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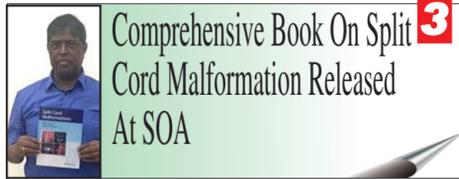
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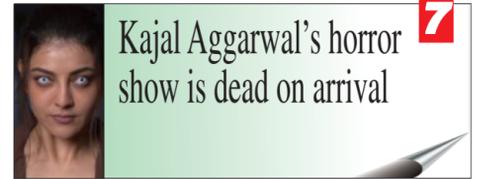
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KALIA Scheme: Over 53 Lakh Odisha Farmers Get Rs 1272 Crore Assistance



Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: More than 53 lakh farmers of Odisha received financial assistance of over Rs 1272 crore under the Krushak Assistance

for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme as Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik through video conferencing

launched the transfer of the amount to the accounts of the beneficiaries, today. Each of the beneficiaries got Rs 2,000 financial assistance through Di-

rect Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. "While all areas of the economy were affected during the COVID-19 lockdown, our farmers were able to revive the agriculture sector with their hard work. I salute their efforts," the Chief Minister said on the occasion. "The Odisha Government has been repeatedly demanding the Central Government to double the MSP. Various programmes have been initiated by the state government to strengthen marketing infrastructure for agricultural produce," said

Patnaik. The KALIA scheme has been tailored to relieve the debt ridden farmers from the debt trap, keeping a pragmatic vision to directly attack poverty by providing financial assistance to the vulnerable agriculture households, landless labourers as well as marginal cultivators of the state. KALIA scheme brings under its umbrella 92% of cultivators of the state and almost all needy landless cultivators, who can avail the benefits of this scheme through Direct Benefit Transfer mode.

Odisha CM seeks withdrawal of draft bylaws for two temples



Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday urged the Centre to withdraw the National Monuments Authority's (NMA) draft heritage bylaws for two temples in the state. Patnaik said the central government should immediately withdraw the NMA's draft bylaws on Ananta Basudev and Brahmeswar temples of Ekamra Kshetra in Bhubaneswar. The Chief Minister said it would have been appropriate for the Central agencies to take the state into confidence on sensitive religious issues. "Central government should immediately withdraw the National Monuments Authority Draft Bylaws on Ananta Basudev & Brahmeswar Temple of

#EkamraKshetra. It would have been appropriate for the Central agencies to take the State into confidence on sensitive religious issues," tweeted Patnaik. He appealed to all the parliamentarians from Odisha to raise the sensitive matter with Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel as the rituals of Lord Lingaraj may be affected due to the heritage bylaws. "I appeal to all the MPs from #Odisha to take up this sensitive matter with the Union Government & @prahladspatel, as it involves the sentiments of lakhs of devotees of #Odisha, lives and livelihood of sebayats, linked to the smooth conduct of Nitis of Lord Lingaraj," he further tweeted. Notably, the

draft bylaws prohibit construction works around the temples while the state government has taken up several initiatives for the beautification of Lingaraj temple in Bhubaneswar. Meanwhile, by lighting up hundreds of diyas, the servants of the Lingaraj temple on Friday protested against the proposed draft notification. Earlier, the Commissioner of the Endowment, Odisha and Khurda district collector, who is also the president of Lord Lingaraj Temple Trust Board, urged the NMA to withdraw the notification immediately. The Centre had withdrawn the notification of the draft bylaws for Jagannath Temple in Puri following widespread protest from various quarters.

Identify more locations for enhancing nature tourism: Odisha Chief Secretary

Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: With overwhelming results from eco-retreat interventions in post-lockdown scenario, Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra directed the departments of tourism, forest and environment and water resources to identify more locations for enhancing nature tourism activities in the State. Mahapatra gave this direction while reviewing the present state and future prospect of nature tourism in the State in a high level meeting held in Lokseba Bhawan conference hall today wherein Principal Secretary Tourism Vishal Dev outlined the issues for discussion. Reviewing State's potential, Chief Secretary Mahapatra directed the collectors to identify locations for

setting up year-round eco-retreat sites, nature camps, day destinations, river cruise, boating, jungle safari, wild life sighting towers etc. Mahapatra said, "Selection of the appropriate site for nature tourism is very crucial for taking it to next level. Principal Secretary Tourism Vishal Dev and Chairman & Managing Director IDCO Sanjay Kumar Singh, present in the meeting were advised to verify the identified locations and evaluate their potential for development to year-round tourist destinations. Further, Mahapatra added, "Nature tourism is no more an international tourist activity. Now more domestic tourists are visiting the nature camps in Odisha. Eco-locations, nature sites and



nature camps will generate more employment opportunities for local populace and will help enhancing their income". The proposals regarding scaling up such activities at Talasari, Konark, Satpada, Chandipur, Debrigarh, Bhitarkanita, Simlipal, Daringibadi, Astarang, Satkosia gorge, Tikarpada, Hirakud, Chilika and Nalabana were discussed in the meeting.

Chief Secretary directed to demarcate tourism zones in forest areas, list out the dams, river stretches and water bodies having good potential for boating, water boats, cruises and placement of houseboats. The Collectors were also asked to identify suitable locations near major tourist destinations for development of tourist stay and convenience project sites by IDCO. It was decided that the diesel

motor boats engaged in tourist sites would be converted to CNG mode. Additional Chief Secretary Forest & Environment Dr Mona Sharma, present in the meeting was advised to start nature camps in thirty to forty new locations during the year. It was also decided to invite more private sector investment for making the nature tourism activity more competitive and employment generating.

Online building plan approval system under 'SUJOG' launched

Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: Yet another transformative initiative under the 5T initiative, the Online Building Plan Approval System (OBPAS) under Sustainable Urban Service in a Jiffy by Odisha Government (SUJOG) was launched today by Pratap Jena, Housing & Urban Development Minister. This transformative e-

Gov initiative is intended to provide the most advanced ICT enabled services to the citizens of Urban Odisha. Online Building Plan Approval System (OBPAS) has been identified as one of the key reforms' agenda under 5T to fast track approval of Online Building Plan Applications and to ensure ease of doing business.

Headless Body Case: Police Gets 3-Day Remand Of Accused Duo



Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: A local court here today allowed the Commissionerate Police to take the two accused in the Puspalata Roul murder case on a three-day remand for further questioning. The Commissionerate Police had sought a five-day remand of

Sanjay Das and Srikant who were arrested yesterday for allegedly murdering Puspalata. However, the court allowed the police to take the two on a three-day remand. A decapitated body of an unidentified woman was found on Daspur-Andharua road under Chandaka police

limits on February 4 leaving the police in a tizzy. The police were yesterday successful in nabbing Sanjay and Srikant and recover the severed head of the woman now identified as Puspalata from a spot at a distance of two km from the spot where the body was lying.

No additional tax burden on people in Budget: Dharmendr Pradhan

New Delhi, Feb 12: Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday defended the Union Budget 2021-22, saying it did not put additional burden on people and had come at a time when the Indian economy was hit by the coronavirus pandemic. The allocation for the health sector had been increased by 137 per cent to Rs 2.23 lakh crore compared with last year with provision for Rs 35,000 crore for corona vaccination too, he said while addressing youths here as part



of the BJP drive to explain to the people various welfare measures proposed by the government. "The budget for health provides for Rs 35,000 crore for vaccination. We have also been helping several countries with the vaccine

in line with the Indian philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'," the Minister said. "Based on the Prime Minister's advice of 'jaan hai tau jahan hai', health and well-being of the citizenry has been taken care

of," he added. Pradhan hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for presenting a Budget for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' or self-reliant India. He said that the central government had taken the responsibility of taking care of 80 crore people through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana during the pandemic. "Eighty crore people — two third of the country's population — were taken care by the union government which provided free

ration, gas, cash in bank accounts," Pradhan said. He said that the Budget was focussed on innovation and technology, on which the economic strength of the country depended. Pradhan said that the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund of Rs 40,000 crore will open new doors of development for rural India. The Minister said that the new National Education Policy brought forth by the Modi government talked about employment and knowledge.

118th Jayanti Mohatsav of Thakur Sri Sri Abhiram Parmahansa Dev celebrated by S.S.A.C.C, Delhi



New Delhi, Feb 12: Shree Shree Abhiram Cultural Center (SSACC) Delhi, celebrated the 118th auspicious Jayanti Mohatsav of "Jagatguru Thakur Sri Sri Abhiram Parmahansa Dev Ji" on 11th February 2021 (Thursday) at center 84-No Adachini, premises, Sri Arovind Marg, New Delhi keeping in mind all the Covid-19 Guidelines & protocols in a devotional atmosphere in the presence of devotees and devout people. The Premises was decorated with colourful flowers on this occasion. The programme started in

the early morning with Mangal Arati followed by Prata Pooja, Sodash Upchar Puja, Prayers, Bhajan, Kirtan, Prasad Sevan and free distribution of Blankets, Mask and Packed Prasad containing Cooked Food among the needy People. Thereafter, the Evening Session with Completed with Cultural Programme Like Sambalpuri Folk Dance which was Performed by the Child artists named Pallabi and Shubhangi and Music by Sri Harisur Jhankar. Sri Sukant Kumar biswal, the Chairman of Sri Jagannath temple, Jhilimili colony, Sahadara along with

other executive body members, Sri Snehashis Ray, Sri Ansuman Patanaik, Smt Rina Patanaik, Sri L. N. Beborta Sr. Journalist, Premananda Swain and other respectable Persons were Present to grace this Spiritual event and to Pray and get blessings of the Thakur Sri Sri Abhiram Parmahansa dev.. The Auspicious occasion was started in the Early Morning and Successfully Completed with Evening Arati at 7.30.P. M, with dedicated and sincere Management by the President Bijay Kumar Samal, Somy shree Nayik, Sarbeswar Sahu, Umes Rohul, Trilochan Jena, Durga Prasad Biswal, Pradeep Pradhan and other Members of the Abhiram Cultural Center Delhi. Lastly the President of the Center (SSACC) Sri Bijay Samal expressed his Thanks for Successful Completion of the Auspicious Programme to all.

