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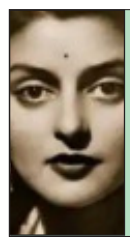
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Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: In the Niti Aayog meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said it is "high time that the country gets out of election mode and allows state governments to function." "Elections are an

essential feature of democracy. However, the hallmark of a mature democracy is that once elected, governments are meant to work for people, beyond party lines. It's high time that we, as a country, have serious introspection on whether we are able to do the same. Every

crime is being politicised, every action of an elected government is being seen from a political angle," he said while describing the present atmosphere as one of the biggest threats to the pace of development and peace in the country. Further, Patnaik

emphasised on women's reservation in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, urging for serious deliberations to take it ahead. Patnaik further pushed for committed and targeted action by the NITI Aayog in taking along regions that are neglected and populations that are vulnerable in areas such as "malnutrition, connectivity, sex ratio imbalances". Arguing that the existing pattern of examinations will eliminate merit in the long run and deny justice to lakhs of children in rural areas, Patnaik also pitched for a re-valuation of the examination pattern for UPSC, NEET, JEE, asking: "Should we not have exams that focus on equality and attracting merit as op-

posed to exam patterns that are heavily dependent on highly paid coaching classes?" Patnaik hailed India's "unified approach" in tackling the Covid-19 challenge. He pointed out that the European countries and the United States could not put up a "united front". Patnaik argued for the "same unified response and inclusive approach to be adopted for all major challenges facing the country in the true spirit of cooperative federalism." He ended his speech by saying that "history will remember us on what our response has been on critical issues affecting our people and the country, rising above political considerations."

Chief Minister Air Health Service To Be Launched In Odisha Soon

Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: The Odisha government will kickstart the 'Mukhyamantri Vaayu Swasthya Seba' (Chief Minister Air Health Service) from Malkangiri soon. A three-member team of the Health and Family Welfare Department visited the Malkangiri hospital and reviewed the infrastructural facilities such as trauma centre, operation theatre etc. Initially the

air health service will be operational in Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Nuapada and Kalahandi districts, said sources. Under the new scheme, critical patients will be airlifted to the district headquarter hospitals. Doctors will also visit patients in remote and inaccessible areas through air ambulance. The team comprising Health Department Director

Bijaya Mohapatra, SCB Medical College Dean Danteswara Hota and Assistant DMET Umakanta Satpathy also visited the Nabarangpur District Headquarter Hospital to assess the infrastructure ahead of the air health service launch. They also discussed with the hospital authorities about the infrastructure and facilities being provided to patients.

