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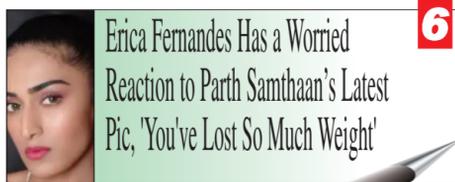
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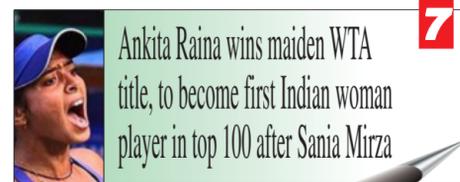
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Mayurbhanj Road Mishap: CM Announces Ex-Gratia For Kin Of 5 Deceased

Bhubaneswar, Feb 19: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today announced Rs 2 lakh ex-gratia for next of the kin of the five deceased, who were killed in Mayurbhanj road accident on February 17. The CM also expressed his deep condolence for bereaved family members of the five deceased. On February 17, a musical troupe



was returning to Bagabuda village in the tractor after performing at Damanasahi. Near Dhipasahi, the driver

lost control, following which the vehicle skidded off the road and overturned into a roadside farmland, around 15 ft below the road. While one person died on the spot, around 40 others suffered injuries in the road mishap. Later, four others succumbed to injuries. The deceased included four from Odisha and one from Jharkhand.

Ruckus In Odisha Assembly Over Farmers' Issue

Bhubaneswar, Feb 19: Pandemonium prevailed for the second day in the House of the Odisha Assembly as the members of opposition BJP and Congress created ruckus

sembled for question hour, the opposition members created an uproar alleging that the farmers were sustaining heavy loss as their produce was lying at the mandis with

holding placards on the farmers' issue. "The Centre is giving money to procure paddy. What's the problem with the state government to procure paddy from the



over the farmers' issue on Friday. Following the uproar, Speaker Surya Narayan Patro adjourned the proceedings till 11.30 am and later till 4 pm. As soon as the House as-

the procurement agencies not lifting the paddy. While the BJP and Congress MLAs went to the Speaker's podium, the saffron party legislators were seen

farmers? Due to irregularities in the procurement process, the farmers are facing problems," said deputy leader of opposition Bishnu Charan Sethi.

Indian Army Signs MOU With Indrani Balan Foundation



Kashmir, Feb 19: In a major development, the Indian Army and the Indrani Balan Founda-

tion signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the financial sustainability of Army Goodwill Schools along with the Parivar School Society. The event was attended by Mr. Punit Balan and Ms. Jahanvi Dhariwal of Indrani Balan Foundation along with Lieuten-

ant General BS Raju, Chinar Corps Commander of the Indian Army. Indrani Balan Foundation is a known welfare foundation, which has been active all across the country in numerous charitable activities. It has its base in Pune, which has now signed the MoU to fi-

nance four different Goodwill schools of areas like Uri, Trehgam, Wayne, and Hajinar in Baramulla & Kupwara Districts. The foundation has also planned to build the required infrastructure for the Pariwar School Society for the specially-abled kids in the district.

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Husband cannot abdicate responsibility of paying maintenance to estranged wife: Supreme Court

New Delhi, Feb 19: The Supreme Court Friday said a husband cannot abdicate the responsibility of paying maintenance to his estranged wife and gave the last opportunity to a man to clear an outstanding amount of Rs 2.60 crore along with monthly payout of Rs 1.75 lakh to his wife, failing which he would be imprisoned. The man, who claimed to have been working on a project of national security in the telecom sector, said that he had no money and sought two years to pay the money. The top court, however, said that the man has lost credibility by failing repeatedly to follow the court's order and wondered how a person with this kind of case was associated with a project of national security. A bench of Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian told the man, a Tamil Nadu resident, "A husband cannot abdicate from his responsibility to provide maintenance to his wife and it is his duty to

provide the maintenance." It ordered, "Accordingly, by way of last chance, we permit the respondent (man) to make payment of the entire outstanding amount along with the monthly maintenance regularly to his wife... within a period of four weeks from today, failing which, the respondent may have to be punished and sent to civil prison." The top court listed the matter after four weeks to see whether its order has been complied with or not. In case the amount is not paid, orders of arrest and imprisonment may be passed against the respondent on that date. It noted that the man has been directed by the trial court and the decision upheld by the top court and the high court to pay money to his wife under two heads which include monthly maintenance of Rs 1.75 lakh and past arrears of maintenance from the year 2009, which amounts to approximately Rs 2.60 crore. Out of this amount, a total of Rs

50,000 has been paid. During the hearing, senior advocate Basava Prabhu Patil, who was appearing for the woman, said that despite the top court directing the husband to pay the arrears and monthly maintenance amount while deciding the review petition, he



has not been paying it and instead leading a lavish life. The bench told advocate Rohit Sharma, who was appearing for the husband, that he has not complied with even a single order of the courts and if he does not make the payments within two-three weeks, he will be sent to jail. Sharma said that no interest will be served if he is sent to jail and even the wife will not get the maintenance, to which the bench told

him it would serve the interest of justice. The husband, who himself appeared before the court through video-conferencing, said he has put all his money into research and development in a project related to national security in the telecom sector. The bench said that it

that he is working on a project of national security that would protect hacking of telecom networks from China, the bench said, "With this kind of case, how is this person involved in a project of national security?" The bench further asked the man to borrow money or to take loan from a bank and pay the maintenance and arrear amount to his wife within one week, failing which he will be straightaway sent to jail. The husband claimed that his wife is a very influential person and has good contacts in the media, which she was using to tarnish his image. The bench, however, said, "We are not influenced by the media. We go by the facts of each case. The facts, in this case, suggest that you have not complied with our orders. You have lost your credibility. You pay the money in one week or go to jail." The bench, however, on the request of the husband's counsel, gave him four weeks to pay the outstanding amount.

may order an investigation against him but then the consequence will be disastrous for him. It would be better if he makes the payment, which has been committed before the court in 2018, in two-three weeks, the SC added. Patil said that the man has enough money and is trying to siphon off his funds invested in his five companies to a Germany-based company. When the husband again reiterated

Greta Thunberg backs Disha Ravi, says protesting a 'non-negotiable human right'

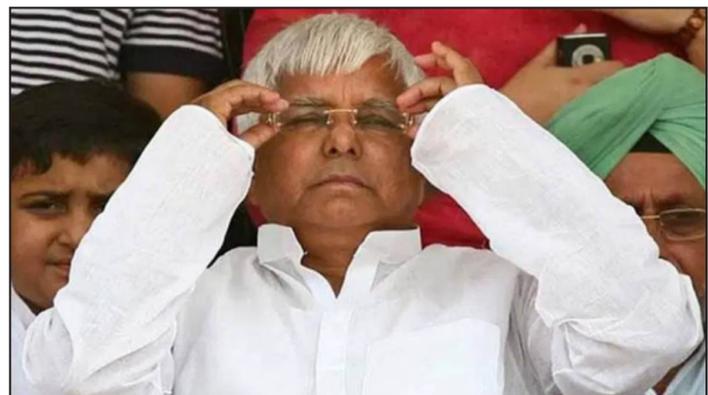
New Delhi, Feb 19: Capitol Hill, Red Fort violence, Govt pulls up Twitter, differential treatment by twitter, Greta Thunberg, freedom of expression, Indian express newsThe toolkit on the farmers' protest had come under the police scanner after Swedish environmental activist Thunberg tweeted it on February 3. Extending support to 22-year-old Disha Ravi, arrested in connection with the toolkit case, Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg Friday said that freedom of speech and to protest peacefully are "non-negotiable" human rights that should not be denied in any democracy. "Freedom of speech and the right to peaceful protest and assembly are non-negotiable human rights. These must be a fundamental part of any democracy. #StandWithDishaRavi," tweeted Thunberg, who sparked a controversy after sharing the toolkit document on the farm-



ers' protest had come under the police scanner after Swedish environmental activist Thunberg tweeted it on February 3, with the police claiming that the sequence of events in the farmers' protests, including the violent incidents at the Red Fort on Republic Day, was a "copycat" of the alleged action plan in the document. According to the Delhi Police, Ravi was the "key con-

spirator" in the formulation and dissemination of the document and that she collaborated with pro-Khalisatani Poetic Justice Foundation to "spread disaffection against Indian state" and also shared the doc with Thunberg. Earlier in the day, a Delhi court sent Ravi to three-day judicial custody in connection with the case. The police informed the court that Ravi had been evasive during interrogation and that she shifted the blame on the co-accused. Ravi has filed an application for bail, which will be heard by a court on Saturday.

Lalu's bail application rejected in Dumka case; no immediate release from jail



Ranchi, Feb 19: The court said since the RJD supremo has to serve two more months in jail to complete half of the tenure of his total sentence in the case, the bail plea is not granted. The Jharkhand High Court Friday rejected Lalu Prasad Yadav's bail application in a fodder scam case, dashing hopes of the RJD president of being im-

mediately released from jail. Justice Aparesw Kumar Singh turned down Lalu's bail request in the Dumka treasury case, which is an offshoot of the multi-crore rupees fodder scam. The court said since the RJD supremo has to serve two more months in jail to complete half of the tenure of his total sentence in the case, the bail plea is not

granted. The court also asked him to file a fresh application after two months. Prasad has already acquired bail in three out of the four cases in connection with the fodder scam in which he has been convicted. Acceptance of his request in the case related to the illegal withdrawal of Rs 3.13 crore from the Dumka treasury could have helped him come out of jail.