Odisha Samaj UAE Organised Blood Donation Camp

Dubai, Feb 12: Odisha Samaj of United Arab Emirates and Indian Consulate based in Dubai jointly organised a Blood Donation Camp today. Hosted at the local Latifa Hospital, the Office Bearers, activists and Volunteers of UAE Odisha Samaj attended the Camp with overwhelming eagerness and much enthusiasm. The scenario of voluntary donation of blood by the non resident Odias alongwith their family members was unique and mo-

mentous. The Consul incharge of community affairs and Visa Uttam Chand formally inaugurated the Camp. In his inaugural address Shri Chand heartily welcomed and appreciated the humanitarian service being rendered by UAE Odisha Samaj. Describing Donation of Blood as a Supreme sacrifice, Shri Chand said that all the Blood Donors are the ideals of the Society and Symbols of inspiration for us. The Donors had undergone the manda-



tory medical check-ups regarding the health standard beforehand. The Covid-19 protocol has been strictly followed at the Camp Site in Latifa

Hospital. The President of UAE Odisha samaj Amiya Mishra and General Secretary Prithish Dash overseen the smooth management of details ar-

angement. While Shri Mishra himself donated blood during the Occasion, Shri Dash donated platelets as informed by the Hospital Sources.

Arjun Mark 1A Tank To Be Included In Indian Army



Fig. 3. Arjun MK-1A MBT displaying its upgrades

New Delhi, Feb 12: The Indian Army is fully prepared to re-

spond to any enemy on the border. After the fighter aircraft

boosts to the Make in India initiative. PM Narendra Modi will

Rafale, now the army is busy strengthening itself on the ground. Weapons being made in the country are giving a lot of

dedicate the advanced tank Arjun Mark 1A to the country in this order on Sunday. In a recent Defense Ministry meeting, it was decided to include 118 upgraded Arjun Mark 1A tanks in the Indian Army. This tank, valued at Rs 8,400 crore, will give the army a big edge over enemies even on the ground. Defense Research

and Development Organization (DRDO) officials said, 'PM Narendra Modi will dedicate the state-of-the-art version of the Arjun Tank to the country. On February 14, PM will dedicate it to the nation in Avadi, Chennai. This tank has been fully constructed and developed by DRDO and is going to meet every requirement of the Indian Army.

MEA reacts to Canadian gov't remarks, says Trudeau commended India for holding dialogue with protesting farmers

New Delhi, Feb 12: The MEA's reaction came a day after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office said he talked to his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi on 'recent protests', an apparent reference to the ongoing farmers' stir. A day after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office said he talked to his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi on 'recent protests', an apparent reference to the ongoing farmers' stir, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Trudeau has hailed the central government's way of trying to resolve the deadlock with the protesting farmers through "dialogue as befitting in



democracy". "On the farmers' protests, Prime Minister Trudeau commended efforts of the Government of India to choose the path of dialogue as befitting in democracy," MEA spokesperson Anurag

Srivastava said in a statement. "Trudeau also acknowledged the responsibility of his government in providing protection to Indian diplomatic premises and personnel in Canada." On Thursday, Trudeau said that

he held a "good discussion" with PM Modi on many important issues, including on the "two nations' commitment to democratic principles, recent protests, and the importance of resolving issues through dia-

logue", a statement from the Canadian government said. "I had a good discussion with Prime Minister @NarendraModi on many important issues, and we've agreed to stay in touch," Trudeau had tweeted. "The leaders discussed Canada and India's commitment to democratic principles, recent protests, and the importance of resolving issues through dialogue," the Canadian Prime Minister's office said in a statement. However, the reference to "recent protests" was not part of the Indian government's readout of the telephone conversation held between Prime Minister Modi and Trudeau on Wednesday.

Pangong disengagement: Assertion that Indian territory is up to Finger 4 is categorically false, says MoD

New Delhi, Feb 12: Hours after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi targeted the Narendra Modi-led government alleging that it has given up the country's territory to China, the Ministry of Defence on Friday asserted that India has not conceded any territory as a result of the agreement finalised with Beijing for disengagement of troops in Pangong lake areas in eastern Ladakh. "The assertion that Indian territory is up to Finger 4 is categorically false. The territory of India is as depicted by the map of India and includes more than 43,000 sq km currently under illegal occupation of China since 1962," the MoD said in a statement. "Even the

longstanding and well-established," it added. "On the contrary, it has enforced observance and respect for LAC and prevented any unilateral change in the status quo," it further said. Earlier in the day, Gandhi had questioned the government over its agreement with China on disengagement of troops in eastern Ladakh. "Why has he asked the Defence Minister to make the statement, the Prime Minister should say - I have given Indian land to China, this is the truth," he alleged. He said it has emerged that Indian troops are now going to be stationed at Finger 3 at Pangong Tso lake. "Finger-4 is our territory, that is where our post used to be. So, now

ing the sacrifice of our Army. Nobody in India should be allowed to do it," he said. The Wayanad MP further asked why have Indian troops, after the hard work that they had done in capturing Kailash ranges, been asked to move back. Gandhi's attack on the Modi government came a day after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh shared with Parliament details of the pact to defuse the tense military face-off in eastern Ladakh that severely strained ties between the two Asian giants. In the House, Singh also mentioned that there are still some outstanding issues regarding the deployment on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the region, which will be

Explosion at firecracker factory in Tamil Nadu, 11 dead

Chennai, Feb 12: At least 11 people, including one woman, are feared dead and more than 20 injured in a blast Friday at a private fireworks factory at Achankulam village near Sattur in Virudhunagar

district. Local reports said many people are still trapped inside the factory. Three people, including the owner of the factory, have also been booked by cops. The 'Sree Maariyamman fire-

works' factory which belongs to one Santhanamari had been manufacturing firecrackers for a couple of years. As per local reports, firecrackers that were stored in close to six rooms at

the factory caught fire one after another leading to a huge blast. Police told indianexpress.com that the incident happened around 1:30 PM and that those injured have been rushed to several nearby hospitals for treatment. Police also said that they are probing the cause of the blast. Offering condolences, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his thoughts are with the bereaved families. He also announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each to the kin of the deceased. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami also announced an ex-gratia of three lakh rupees each to the kin of de-

ceased and one lakh to those injured in the accident. Meanwhile, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi appealed to the Tamil Nadu government to provide immediate rescue, support, and relief. "Heartfelt condolences to the victims of the firecracker factory fire in Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu. It's heart-wrenching to think of those still trapped inside," he wrote on Twitter. District Collector, Virudhunagar, R Kannan and Superintendent of Police Perumal also inspected the spot. The District Revenue Officer said that the license of the factory will be suspended.



Line of Actual Control (LAC), as per the Indian perception, is at Finger 8, not at Finger 4. That is why India has persistently maintained the right to patrol up to Finger 8, including in the current understanding with China. Permanent posts of both sides at the north bank of Pangong Tso are

we have moved from finger-4 to finger-3. Why has Prime Minister Modi given up Indian Territory to the Chinese? This is the question that needs to be answered by him and by the Defence Minister," Gandhi said. "PM is a coward who cannot stand up to the Chinese. He is betray-

taken up in future talks. As part of the process, Chinese troops will pull back from Finger 4 to east of Finger 8 on the Pangong north bank - they had come in 8 km west of Finger 8 which India says marks the LAC. Indian troops will be stationed at Dhan Singh Thapa Post near Finger 3.



Khordha Model Police Arrest Five Criminal

Khordha, Feb 11: Khordha model police arrested five proclaimed criminals involved in crime cases in separate raids in different places. In a press meet at SP office Khordha the Superintendent Of Police Khordha Raj Kishore Dora said a police team acting on a tip off conducted successful raids at different places and apprehended the criminal. The arrested accused was involved in several cases of the area. On dated-11.2.2021 evening complaints Kanchan Behera of Gurujanga Dewan Sahi Khordha reported at Model PS regarding attempt to murder her family members to



open fire by the accused persons. In this regard Khordha model PS case no-56, Dated - 11.2.2021 case was registered and IIC model PS started investigation of the case under the guidance of SDPO Khordha. Within twenty four hours the officers of model PS and Special squad apprehended the accused persons and sized the weapons of offence. The accused persons are Ram Chandra Das, Biswajit Barik and Ananta Kumar Machhua and the articles seized from the accused are One empty case and two fired bullets from scene of crime. One Pistol with two live bullets from Ram Chandra Das. One revolver with live bullets from accused Biswajit Barik. Seven numbers of mobile phone. One INDICA car bearing Registra-

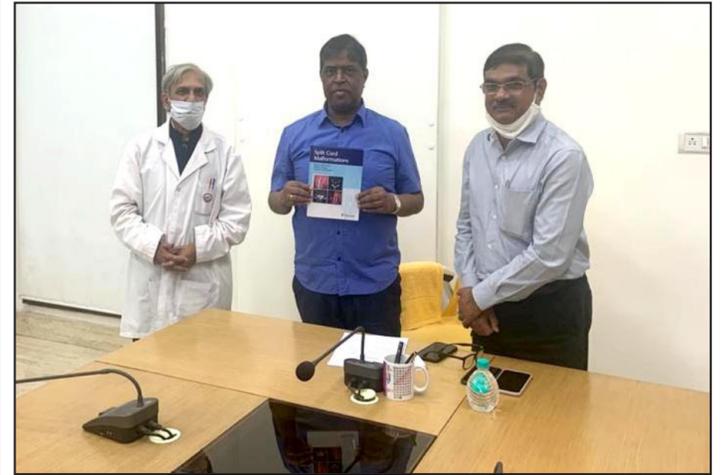
tion number - OR02AY8004. In another case vide model PS case No-60, Dated - 12.02.2021 While Additional IIC model PS Khordha along with his staff's were performing night patrolling duty inside Khordha town PS vehicle, got information regarding omission of robbery at chandi chha Khordha. They proceeded to the spot and nabbed two accused persons with one country made pistol. The accused persons were SK. Tahusif and SK. Mustak. All the five accused were forwarded to the judicial court. It is the great achievements of Khordha model PS against the criminals.