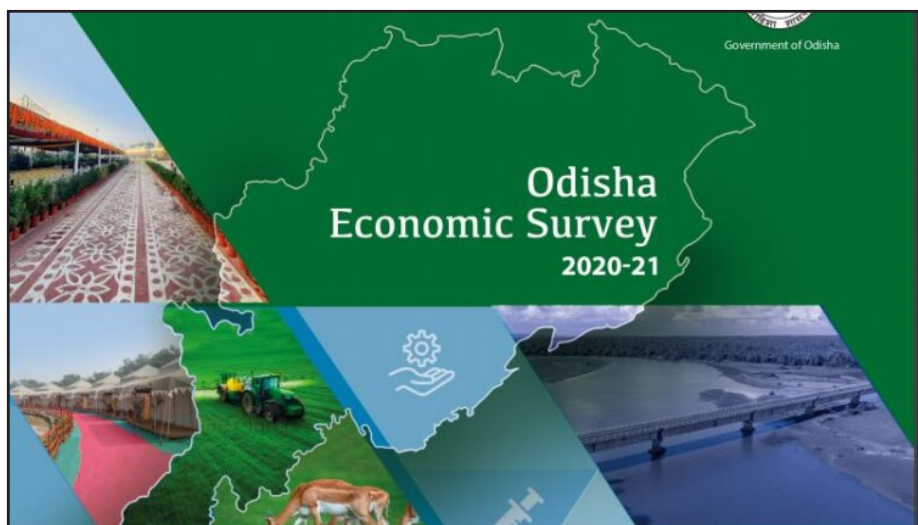


Economic Survey Report Shows Odisha's Growth Rate Will Be At -4.92% In 2020-21

Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: Odisha's growth rate will be at -4.92% in 2020-21, which is better than India's growth at -7.7% during the period. The Central Statistical Organization (CSO) pegged the country's growth rate at -7.7% in 2020-21. According to the State Economic Survey Report tabled in the State Assembly today ahead of the State Budget, the economy of Odisha grew at 7.1 per

cent in managing the pandemic would help the State to perform better. Otherwise the growth rate numbers would have been sharper, the report added. As per the International Monetary Fund (IMF) assessment the world output is expected to grow at -4.9 per cent in 2020-21. The Per Capita Income (PCI) of Odisha rose from Rs 48,499 in 2011-12 to Rs 1,04,566 in 2019-20 revised esti-

mate in 2020-21. Per capita income of Odisha in 2019-20 (1st RE) at current prices is seen to be higher than that of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh," the report added. The per capita income of Odisha in 2020-21 is estimated at Rs 1,02,156 in comparison to Rs. 1,04,566 in 2019-20. The per capita income of the state is expected to decline by 2.30 per cent as



cent per annum during 2012-13 to 2019-20 and is expected to grow at -4.92 per cent in 2020-21. The survey report tabled by Odisha Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari attributed the decline in the growth rate for 2020-21 to the devastating impact of Covid-19 on the state economy. But the resilience of the state economy and effective governance measure

mates registering an increase of about 115.60% over the period. During this period PCI-India surged from Rs 63,462 to Rs 1,34,226 i.e. by 111.51%. "This suggests that over about a decade Per Capita Income of Odisha has grown faster than PCI-India. PCI-Odisha, which was about 76.42 per cent of the national PCI in 2011-12, increased to 80.46 per cent

against the decline of 5.41 per cent at national level. The share of agriculture and allied sectors in gross value added (GVA) of the state is estimated at 21.27%, while that of industry is 36.26% and contribution of services is 42.47% in 2020-21 in terms of the Advance Estimates. The State Budget will be presented in the State Assembly on February 22.

BJP Leader Tears Minister's Written Reply, Throws It Onto Speaker's Podium

Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: In an unprecedented turn of events in the Odisha Assembly, Leader of Opposition (LoP) Pradipta Naik today tore up a reply copy submitted by Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain and throw the same onto the Speaker's podium. The Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister had submitted the written reply to a question raised by the LoP on Mandi issue. Alleging Mandi mismanagement, the BJP members demanded a solution to the issue through an all-party meeting. Senior Congress leader Tara Prasad Bahinipati requested the Speaker with folded hands to



ensure smooth procurement of paddy at Mandis across the state. He also demanded for an adjournment motion to debate on the issue. In reaction, Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro said, "The Minister

concerned today submitted his reply on the matter. Let's wait for seven days, after which he will be summoned to present the facts." As pandemonium continued to prevail in the House by the Opposition, the

Speaker adjourned the House till 5.15 PM and again till 5.40 PM today. The Speaker also called for an all-party meeting. Meanwhile, Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Narasingha Mishra wrote to the

Speaker saying that a statement given by the latter is false which may amount to breach of privilege of the House. "Yesterday, you announced in the House that during all-party meeting held in your chamber, it was decided that the Food Supplies Minister will make a statement relating to paddy procurement. I protested immediately and said that I had not agreed to your proposal for directing the Minister to make such statement in the House," said the CLP in the letter. Seeking the Speaker's clarification on the matter in the House, Mishra cautioned the latter that if this was not done, his party will not attend any all-party meeting in future.