Budget session: Nitish govt focuses on industrialisation, chaos in House over farm protests

Patna, Feb 19: The Nitish Kumar government in Bihar on Friday asserted that it was working with an aim to boost industrialisation of the state which would support its rapid pace of development and also lead to job creation. In his customary address to the state legislature as the budget session began, Governor Phagu Chauhan said that in the industrial policy formulated in 2020 a provision has been made for "additional capital subsidy" which would incentivise setting up of new units. The governor, who spoke for more than half-an-hour, also said the state government has succeeded in keeping the COVID-19 pandemic under control, and had excellent rates of testing and recovery while the mortality rate stood way below the national average. Chauhan also said

that the state government has remained committed to establishing rule of law, which has fostered an environment of social and communal harmony. Besides, "zero tolerance for corruption" has been evident in crackdowns on public servants accused of corruption and confiscation of assets worth Rs 45.81 crore, amassed by 45 people facing action under the Money Laundering Act, he said. The state government has remained committed to providing its citizens with an efficient and transparent administration and empowered the people through measures like the Right to Public Services Act, he added. About the government's plans for the future, the governor's speech touched upon "Saat Nishchay 2", the second phase of the chief minister's seven re-

solves, a key component of which is the pledge to irrigate every field. Another key component is 'Yuva Shakti Bihar Ki Pragati', under which 'a culture of enterprise' would be promoted in

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy CMs Tarkishor Prasad and Renu Devi, leader of the opposition Tejashwi Yadav and minister Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain were among those

present in the House during the governor's address. The governor's address was followed by Tarkishor Prasad, who also holds the finance portfolio, tabling the economic survey. Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha ad-



the state through measures like making entrepreneurship a part of the curriculum, the governor said. The governor mentioned that the state government was committed to environmental preservation and improvements in health and edu-

held gubernatorial assignments in the state. A suggestion by Tejashwi Yadav that tributes be paid to the "more than 260 farmers", who have died during the ongoing agitations against the farm laws, was turned down.

Strong India-Australia partnership will play key role in shaping post-COVID world: PM Modi

New Delhi, Feb 19: The strong India-Australia partnership will play an important role in shaping the post-COVID world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday and expressed confidence that the two countries would take the lead in providing circular economy solutions. Addressing the valedictory function of the India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon, Modi said consumption-oriented economic models have put a great strain on the planet. "We must never forget that we are

not the owners of all that Mother Earth has to offer, but merely its trustees for all the future generations to come," he said. Stressing that it is not enough to make production processes more efficient and less polluting, Modi said no matter how fast or slow one drives, if the direction is wrong, then one is bound to reach the wrong destination. "And so, we must set the right direction," he added. The prime minister called for looking at consumption patterns, and how their ecological impact can be reduced.



Noting that this is where the concept of a circular economy comes in, Modi said the concept can be a key step in solving many of our challenges. Recy-

cling and reusing things, eliminating waste, and improving resource efficiency must become part of our lifestyles, the prime minister asserted. Modi

and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison also felicitated the participants of the India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE) at a

virtual award ceremony. The idea of the hackathon originated during the India-Australia Virtual Leaders' Summit between the Prime Ministers of India and Australia, held on June 4, 2020. "This hackathon has seen innovative solutions from Indian and Australian students, start-ups and entrepreneurs. These innovations show your commitment to the philosophy of circular economy," Modi said. "I have no doubt that your innovations will inspire our two countries to take the lead in circular

economy solutions," he said. Also, ways must be explored to scale-up and incubate these ideas, Modi said. Circular economy implies reusing waste back into the production cycle to make new products instead of wasting such materials with embedded resources. Modi asserted that the power of youth comes from openness to new ideas and innovations, and the ability to take risks. The energy and enthusiasm of today's youthful participants is a symbol of the forward-looking partnership be-

tween India and Australia, he said. "I have full confidence in the energy, creativity and out-of-box thinking of our youth. They can offer sustainable, holistic solutions to not just our two countries but to the whole world," the prime minister said. The strong India-Australia partnership will play an important role in shaping the post-COVID world, he said. "And our youth, our young innovators, our start-ups, will be at the forefront of this partnership," Modi asserted.

Keep Children Away From Junk Food: Pediatric Oncologist

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb. 19: Around four lakh children across the world are detected with cancer every year of which India accounts for about 12 per cent, Dr. Saroj Panda, Pediatric Oncologist at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital here said on Friday. "Approximately 700 children who had been brought to IMS and SUM Hospital for treatment during the last five years had been found to be suffering from cancer. Of them, 350 kids had recovered so far following treatment," Dr. Panda said while addressing a program organised in observance of the International Childhood Cancer Day at



the hospital on Friday. The International Childhood Cancer Day is observed across the world on February 15 every year. Of all cancer patients worldwide, 95 per cent were adults while the rest five per cent of cases

were children, he said adding in most cases the disease found in infants were caused due to genetic factors. "However, early diagnosis and good treatment can help the child defeat cancer," he said. Most of the cancers found in chil-

dren were leukemia, tumours in the brain, kidney or liver as also bone sarcoma, Dr. Panda said while advising parents to make sure that their child lived a healthy life, maintained the correct body weight, did regular exercise

and ate lot of green vegetables and fruits. "It was important to ensure that children stayed away from junk food," he said. Prof. Puspuraj Samantashinhar, Medical Superintendent of IMS and SUM Hospital, Head of the Pediatrics department, Prof. Mamata Devi Mohanty, Prof. Mrutyunjay Das of Pediatrics department, Dr. Soumya Surath Panda of Medical Oncology department and Dr. Nirmal Pradhan of Pediatric Oncology department were present. Around forty cancer-afflicted children and their parents attended the program in which magician Jiban Das and actor Prasenjit Das entertained them.

YRC Cluster Level Volunteers Study-Cum-Training Programme-2021

(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Feb 19: Three day Youth Red Cross Cluster Level Volunteers Study-Cum-Training Programme -2021 inaugurated at Ramachandra Kalpana Higher Secondary School, Prakruti Vihar, Kamaguru, Khordha. Former President Zilla Parishad Khordha and Founder of the Institute Rama Chandra Mohapatra formally

the meeting. Dr. Renubala Samantaray delivered the introduction speech. Guest of honour Educationist Narayan Satpathy and Educational Organizer Godabarish Sahoo were remain present in this programme. The Chief guest of the occasions former Administrator and Collector Debraj Senapati, Chief Speaker District Youth Red Cross Co-

principles of Red Cross. So that they may remain unperturbed and develop in them the spirit of selfless service and volunteerism to serves the most vulnerable people globally and locally and it carries out its social commitment and responsibility under the frame of seven fundamental principles of Red cross. Such as Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence Voluntary, Service, Unity,



inaugurated the programme. Principal of the Institute Sudhansu Sekhar Mohanty preside over

ordinator Subodh Kumar Jagdev said about the objective to train the zealous youth with the fundamental

Universality. In the end of the Programme Satya Narayan Mohapatra tender vote of thanks.

Odisha Man Cheating On Four Wives Finally Caught



(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, Feb 19: The Twin City Commissionerate Police today arrested a man here for allegedly marrying four women, including two during the COVID-19 lockdown. According to reports, accused Krushna Chandra Nayak, who works as

an art teacher at a school in Salepur area of Cuttack district, had initially married a woman in 2001 and later tied knot with another woman in 2008. During the nationwide lockdown, Nayak married two more women. As the first and third wife of the accused came to know about

the incident, they lodged a complaint in this connection at the Mahila Police Station here. On the basis of the complaint, police registered a case against Nayak under Sections 493A, 323, 294, 494, 500, 34 of the IPC and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, and arrested him.

Ensure COVID Appropriate Behaviour In Districts: Health Secy To Collectors

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 19: Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra today wrote to Collectors directing them to ensure strict implementation of COVID appropriate behaviour in their districts. The Health Secretary's letter has been addressed to SPs, DCPs, Municipal Commissioners, and Chief District Medical and Public Health Officers (CDM & PHOs) as well. There has been a surge in COVID-19 positive cases across some states, mostly Maharashtra. In the

light of the movement of people across the country, it is quite possible that such a situation might arise in Odisha, said Mohapatra. Adequate precautions are the need of the hour. Adequate testing should be done as per the guidelines. Special care should be taken to ensure that these measures are implemented in crowded places, the letter read. "Ensure strict implementation of COVID appropriate behaviour to prevent any spike in cases. There should be no deviation in implementing the instructions," Mohapatra stated.