Comprehensive Book On Split Cord Malformation Released At SOA

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb. 12: A referral book on Split Cord Malformations, authored by eminent neurosurgeon Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, was released by Prof. Manojranjan Nayak, Founder President of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) at a simple function here on Thursday. Published by Thieme, the book provides deep insight into SCM, a rare condition caused by a dis-

planation. "Based on the nature of the dividing structure, it has been classified into types I and II. However, there have been several reports in literature where complex multilevel splits have been described - some of them in association with other congenital disorders," he said. Prof. Mahapatra, who has conducted several thousand neurosurgeries including over 400 SCM cases, said SCM

Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital, faculty of medicine of SOA, a Deemed to be University, in the last two years. Administration of anesthesia was of important consideration in planning surgery in infants, he said adding it would not be a problem in cases where the child is above five years of age. "It needs training, skill and experience to deal with infants. This book intends to make



order that occurs at the embryonic stage when the spinal cord is split into two by either a bony or fibrous septum. Explaining the condition, Prof. Mahapatra, presently Vice-Chancellor of SOA and former Head of department of neurosurgery at AIIMS, New Delhi, said the pathogenesis of complex SCM had always remained intriguing and there was still an ongoing search for its

was not uncommon in India and it was challenging to handle such cases in babies in the late 1970s and early 1980s when pediatric neurosurgery was in a rudimentary stage. "For me it was challenging to start surgery for neural tube defects at AIIMS in the mid 1980s as MRI and CT scan were not available then," he said. Prof. Mahapatra has also conducted five SCM surgeries at the

students understand comprehensive management of SCM," Prof. Mahapatra said. Prof. Mahapatra was assisted by Prof. Sachin A. Borkar, Additional Professor of Neurosurgery at AIIMS, New Delhi, in authoring the book while Dr. Subhashree Mahapatra, a PhD in Molecular Medicine from Hannover Medical University, Germany helped in editing the manuscripts.

JSW Cement offers its customers ease of doing business through AI-based digital interventions

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: JSW Cement, India's leading Green Cement producer and part of US\$ 12 billion JSW Group is digitizing its Sales & Marketing operations to provide channel partners ease of doing business by leveraging AI-based digital interventions. It has partnered with Yalochat, world's leading conversational commerce service provider, to introduce AI-based Anytime Anywhere Business transactions for its trade customers. The Yalochat partnership enables JSW Cement



to upsell, transact and provide better service to its customers over messaging apps like WhatsApp. This will differentiate JSW Cement as it traverses from current 14 MTPA to 25 MTPA capacity by FY2023. JSW Cement is among the first Indian cement companies to introduce conversational commerce services to its trade customers. Conversational commerce is e-commerce done through various means

of conversations and uses technology such as speech recognition, speaker recognition, natural language processing and artificial intelligence. Research has revealed that the ongoing, trusting and personal connections developed between brands and customers through personal conversations leads to better service for the customer as well as new business opportunities for the company. Hence, conversational

commerce is emerging as a huge opportunity in driving customer service as well as digital sales. According to Mr Parth Jindal, Managing Director of JSW Cement, "Digital Technology is shaping the long-term sustainable growth strategy of all JSW Group businesses. We are in a unique position to deliver integrated home-building solutions to Indian consumers. Our digital transformation will ensure the ease of doing business to our customers through continued improvements in the overall Brand experience combined with

efficient operations for well-synchronized & timely deliveries. As we march towards our target of achieving 25 MTPA capacity in the Cement business, we will ensure more investments in Technology and Research to develop & deliver innovative products that meet the evolving needs of our customers. I am happy to welcome Yalochat as our technology partner in this journey." According to Javier Mata, Yalochat's Founder and CEO, "Putting the customer at the center of everything you do is easier said than done.

Naxal Gameplan Foiled, CRPF Diffuse Powerful Landmine

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: A sinister Naxal plot was foiled by security forces when a powerful landmine planted on the Chaibasa-Goleikera Road near the Jharkhand border in Singhbhum district was detected in the nick of time. According to reports, a CRPF team discovered the massive



landmine which was planted in the middle of the road during a road clearance operation with the help of metal detectors. The powerful explosive device was ostensibly meant to blow up vehicles carrying CRPF personnel who have launched a combing operation in the area.

Odisha Bandh: Govt Employees Advised To Reach Office By 9.30 Am

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: All Odisha government employees working in Bhubaneswar have been advised by the Home Department to reach their respective offices by 9.30 am on February 15 in view of the state-wide bandh called by the Odisha Pradesh Congress

Committee. "Officers and employees of Lok Seva Bhawan, Kharavela Bhawan, Rajiv Bhawan and Heads of Department Building etc. may be advised to reach office latest by 9.30 am to facilitate their smooth entry," the Home Department said in a notification. The front gates of the Lok Seva



Bhawan will be closed at 10.15 am on 15.02.2021 and all the passage will be regulated through the rear

gate. The connecting gate between the Red Building and Main Lok Seva Bhawan building will remain

open, it said. Notably, the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee has given a six-hour Odisha bandh call on February 15 from 7 am to 1 pm against rising fuel prices. Emergency services including ambulance, vehicles carrying milk, media and examinees will be exempted from the purview of the bandh.

Property Statement Submission Made Compulsory For Odisha Govt Servants, People's Representatives

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: The Odisha Government today made submission of annual property statement by all groups/ranks of government servants and people's representatives compulsory. The same will be placed in public domain for access by citizens. "The State Government is committed to ensure a transparent and corruption free administration. As a step further in the pursuit, the government has decided to make submission of annual property statement by government servants of all groups & ranks and public representatives mandatory and to place the same in

the public domain for access of everybody," a resolution of the General Administration & Public Grievance Department said. At present, the submission of annual property statement by the government servants is being regulated as per provisions of Rule-21 of the Odisha Government Servants' Conduct Rules, 1959. These rules are required to be amended to implement the above decision of the Government. Pending amendment of the provisions of the Conduct Rules, 1959, the following modalities shall be followed scrupulously to implement the above decision of the Government: * Annual

property returns as on 1st January of each year will be filed by each employee by 31st January of the year. Employees will be unable to submit their PAR online in HRMS unless the property return is submitted. Besides, up-to-date filing of property return will be a prerequisite for promotions. * Suitable provision will be made in HRMS to enable the public access of the property returns filed online in HRMS. * The PAR custodians of the Departments (for Group-B, C and D) may be authorised to download and authenticate the property statement

following instructions issued by GA & PG Department in case such statements are required in a DP or in criminal case. For Group-A officers, GA & PG (S.E.) branch shall continue to be the custodian for the purpose of authentication. * For Group-D employees, the officer in charge of the establishment will upload the property statement on obtaining the same from those who cannot upload online in HRMS. * Declaration of assets afresh by Government servants within three months of marriage, as required u/r 21 may be done away with since the Government employee shall submit his/

her property return each year. * Since the employee will submit his/her property statement online, the concept of competent authority for submission of property statement will be deleted. * State Government employees are, at present, required to obtain prior permission for purchase of movable assets whose value is more than two months' basic pay. This is done away with. Instead, employees will intimate any such transaction immediately to the head of office besides mentioning such transaction in the annual property return. * Consequent upon online submission, the concept of

"Sealed Cover" submission of property statement and their maintenance by GA & PG Department is done away with. * In the rule-21, the provision of seeking prior approval, if not buying from a reputed dealer, since not defined, will be omitted. Prior approval will be required only in case the property is being bought from someone with whom the employee has had official dealings in the past or the property is located outside the country. * Benami transactions are prohibited as per the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988. Hence the word 'benamidar' in Rule-21 will be deleted. * AIS of-

ficers shall submit their Immovable Property Return on the GoI portal, as usual. This information is already available in public domain and can also be accessed by Lokayukta. Besides, AIS officers are also required to intimate the authority on purchase of movable property where cost is more than two months' basic pay. A copy of such statement will also be sent to the Lokayukta by the concerned officers. * State Government employees shall submit their annual property return (both movable and immovable) online as usual. The present portal will be designed to allow access to public as well as the

Lokayukta, to his information. * All the public representatives shall submit their property return (both movable and immovable) annually online. Existing format used by Government employees will be utilized for filing the property returns, by the public representatives. The concerned departments (PA/H&UD/PR&DW) will develop online system to enable public representatives to upload property statement and allow access to public as well as Lokayukta on the respective websites of their department. User credentials will be issued to each public representative to upload the property statement.

EDITORIAL

A Koo-Koo here & there

In the ongoing spat between Twitter and the Indian Government, can an alternative emerge? As Twitter and its management, both global and local, confront the Indian Government, the American social network has taken a bizarre stand. It refuses to comply with the order in toto, arguing that it is against the law of the land, though it partially acceded to it. Twitter, in a blog post, said it has not blocked accounts consisting of “news media entities, journalists, activists and politicians” as doing so “would violate their fundamental right to free expression”. However, it reportedly blocked Rajya Sabha MP and Samajwadi Party leader Chaudhary Sukhram Singh Yadav’s account, in what is among the most high-profile blockings by the platform in the country so far. The microblogging site earlier partially complied with the Government’s order to curb the spread of alleged misinformation and inflammatory content around the farmers’ protest. The orders could well be illegal, but that is for the courts rather than the Twitter management to decide. Standing up to the Government in a country that is vital for your success is something that should be done with extreme trepidation, but Twitter executives apparently believe that they are fighting the good fight. It is just that they could and should have done it the proper way by moving the court but, well, lawyers are a lot more expensive than blog posts. Even Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said that global social media platforms, including Twitter, were “welcome to work, earn money in India but they should follow the law and the Constitution”. And this set off a strange phenomenon, with several Ministries and Government-linked personalities migrating to ‘Koo’, a new platform, as talk, ironically on Twitter itself, of a potential ban or some penal action against its management does the rounds. The world is full of technology companies that tried to replicate the success of another; after all, copycat innovation is usually a surefire bet. Well, at least it used to be. Nowadays, a phenomenon known as the “network effect” kicks in, that is a large number of users on a platform attracts even more users. For example, even after the recent privacy brouhaha surrounding WhatsApp, which made several people install messaging apps Signal and Telegram, WhatsApp’s usage did not really take a hit. Convincing an entire user base to shift bag and baggage onto another platform is nigh impossible. Even after the ban on TikTok, no single app has yet been able to replace it. And there is the example of Mastodon, another platform that experienced a popularity surge as Facebook and Twitter got occupied by Trump-supporting QAnon conspiracy theorists. Those of a particular political bent in India celebrated it and a newspaper magazine even put it on its cover. Today, Mastodon is just another attempt at an alternative. This is not to put Koo down, one indeed wishes it success. But even prominent users of the platform have been complaining of its back-end technology. Now, what happens to Twitter in India is a completely different story.