COVID Resurgence: 'Possibility Of Lockdown In Odisha Can't Be Ruled Out'

Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: The COVID-19 situation in the Odisha is currently under control and it doesn't suggest any lockdown in the state for the time being. However, the possibility of lockdown in coming days can not be ruled out, said Directorate of Medical Education and Training (DMET) Director CBK Mohanty today. Speaking to media, the DMET Director said though there has been a surge in COVID-19

cases in some parts of the country leading to imposition of lockdown and night curfew, the situation is under good control here in Odisha. The daily figures of positive cases remain in double digits in the state. However, district administration has been given a free hand to announce containment zone in areas reporting a spike in the cases, he added. "Imposition of lockdown can be avoided if the



people will be cautious. They should strictly follow all prescribed guidelines, including mask-wearing and social distancing. Out surveillance teams

are keeping a track on people coming from other states. But it is not possible to reach out to four crore people. Hence, those having symptoms

should come out to report and consult doctor," said the senior doctor. Keeping in view the resurgence of COVID-19 cases in some states, including Maharashtra, the Odisha Government yesterday directed Collectors, Municipal Commissioners, SPs, DCPs and CDMOs to ensure strict enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour in their respective district/city to prevent any spike in cases.

Time-tested relationship with Maldives poised to take quantum jump: Jaishankar



New Delhi, Feb 20: India's time-tested relationship with the Maldives is poised to take a quantum jump, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday as he held talks with his Maldivian counterpart Abdulla Shahid and discussed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation and handed over 100,000 additional doses of Covid-19 vaccine to the country. The two ministers discussed Covid-19 recovery, various projects being undertaken under Indian assistance, and cooperation in multilateral platforms. The two sides witnessed the exchange of agreements on a wide range of domains the two countries are working on together, including fish processing,

public broadcasting, sustainable urban development, road infrastructure and housing. Jaishankar said the signing of these agreements is emblematic of the strong and multi-faceted development partnership between the two countries. Jaishankar, who arrived here on the first leg of his two-nation tour that will also take him to Mauritius, handed over 100,000 additional doses of Covid-19 vaccine to the Foreign Minister and Health Minister Kerafa Naseem. India last month had provided 1,00,000 doses of Covishield vaccine, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII), to the Maldives as part of India's grant assistance. "Our time-tested relationship is

posed today for a quantum jump, scaling new heights and touching the lives of the people like never before," Jaishankar said. "We are partners in development but also in promoting peace and security in the region," he said at a joint press conference with his Maldivian counterpart. He said Maldives enjoy a central position in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Neighbourhood First Policy.' "India's first and largest Covid-19 vaccine support was given to the Maldives. It is the first country where India-made vaccines landed," he said. He said India has looked beyond post-Covid economic recovery and India's air travel bubble with the Maldives contributed significantly in reviving

the tourism sector. "An extraordinarily deep partnership reaffirmed. Comprehensive talks with FM @abdulla_shahid. Deeply appreciate our close cooperation during Covid. Agreed to look beyond at post-pandemic economic recovery," Jaishankar tweeted after the talks with Shahid. After the talks, Shahid said they had a productive meeting and the two sides discussed several issues, including projects being carried out with Indian financial support, Covid-19 pandemic and recovery, consular matters and multilateral co-operation. Later, speaking at an event at Ekuveni Stadium here Jaishankar offered a USD 40 million Line of Credit to the Maldives in a bid to boost the sports infrastructure of the country. He said that India acknowledges the high priority accorded by President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih to sports... and India is privileged to be a partner in that effort. "I am happy to announce that in order to support the development of sports infrastructure to fulfil the interests and aspira-

tions of the Maldivian people, India has offered a standalone Line of Credit of USD 40 million for sports infrastructure in the Maldives," Jaishankar said. He said that the Maldivian people have tremendous sporting talent. "India is a trusted and reliable partner," the minister said in his address. Jaishankar is visiting the Maldives at the invitation of Shahid. It is his second official visit to the Maldives, following his visit to attend the 5th Indian Ocean Conference in 2019. According to the Maldivian Foreign Ministry, Jaishankar, during his visit, will inaugurate some projects undertaken with Indian grant assistance and witness the exchange of several agreements and MoUs between the two countries. In the Maldives, Jaishankar will call on President Solih and have substantive discussions with the ministers for defence, finance, economic development and planning and infrastructure, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement in New Delhi earlier this week.