High School Students Get Certificates Online

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 19: Good news for parents in Odisha as the high school students can avail certificates online without rushing to board office frequently for school documents. As part of ongoing reforms in school education, the State Government has decided to provide various certificates and documents online. Chief Minister

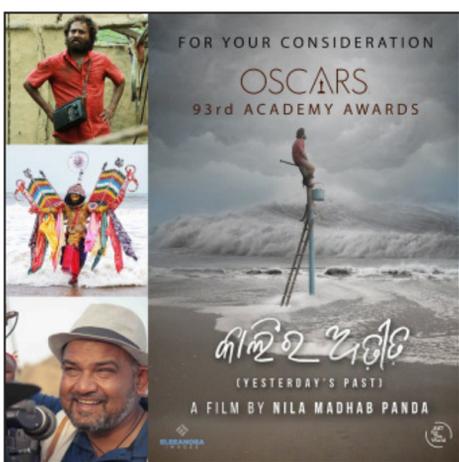


Naveen Patnaik informed it on his Twitter handle today. The facility will be available from March 20, 2021. Initially, the students from Class 9 to 12 can get certificates online. Chief Minister

Kendras. Later, the students of other classes will avail the benefit. With availability of the facility, the students can get their documents like transfer certificate (TC) and conduct certificate (CC) online.

Kalira Atita, Odia Movie, In Oscars Fray

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 19: It is indeed a great news for Odia movie lovers as 'Kalira Atita', directed by Nila Madhab Panda, has made its entry into the race for Oscars. "In a year full of challenges, feel extremely happy to announce Kalira Atita has made its entry into the Os-



car race in general entry category for best picture, best actor, best director and many other categories," tweeted Panda. "It's being made available for academy screening," he added. The movie, starring Pitobash Tripathy, revolves around a young man from Satavaya village

in Odisha's Kendrapara district who returns to his village to find devastation caused by climate change. The character Gunu, the protagonist essayed by Pitobash, symbolises the struggle of innumerable hapless villagers who were at the receiving end of nature's fury.

Kotia Row: SC Grants Odisha 4-Week Time To File Rejoinder



(A.O. Bureau) New Delhi: Hearing the contempt petition filed by Odisha Government regarding Kotia border dispute with Andhra Pradesh, Supreme Court today granted four-week time to Odisha to file rejoinder. During the hearing, the Counsel for Andhra Pradesh argued that by no stretch of imagination can it be stated that there was a breach of undertaking or of any order passed by the SC, and

the contempt petition should be junked. Later, Odisha's Counsel senior advocate Vikas Singh sought a four weeks' adjournment, to which advocate Mahfooz Nazki for Andhra Pradesh said that he has no objection. Later, the apex court adjourned the matter for four weeks. Earlier, the Collector of Vizianagaram in his reply to the SC said that three concerned villages—Ganjaybadra, Pattuchennuru and

Paguluchennuru— fall under Araku Parliamentary Constituency and Saluru Assembly Constituency of Andhra Pradesh. Lok Sabha and Assembly elections have been conducted by Andhra Pradesh in the villages since 1952 while Panchayat Polls by the AP Government were held in the villages in 2006 and 2013. He further prayed the Supreme Court to dismiss Odisha's petition.

Union Minister Pratap Sarangi In Shoes Of A Farmer

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 19: Union Minister and Balasore MP Pratap Sarangi today posted a video on Twitter, in which the ace politician from Odisha was seen engaging himself in organic farming. "Being involved in farming keeps me mentally fit and physically sound,"



said Sarangi. "Organic farming is the new health of the progressive India. Let's all start pushing us ourselves to become more disciplined and focused on enrouting organic farming. I'm sure it would add up a great value to our mental and physical health," the MP said.

EDITORIAL

Landmark verdict

The Priya Ramani case ruling should encourage more women to call out the wrongdoers. Most judgments are just that, another verdict, but a few of these are considered landmark. A Delhi court's ruling acquitting journalist Priya Ramani in a defamation case filed by former Union Minister MJ Akbar falls in the latter category. With the verdict becoming the talk of the town, Ramani's exoneration is nothing less than a conviction for Akbar. True, oftentimes a defamation suit proves out to be more damaging to the plaintiff's own image. However, what make the present case a "milestone" are the court's observations that "the right to protect one's reputation cannot be at the cost of a woman's right to dignity" and "a woman has the right to put her grievance at any platform of her choice, even after decades". We can only hope that this verdict achieves its true purpose of empowering women who are objectified and treated only as a means to satiate the male's lust. Ironically, despite several Acts, the national and State commissions for women, women's courts and helpline numbers, the fair gender is treated rather unfairly and is still a vulnerable lot. Forget about the commonplace incidents of eve-teasing, stalking and inappropriate touching that young girls and women have to endure on a daily basis, even heinous crimes like rape and physical assault no longer shake our collective conscience. Ironically, most of these incidents are never reported as not every woman can afford a battery of lawyers, nor shore up public sympathy and support to the extent Ramani did through the #MeToo movement. Further, the impact of any such verdict shouldn't be viewed from the narrow prism of it being case-specific but rather whether it would likely bring about any significant change in the overall scenario. If it fails to inspire tens of thousands of women to speak up against the sexual predators who they tolerate in their everyday life, it won't serve the real purpose. The state of affairs is worse than grim and even women at the top echelons in their respective fields experience harassment in one form or the other. We hear and read a lot about female doctors, bureaucrats and politicians being subjected to gender bias and harassment by their male colleagues. Surprisingly, even the judiciary, which rightly champions the cause of women in most cases, hasn't been left untouched by this stain. Recently, the Supreme Court pulled up a judge for allegedly sending inappropriate messages to a junior female officer and flirting with her. In its 91-page Ramani case verdict, the court noted that it is shameful that violence against women is being perpetrated in a country where epics like the Mahabharata and the Ramayana were written around the theme of respect for women. True, we seem to have buried our ethos and morality deep; else the country where people once felt proud to prefix their mother's name unto theirs — like Radhye Karna, Kaunteya Arjun, Gangaputra Bhishma and Kausalya Nandan Ram — would not hurl abuses in the name of mothers and sisters. Further, the impact of any such verdict shouldn't be viewed from the narrow prism of it being case-specific but rather whether it would likely bring about any significant change in the overall scenario. If it fails to inspire tens of thousands of women to speak up against the sexual predators who they tolerate in their everyday life, it won't serve the real purpose. The state of affairs is worse than grim and even women at the top echelons in their respective fields experience harassment in one form or the other. We hear and read a lot about female doctors, bureaucrats and politicians being subjected to gender bias and harassment by their male colleagues. Surprisingly, even the judiciary, which rightly champions the cause of women in most cases, hasn't been left untouched by this stain. Recently, the Supreme Court pulled up a judge for allegedly sending inappropriate messages to a junior female officer and flirting with her. In its 91-page Ramani case verdict, the court noted that it is shameful that violence against women is being perpetrated in a country where epics like the Mahabharata and the Ramayana were written around the theme of respect for women. True, we seem to have buried our ethos and morality deep; else the country where people once felt proud to prefix their mother's name unto theirs — like Radhye Karna, Kaunteya Arjun, Gangaputra Bhishma and Kausalya Nandan Ram — would not hurl abuses in the name of mothers and sisters.

Ladakh conundrum: A sense of déjà vu

It defies logic that our withdrawal has been linked to the PLA's pullout only from the Pangong Tso sub-sector. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's recent statement in Parliament on the disengagement of forces in Eastern Ladakh, on the heels of a statement on similar lines by the Chinese Defence Ministry, caught most media observers and analysts by surprise. The way events were otherwise moving had suggested that we were in for what could only be a long hot summer, which still remains a remote possibility given past Chinese duplicity. There can still be many a slip between the cup and the lip as the contentious issue of the People's Liberation Army's (PLA's) transgressions in the Depsang sector and other friction points is yet to be discussed, let alone resolved to mutual satisfaction. The statements emanating from official sources suggest that either both sides are keen to de-escalate matters, or that we have conceded ground to the Chinese. Either way, the chances of an armed conflict have receded substantially, which is undoubtedly a good thing. A conflict at this time would cause immense damage to our economy, already reeling under the impact of the pandemic and the earlier ill-considered and poorly implemented demonetisation. More importantly, we cannot brush aside the simple truth that our Armed Forces have been deliberately neglected over the past two decades, a situation that remains unchanged if one looks at the new Budget. As a consequence, their capabilities have been greatly impaired. In the event of a conflict, while they may