Indian calculus in Myanmar



With the recent coup d’état in the neighbouring country, Indian security calculus does not get unduly upset, moral posturing aside. Seen from the prism of values and sovereign moralities, the tripping of democracy by the Junta in Myanmar should concern India. Seen from the prism of realism, realpolitik and practical leverages, the change of governance in Myanmar really doesn’t matter. While this realisation may be morally untenable, lessons from history would remind India that it has suffered more than gained whenever it defined bilateral relations on the basis of “moral” position, viz; formalising ties with Israel as late as in 1992. A more nuanced approach of retaining “moral” positions is practised by democracies like the US, who have no qualms in allying with autocratic Sheikdoms in the Middle East, whilst still posturing for democratic reforms therein — basically, fronting “national interest” over enthusiasm for democracy or liberalism in other regimes. Whereas such overt romance with ideological concerns led India to publicly support the supposedly pro-democracy moorings of Aung San Suu Kyi for decades, much to the consternation of Myanmar’s Junta who faced no such conundrum in dealing with China, alternatively. Importantly, even though the Junta had perennial suspicion of China meddling in its ethnic-based insurgencies such as the United Wa State Army (as opposed to harbouring any such concern towards India) — the “moral” intransigence expressed by India and, conversely, the ease of doing business with China ensured the relative comfort of dealing with Beijing for the Junta. The vanity and inefficacy of India’s misplaced “mo-

reality” in foreign policy was obvious when Suu Kyi barely reciprocated India’s unstinted support to her, during her days in the Opposition, as she was coldly practical and transactional in persisting with the China tilt as it served her interests better vis-à-vis India, “morality” be damned. The “opening up” of the economy in the early 1990s had a spillover impact beyond the realm of economics as it ushered in a governance culture of much-needed pragmatism and “self-interest”, which expanded into Indian diplomatese. In 2004, Junta strongman Gen Than Shwe visited India and signed an assurance that “Myanmar would not permit its territory to be used by any hostile element for harming Indian interests”. Even from a deeply hyphenated Indo-Chinese perspective of one-upmanship, Than Shwe had expressed categorical support to India’s candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council. The murmurs of Chinese “influence” notwithstanding, the Junta was conversant with the Chinese tact of keeping the kettle boiling along its restive borders with Myanmar to have a constant leverage in Naypyidaw. India perceptibly harboured no such expan-

sionist instincts. Soon the Junta denied oxygen to multiple India-facing insurgent groups along the 1600-km Indo-Myanmar border, a crucial step that aided the quelling of various North-eastern insurgencies. Than Shwe returned to India in 2010, reconfirming the “balance” achieved in Indian diplomacy to handle its own interests along with ideological posturing seamlessly. In 2011, Than Shwe passed on the Junta’s leadership to his protégé Gen Min Aung Hlaing, who navigated the delicate transition to democracy while still holding key levers. Aung Hlaing visited India in 2017 and confabulated extensively with its security establishment. By now, Indians had realised the parallel and irreplaceable heft of the Myanmar Generals, concurrently with its civilian Government. Since then, India upped its military sales, investments and engagements with Myanmar. Last year, India gave it a prized Kilo-class submarine that had been refitted, the first ever supply of such a platform from India to any country. The Myanmar Military (Tatmadaw) acknowledged and reciprocated India’s overtures, in the full know of its larger intent to checkmate

China from making deeper inroads. Thereafter, a rare combined visit by the Indian Army chief and the Foreign Secretary to Myanmar was suggestive of the deliberate outreach, irrespective of the brewing turf wars between the Myanmar Generals and the civilian Government. Now the Tatmadaw has shed all pretences of running a parallel show and ended the diarchy. Beyond the hoopla surrounding the 2015 surgical strike against insurgent groups based in Myanmar, the clear understanding with the Junta had resulted in similar strikes in 1995 and 2006, and a formal agreement facilitating cross-border access had been signed in 2010. Myanmar is keen to focus its military attention and redeploy troops on its anti-insurgency operations in the Northern and Eastern borders with China, which hosts most of the anti-Myanmar groups. However, China’s stakes and investments in Myanmar remain unmatched and, unlike India, it does not shy away from taking an amoral position in favour of Naypyidaw, such as boycotting talks on the Rohingya issue in the Security Council. Yet, despite China’s continued beneficence, Myanmar remains sceptical of Beijing’s game. India had come a long way in understanding the region’s fragility and in the merits of retaining the equation with forces like the Junta. Additionally, the Indian Army chief has tenured personally in Myanmar as India’s Defence Attaché and therefore would be well versed with the local dynamics and stakeholders. With the recent coup d’état in Myanmar, Indian security calculus does not get unduly upset, moral posturing aside.

Bhopinder Singh

The decision of China and India to disengage should be seen as a first step to ending hostilities

Syed Ata Hasnain writes: What the disengagement will involve and what its terminal status will be is of much importance to the future of Sino-Indian relations. As more information is revealed on the terms and conditions of the disengagement, the approach and strategy we need to adopt will become progressively clearer. After nine months of uncertainty in Ladakh, high levels of tension and every possibility of a breakout of armed exchanges on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), comes an announcement of disengagement by both China and India. In fact, the disengagement has already begun. Does this mean an end to the hostile environment in relations between the Asian giants? Or is it just another addition to the long list of landmark standoffs which include Nathula, Sumdorong Chu and Doklam where drawdown led to no conflict resolution, just postponement. What the disengagement will involve and what its terminal status will be is of much importance to the future of Sino-Indian relations. As more information is revealed on the terms and conditions of the disengagement, the approach and strategy we need to adopt will become progressively clearer. The reasons why Xi Jinping decided to change course in April 2020 from his relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi that was coasting along positively will probably be a subject of frequent analysis for many years. However, a consensus did emerge that the dissonance was caused with China becoming increasingly wary of India’s rising strategic confidence in the wake

of major strategic decisions taken by New Delhi since 2015. To caution India and force it to review its position, an exercise in coercion was felt necessary. The pandemic situation was considered appropriate for greater effect and to cause far greater concern in India and the world — it was strategic messaging then, just as it is strategic messaging now when there is agreement to disengage. China’s intent, considering the quantum of troops deployed, may have been to cause only border friction. The standoff could have continued into 2021 and beyond, except for the image beating that Xi Jinping and China took. This was, perhaps, perceived not very conducive in a world order where the inauguration of the Biden-Harris administration has raised possibilities of change. Without giving this factor too much credit, it may be appropriate to accept that the strategic thinking emerging since Joe Biden won the US presidency is more conducive to cooperation — it in no way evidences peace, just greater stabilisation. The decision to disengage in Ladakh is, therefore, a larger strategic international message than just a bilateral one. It would not be fair to take away credit from the Indian government for the developments. The level of success on ground and in diplomacy will, of course, be contingent upon how the disengagement process pans. The decision to engage in nine rounds of military talks, later suitably bolstered by presence of diplomats, was a brave one which placed much trust in the ability of senior Indian military commanders to bring the right level of

communication and seriousness of intent to the table. It is also known that the government had directed the Army to seek and create a quid pro quo situation to obtain an operational-tactical advantage, which could balance the then existing disadvantage and lend weight to the country’s stand in the talks. The translation of that intent of the government was masterfully done through the action on the night of August 29-30, 2020 at the Kailash heights — without stepping across the LAC, yet achieving domination over the Moldo Garrison and the Spanggur Lake complex. I do strongly believe and did say it several times during the last few months that the Indian decision to limit rhetoric only facilitated positivity in the talks. The criticism against Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not naming or shaming China for having breached the trust between him and Xi Jinping was unjustified. The actions in the economic and trade domain were correct and adequately communicated India’s concern in the prevailing environment. By maintaining decorum at the highest levels of government, India actually prevented China from going overboard in the use of its media warfare doctrine, thereby maintaining equanimity and leaving a window open for constant engagement. The proof of the worth of the current decision will only be felt once the process gets under way in earnest. It needs to be remembered that the Galwan incident happened within 10 days of the last such disengagement. The move back of armoured and infantry combat vehicles is the easiest part of the deal. The test

begins once infantry troops in the rear start to fall back, leaving very few reserves up front. Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities have to be activated for credible verification. A certain trust has to be established between frontline commanders of either side with liaison and communication. Must Read Opinions The decision of China and India to disengage should be seen as a first step to ending hostilities A repeat of what happened at Galwan will be unacceptable and the arrangements to obviate such a possibility have to be foolproof. The risk that exists even during such disengagement was amply displayed by the unfortunate turn of events in the Galwan incident. The two inevitable and seemingly awkward questions that will arise now, or later, is the proposed status of the Depsang plateau and the Kailash heights. In the former, the PLA is currently denying us access to patrolling points at our perception of the LAC and the latter is the location of the advantage accruing to us due to domination over Moldo and Spanggur. At some stage, more detailed discussion will be required to determine the exact nature of “status quo ante”. India’s occupation of Kailash heights remains within our perception of the LAC. Its vacating, if at all, will need to be contingent upon rebuilding of trust and will probably be a culminating event. Chinese occupation at Depsang has been a problem since 2013 and needs to be linked to anything that finally transpires in the Pangong Tso area.

Syed Ata Hasnain

GKEL bags 2nd prize in ICC Environment Excellence Award Revised Timings Of Special Trains At Angul



(A.O. Bureau) Dhenkanal, Feb 12: GMR Kamalanga Energy Ltd (GKEL), a subsidiary of GMR Energy, today announced that it has bagged the second prize in ICC Environment Excellence Award – 2020 for displaying excellent commitment towards environment management.