PM Modi chairs NITI Aayog meet, says reforms needed to provide funds, technology for farm sector

New Delhi, Feb 20: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday said farmers need better infrastructure and modern technology for which reforms and investment are very important. Speaking at the 6th meeting of Governing Council of NITI Aayog, he said many commodities such as vegetable oils that India imports in large quantities can be lo-

capacities in in agriculture sector is very important, for which we need to promote investment, he said. "Our farmers need necessary economic support, better infrastructure, modern technology for which reforms are very important. Recently, many such reforms have been done which reduce regulation, and minimise intervention of the government,"

service delivery at grassroots level and health and nutrition. "In the Covid period, we saw how Centre and states came together to work, the nation succeeded and a good image of India was built before the entire world. Friends, today, as we complete 75 years of independence, this governing council meet becomes even more significant," he said. He asked state



cally produced and farm sector can become a large exporter in many products. He urged states to prepare their agro climatic regional planning strategies, which would help farmers. "Our agriculture sector is full of opportunities but still there are some truths we need to accept. We may be called a krishi pradhan desh (agriculture-based country) but despite that we import vegetable oil worth Rs 65,000-70,000 crore. We can stop this, this money can go to our farmers. Our farmer is the claimant of this money. But this can be stopped and our farmers can produce many such products not only for our country but supply to the world. But this would require us to form policies in that direction," he said in his opening remarks at the meeting being attended by state governments. Building storage or processing

he said. Arguing that the central government has recently eliminated more than 1500 laws to minimise policy intervention, he argued that states should also reduce compliance burden for our citizens for Ease of Living. Stressing that the export potential in the agriculture sector is vast, he argued that many coastal states can promote export of processed fish at a large scale and many such products can be exported. Modi said there is a need for competitive, cooperative federalism not only among states but also districts so that development remains a prime theme. He said that the agenda points for today discussions have been shortlisted keeping in top priorities of country in mind. The agenda of the meeting includes deliberations on agriculture, infrastructure, manufacturing, human resource development,

governments to take advantage of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to attract maximum possible investments. He said the recent Budget has created a positive momentum towards growth and the spending on infrastructure sector will help economy at many levels in creating a multiplier effect and boosting employment opportunities. "The kind of positive response received for this year's Budget has expressed the mood of the nation. The country has made up its mind that it wants to progress rapidly and the country doesn't want to lose time now. The youth is playing a major role in setting the mood of the nation," he said. Modi also stressed the need to need to strengthen MSMEs and startups and urged state governments to shortlist local products in various districts that can be promoted.

CM Sarbananda Sonowal appeals to PM for special exemption to Assam



Guwahati, Feb 20: Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Saturday appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for special exemption to the state with regard to requirement of the size of land for establishing any project. Sonowal, who was speaking at the virtual meeting of the sixth governing council meeting of Niti Aayog chaired by the prime minister said that special relaxations must be given for setting up any mega project in the state considering the paucity of land in it. The density of population in Assam at 397 per sq km is higher than the national average, he said. "We appeal for exemption so that the state can catch up with other states of the country for setting up mega projects". The chief minister also requested for the intervention of the ministry of power to explore possibilities of reduction in the tariff for NTPC's Bongaigaon unit for Assam. He said that