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still be able to force a stalemate, it is unfortunately not a certainty given the unpalatable fact that China is the dominant power in the region with a larger and better-equipped military. The possibility of Pakistan's involvement, either directly or indirectly, in such a situation would only add to our woes. Undoubtedly, the response and resolve displayed by our Government and the military after the initial setback was commendable and caught the Chinese unawares and unprepared. The subsequent occupation of dominating heights on both banks of the Pangong Tso, including along the Kailash Range, was a brilliant strategic counter and made the Chinese even more uncomfortable. From these heights, our forces were in a position to interdict and destroy the PLA's troop and armour concentrations in the Spanggur Gap, their defensive positions along both banks of the Pangong Tso. It also gave our forces the option to capture their administrative and communication hub at Moldo and cut off their major lines of communication further

in depth, if the necessity was felt. Most importantly, it stalled any hope that the PLA may have had of offensive action along this flank as any attempt to clear these heights would impose excessive cost in terms of manpower, casualties and time. Incidentally, one cannot help but wonder as to why these heights have not been held all these years? Especially since they are well within our territory and our hold on them has never been disputed. Therefore, given their strategic import, one is at an utter loss to understand as to why our withdrawal has been linked to the PLA's withdrawals only from the Pangong Tso sub-sector and not the other sub-sectors. Suggestions in the media from official sources that by doing so the PLA has been forced to remove structures that it had constructed along the north bank of the Pangong Tso, cut no ice. It is a no-brainer that the north bank is of only limited tactical value and wholly unsuitable for progressing major operations, especially as long as the dominating heights on the Kailash Range are held. In these

circumstances, one cannot help but conclude that our military commanders have acquiesced to militarily unsound directions from our political leadership. We have seen this before, be it our withdrawal from the strategically important Hajipir Pass after the Indo-Pak war of 1965 or the refusal to allow our forces to cross the LoC during the Kargil conflict that resulted in avoidable casualties. Unfortunately, this Government set a precedent in the manner it dealt with the confrontation with the Chinese at Doklam in 2017, where it forced the PLA to stop road construction and back down after a 73-day standoff. However, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with President Xi Jinping at Wuhan, the PLA circumvented the standoff area and continued with its road construction on the Doklam plateau, unhindered by our forces. This road now allows the PLA access to the foothills of the Jampheri Ridge, overlooking the strategic Siliguri Corridor linking Assam and the North-eastern States to the rest of the country, giving the PLA an option to interdict our lines of communication. What is worse, the Government then ensured that these facts were kept out of public discourse. With the general elections due in a few months, it raised suspicions that this was done to ensure the BJP's chances of victory were not compromised by these embarrassing revelations. One is now struck by a feeling of déjà vu as important State elections are due in a few months and what appears to be a repeat of the modus operandi. Let us hope, for all our sakes, that this is not so! Only time will tell.

India Inc must follow global example, take affirmative action on climate change

Manisha Natarajan

Several large and growing companies, especially in Europe, are realising their social and environmental impacts and making it a boardroom agenda even without investor guns on their heads. For the listed top 1,000 Indian companies, who end up rejigging their business for SEBI's disclosure norms, the goal should be to raise the bar, manifold. Away from all the political storms making headlines, there is another kind of storm brewing across the globe in 2021, threatening big business polluters. Aviva, the British insurance company that manages 355 billion pounds in assets, announced it would divest stock and bond holdings in 30 of the biggest corporate emitters of carbon, if their boards failed to take affirmative action over climate change. This statement came close on the heels of an influential committee of MPs in the United Kingdom calling on the Bank of England to ratchet up environment standards in its pandemic stabilising, corporate bond programme. The committee has asked the apex bank to stop helping companies with high carbon emissions. Swedbank AB, Sweden's biggest mortgage bank, has taken a decision not to provide fresh loans to new oil and gas projects or to fund any company looking to drill oil and gas in the Arctic. While these initiatives are forcing the hand of the world's largest oil and gas and mining companies to change their way of doing busi-

ness, pressure from investors is not limited to these industries alone. There is a wave of investors pushing large corporations from across sectors, to recognise their carbon footprint and take affirmative action. After all, there is no business which does not consume the earth's finite natural resources and emits greenhouse gasses. Even a seemingly benign IT services sector has a considerable carbon footprint. Blackrock, which manages \$7 trillion of global investor funds, has publicly stated it will start voting against boards of companies that do not take climate change seriously. The beagle calls to end the "take-make-waste" model of making profits to reduce negative environmental impacts is only getting louder. This is not surprising if you consider the dominance of big business. According to published figures by Global Justice Now, in 2016, of the top 100 economic entities of the world, 69 were corporations, and only 31 are countries! And while the pandemic has pushed back countries on economic growth, many of the large corporations have grown in size and stature. To be fair, several large and growing companies, especially in Europe, are realising their social and environmental impacts and making it a boardroom agenda even without investor guns on their heads. Schneider Electric, the energy manage-

ment and automation company, has embedded environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations into every facet of its activities. It has stated long-term commitments, global targets and accompanying local targets, for sustainability. The company climbed from 29th to number 1 rank in the 2021 Global 100 ranking in the Corporate Knights index of the world's most sustainable companies. While European, Canadian and US companies dominate this list, there are two companies from the developing world — Banco Da Brazil SA and Natura and Co Holding SA from Brazil, which find a spot in top 50. Only one company from India, Tech Mahindra, has made it to the world's 100 most sustainable list. This makes me believe Indian institutional lenders and investors are simply not demanding enough on sustainability. A majority of Indian companies are only meeting compliance norms set out by various state or city authorities. Rarely do they go beyond rule-based compliances and implement environment, social and governance or ESG goals with purpose and passion like their European counterparts. Unless there is a massive push from large institutional investors on Indian companies to reduce their carbon footprint, the needle will not move. Perhaps, that's why SEBI, the Indian stock market regulator, is put-

ting the final touches on the Business Responsibility and Environment Reporting (BRSR) guidelines. The new ESG reporting norm will apply to the top 1,000 listed companies on Indian exchanges. Under BRSR reporting guidelines, companies will have to declare their R&D spends on improving environmental and social outcomes. They will have to disclose energy and water consumed to turnover ratios, and the percentage of recycled or reused input materials, among many other social and governance disclosures such as CSR, employee skilling and gender diversity. It's time for lending institutions and investors to align with SEBI and use their muscle to drive a deeper change. The same disclosures, once finalised by SEBI for the top 1,000, can easily be enforced by lenders for all businesses. Companies unwilling to clean up should be refused any fresh lending. For the listed top 1,000 Indian companies, who end up rejigging their business for SEBI's disclosure norms, the goal should be to raise the bar, manifold. They must aim to find a place in the new global equity benchmark index, launched by CITI, The Citi ESG World Indices, which makes ESG metrics the best business indicator to judge a companies' investment worthiness. This benchmark index will bring together best-in-class environment performers across global markets, for investors to park their savings in.

Commissioner Of Railway Safety Inspected Doubling & Electrification Work Of Kantabanji-turekela Road



(A.O. Bureau) Sambalpur, Feb 19: Shri A.M. Chowdhary, Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Eastern Circle, Kolkata inspected the new doubling and electrification work between Kantabanji to Turekela Road stations (Down line) in Titlagarh- Raipur section of Sambalpur Division on 17.02 2021. Shri Chowdhary inspected safety-related aspects like

Overhead equipments, Bridges, Manned level crossings, Signal & Telecommunication equipments, Railway track etc. and also conducted a speed trial. After Doubling & electrification of this section in the division it will further facilitate the smooth running of trains. Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur, Shri Pradeep Kumar, Principal Chief Engineer, East Coast Railway, Shri

N.S. Uiquey, Executive Director, RVNL, Shri Saroj Kanta Patra, Chief Project Manager, RVNL, Shri Bhavesh Pande, GM (electrical), RVNL, Shri S.K. Purohit, Sr. Divisional Engineer (Coordination), Sambalpur, Shri Jayanta Kumar Khamari, Sr. DGM, RVNL, Sri U.C. Batham and other senior officials from ECoR Headquarters, Sambalpur Division were also accompanied during the inspection.

A four-hour rail strike in Kendrapara has been called off by the Sanjukta Kisan Morcha

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Feb 19: A four-hour nationwide rail strike has been launched in Kendrapara at the urging of the Sanjukta Kisan Morcha against the Farmers Destroyer and Agricultural Destroyer Agriculture Act. The success of the Dillichalo farmers' movement has led to the repeal of three agricultural laws, namely the Marketing and Trade (Promotion and Benefit) of Agricultural Goods Act-2020, the Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement, the Price Guarantee and the Agricultural Services Act-2020. Repeal of the Law-2020 and M.S. As per the recommendations of the Swaminathan National Farmers Commission, the minimum support price for all agricultural commodities and the official collection of agricultural commodities, a subsidy of Rs 3,000 per quintal of paddy in

Odisha, are being raised by the Odisha Legislative Assembly. Farmers joined the train from 12 noon to 4 pm today in a train concept near Duhuria in Kendrapara demanding to do so. Despite the fact that the

ment to jail for sedition. Petrol, diesel, cooking gas and essential commodity prices are not restricted. All India Farmers' Struggle Coordinating Committee District Chairman Gayadhar Dhal, Senior

Chashi Mulia Singh, President Fakir Charan Khatua, AIKAS District Chairman Padmanabh Das, AIKMS chairman Elina Samantaray, All India Farmers Federation Secretary Prakash

Madhab Das, Soumendra Prusty, Mahendra Parida, Subasini Bhadra, Bikas Chandra Behura, Gangadhar Mallik, Bidhubhushan Mohapatra, Prakash Parija, Hiramani Rout, Sukant Raut, Suhana Begum, Surendra Barik, Amiya Nayak, Jitendra Jena, Syed Abdul Satar, Jasmine Parveen, Krushna chandra Rout, Ashok Lenka, Jayant Lenka Opposition groups called for the beleaguered PM to resign.