The award was presented to GKEL at the 14th ICC Environment Excellent Award in a virtual ceremony. The ICC Environment Excellence Award is one of the most coveted recognitions that is awarded by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Kolkata for excellent environment

management. Tata Power Limited won the ICC Environment Excellence Award. GKEL received the award for the second year in a row by highlighting environmental control and deterrence measures towards eco-friendly improvement, house-keeping, occupational health & safety (OHS)

and energy conservation under-taken during the last three years. GKEL believes in innovating for a sustainable future and constantly pursues ways to be more responsible towards environmental conservation. Moreover, bio-diversity has always been a pertinent area for GKEL and it

takes consistent effort to develop and improve bio-diversity. The company has adopted sustainable and environment friendly practices and continuously innovates for a sustainable future. In Odisha's GKEL, the green belt covers plantation around 360 acre of land, which is far beyond the mandated norms of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. Shri Ramesh R Pai, COO, GKEL, said, "GKEL has been adopting efficient and effective practices for controlling environment pollution and sustainable future. This award will further encourage us to further adopt measures for environmental sustainability."

(A.O. Bureau) Angul, Feb 12: On commissioning of doubling between Angul and Kerejang Stations and on operational point of view, it has been decided to revise the timings of Special Trains at Angul Station with immediate effect. These trains are -08405/08406 Puri-Ahmedabad-Puri Special, 02866/02865 Puri-Mumbai LTT-Puri Special, 02879/02880 LTT-Bhubaneswar-Mumbai LTT Special, 08425/08426 Puri-Durg-Puri Special, 02093/02094 Puri-Jodhpur-Puri Special, 09209/09210 Valsad-Puri-Valsad Special, 02861/02862 Rourkela-Bhubaneswar-Rourkela Special, 02827/02828 Puri-Surat-Puri Special, 02037/02038 Puri-

Ajmer-Puri Special, 02813/02814 Bhubaneswar-Anand Vihar-Bhubaneswar Special, 02855/02856 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi-Bhubaneswar

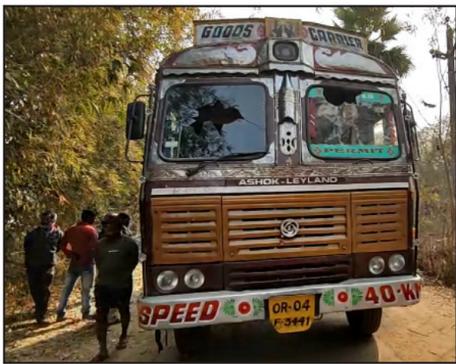
Ahmedabad-Puri Special at Talcher, 02865 Mumbai LTT-Puri & 02879 LTT-Bhubaneswar Special at Talcher Road, 02093 Puri-Jodhpur Special at



Special Rajdhani, 08493/08494 Bhubaneswar-Balangir-Bhubaneswar Special, 08306/08305 Sambalpur-Howrah-Sambalpur via Bhadrak. Apart from this, timings for 08405 Puri-Ahmedabad Special at Rairakhol & 08406

Rairakhol, 02861/02862 Rourkela-Bhubaneswar-Rourkela Special at Boinda Stations have also been revised. East Coast Railway appeals passengers of the above trains that they should note this and are advised to be prepared accordingly.

Elderly woman dies after being hit by truck in Mayurbhanj Another Female Elephant Dies In Kalahandi's Karlapat Sanctuary, 3rd Death In 11 Days



(A.O. Bureau) Maroda, Feb 12: An elderly woman was killed after she was hit by a truck near Patharchatia, in-between

Baisinga and Jhinkiria road in Mayurbhanj district today. The deceased has been identified as Sabitri Ram, a resi-

dent of Kuchabania village. According to locals, Sabitri was returning home after collecting her pension money when a speeding truck coming from the opposite direction hit her. She succumbed to her injuries on the spot. The truck driver managed to escape from the spot. On being informed, police reached the spot and sent the body for post-mortem.

(A.O. Bureau) Kalahandi, Feb 12: Death of female elephant has been reported for the third time from the Karlapat Wildlife Sanctuary in the district here within a span of eleven days. As the carcass was found lying near the stream at Ghusuriguda, southern forest division's DFO T Ashok Kumar rushed to the spot and initiated investigation. The forest scientific team and wildlife veterinary staff also went to the spot and con-



ducted their respective examinations along with the autopsy of the dead female elephant. The real cause behind

the death could not be ascertained as the autopsy (post mortem) report was awaited. However, DFO T

Ashok Kumar told media persons that the preliminary probe hints at death due to an ailment called hemor-

rhagic septicemia (HS) that is an acute and highly fatal form of pasteurellosis (a bacterial infection commonly affecting animals and sometimes transferred to humans through bites and scratches). Notwithstanding that, the autopsy report is expected to throw light on the reason behind the deaths. Notably, the first death of the wild elephant was reported on February 1, second one on February 8 and today the third death reported.

Villagers Attack Police After Youth Dies In Accident In Balasore, Woman Cop Critical

(A.O. Bureau) Balasore, Feb 12: A woman constable sustained severe injuries in alleged brick-battering by a group of villagers in Angula who staged a road block in their locality following the death of a youth in an accident, on Friday. The incident took place under Soro police limits in the district. The injured woman constable has been shifted to the SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack where she is stated to be critical. According to reports, the irate villagers staged the blockade after a youth was



killed in a road accident close to the village last night. They demanded immediate arrest of the culprit driver of the vehicle (a dumper) holding him responsible for the death and adequate

compensation to the victim's family. Local Tehsildar and Soro police arrived at the spot following the incident to pacify the villagers to withdraw the agitation as it caused massive traffic

disruption on the road. However, the situation went out of the control when the villagers turned violent. Some of them resorted to pelting stones at the police. A woman constable who was hit by

a stone was severely injured. The police had to resort to lathi-charge to disperse the agitators and in the process few protestors also suffered minor injury. They were later admitted to a nearby hospital. We wanted to pacify the agitators, but they became violent and pelted stones at police. We were forced to resort to the lathi-charge as the situation went out of control," said a police official. An FIR has been lodged against some protestors for rioting and obstructing government officials from discharging their duties.

Odisha Students Turning Towards Andhra Schools Amid Kotia Border Dispute!

(A.O. Bureau) Ganjam, Feb 12: Amid escalating border tension between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, shocking reports have unraveled how numerous students in many villages under Patrapur block of Ganjam district, situated on the borders with Andhra Pradesh have started to get admission in the neighbouring State's schools. Ganjam district education officer Amulya Kumar Pradhan called upon all the headmasters of the schools located on the Andhra-Odisha border in the district on Thursday and discussed the possible reasons behind the students transferring to the schools of the neighbouring state. As per reports, many students from various schools in Patrapur block are studying at Zilla Parishad High School at Kota Sasanam village under Kanchili mandal in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh. The DEO speaking also admitted that some students have shifted to Andhra schools. "Out of the 920 students

from 20 schools in Patrapur area, around 49 students have enrolled themselves in nearby Andhra schools. However, they are yet to take their transfer certificate from the native schools," informed Pradhan. The DEO further added that as all the classes are yet to open

some other schools that come under the jurisdiction of Andhra. However, the sarpanches and officials of the block have assured that steps will be taken to bring those students to the state schools," said the DEO. "The schools in Odisha are yet to open



completely after the Covid-19 induced lockdown, ascertaining the exact number of students getting admitted to Andhra schools will be difficult. However, the concerned authorities have assured that if students from the State are found visiting the neighbouring State's schools, steps will be taken to get them transferred back to their previous schools. "As the physical classes are yet to resume in the State completely, students have started to turn to

after the Covid-19 lockdown and as Andhra schools have opened, I am coming to read here. Besides, we are being provided with textbooks, bag, shoes, etc in the school," said a student of Samantiapalli village. DEO Amulya Kumar Pradhan said all school headmasters have been ordered to submit a report regarding the number of students that have shifted to Andhra schools from their respective schools.

Bike hits cycle in Keonjhar, rider dies

(A.O. Bureau) Anandpur, Feb 12: A cycle rider died after an oncoming bike hit the cycle near Bankhidi Chhaak under Anandpur police limits in Keonjhar district today. The deceased has been identified as Parabasia Nayak, a resident of Bankhidi village. According to locals, Parabasia went out for some work riding his

cycle when an over speeding bike coming from the opposite direction hit him near Bankhidi Chaak. The fire officials admitted both the victims at Anandpur Hospital where Parabasia was declared as bought dead. On being informed, the Anandpur police reached the spot and initiated a probe into the matter.

Telugu Fishermen Of Paradeep Vote In AP, Kick Up Dual Voter ID Storm



(A.O. Bureau) Jagatsinghpur, Feb 12: Telugu fishermen from different slum areas in Paradeep have kicked up a dual voter identi-

fication storm by flocking to their native villages in Andhra Pradesh to exercise their franchise in the on-going panchayat elections. According to

reports, the Jagatsinghpur district administration has launched an investigation to identify persons having dual voter identity cards of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh in the slum areas of Sandhakuda, Nuabazar and Nehru Bangla which is home to nearly 5000 fishermen from different districts in the neighbouring southern state.

Hitting bull's eye for decades

New Delhi, Feb 12: Delhi is known as an eater's delight for no mean reason. It has dishes and restaurants that are signatures and institutions, loved and respected by the good old Delhiites. Sunday Pioneer revisits one such undying institution in its newest avatar. It was in 1991 that I landed a job in Delhi and shifted from Lucknow. Eating out in Lucknow was a limited affair, with even birthdays and anniversaries being organised at home much through chholey bhaturey samose parties. Yes, they had their own charm and warmth as opposed to doing a cosmetic hotel thingie which now has become a norm. But those were good old days through the 60s and 70s, when Lucknow did not have signature hotels or restaurants with pedigree or exclusivity. So when I walked into



Machan in Delhi's Taj Mansingh hotel, or should I say, was taken to Machan as a rookie in Delhi's dining scene, I was struck by two things — the warmth of the place and its lived-inness, if I may say so. That, and of course, Bull's Eye which introduced me to chocolate as no other dessert ever could. That was 1991. And

now in 2021, three decades later, Machan still means Bull's Eye for me and nothing less for dessert. With Kona coffee, of course and if it's not lunch time the other signature snack that has for over four decades of its inception stood tall on the plate — the Periyar Club Sandwich. Over the years, restaurants, hotels, bakers and others

have copied or tried to replicate Bull's Eye in different avatars and names, but there is nothing to compare this super soft chocolate and ice cream delight that Machan offers. If at all, the taste, the texture, the softness of its being has only matured. Really, like always and yet like never before! Time was when the Bull's

Eye used to be the highlight of a special meal-out in Delhi. The delicious warm, gooey, rich chocolate ending to a wonderful meal was to die for. Cut to 2021, and the 'new' Machan. We were in for a delightful surprise: Bull's Eye better than ever! (Didn't imagine that was possible). The reasons one is talking about Bull's Eye are two — one, that I can't ever stop talking about it, and two, is to tell you how a signature dish and a signature restaurant glides over time and change to remain the same yet different, old and yet new. The pandemic came in handy for Taj Mansingh to take time out to re-orient the iconic Machan without tinkering with its basic structure but carefully enhancing it. To call Machan a coffee shop of a five-star hotel would be nibbling away the sheen of a legend.