NITI Aayog has given the states an empowered role as equal partners in national development. In a bid to contribute to the goal of making India a global manufacturing hub, the Assam government besides enacting Ease of Doing Business Act has introduced several investment friendly policies and created a single window agency which has enabled investors to apply online. Enumerating projects completed in Assam, Sonowal said it has set up industrial land bank and completed implementation and achieved compliance of District Business Reform Action Plan and the department for promotion of industry and internal trade. A multi model logistic park is being developed at Jogighopa in collaboration with the union ministry of road transport and highways. He said the state government now has new land policy and during the last four and half years it has distributed land pattas to over 3.35 lakh indig-

enous landless families. It has also taken exhaustive measures to boost organic farming. As a result the area under organic farming in Assam has increased from 6000 hectare in 2015-16 to 43,000 hectare now. The state government is also taking steps for facilitating ease of export, agri-marketing infrastructure, improving the infrastructure for post-harvest management, cold chain management, marketing linkages, PPCs etc. He said the state government has developed the air cargo terminal at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport to promote export of agricultural products and is supporting innovative and startup agri business and food processing industries. Skill Development and Entrepreneurship are the focussed areas for 'Atmanirbhar Assam' and to meet the skilled manpower globally, North East Skill Centre is being established under the aegis of Assam Skill Development Mission in collaboration with ITE Education Services, Singapore, Sonowal said. The chief minister also thanked Modi for his guidance and support which has helped in the expeditious implementation of the central and state government initiatives in Assam.

India and China hold 10th round of military talks; focus on further disengagement in eastern Ladakh

New Delhi, Feb 20: India and China on Saturday held another round of military talks with a focus on taking forward the disengagement process in Hot Springs, Gogra and Depsang in eastern Ladakh and bring down the tensions in the region, official sources said. The 10th round of Corps Commander-level talks are taking place two days after the Chinese and Indian militaries completed the withdrawal of troops, weapons and other military hardware from the North and South banks of Pangong lake areas as

part of an agreement. The meeting started at 10 am at the Moldo border point on the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control and it was continuing, the sources said. They said India will insist on a faster disengagement process in remaining areas like Hot Springs, Gogra and Depsang to bring down tension in the region that has witnessed a tense standoff between the two militaries for over nine months. The focus of the talks is on carrying forward the disengagement process," said a source.

FIR against Cong leader Udit Raj for 'misleading' tweet on Unnao incident

Unnao, UP, Feb 20: Congress leader Udit Raj was booked Saturday for his tweet over the death of two girls in Unnao, with the police alleging he propagated fake news that the teenagers were raped and their bodies cremated against the will of their family. Superintendent of Police (SP) Anand Kulkarni said the claims made in the tweet were far from the facts emerging in the post-mortem report and the post was an attempt to create anger through "misleading" rumours. The post-mortem report did not confirm rape and the families had themselves cremated the



bodies without any pressure, the SP said, adding that through the tweet, an effort was made to propagate concocted and fake news. An FIR has been registered with the Sadar Kotwali police station in this connection and further action is being taken, the SP said. In

the tweet in Hindi, posted Friday, Udit Raj had stated, "Just spoke to former MP Savitri Bai Phule on telephone. Police let them meet the victims in Unnao after difficulty. The victims' family members said the girls had been raped and the bodies were cremated

against their wishes." When contacted on Saturday, Udit Raj said he had tweeted on the issue after talking to Phule who had gone there. "I have also given reference of Phule in the tweet." He then went on to attack the BJP government in the state. In Uttar Pradesh, cases are being lodged against all those raising their voices, he alleged. In Hathras, when "officials had spread the rumour", no action was taken but "we are standing with the truth and no one can suppress our voice", he said. Three girls, aged 15, 14 and 16, left their homes in Babuhara village in Asoha, around 36 km

south of Lucknow, to collect fodder on Wednesday evening. As they did not return, their family members went out to search and found them in a field. The villagers informed the police and rushed the girls to a local hospital where two of them were declared brought dead. The third girl was rushed to the Unnao hospital and later referred to Kanpur. The last rites of the deceased girls were performed Friday morning amid tight security arrangements. The Unnao police has held two people in this connection, accusing them of murder over a one-sided love affair.