Dillichalo peasant movement has reached its 82 day and hundreds of farmers have died, the Modi government has not been sympathetic to the movement, calling it a "sedition movement" and sending prominent people who support the move-

Congress Leader Prafulla Das, All India Krushak Sabha District Leader Ramani Ranjan Routray, Odisha Krushak Sabha District President Umesh Chandra Singh, INTUC District president Muktar Khan, Nikhil Utkal Gramin

Mallick, District Adviser to the newly formed Farmers Association Ajay Samal, Sarat Kumar Behura, Adikanda Roul, Ratnajay Mallick, AITUC district president Babaji Dhal, Jana Manch leaders Gourang Rout,

Weather changed drastically in the evening on morning, with a slight thunderstorm



(A.O. Bureau) Balangir, Feb 19: The weather changed drastically in the evening on Thursday morning, with a slight thunderstorm. It has been raining heavily with lightning strikes. The wind speed was 100 kilometers per hour,

disrupting traffic. Electricity has been delayed since noon due to strong winds. Due to the no electricity from the noon, online learning has been disrupted by various students in the area on Thursday February 18.

Close Shave For Bus Passengers As Truck Falls Off Bridge In Keonjhar

(A.O. Bureau) Keonjhar, Feb 19: Around 50 passengers onboard a bus had a narrow escape as a truck skidded off the road, fell off an overbridge, and turned turtle in front of the bus near Salapada in Odisha's Keonjhar district, today. The truck was travelling on the overbridge while the bus was moving on the adjacent service road. The incident was caught on a CCTV camera. Presence of mind on the part of the bus driver averted a certain



major mishap and saved lives of many as he applied brakes properly and managed to stop the vehicle before the iron ore-laden truck

could fall entirely on the Bhubaneswar-bound bus that was carrying passengers from Karanjia in Mayurbhanj district.

The bus cabin was damaged in the mishap while the bus conductor, truck driver, and few passengers sustained injuries.

Absconding Teacher Arrested In Fake Certificate Case

(A.O. Bureau) Nabarangpur, Feb 19: A teacher, who was at large in connection with a fake certificate case in Nabarangpur district, was apprehended in Bhadrak district. The accused has been identified as Srikant Dalei. He was booked for allegedly producing fake certificate for job in an upper primary school in Nabarangpur district.

vice, his fraudulent act came to fore during verification of documents. Source said that the B.Ed certificate submitted to the authorities for appointment was found duplicate during verification. Taking action against the teacher for fraudulence, the BEO of Kosagumuda had lodged a complaint at the Kodinga Police Station on March 7,



Dalei was working as the Sikhya Sahayak at the Project UP School in Baktiguda village under Kosagumuda Block in Nabarangpur district. According to reports, Dalei was posted as the Sikhya Sahayak in the year 2013. After completion of six years in ser-

2020. Since then, he was absconding. After one year, the accused was nabbed from Banasar village under Dhamanagar police limits in Bhadrak district. The accused was produced before the Civil and Session's Court in Nabarangpur district today.

Nuapada Farmer Attempts Suicide After Failing To Sell Paddy At Mandi

(A.O. Bureau) Nuapada, Feb 19: A 33-year-old farmer in Nuapada district attempted suicide today by consuming pesticide in his field after allegedly failing to sell his paddy at the mandi. The farmer identified as Romanchan Dandsena of Dhingiamunda village in Kendumunda gram panchayat under Sinapalli block in Nuapada district who

was found by his family members in a critical condition in his farmland after consuming poison was initially rushed to the Primary Health Centre at Saradhapur and was shifted to Khariar Sub-Divisional Hospital after being provided with first aid. Later as his condition deteriorated he has been admitted to the district headquarters hospital here. According to reports, 85 bags of paddy



belonging to Romanchan are lying at Kendumunda mandi. He failed to sell his paddy as the validity of the token issued to him for selling his paddy at the mandi had expired. The token issued to him was valid from January 17 to February 17. His wife Krushna Dandsena has said that her husband on losing the balance of his mind attempted suicide as the validity of his token had elapsed.

MV Act Violation: Two Minor Riders Fined Rs 52,000 In Jagatsinghpur

(A.O. Bureau) Jagatsinghpur, Feb 19: The Regional Transport Office (RTO) in Jagatsinghpur district on Friday imposed a penalty of Rs 26,000 each on two underage riders for violation of traffic rules under the new MV Act. The minor duo, a boy and a girl, were caught riding vehicles without wearing helmets at Paradip. They are reportedly in the age group of 15-16. While a fine of Rs 25,000 each

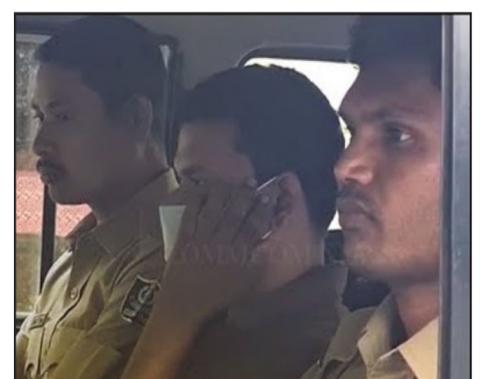
was imposed on them under Section 199A (2) (offences by juveniles) of MV Act, another Rs 1000 each was levied under Section 194D (not wearing of protective head gear as per standard). The challan was issued by traffic inspector Prasanta Kumar Mohapatra. On January 19, a minor boy in Pallahara under Angul district was fined Rs 26,000 by the Junior Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI) of Talcher RTO.

School Teacher Circulates Obscene Video Of Woman On Social Media, Arrested

(A.O. Bureau) Jaipatna, Feb 19: Jaipatna police have arrested a primary school teacher for allegedly circulating obscene and defamatory video clips of a woman on social media. The accused identified as Hanumata Majhi of Bijmara village under Jaipatna police limits, who works as a teacher

in Pipaljhar Primary School under Kalampur block was arrested on Thursday on the basis of a complaint lodged by a 35-year-old female of Behernsil village which also comes under Jaipatna police limits. According to the police, Majhi had formed a 'Desi Maal Group' on social media

platform Whatsapp and had posted obscene videos and pictures of the woman. Following the complaint by the woman concerned, police identified the accused and arrested him. Police have also seized the mobile phone used by the accused. Police have forwarded Majhi to court.



Revisiting Bigg Boss 14 finalist Rubina Dilaik's journey: Of battles with herself and the world



New Delhi, Feb 19: When TV star Rubina Dilaik entered the controversial show Bigg Boss 14, everyone assumed it is going to be an easy ride for her. The audience, including the contestants, referred to her as 'Colors TV's child.' However, things did not go as per plan. In her journey of more than four months, Rubina did not leave a single opportunity to get closer to the audience by revealing her real self. The actor, who entered the show with her husband Abhinav Shukla, is one of the finalists of the fourteenth season. As the reality show is coming to an end, we give a throwback of her journey in the house by reliving some iconic moments: At the outset, Rubina and

Abhinav appeared as an introvert couple. They took their own time to open up to other contestants. But whenever Rubina had the opportunity to help someone else, she did not think twice. This, however, landed her in trouble several times. In her journey of over 100 days, Bigg Boss called out Rubina for bending house rules as per her terms, competing against Bigg Boss more than the contestants and so on. Initially, Eijaz Khan and Rahul Vaidya had issues with Rubina Dilaik's body language and gestures. Over the four months of the show, the three were involved in several heated arguments. In fact, in one of the tasks, Rahul even tagged her as the

teacher of Bigg Boss because of her demeanour. As weeks passed by, Jasmin Bhasin, who was closest to Rubina, called her out for her elitist behaviour. Even Salman Khan, during a Weekend Ka Vaar episode, told housemates that Rubina's body language reflects that in her head, she is always right. At the beginning of the show, Rubina and Jasmin were inseparable. They bonded like sisters. However, things soon turned sour. First, Salman tagged Jasmin as Rubina's puppet. Later, Bigg Boss' Panchayat task brought out differences between the two, and this refused to be mended irrespective of the fact that Abhinav was Jasmin's

source of strength and Aly Goni (Jasmin's best friend-now-boyfriend) was close to Rubina. When Jasmin was evicted from the show, Rubina was upset that they never got the chance to make their relationship better, but when the former contestant re-entered the show as Aly's support, Jasmin made it clear that she is not going to be friends with Rubina anymore. During a task, the contestants were supposed to reveal secrets in order to protect themselves from evictions. When Rubina opened up, the housemates and audience were shocked. Rubina revealed that she and Abhinav were on the verge of getting a divorce and that the two had given them-

selves the ultimatum of six months to work on their relationship. She revealed that Bigg Boss was the second chance that came to them at the right time and it gave them the opportunity to spend time together. Kavita Kaushik was one of the wildcard contestants in Bigg Boss season 14. The FIR actor, during her clash with Rubina, claimed that she has no idea of Abhinav's reality. Right after the actor walked out of the show, following the ugly break out with Rubina, her husband Ronnit Biswas took to Twitter and revealed that Abhinav Shukla was an alcoholic and has also sent messages to Kavita at odd hours. When Rubina and Abhinav were informed of by one of the contestants, they spoke about taking legal action against the couple. However, before the matter could escalate, Salman Khan gave an opportunity to Abhinav-Rubina and Kavita-Ronnit to sort out their differences and misunderstanding during one of the Weekend Ka Vaar. Regardless, the episode kept haunting Abhinav and Rubina's relationship and their mental well-being in one or the other way.