Sunny Leone Shares a Heartfelt Note for Her Twin Sons on Their Third Birthday

New Delhi, Feb 12: Calling her children as her "little nuggets", Sunny Leone wrote that Asher and Noah are so different but are the sweetest, nicest, caring, some of the most intelligent little men. Bollywood celebrity Sunny Leone may be busy shooting for MTV Splitsvilla but she always has

playful time with her kids and husband as they play with water. In another picture, the two brothers are seen blowing the candle. Pictures of Sunny and Daniel's three kids playing and eating the birthday cake were also shared on social media. Captioning the post, Sunny wrote a heartfelt message for

and it is not her telling the stories these days but her children who start with "once upon a time there was noooo fighting...". Sunny also mentioned that her two sons are beyond lucky to have a father and a big sister who loves and cares for them and they, in turn, are lucky that too to have the



time for her kids, especially when it is their birthday. On Thursday, the actress took to social media to share some adorable pictures from the third birthday party of her twin sons, Asher and Noah. The 39-year-old was joined by her husband Daniel Weber and three kids Nisha, Asher, and Noah in Kerala where she is currently shooting for the reality show along with Rannvijay Singh. In the pictures, Sunny can be seen having a

children as her "little nuggets", Sunny wrote that Asher and Noah are so different but are the sweetest, nicest, caring, some of the most intelligent little men. She further wrote that she cannot believe that three years have passed and they both amaze her everyday with what they have learned and all the things they say. She wrote that spending the story time with her kids is one of her favourite things now

twins who love and show affection back to them. Concluding her note, Sunny mentioned that all in all, she is beyond blessed to have her three children. She mentioned that no matter how sad, tired, or stressed she is, the little sweet voice that says, "Mama...I love you" makes the whole world disappear and warms her heart every time. Sunny had her two sons via surrogacy in 2018 after she had adopted her daughter Nisha in 2017.

This is What Disha Parmar Has to Say About Her Wedding with Rahul Vaidya

New Delhi, Feb 12: Singer and Bigg Boss 14 contestant Rahul Vaidya's girlfriend, actress Disha Parmar in a recent interview talked about their wedding plans. Singer and Bigg Boss 14 contestant Rahul Vaidya's girlfriend, actress Disha Parmar in a recent interview talked about their

wedding plans. Rahul had proposed marriage to Disha on her birthday from inside the Bigg Boss house. In an interview with ETimes TV, the actress said, "I am wishing and hoping that Rahul wins Bigg Boss 14 and comes home with the trophy, and remaining everything else we will

discuss later." Earlier, the singer's sister had said that the wedding preparations have started. Also, his mother had revealed that the two will tie the knot in June mostly. However, Disha said, "Look, I will speak on this when I am ready. I shall talk when the time

comes. I will say a lot about it then." On Disha's birthday, Rahul wore a white t-shirt and wrote on it with a red lipstick, "HBD Disha". Not only that, he also confessed his feelings and proposed marriage to the actress by writing, "Marry me?" on the other side. Rahul had

voluntary quit the reality show as he was missing his parents. When he came out and re-entered the show, he revealed that Disha has accepted his marriage proposal. Meanwhile, as per reports, Disha is set to enter the Bigg Boss 14 house on Valentine's Day for Rahul.

A bruised Kangana Ranaut says 'bring it on' after 14 hours of 'non stop action' for Dhaakad



New Delhi, Feb 12: Kangana Ranaut is shooting her upcoming action film Dhaakad in Madhya Pradesh. The actor shared a still after 14-hour non-stop night shoot. Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut is working tirelessly for her upcoming action film Dhaakad. Posting a photo from the set of the film, Ranaut shared on Twitter that she has been working in night shift for 10 days. Kangana shared on Twitter, "10th night shift non stop action, 14 hours shift night rolled in to morning but our chief @RazyGhai? be like tum mujhe khoon do main tumhe aazadi dunga.. Well I am all

yours bring it on #Dhaakad." Kangana Ranaut had previously shared a message for the film's director Razeesh Ghai on Twitter and mentioned that many top filmmakers of Hindi cinema started their careers with me, when they become successful then they only go after Khans, Kapoors or Kumars. Dear friends when our chief @RazyGhai becomes a top filmmaker please remind him to do women centric films also once in a while #Dhaakad," she wrote. The shoot of Dhaakad is underway

in Sarni area of Betul district of Madhya Pradesh. As per a PTI report, Congress leaders in the district had threatened that they would not allow Kangana to shoot if she did not apologise to farmers for her tweets. However, state home minister Narottam Mishra said, "Law will take its own course and will be adhered to. I am trying to contact behan-beti (sister and daughter) Kangana. She won't face any problem." Apart from Dhaakad, Kangana's upcoming films include Thalaivi, Tejas, the period film on Indira Gandhi and the second instalment of Manikarnika.

Kajal Aggarwal's horror show is dead on arrival

Bengaluru, Feb 12: Live Telecast review: Venkat Prabhu is out of his depth as he seems to have exhausted his creative well in putting together a web show that tries to marry hunger for TRPs with the horror genre. In seven episodes, running over 3.5 hours, one can't find a single moment in Live Telecast that offers some emotional value. "What is happening?" asks characters that get locked inside a haunted house. And that's the only time a viewer could empathize with the characters. Not just the actors and the audience, even director Venkat Prabhu seems to have had no clue about what was happening in his maiden web series. Live Telecast revolves around a TRP-hungry television crew, led by Jenifer Matthew (Kajal Aggarwal). She runs a 'reality show' called Dark Tales. The format of the show parodies controversial Tamil talk show Solvathellam Unmai, where common people discuss their intimate family matters. But, Dark Tales invites

people to share their brush with paranormal activities. Before the victims are invited to the stage amid a lot of cheering and applause, the audience is treated to a clumsy re-enactment of the ordeal of the survivors. The show's host Aravind (Daniel Annie Pope) has no empathy for his guests who have opened up about their worst experiences. He approaches the show with a gleam of sunshine and joy, contradicting the very dark theme of the show. Jenifer's lack of moral responsibility to promote scientific temper among her audience is her biggest gift. She feels no guilt in reinforcing people's superstitious beliefs to drive up the rating of her show. And she succeeds, Dark Tales tops the TRP chart. But, the show's standing is threatened by a newly launched melodramatic soap opera, which marks the debut of a famous big screen actress. "Is she so jobless, that she started acting in television?" mocks Jenifer. And when the soap opera gets a better rating than

the so-called reality show, Jenifer's lack of responsibility hits a new low. She gets her cast members to re-enact a scene, where a woman is raped by an invisible force (probably lifted from Hindi movie Hawa). All hell breaks loose, as the channel and advertisers pull the plug on her show. "Our people have no taste to appreciate a show of international standard," rues Jenifer. Not for nothing they say ignorance is bliss. As she marinates in the illusion of her ingenuity and stupidity of people, she gets another golden idea. She decides to capture a ghost on tape and live broadcast it on her channel. And as usual, she goes ahead with the plan without thinking it through and puts many innocent lives in danger. Venkat Prabhu is out of his depth as he seems to have exhausted his creative well in putting together a horror show. The director's biggest drawback is he wanted to do an extended version of Kanchana, only broken into seven episodes. Instead, he should have aimed



higher. His writing lacks discipline that's needed to develop dramatic tension in a series. And he also does a sloppy job when it comes to adding depth to his characters. The characters are as shallow as Venkat's idea for the web series. It is agonizing to see the director's lack of awareness about changing times. Venkat's ideas are obsolete. So much so that it feels like a series made for the taste and beliefs of a bygone era. Take, for

example, how he introduces the cop character AC Guru, played by Selva. The scene intends to show that Guru is a dynamic cop. So, Venkat resorts to the oldest trick in the book. He makes Guru murder three men in cold-blood for allegedly raping a teenage girl. It seems rather convenient to evoke a quick emotional response from the audience and make the cop look powerful and desirable.

'The End of the Storm': How Liverpool earned a golden sky in a story for the ages

"The End of the Storm", a 99-minute documentary about Liverpool's title triumph in the 2019/20 season, aptly immortalises the sporting tale of excellence. Ever since Gerry and the Pacemakers' 1963 song "You'll Never Walk Alone" topped the charts in the United Kingdom, it has grown to be an integral part of Liverpool's ethos as the club anthem. Through countless ups and downs and multiple generations, the song has always brought hope and euphoria to the Anfield faithful, inculcating the belief that "at the end of the storm, there's a golden sky." Despite a delay in their coronation due to the pandemic-forced hiatus, Liverpool seized their first top-flight title in June since their old First Division crown in the 1989/90 season. Continuing their rapid rise in fortunes under the helm of inspirational manager Jurgen Klopp, the Reds reclaimed the perch in style with an impressive 99 points, registering a record 32 wins, in the 2019/20 season. "The End of the Storm", directed by Emmy-nominated



