a leader and pioneer in enabling the Indian automotive and auto ancillary industry to access products of highest quality and unparalleled technical service. The company was also the first to supply Aluminium Primary Foundry Alloy (PFA) for manufacturing wheels to the Indian automotive industry, prior to which the alloy was only

being imported to the country. The biggest strength of Vedanta's products is that they use best-in-class technology to meet global quality specifications and standards, and ensure that customers access products of the highest quality. Vedanta's capability to customize these alloys also equips the company to address the varying requirements of the auto industry. Vedanta Limited, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Limited, is one of the world's leading Oil & Gas and Metals company with significant operations in Oil & Gas, Zinc, Lead, Silver, Copper, Iron Ore, Steel, and Aluminium & Power across India, South Africa, Namibia, and Australia. For two decades, Vedanta has been contributing significantly to nation building. Governance and sustainable development are at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety, and environment. The company has been featured in Dow Jones Sustainability Index, and was conferred CII-ITC Sustainability Award, the FICCI CSR Award, Dun & Bradstreet Awards in Metals & Mining, and certified as a Great Place to Work. Vedanta Limited is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange in India and has ADRs listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

APSEZ announces Q3 FY21 Results

(A.O. Bureau)
Ahmedabad, Feb 10: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited ("APSEZ"), the largest transport utility in India, a part of globally diversified Adani Group today announced its operational and financial performance for the third quarter and nine months ended 31st December 2020. The country's largest integrated logistics player had clocked a consolidated profit of Rs 1,356.43 crore in the corresponding period a year earlier, the company said in a regulatory filing to the BSE. Its total consolidated income increased to Rs 4,274.79 crore in the third quarter from Rs 3,830.43 crore in the year-ago period. The company's total expenses during the quarter under review increased to Rs 2,258.62 crore, compared to Rs 2,091.40 crore in the year-ago period. In Q3 FY21, Krishnapatnam Port handled a cargo volume of 10 MMT. Revenue and EBITDA in Q3 FY21 was Rs.473 cr. and Rs.336 cr. with an EBITDA margin of 71%. Mr. Karan Adani, Chief Executive Officer and Whole Time Director of APSEZ said, "The strong and lasting recovery at APSEZ has been



the cornerstone of our journey in the recent past. It's a proven certitude that our business now operates closer to a pure-play utility. Our portfolio of assets, increasing market share in India, and pre-eminence of our network with leadership positions have an unparalleled value proposition. APSEZ is well on course to achieve 500 MMT of cargo throughput by FY25. APSEZ will be investing in the logistics and warehousing business with increased investment in Tracks, Rakes as well as land for developing multimodal logistics parks and warehousing facilities. About Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), a part of globally diversified Adani Group has evolved from a port company to Ports and Logistics Platform for India. It is the largest port developer and the operator in India with 12 strategically located ports and terminals — Mundra, Dahej, Kandla, and Hazira in

Gujarat, Dhamra in Odisha, Mormugao in Goa, Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, and Kattupalli and Ennore in Chennai and Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh — represent 24% of the country's total port capacity, handling vast amounts of cargo from both coastal areas and the vast hinterland. The company is also developing a transshipment port at Vizhinjam, Kerala and a container Terminal at Myanmar. Our "Ports to Logistics Platform" comprising our port facilities, integrated logistics capabilities, and industrial economic zones put us in a unique position to benefit as India stands to benefit from an impending overhaul in global supply chains. Our vision is to be the largest ports and logistics platform in the world in the next decade. With a vision to turn carbon neutral by 2025, APSEZ was the first Indian port and third in the world to sign up for the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) committing to emission reduction targets to control global warming at 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

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