Disha Patani Slays in Pink Lehenga at BFF's Wedding, Tiger Shroff has This to Say

New Delhi, FEB 19: In her latest Instagram posts and stories, Disha Patani has shared snaps of her look for the wedding. Disha Patani had recently attended her best friend, Subhransu Sekhar Biswal's wedding ceremony. She had been regularly sharing the updates from his big day on her social media. In her latest Instagram posts and stories, Disha has shared snaps of her look for the wedding. Disha chose a pastel pink lehenga for the occasion. To complete her look, the actress opted for Punjabi jutti and a floral diamond necklace. Ever since she has posted the pictures, the internet has not been able to keep calm. Her post in less than 15 hours has crossed one million likes benchmark. In the gorgeous

carousel of images, one can get a complete view of Disha's look from top to toe. She has beautifully and aesthetically posed for the photos which have been clicked in an outdoor space. Her friends and fans, who were in absolute admiration of her beauty and the wedding look, have dropped heart and fire emojis. Her rumoured boyfriend Tiger Shroff's sister, Krishna Shroff has commented with a star eye emojis on the post. Taking to her Instagram stories, Disha shared a twirl boomerang video of herself in the pink lehenga. The clip has been shot in a backdrop of a royal looking place with beautiful arches. The actress has also shared a selfie in the same outfit. In the photo, one can see that

she has chosen to keep her make up light and hair muffled. In the caption, she has revealed that the hair and make up have both been done by her. The stunning picture has left her insta fam, including her rumoured boyfriend Tiger Shroff, in awe of her. Tiger ended up commenting a fire emoji on her post, while her good friend Elli Avram wrote, "OMG Gorgeous." Previously, she had also shared a snap of her best friend along with his wife, Upasna Lalatendu Mohapatra from their wedding day. She wrote, "Congratulations my best friend and the most beautiful bride." Reacting to the post, Upasna said, "Thank you, Disha, for everything."



Erica Fernandes Has a Worried Reaction to Parth Samthaan's Latest Pic, 'You've Lost So Much Weight'



New Delhi, Feb 19: One of the most-loved pairs of the Indian small screen, Parth Samthaan and Erica Fernandes continue to garner affection from fans off-screen. Anurag and Prerna in Kasautii Zindagii Kay mesmerized the audience with their chemistry. Since the show went off-air, fans have been waiting with bated breath for the duo to collaborate. Although there has been no official word on the same, Parth and Erica have delighted their admirers with their strong bond and friendship. Recently, Parth shared a picture of himself on his official Instagram handle. The handsome television star looked dapper in his new avatar. For the click, Parth opted for a co-ord

set featuring a white and blue striped shirt and trousers. Many fans of Parth appeared in the comments section to compliment him on his changed and improved look. However, it was Erica's comment that took the cake. She was stunned to see her former co-star's massive transformation and dropped a concerned comment. "You have lost so much weight," wrote Erica followed by surprise emojis. If you happen to scroll Parth's Instagram page, you will find a host of new photographs of the actor wherein he is flaunting his well-toned body. Parth is on his way to fitness and has undergone weight loss. He has been eating healthy and heavily training to be in the best

shape for his character in his digital debut. Meanwhile, on the work front, Parth's latest music video was a huge hit among his fans. The music video titled Pehle Pyaar Ka Pehla Gham was sung by Jubin Nautiyal and Tulsi Kumar, and also featured Khushali Kumar. He will soon be seen in the lead in ALT Balaji's forthcoming web-series titled Mai Hero Boll Raha Hu. Erica, on the other hand, featured in two music videos last year. The first one titled Judaa Kar Diya, co-starring Harshad Chopda, was sung by Stebin Ben. The second music video, Maula sung by Papon, featured Sushmita Sen's boyfriend, model Rohman Shawl.

Understanding Preservation of Fertility in Cancer Patients

New Delhi, Feb 19: Advances in Oncofertility has given a lot of hope to preserve future fertility and reproductive health and form the cornerstone of managing cancer patients. Fertility preservation has become increasingly familiar to cancer patients to improve the quality of life. Oncofertility is a term created for fertility preservation in cancer patients. It is a process of protecting eggs, sperm, or reproductive tissues so that a cancer patient can use them to have children in the future. Dr Pankaj Talwar, Head - Medical Services, Birla Fertility & IVF suggest these can help a patient to reproduce when they have overcome cancer. CAN CANCER CAUSE INFERTILITY? Cancer treatment can often cause infertility in both men and women. The effects might be temporary or permanent. The likelihood that cancer treatment will harm the fertility depends on the type and the stage of cancer, type of cancer treatment provided, and the patient's age at the time of treatment. However, there are certain techniques like egg freezing, embryo freezing, donor eggs, donor sperms, ovarian tissue

freezing etc which can help in preserving fertility. CANCER TREATMENTS THAT CAN CAUSE INFERTILITY: Surgery- Fertility can be harmed by the surgical removal of testicles, uterus, or ovaries. Chemotherapy- Older women who receive chemotherapy are more likely to become infertile than younger women. The effects also depend on the prescribed medications. Radiation- Radiation can be more harmful to fertility than chemotherapy, depending on the location and size of the radiation field and the dose given. Other cancer therapies- Hormone therapies used to treat certain cancers, including breast cancer in women, can affect fertility. But the effects are often reversible. Once treatment stops, fertility might be restored. HOW CAN CANCER PATIENTS STORE THEIR GAMETES? Egg and sperm freezing gives women and men the power to delay child-bearing to a later stage. They can choose to store their gametes when they are in their 20s to early 30s as this is a stage when the gametes are healthy and more in number. The procedure first starts with a consul-

tation with an oncologist and a fertility specialist who can take the patient through the whole process. These patients may be young who currently do not have children but plan to start a family in the future. The other patients include those who already have children and would like to plan another child later in life. HOW IS THIS PROCESS DONE? Females undergo a few tests and are then injected with hormones to produce several eggs inside the ovary. This is detected by an ultrasound and multiple eggs may develop inside the ovary. It is suggested that at least 15 eggs are extracted and stored to increase the chances of a successful pregnancy in future. Men also undergo tests to determine the quality and quantity of their sperms. A semen sample is required and stored inside vials at -196°C in liquid nitrogen. Egg and sperm freezing may be performed using cryoprotectants so that harmful ice crystals do not take place during storage. Gametes, once frozen can be preserved for 10-20 years, and people can choose to use them when they are mentally and physically ready to have children. MANAGING INFERTILITY RELATED STRESS AFTER CANCER

Many patients undergo infertility related stress, and seek support from friends, family, or one of the many infertility support groups now available in person and online. They can also refer to: Counselling sessions- Patients can take counselling sessions with experts including oncologists and psychologists who can help reduce their stress and improve quality of life. Relaxation techniques- Given that infertility and its treatment often cause considerable stress, doctors recommend various relaxation techniques including mindfulness meditation, deep breathing, and yoga to promote stress management. THE SOCIAL

STIGMA INVOLVED The topic of infertility, including techniques such as egg and sperm freezing are still viewed as taboo in the country. However, it is important to openly discuss fertility-related problems with experts. Patients must ask about what risks are involved and options available for fertility preservation. Not all patients experience infertility after cancer treatment, however, it is imperative to observe and explore fertility preservation options before treatment. Overall, advances in Oncofertility has given a lot of hope to preserve future fertility and reproductive health and form the cornerstone of managing cancer patients.



Technique, training and tracks: Graham Gooch, who swept India off its feet, explains what makes a good sweep IPL 2021 Auction: Market trumps logic... again

Mumbai, Feb 19: Drooping thick moustache. Beard when the mood seized him. Slightly hunched shoulders. A very heavy SS bat. The '80s generation was familiar with the image of Graham Gooch standing at the crease after dismissing a ball to the boundary — hands lounded behind his waist, bat cradled behind him, as he nonchalantly surveyed the damage. Indians of that vintage primarily associate him with three imperious knocks: a triple hundred at Lord's, a crackling match-winning ton in the second innings of the same game, and above all, for sweeping India out of the 1987 World Cup semifinal. Much before Matthew Hayden, it was Gooch who swept the daylights out of India and made the shot a primary weapon for any overseas batsman touring the country. Gooch laughs gently when asked if he developed the shot for that game in particular. "If only a shot as productive and as risky as that can be pulled out in a hurry, like that!" he says. He did maniacally train for it in the week lead-



ing up to the game as England called on local left-arm spinners in the nets. "There were a few matches played at that Wankhede Stadium in that World Cup. So, we knew they were worn-down pitches, ideal for India's strength. All week, we trained, sweeping away for hours. I knew exactly what I wanted to do against Maninder Singh, who at that time was as good a left-arm spinner as I had seen with his lovely drift and fizz off the track, and the well-respected professional Ravi Shastri. I had to sweep." Gooch remembers studying the Indian field positions from previous games. "They had two covers, a short extra-cover and a man prowling in the deep. A few on the

legside. But essentially, it was a field set for two left-arm spinners around which their game plan revolved. I remember that deep cover fielder probably fielded one ball from me all game." That gentle laugh again. Kapil Dev's India didn't alter the field much that day. "That did surprise me. I kept sweeping, they kept hoping I would top-edge, perhaps." Gooch did once off Shastri but Kris Srikkanth, running back from short fine-leg, couldn't hold on. That was that. Game over. "Some days, your plan comes off, other days they don't." The sweep has been the main shot for the centuries in the ongoing India-England series as well. Joe Root in the first Test, Rohit