Khordha Municipality Organized BADA KHANA Odisha HC Fines Advocate Without Neck Band In Virtual Court



(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Feb 20: Khordha Municipality Organized BADA KHANA at BDA kalyan Mandap Khordha. The chief guest of the occasions MLA Khordha Joytrindra Nath Mitra flagged off five number of LCV garbage

vehicle for door to door collection of garbage and felicitated the Swachha Karmi, Swachha Sathi, Battery and light commercial vehicle drivers etc. In this programme Collector Khordha Sanat Kumar Mohanty, Project Director District Rural

Development Agency, Khordha, Digant Routray, Executive Officer Khordha municipality Smt. Sweta Padma D. Satpathy, Ex - Councilor Khordha municipality Bibhu Prasad Sahoo, J.E. and Staff's of Khordha municipality were remain present.

(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, Feb 20: An Advocate was fined Rs 500 for not wearing a neck band while appearing in a virtual court in Odisha. The Orissa High Court directed the Advocate on February 15, 2021, to deposit the fined amount with the Welfare Fund of High Court Bar Association and produce the receipt before the court during next hearing. Orissa HC Judge Justice SK Panigrahi stated in the order, "Every profession has certain dress code and people belong to particular pro-



fession are recognized by their attires. The lawyers' dress code is governed by the rules prescribed under the Advocates Act, 1961,

making it mandatory for lawyers to wear black robe or coat with white shirt and white neck band. The Rule framed under Section

49(1)(gg) of the Advocates Act, 1961 prescribes the dress code for Advocates irrespective of designated Senior Advocates or other

Advocates." However, during COVID-19 outbreak, while following the video conferencing mode, the Supreme Court has directed the Advocates that they may wear plain white shirt/salwar kameez, plain saree with white neck band since they were appearing through virtual court. "The profession is solemn in nature and its profundity is complemented by its attire. Being an Advocate, he is expected to appear before the Court in a dignified manner with proper dress, even if it is a virtual mode," the order said.

Patient Among 3 Dead As Ambulance Hits Truck In Cuttack Delhi Police Picks Up Odisha Youth For Cyber Fraud

(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, Feb 20: A patient among three persons were killed while three others suffered grievous injuries after an ambulance hit a truck near Bandalo Toll Gate under Tangi police limits in Cuttack district today. The mishap occurred



in the wee hours today carrying a patient along with five others

from West Bengal, hit a stationary container truck on NH near Bandalo Toll Gate. While one died on the spot, five others occupants sustained critical injuries. On receiving information, police and fire personnel rushed to the spot for rescue opera-

tion. They later sent the injured to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack for treatment. Later, two of them succumbed to injuries at the hospital. The three deceased include the patient and the ambulance driver, source said.

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: The Delhi police today arrested one Sanmay Parida from Baramadhia village under Basta police limits in Balasore district on charges of online fraud to the tune of Rs 54,000. The cops also seized 100 Aadhaar cards, 100 sim cards and a laptop from his possession. As per a complaint lodged with Delhi police, the man had purchased goods worth Rs 54,000 from an e-commerce site and sent a fake payment receipt to the