James Erskine and streaming on Discovery+, depicts the story of the once-elusive Premier League title win through a series of anecdotes shared by the manager, the players, and the fans alike. Delving deep into the heart of one of the most globally recognised clubs, the 99-minute special serves as a self-congratulatory memento to Liverpool's success. "The End of the Storm" is an ambitious, cinematic feature film that tells a story 30 years in the making. This isn't simply a story about a sporting achievement. It is also a story about emotion, community and self-belief — in a moment when we need all these things more than ever before," Erskine told LFCTV. Before thrusting the viewers into the eventful campaign, the

documentary rightly takes a step back and starts itself from the moment the charismatic German became entwined with the fate of Liverpool in 2015. After recollecting the small steps in the earlier seasons, Erskine introduces the viewer to ample amounts of fresh insight about the season from Klopp himself and his "mentality monsters". From captain Jordan Henderson talking about his disappointment of failing to win the title in the 2013/14 season to reliable goalkeeper Alisson Becker remembering his first video-call with the gaffer to electric forward Sadio Mane admitting that half of Senegal's population have turned into Liverpool supporters, the brief chats with the players hit the right notes throughout the

documentary. Apart from the interviews, training ground footage and scenes depicted in comic-style art add to the flow of the chronological narrative. Additionally, an exclusive acapella rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone" by ardent Liverpool supporter and musician Lana del Rey provides an added layer of emotion in certain junctures. To offer a more heart-rending assessment of the journey undertaken, Erskine takes the camera into the myriad households that consider Anfield their hallowed ground. From Liverpool to Kolkata to Auckland to Rio de Janeiro, fans live out the excitement of the shared dream coming true with stirring tales of support. Undoubtedly, the essence of multiculturalism is

shown in all of its glory. The documentary also deals with the period of uncertainty in between, when COVID-19 put a stop to all proceedings on the field for three months, with an emotional tinge. With Klopp calling for solidarity in times of distress and various supporters sharing their thoughts about a potential heartbreak, the segment becomes all the more richer. Fortunately for the millions of fans worldwide, the special ends with Liverpool lifting the Premier League trophy in front of an empty Anfield and the voluble manager proclaiming to the world, This is for you! At a time when Liverpool are enduring a rather difficult season, the documentary succeeds in putting a smile on the viewers' faces by reminding them of last season's highs. The adaptation of the club anthem also elevates the experience by ingraining the themes of growth, loss, and triumph throughout the entirety of the runtime. In a nutshell, "The End of the Storm" aptly immortalises the tale of Liverpool's excellence through the very theme of togetherness on which the club was built.

Wasim Jaffer Resignation Letter: 'Secretary, selectors pushing non-deserving players'

New Delhi, Feb 12: A day before Cricket Association of Uttarakhand secretary Mahim Verma alleged that coach Wasim Jaffer had favoured Muslim players and communalised the dressing room, the former India opener — in his resignation letter dated February 9, 2021 — had accused the official and selectors of favouring undeserving players. Excerpts from the letter I had then spoken to Mr Mahim Verma on 30th January 2021 asking him to get the selection sorted out (Vijay Hazare Trophy team) along with myself and chairperson of Senior Selection Committee as I wanted our team to go and play at least 4-5 practice matches with other association... I again called him on 31st Jan night to check on the progress of things but received no update on the same. Mr. Mahim Verma did not respond to my calls and only called me on the 3rd Feb... The team was finally decided on 8th February... it's shocking to see that it takes the selection committee 8

days to finalise a team for a tournament. As far as Senior Selection Committee is concerned, I did not receive any message or call regarding my opinion / Advise or recommendation in finalising the squad for Vijay Hazare Trophy... Mr Rizwan Shamshad, chairman of senior selection committee, has not even once called me or messaged me since his appointment as the chairperson to take my feedback regarding the team or the players. Things had started to get sour between me and Mr. Mahim Verma when I was pressurised in the last team selections for Syed Mushtaq Ali, where Mr. Verma had been pushing the names of players for selection in the team, who were not at all deserving... I feel really sad for the players

as I genuinely think that they have lot of potential and can learn so much from me but are denied with this opportunity because of so much interference & biasness of selectors and Secretary in the selection matters for non-deserving players. If the Honorary Secretary of CAU would want to inculcate such kind of work environment while not letting me take certain decisions pertaining to the team's welfare and performance, then I don't think there's any valid reason for me to continue as Head Coach of Men's Senior team of CAU. ...such a laid back & unprofessional approach from Mr. Verma has forced me to move away from CAU. It is really very disheartening to see that so much talent in the state is being wasted just because of such approach.



The Motorsport dream Narain Karthikeyan is chasing and why the Le Mans matters

New Delhi, Feb 12: An all-Indian motorsport team called 'Racing Team India', comprising of Narain Karthikeyan, Arjun Maini and Naveen Rao are set to participate in the Asian Le Mans on February 13, with an eye towards qualifying for the 24 hours of Le Mans race, which is set to be held on June 2021. For Karthikeyan and Maini, endurance racing is a switch that has happened after offers to drive in the Formula

one have either dried up or are in a lull. While Maini has previously driven in the 24 hours of Le Mans series, Karthikeyan and Rao are yet to do the same. What is Asian Le Mans? It is a four-event endurance racing series that is held at the Dubai Autodrome, Dubai and the Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi. The Asian Le Mans is the fourth event of a series based on the 24 hours of Le Mans. The 2021 iteration of the event will

be it's ninth in existence and the first time an all-Indian racing team will be participating. The Asian Le Mans has three car classes — the LMP2, LMP3 and the GT and all cars drive in the 'Four hours of Dubai' event and the 'Four hours of Abu Dhabi' event, twice each. Describing what it is like to race at the Asian Le Mans, Indian race car driver Arjun Maini spoke to reporters over a Zoom call yesterday. "The LMP2 is the



ing in my opinion is that not only do you race against your own class, but are constantly battling with guys from other classes, trying to overlap them. It brings the excitement into endurance racing and ensures that anything can happen at any time," said Maini. Naveen Rao, Narain Karthikeyan and Arjun Maini will participate in the Asian Le Mans on February 13. How do you qualify for the '24 hours of Le Mans' race? There are multiple ways teams can enter the 24 Hours of Le Mans race. Teams that win their class in the previous year's race are given an automatic spot. Other than this, teams that earn wins in the European Le Mans Series, the Asian Le Mans series and the Michelin Le Mans cup are also invited. Winning the Asian Le Mans series will be the ticket for the 'Racing Team India' stable to enter the 24 hours of Le Mans race. What is the 24 hours of Le Mans race? A part of the holy triffecta of motorsport racing along with the Monaco Grand Prix and the Indianapolis 500, the 24 hours of Le Mans is a unique race that tests the endurance of cars and drivers.

top class in the Asian Le Mans series. That's what we are taking part in and it has the fastest cars. You have an option of four different manufacturer cars from which you can choose. We are with the XYZ which has been the most successful in the past few years. The LMP3 is also a prototype car, but is slower by almost 7-8 seconds a lap. "Then there are the GT cars, which are another step slower to the LMP3s. What makes the racing quite interest-

Australian Open 2021 Results, Day 5: Osaka, Serena, Thiem enjoy last of the crowds

Melbourne, Feb 12: Continuing the high-octane action of the Australian Open, the play began on an overcast morning at Melbourne Park with the temperature a cool 18 degrees Celsius. The Victoria government reported five new locally-transmitted cases of COVID-19, taking the number of active cases in the state to 19. Naomi Osaka swept into the fourth round of the Australian Open on Friday with a 6-3 6-2 victory over Ons Jabeur in front of one of the last crowds allowed before Melbourne Park goes into lockdown. The Japanese third seed pounded down eight aces as she dominated her first career contest against the Tunisian world number 30 to set up a meeting with Spain's twice Grand

Slam champion Garbine Muguruza. "Thanks for coming out, it's so great to play in front you," Osaka said to the crowd on John Cain Arena before asking for, and receiving, a rendition of the local sporting chant "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oi! Oi! Oi!". As news broke on Friday that Melbourne would head into a snap lockdown to contain an outbreak of COVID-19, Serena Williams was already on court at the Australian Open playing potentially her last match in front of crowds at the tournament. Williams completed a 7-6(5) 6-2 win in the sunshine at Rod Laver Arena then gushed about her daughter Olympia learning tennis in the on-court interview, drawing cheers from



fans. World number one Ash Barty withdrew from the Australian Open doubles on Friday, raising concerns over her fitness for the singles as she manages

a thigh strain. She and American Jennifer Brady were scheduled to play in the second round of the women's doubles on Friday but withdrew from the

match, handing Elise Mertens and Aryna Sabalenka a walkover. Second seed Simon Halep eased past Russian Veronika Kudermetova 6-1 6-3 to reach the fourth round of the Australian Open for the fourth straight year on Friday. "It's always tough to play someone who you have never played before," said Halep, a finalist at Melbourne Park in 2018 and semi-finalist last year. "I improved a lot in my serve, I worked a lot on it in the off-season. I want to improve in every way." Up next is a last-16 encounter with the winner of Fiona Ferro's later match against Iga Swiatek, the Polish teenager who downed Halep 6-1 6-2 at the same stage of last year's French Open on her way to her maiden Grand Slam title.

Chelsea, Southampton reach FA Cup quarterfinals



New Delhi, Feb 12: Tammy Abraham put Chelsea into the FA Cup quarterfinals by scoring the second-half winner in a 1-0 victory over second-

tier club Barnsley, which missed several chances to stage an upset. Abraham tapped in from close range in the 64th minute after a low cross from

Reece James to set up a quarterfinal against Sheffield United. Southampton also advanced after a 2-0 win at Wolverhampton Wanderers, with Danny Ings and Stuart Armstrong netting a goal each. Chelsea remained undefeated in five games under Thomas Tuchel, but was made to work hard for the win against a team that is 13th in the second-tier Championship. Callum

Brittain missed two chances to give Barnsley the lead in the first half. The midfielder's close-range effort from Alex Mowatt's cross in the 10th minute forced a superb reaction save from Kepa Arrizabalaga. Then his shot following a clever corner routine just before halftime was deflected off target. In between, Chelsea was denied a penalty by referee Martin Atkinson. Abraham gal-

loped onto Billy Gilmour's through ball and Barnsley defender Toby Sibbick caught the Chelsea striker's foot as he slid in for a goal-saving challenge. In another intriguing match-up, Manchester United was handed a trip to Leicester. The two teams are second and third, respectively, in the Premier League and drew 2-2 when they last met on Boxing Day.