Sharma and R Ashwin in the second have all kneeled down to dispose of spin. It also claimed both Root and Sharma, but that's the risk that comes with the highly-productive shot, says Gooch. Even he, in that '87 game, was eventually out to a sweep, caught by the same man who had dropped him. Is the shot entirely pre-meditated? "Semi-premeditated, I would say," Gooch explains that prefix, "You are thinking about it before the ball and play it only when the ball meets the right criteria — the right length and line, depending on the field. So, the shot is in my mind as I set up in the crease and as soon as the bowler delivers, I make up my mind to sweep or not. For that, you have to be able to

pick the length quickly, the type of turn from the hand — in that semi-final, for example, I had to see if it was the arm-ball or the conventional turner." Depending on the line and the turn, the front leg should move. "If it's outside off and on a length, I would go across, towards the ball. If, as Shastri did a few times, bowl from over the wicket and around leg-stump in the rough, I would place my front leg outside the line, outside leg-stump and sweep it from there." However, Gooch believes the sweep shot should be used in unison with a compact defensive technique. "Else, it's a shot of desperation and ceases to be a percentage shot. The most important thing is to have confidence in your defensive technique. Sweep then becomes the tool to disrupt length, rotate strike, hit boundaries, and frustrate a spin attack. It's then you see spinners lose it a bit: the pace starts to get erratic, the lengths and lines change frequently, and they tend to lose their dip and loop. But for that, the defence needs to be compact."

Kolkata, Feb 19: South African all-rounder Chris Morris is 33, last featured in an international game in 2019, is outside the top 20 in the ICC ratings for all-rounders. He is no longer wanted in the Big Bash League; played nine games in the previous edition of the Indian Premier League, wherein he scored just 34 runs and snaffled 11 wickets. His recent numbers and injury history suggested a man stuttering towards the back end of his career. Yet, he set afire a bidding war and emerged the most expensive player in the league's history, when Rajasthan Royals doled out Rs 16.25 crore to acquire his services. If that sounds logic-defying, Royal Challengers Bangalore expended Rs 15 crore to purchase the untested New Zealand all-rounder Kyle Jamieson, before they staved off fierce pursuit from Chennai Super Kings for Australia's inconsistent all-rounder Glenn Maxwell, who they swooped for Rs 14.25 crore. Likewise, Mumbai Indians were willing to dispense Rs 5 crore for Nathan Coulter-Nile, Delhi Capitals Rs 5.25 crore for Tom Curran and Punjab Kings Rs 4.20 crore for Moises Henriques. None of them are cricketing immortals. At the same time, the No. 1-ranked T20I batsman in the world, England's Dawid Malan, went for his base price of Rs 1.5 crore, and Australian stalwart Steve Smith fetched just Rs 2.20 crore without any raised eyebrows. Some big-hitting batsmen like Alex Hales, Jason

shocked about how he went only for Rs 2.2 crore, but to get a player of the calibre of Steve Smith, it's going to add a lot to our squad, a lot to our balance." The pattern does not induce surprise, for this is how IPL auctions worked, where demand and supply, and not always pedigree, dictate the way franchises spend. Overseas fast-bowling all-rounders are the most in-demand stock, and conversely, the rarest breed in the game. So even if they are over-the-hill, injury-prone or untested, franchises are inclined to spend exorbitant sums to gobble them up. Morris would be short of match fitness when he comes to the IPL; Jamieson has never played an international game outside his country; Maxwell is notoriously moody. But it barely seems to matter. "He (Morris) is a quality bowler through all phases of the game, and can win us games with the bat too," Royals CEO Jake Lush McRum said. Predominantly, they would be looking at his death-over expertise. Another franchise official explained the logic that guides the auction. "The entire auction dynamics depend on requirements and utility. If a team is looking to have a certain type of player, then subject to the purse available, it can go big to have him," he had told this paper. The rationale was the same behind RCB's decision to buy Maxwell, who has shone only sporadically. "It very much depends on what role each team wants him (Maxwell) to play. In our team, he could be used very much as (a) finisher. Obviously, he is a multi-skilled player, he is good in the field and obviously, able to bowl off-spin. We all know how good a touch he (is in) away from the IPL," RCB director of

riches narrative and a surprise uncapped domestic player getting a massive pay-cheque. That rare tribe of a domestic medium-pace bowling all-rounder, if they are not already taken, too would fetch a substantial sum. A case in point is Shivam Dube, whom Rajasthan Royals bought for Rs 4.4 crore. On Thursday, it was Tamil Nadu batsman Shikhar Dhawan's turn to be a millionaire. He had set his base price at Rs 20 lakh, but Punjab Kings out-bid the rest to pouch him for a mind-spinning Rs 5.25 crore. The 25-year-old comes with a reputation for finishing games, which he had amply demonstrated against Himachal Pradesh in the quarterfinals of the Syed Mushtaq Ali tournament, wherein he smacked an unbeaten 40 off 19 balls. Other promising youngsters such as Mohammed Azharuddeen, M Siddharth and Harishankar Reddy were also rewarded with contracts. Then, there is the heart-warming story of Chetan Sakariya. The left-arm seamer hails from Vartej, a nondescript town in Bhavnagar. So deprived was his background that forget playing, even watching cricket was a luxury as the Sakariya household did not have a television. Chetan's father used to do odd jobs to sustain his family, before the youngster went to Bhavnagar to help his uncle, a supplier of stationery products, who in turn gave him the money to play cricket and study. By sheer chance, noted coach Rajendra Gohil spotted him and enrolled him at his academy, from where he got picked to train at the MRF Pace Foundation. From thereon, he has not looked back. The only bucking-the-trend purchase was that of Cheteshwar Pujara, who

Tempo driver's son Chetan Sakariya misses late brother on the day he bags Rs 1.20 crore IPL contract



Mumbai, Feb 19: On the day he became a crorepati within a few minutes of intense bidding at the IPL 2021 auction, Rajasthan Royals' new signing, Chetan Sakariya, had one regret. Just last month, he had lost his younger brother, who he was very close to. He says that the unexpected windfall of Rs 1.20 crore will change his life but he still felt empty. "My younger

brother committed suicide in January. I wasn't at home, I was playing Syed Mushtaq Ali at that time. I didn't know he had passed away until I returned home. Even then, my family didn't share the news with me. I used to ask them about Rahul's whereabouts and they would tell me 'he has gone out'. Sometimes, they would say he had ventured out to buy gro-

ceries. This absence is a big void for me. Had he been here today he would have been more happy than me," says the 28-year-old left-arm pacer. Life hasn't been easy for this late-bloomer. Until two years ago, Sakariya's father Kanjibhai was driving a tempo to make ends meet in Vartej, a small town 10 kilometers from Bhavnagar in Gujarat. Since the family didn't

own a television set until five years ago, so watching cricket meant walking across to some friend's houses or hanging outside electronic showrooms. This big break didn't come as a surprise to him since his stint as a net bowler with Royal Challengers Bangalore during the IPL held in UAE a few months ago had given him the confidence. RCB did show interest in him at the auction but it was Rajasthan Royals that signed Sakariya. "I was hoping that this time I will be there because when I went as a net bowler for RCB during IPL in UAE, RCB coach Mike Hesson and Simon Katich had told me that I have ticked all boxes to be part of any IPL team. RCB did try for

me but getting picked for any team makes me happy," Sakariya said. His small house was flooded with neighbours and relatives. Sakariya says the phone has been buzzing since the time he got picked. His father never wanted him to be a cricketer until his uncle stepped in. When Sakariya became a regular bowler for the Saurashtra side, he urged his father to retire. "I never wanted him to work, I told him, I will take care of my family. People are asking me, what I will do with so much money, I said, let the money come first. I always wanted to shift to Rajkot, somehow I didn't have decent money to buy a good house. Now, the first thing I will do is buy a house in a good locality," he explains.



Ankita Raina wins maiden WTA title, to become first Indian woman player in top 100 after Sania Mirza

Melbourne, Feb 19: India's Ankita Raina on Friday claimed her maiden WTA title by lifting the Phillip Island Trophy along with Russian partner Kamilla Rakhimova, a feat which will catapult her into the top-100 in the doubles for the first time in her career. Ankita and Kamilla erased a one-set deficit to beat the Russian combination of Anna Blinkova and Anastasia Potapova 2-6 6-4 10-7 in the summit clash



here. The 28-year-old Indian shared the USD 8000 prize money with her partner and earned 280 ranking points, which will take her to 94 from the current 115 when the WTA doubles chart is updated next week. Ankita will become only the second player to crack the doubles top-100 since Sania Mirza, who is a six-time Grand Slam champion. The past two weeks have been extremely memorable for the gritty In-

dian, who made her Grand Slam debut at the Australian Open in the doubles, and also won a round in the main draw of a WTA singles tournament. Elated at her performance and the result, Ankita says the singles top-100 is also just around the corner. "It's been a great week. Kamilla and I played together for the first time. We signed up just 20 minutes before the draw because there was a lot of confusion with the entry list.