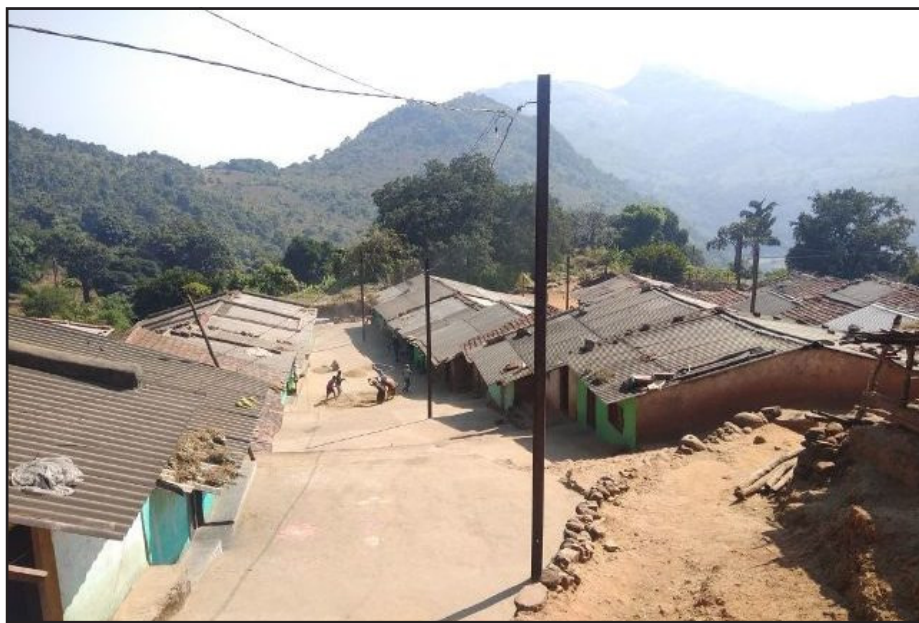


seller. On realizing the forgery, the company tried to contact him over phone, but the accused did not respond. Later, the seller lodged a complaint with Delhi police. After initiating a probe, a team of Delhi police went to

Balasore district and arrested the accused from Baramadhia village. A case has been pending against him at Basta police station in the district. Further investigation is underway, said police sources.

7 Odisha Districts Have Border Dispute With Neighbouring States: Minister

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: Seven districts of Odisha have border dispute with neighboring states. The districts are Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Nuapada, Koraput, Ganjam and Gajapati. Informing this in the state Legislative Assembly yesterday, Revenue Minister Sudam Marndi said the Government is in talks with the neighbouring counterparts to resolve the issue. He further said that developmental works, including road construction carried out at various places in the bordering districts on the instruc-



tion of the local Tehsildar, BDO and other administrative officials of neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, Telangana,

Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and West Bengal have not come to the notice of Odisha Government. However, the Odisha Govern-

ment has ensured various amenities to the people of the bordering districts and making efforts to provide more facilities, he added. He

further informed Kotia consists of 21 revenue villages on the Odisha-Andhra Pradesh border. The Supreme Court recorded in its order to both the states passed on March 30, 2006 to maintain status quo. "Odisha Government has taken several developmental project for the collective development of the disputed villages. A high-level committee has also been formed for review of various welfare programmes. The Andhra Government's claim of taking steps for development of the bordering places is false," the Revenue Minister said.

8 Injured As Bus Overturns In Daringibadi

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: At least eight persons were injured when a bus in which they were travelling overturned near Petarbadi village in Partamaha panchayat under Daringibadi block of Kandhamal district this evening. One of the injured, 70-year-old Dekra Pradhan of Katabadi has been grievously hurt and has been shifted to MKCG Medical College & Hospital. The other injured have been identified as Sunapa Pradhan(20), Swarna

Pradhan(60), Nakul Pradhan(23), Sarita Pradhan(20), Mayanki Pradhan(74), Ignesh Pradhan(18), and Hirapa Pradhan(27) of Petarbadi village. According to reports, the mishap occurred while the driver of the bus travelling to Ranipanka from Raikia lost control over the wheels while negotiating a sharp turn. Eight out of the 12 passengers in the bus sustained injuries. Daringibadi police have launched an investigation into the incident.