NALCO scripts turnaround story; Net profit jumps by 123 % to Rs. 240 crore in 3rdQtr of FY21

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 12: National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), the Navratna PSU, under Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India and country's leading manufacturer and exporter of alumina and aluminium, clocked a net profit of Rs.240crores for the 3rd quarter ended December 2020. The net profit has jumped by 123 % over the previous quarter of current fiscal, which was Rs.107 crore. The net profit for the nine months ended December 2020 has grown more than ten-fold to Rs.364 crore as against Rs.35 crore in corresponding period of last year. The total income in Q3 of FY21 witnessed substantial



growth, clocking Rs.2,415crores compared to Rs.2,137 crores in Q3 of FY20. On sales front, the net sales of alumina hydrate for Q3 of FY21 was 3.44 lakh tonnes compared to 3.33 lakh tonnes achieved in the corresponding period of last year. Aluminium export also registered impressive growth, with sales volume of 1.38 lakh tonnes during the first nine months of FY21 as compared to 0.50 lakh tonnes during the same period of FY20. On production front, the Company achieved strong growth in Q3 of FY21, with Bauxite production of 19.34 lakh tonnes, Alumina hydrate production of 5.55 lakh tonnes while metal production achieved was 1.02 lakh tonnes. During the first nine months of the current fiscal, NALCO achieved production of 53.48 lakh tonnes of bauxite, 15.07lakh tonnes of alumina hydrate while metal pro-

duction was 3.06 lakh tonnes. Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO, said, "NALCO has shown overall growth and resilience to script a turnaround after the peak period of COVID19 outbreak. The employees and workers delivered, when it mattered under challenging circumstances. The Company is geared up to meet the increase in demand with the gradual opening up of the market and the economy. The Company is also focused on operationalizing the ongoing projects, viz. Utkal-D Coal block, 5th Stream Alumina Refinery & Caustic Soda JV projects etc., which will substantially bolster the bottomline of the Company."

Unique Feat Achieved: 60 Meters Long Bow String Girder Launched At Sambalpur

(A.O. Bureau) Sambalpur, Feb 12: A Bow String Girder of length 60 meters and weight about 355 tonne has been launched today at a Road Over Bridge (ROB) near Sambalpur by the Construction wing of East Coast Railway. Launching of such a Bow String Girder at ROB was a challenge. The team of Chief Project Manager (CPM) of Construction Wing of East Coast Railway at Sambalpur completed this job with accurate planning and got the work executed successfully despite lots of constraints and difficulties. Such type of Girder Launching is first time in the



history of Odisha and East Coast Railway. Steel Girder of 60 meter span has been launched. ROB at Khetrajpur is being constructed in lieu of Special Class Level Crossing which is highly congested and has a Train Vehicle Unit (TVU) of 413708 units as per the census taken on Oct 2018. The construction of ROB is in high demand at this place. Out of 35 piers and 2 abutments, 04 numbers of piers (pier 21-24) belongs to Railway portion and the

span above the Railway track is 60m whereas the approach spans are 24m on both sides. The launching of 60m Bow String Girder was a difficult proposition which has been successfully executed. State govt portion of rest spans are also under construction. Once this ROB gets functional there will be huge relief to the commuters at the Level Crossing of Khetrajpur area. This will facilitate movement of traffic from Remed Chowk of NH6 to Khetrajpur. The foundation stone of ROB was being laid by the then MOSR Shri Manoj Sinha in the Aug-2017.

Tata Tiscon completes 20 years in India as a leader in TMT Rebar

(A.O. Bureau) Mumbai, Feb 12: Tata Tiscon, India's best-known rebar brand from the house of Tata Steel, completed two decades in 2020. Launched in December 2000, Tata Tiscon has grown to become the largest B2C brand in Tata Steel's portfolio with market share of 14% and revenue of ~INR 7000 crore. Sanjay S. Sahni, Chief of Marketing & Sales, Branded Products & Retail, Tata Steel, said: "We are delighted that Tata Tiscon has completed its 20 glorious years in India. Tata Tiscon, in the past two decades, has revolutionised the category through its various initiatives such as enabling the rebars to feature in the B2C portfolio, giving the power of choice to the end-users, and is also the first rebar brand to go



online. We have consciously invested in educating the customers so they can make informed decisions while buying a home or building infrastructure. We are proud to be a part of this successful journey and will continue to strive for customer satisfaction and superior products." Tata Tiscon Rebars are made of steel, in turn made from virgin iron ore. Hence these are free from impurities. Further, during manufacturing the steel is purified using best of intermediary processes. Lower impurity content gives it uniform properties across the length. The brand has launched multiple campaigns over the years to educate and target the evolving needs of the customer. In 2005-06, the "AtootJod" campaign followed with the "Joy of Building" and "SD Man" campaign launched in 2012 and 2017 respectively were the most successful campaigns from the brand. Since its inception, Tata Tiscon has been a pioneer in many product and service innovations. It reshaped the category by being the first rebar brand to be sold on e-commerce platforms in 2015. With its customer-first approach, innovative products, and continu-

ous nurturing of its distribution channel, Tata Tiscon has emerged as a market leader. It is the first rebar brand to introduce customer service engineer service and digital platform, Sampoorna, for channel partners. Over the last 20 years, Tata Tiscon focused on building credibility and highlighted the importance of pure steel for home building. With its wide range of rebars, it has ensured that all the customer segments are catered to in an effective way. With a well-established network of more than 6500 dealers, Tata Tiscon sells across the length and breadth of the country and enjoys a prominent market share. Tata Tiscon has introduced several break through innovations in retail ecosystem like selling by piece, transparency in

pricing through RCP (Recommended Consumer Price) and innovative Products like Superlinks (machine made stirrups) which enhanced quality of construction & changed the landscape of Individual Home Builders (IHB) construction. The brand is also credited with many firsts - being the first brand to offer life insurance cover for the under-insured community or creating a loyalty programme 'Atoot Rishtey' for the dealers and MTR programme for the masons. The brand drives the message of sustainability through its Go Green initiative. Tata Tiscon is one of the hero brands from the house of Tata Steel and the brand is poised to achieve many more milestones in the future as well.

CUO organizes Webinar on Gender Mainstreaming in Workplace: Vigilance & Initiatives

(A.O. Bureau) Koraput, Feb 12: The Internal Complaints Committee of the Central University of Odisha organized a webinar titled "Gender Mainstreaming in Workplace: Vigilance & Initiatives". Prof. Nilima Srivastava, Director, School of Gender and Development Studies, IGNOU delivered the keynote address, Ms Namrata Chaddha, Chairman, Mahila Adhikar Abhiyan, Prof Sheela Suryanarayanan, Head, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad and Dr Sarojini Sarangi, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Sarojini Hospital, Cuttack spoke on the occasion. Vice-Chancellor of the CUO, Prof. I. Ramabrahmam delivered the inaugural address. Dr Kakoli Banerjee, Assistant Professor, DBCNR and Presiding Officer, ICC welcomed all the dignitaries and explained the scope and significance of the ICC and Gender studies. The Vice-Chancellor outlined the importance of the Gender Equality programme not only at the Govt. level but also at University levels in his inaugural address. He urged the CSR wings of PSU's and Banks to distribute 20-30 laptops or tablets to tribal girls for their empowerment. Prof. Srivastava delivered the keynote address titled 'Women at Workplace: Conceptualizing Gender Mainstreaming as a Strategy'. She emphasized on the issues of work valuation done by men and women in so-



ciety and the psychological, institutional and situational barriers for women in society. Hence change in attitude is required to bring up a girl child, she averred. The other three eminent women resource persons from Academia and Social service spoke on three different aspects of women at workplace. Ms Namrata Chaddha, Chairman, Mahila Adhikar Abhiyan presented on 'Struggling for Survival in Unorganized Sector'. Prof Sheela Suryanarayanan, Head, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad spoke on the topic 'Gender Inequalities at Workplace in India: Present Situation & Persisting Challenges'. Dr Sarojini Sarangi, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Sarojini Hospital, Cuttack deliberated on the subject "Gender Discrimination from Womb to Tomb". All the distinguished speakers highlighted the present situation of women at workplace and sensitized the audience on various gender aspects. The deliberations were followed by an interactive session where members of the faculty & students shared their observations and asked questions to which the speakers responded professionally. Prof. P. Durgaprasad, Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, CUO in his curtain raiser described the importance of working on upliftment of women in an aspirational district like Koraput. He also highlighted the policy instruments for Critical Path Analysis needed for the progress of women in particular. He also summed up the programme highlighting the commitment of the CUO to uphold the women's rights & dignity at workplace. He appreciated the reflections of the experts even while contextualizing them in the socio-economic matrix and outlined the CUO gender initiatives, especially in view of the forthcoming Women's Day. Dr Kakoli Banerjee, Presiding Officer concluded the webinar by presenting a vote of thanks. She also declared the winners of the competitions organized for students and scholars on short-story writing and pictorial communication on the themes of Gender Equity in Society and Gender Violence at Workplace.

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'e' Procurement Notice

No. 701/KM Dt. 11.02.2021
Bid Identification No. KM_04-2020-21

1.	Procurement Officer - Publisher / Officer Inviting the Tender / Bids (OIT)	Executive Officer, Kendrapara Municipality, Kendrapara
2.	Name of the Work	1 Nos. of Civil Work
3.	Estimated Cost (Approx) of the Works	Rs.99,96,539.00 Lakhs
4.	Date & Time of Availability of Bid Document in the portal	From 05 PM of Dt. 14.02.2021 to 5 P.M. of Dt. 01.03.2021
5.	Date & time of Technical Bid Opening	11 A.M. of 02.03.2021

- (1) Other details can be seen from Detailed Notice Inviting Tenders, available in website www.tendersorissa.gov.in
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Bid Identification No- DPC/SS/1 of 2020-21.	
Letter No:- 481 /Civil/ Date 10/02/2021	
1.	District Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Sikshya, Keonjhar on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in Double cover system on ON-LINE mode from eligible contractors with valid licenses for "Construction of KGBV Hostel Building including Electrical and PH works" as detailed in DTCN.
2.	Nature of Work :- Construction of Building with Electrical, PH
3.	No. of work :- 10 (10 nos).
4.	Tender Cost (Non-refundable) :- Rs. 10,000/- Each
5.	Class of Contractor :- "B" & "A" Class Contractor
6.	Availability of bid document in the website :- From 10:00 A.M. of date-19.02.2021 to 05:00 P.M. of date 08.03.2021
7.	Date of opening of Bid :- 11:00 A.M. on Dt. 09.03.2021
8.	The bidders have to participate in ON-LINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website (https://tendersodisha.gov.in). Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the website said only.
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