Roy, Aaron Finch (third-best batsman in T20I rankings) and Kusal Perera had no takers at all. Punjab Kings head coach Anil Kumble spoke about how an auction "is not a true indicator" in terms of a player's worth. As for Smith, a part of the modern-day batting Beatles, Delhi Capitals assistant coach Mohammad Kaif said: "We were expecting to spend more money on him. We got him quite cheap." Capitals co-owner Parth Jindal said: "It was just incredible to get Steve Smith. We are

cricket Mike Hesson said at a press conference. In that sense, IPL auctions conform to a pattern set long ago. Overseas fast-bowling all-rounders would hog most of the attention and win most of the money, followed by overseas fast bowlers like the uncapped Riley Meredith (Rs 8 crore) and back-from-injury Jhye Richardson (Rs 14 crore), spinning all-rounders like Moeen Ali (Rs 7 crore), Krishnappa Gowtham (Rs 9.25 crore) and Shakib-Al-Hasan (Rs 3.25 crore) and of course, the rags-to-

franchises had unceasingly snubbed since 2014, winning the attention of Chennai Super Kings this time. The last name to go under the hammer was Arjun Tendulkar, whom Mumbai Indians pocketed in the snap of a second, unchallenged. How his career unfolds would be an interesting script, but otherwise, the auction-narrative that played out on Thursday was like any other auction day. The ingredients and flavours were much the same.

Covid19 Vaccination To Rpf Personnel Vedanta sets up Tailoring Training Centre for rural women in Lanjigarh



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 19: As part of World's Largest Vaccination Campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to bring the Covid-19 pandemic under control, Front Line Workers, i.e., Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel are now being administered Covid19 vaccine at Railway Central Hospital at Bhubaneswar. Total of 286 Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel are being vaccinated on 19th and 20th Feb'2021 at Railway

Central Hospital at Bhubaneswar. Earlier, Covid19 vaccination had been administered to the Railway Health Workers including Doctors, Paramedical Staff and other Medical Staff of ECoR Central Hospital at Bhubaneswar. A total of 138 Health Workers in East Coast Railway Central Hospital has been taken second dose of Covid-19 vaccine after a gap of 28 days, i.e. on 17th February, 2021. Altogether, 238 Health Workers in ECoR Central Hospital at Mancheswar were

taken 1st phase of Covid19 vaccine from 18th January, 2021. Acutely unwell and intensive care unit patients and pregnant and lactating women are not being administered with the vaccination as per guidelines. East Coast Railway General Manager Shri Vidya Bhushan had instructed Railway Medical authorities to take enough precautions and care for administering these vaccines as directed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

(A.O. Bureau) Lanjigarh, Feb 19: Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, India's premier producer of metallurgical grade alumina, inaugurated a Tailoring Training Centre at Ashrampada, under Lanjigarh block. The Centre has been set up by the company, in association with Shaktimayee Foundation, which is an apex body of Vedanta's Sakhi Project for women empowerment. It aims to diversify avenues for sustainable livelihood and micro-entrepreneurship among rural women, residing in the vicinity of the alumina refinery unit. The inauguration of the training unit was graced by Mr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, Block Development Officer, Lanjigarh, along with Ms. Mani Majhi, Sarpanch, Lanjigarh and Mrs. Jyoshna Mishra, ICDS Supervisor. Driven by the objective to enable women through skill development and financial empowerment,



this Centre will provide training to the women of the region so that they can start their own ventures and establish themselves as micro-entrepreneurs. In the first phase, more than 30 trainees hailing from various villages in the district, have been enrolled. Talking about this initiative, Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh unit said, "We at Vedanta believe that one should acquire a certain set of skills to become 'aatmanirbhar'. It is the beginning of a new journey for the first batch of trainees towards self-reliance.

They can start their own tailoring centers after upskilling themselves through this Centre and strive for financial independence. Women empowerment is one of the thrust areas of our community development initiatives. This program will boost our efforts towards this end and help empower the women of this region by providing them with a sustained source of income. We are happy to play a part in the life-changing journey of these trainees and hope to see an increase in the number of trainees in the upcoming batches so that we can together build a self-reliant India." Acknowledging Vedanta's efforts, Mr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, Block Development Officer, Lanjigarh said, "I am glad that Vedanta, through Shaktimayee Foundation has provided the opportunity

and a platform to the women of Lanjigarh to grow and be empowered. This project provides these women the opportunity to learn, collaborate and be self-sufficient with a new avenue of livelihood. I am confident that once the trainees utilize this program for capacity building and skill development, they will not just shape a better future for themselves but also set an example for others." Vedanta Lanjigarh, as part of its bid towards women empowerment, has offered many livelihood enhancement, skill development and capacity building opportunities over the years. The company has also taken up several new livelihood projects that includes backyard poultry, mushroom cultivation, horticulture through Moga-Bagicha program, Saura Tribal Art revival etc. During the period of lockdown, it

also encouraged the members of various women's self-help groups to stitch masks for mass distribution, which provided them with an alternate source of income during distressing times. Vedanta's social interventions in the domains of sustainable livelihood, women empowerment, quality education, health, water and sanitation, bio-investment and community infrastructure reach out to a total of 69 villages in Lanjigarh and nearby areas, benefiting about a lakh people in a year. It empowers more than 3000 women from 305 self-help groups (SHGs), provides healthcare services to about 30,000 people annually, gives educational support to more than 2800 students, has planted more than 5.4 lakh trees in the community, and built 500 plus infrastructural projects at community level. Vedanta is the largest producer of metallurgical grade alumina. The company operates a 2 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) capacity alumina refinery in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi district, Odisha), India since 2007 and an associated 90 MW captive power plant.

Asian Paints brings you Lamination Wala UltimaProtek in its latest TVC

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 19: Homes are built with a lot of love and labour and so, those within want their homes to look picture perfect for years together. Asian Paints hence strives to be a part of the consumer journey in not just building their homes but also making sure they look beautiful for years together. The exteriors of the house that are subject to a lot of adversities of nature and Asian Paints UltimaProtek with its Lamination Guard technology provides complete protection to the exteriors of the home from Rain, Dust and Sun, along with 10 Years of Performance Warranty. The new quirky ad for UltimaProtek is directed by the renowned director, Prasoon Pandey. This ad features



the versatile Ranbir Kapoor in a never-seen-before avatar, as a Matchmaker, trying to find the right groom for a NRI girl travelling through a town that takes lamination to the next level and how their search ends at the perfect house. The campaign focusses on how only a house laminated with UltimaProtek stays

truly protected from all elements of weather with the tagline, 'B a a r i s h , DhoopaurDhoolkoAane Do'. Speaking about the new UltimaProtek ad, Amit Syngle, MD & CEO, Asian Paints Limited said, "Consumers are looking for solutions to keep their homes beautiful forever and today's homes are challenged by the

vagaries of weather, right from heavy rains to extreme sun and the new age problems of dust. Over the years, Asian Paints has pioneered technology led innovations through its product offerings to bring to consumers nothing but the best. Lamination Guard technology in UltimaProtek is designed to laminate

their homes and protect its beauty for years to come. This campaign clearly establishes UltimaProtek, with its Lamination technology, as the Gold Standard of exterior paints." Presenting the latest Asian Paints UltimaProtek TVC: Matchmaker featuring Ranbir Kapoor #Lamination Wala Exterior Paint.

WhiteHat Jr Expands Product Bouquet by Launching the 'Create with Math' Curriculum

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 19: WhiteHat Jr, the leading EdTech company that made inroads in multiple international markets by teaching Coding to students through its live online format, has expanded its offerings by launching the 'Create with Math' curriculum. This foray marks the first of multiple new subjects that the company is targeting to launch over the next few months. Currently, WhiteHat Jr's



11,000 strong women-only teacher workforce from India, conducts more than 40,000+ 1:1 LIVE online classes every day on its proprietary platform. Highlighting the importance of the launch, Karan Bajaj, WhiteHat Jr Founder and CEO, said, "At WhiteHat Jr, our core philosophy has always

been to empower the next generation to become creators rather than consumers by channelizing their natural creativity with an engaging curriculum and personalized live 1:1 teacher attention. The launch of 'Create with Math', executed with a unique tech-enabled curriculum, is a logical

next step as we scale up our platform to make each child fall in love with learning. Aligned with our vision to establish the world's largest live learning platform, we are working towards launching multiple subjects to fully enable kids' to fulfill their creative destinies." The curriculum aims to empower children to be Math confident for life by making even the most Math anxious students fall in

love with the subject. Anchored on US Common Core Math Standards, which is among the most rigorous global standards, the 'Create with Math' curriculum will cater to children from class I to VIII in India and across the world progressively. The launch follows a detailed test phase across hundreds of classes that received exceptional feedback from students, parents and teachers.

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The Collector, Subarnapur cum Chairperson, RMC, Dunguripali invites percentage rate bids in Single Cover System & Double Cover System for in ONLINE MODE for construction of different type of works detailed in the table below from eligible contractors.

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6. Date of Opening of Bids: 10.00 hours of dtd. 08.03.2021
7. The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>.

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RMC, Dunguripali

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