Covid-19 Norms To Be Strictly Enforced In Bhubaneswar: DCP Blot On Khaki! 'Drunk' Cop Thrashes Youths In Nabarangpur

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: In the wake of a sudden surge in the Covid-19 cases in some parts of the country like Maharashtra and Kerala, the Commissionerate Police has decided to step up surveillance for the violators of Covid-19 protocols in the State Capital. "The Covid-19 norms including



use of face mask and social distancing will be enforced strictly in Bhubaneswar. People will not be allowed to congregate at one place in any market

places in the city. A special enforcement team of the police will keep a strict vigil on violators. Anyone who breached the norms will be taken to task," said DCP Umashankar Dash. State Health Department has also cautioned people to follow the Covid-19 protocols strictly to avoid any possible lockdown-like situation in the State.

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: The image of a man in khaki has shaken in the district. An official from Dangarabheja police outpost allegedly thrashed some youths in an inebriated condition at Suruguda village in the district. Villagers alleged that some youths were returning home after closing their shops at

around 9-10 pm on Friday. Outpost official Thana Sundar Pradhan allegedly beat them up severely without any reason during night patrolling. "I was standing in front of my shop and doing financial transaction through a payment app on my mobile. Dangarabheja police outpost official suddenly reached and



started beating me and some others severely without any reason.

When our neighbours sought to know the reason, they had also to face

the brunt of the officer who was in an inebriated condition," said Ratnakar Bisoi, the complainant. Pradhan, on the other hand, has rubbished the allegation. "It was the duty of police to do night patrolling which I was doing as a duty officer. I had just asked them why they were roaming outside in the night. I have not beaten anyone," said Pradhan.



MLA Sushanta Kumar Rout in Saraswati Puja Bhasani organised by Baba Akhandalamani Yubak Sangha, Vir Surendrasai Nagar

Onion Prices In Odisha Hit The Roof Due To Rain In Nashik

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: Unseasonal rains and hailstorms in Nashik in Maharashtra, the key onion producing city in the country, have led to sudden rise in the prices of the tuber vegetable in Odisha. The vegetable is currently being sold at Rs 52-54 a kg in Bhubaneswar while the price stands at Rs 52-53 in Chhatra Bazar, Cuttack. Similarly, the price has jumped to Rs 45



and Rs 50 in Berhampur and Khordha respectively. Consumers have to purchase the kitchen staple at Rs 50-53 in retail market in Balasore. The traders in Odisha have attributed the price rise to decreas-

ing supply chain due to rains in the producing State. The vegetable which was sold Rs 2500-2800 per quintal is now being sold at Rs 4500 in Nashik. The Nasalgaon godown- Nashik which

usually receive 30,000 quintal onion has witnessed 18,000 quintal of onion today. The supply has drastically come down due to the rain and hailstorm that caused large scale destruction of onion stored in thatched houses of farmers. The volume of exports to Odisha and other States has decreased significantly leading to a sudden hike in prices, traders said.

EDITORIAL

Chinese checkers

Beijing admits to casualties in the Galwan clash but pins the blame for the incident on India. China, in the midst of withdrawal of troops and armoury from both banks of the Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh, fired yet another diplomatic salvo aimed at embarrassing India. Eight months after a fierce and bloody hand-to-hand combat between the frontline troops of the two neighbours in Galwan valley (Pangong Tso lies well south of Galwan), Beijing has for the first time officially acknowledged casualties and named four officers and soldiers that it claims were killed in the clash. The four have been honoured posthumously, and an officer seriously wounded in the skirmish has also been awarded, by the Chinese leadership. And now comes the twist in the tale. Citing the “bravery” of its Army officers and men, China has conveniently sought to pin the blame for the occurrence of the incident on India by saying that they lost their lives in a clash with “trespassing foreign military personnel wielding steel tubes, cudgels and stones”. India has consistently denied the allegation and maintained that the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) troops, armed with medieval-style weapons like spiked maces, had trespassed across the Line of Actual Control into Indian territory. Then there were reports, accompanied by satellite images taken by a third party, that China has built a village comprising 120 houses five kms inside the disputed territory in Arunachal Pradesh. So, that gets us to the moot point: Who’s not telling the truth in the instant case? For the record, India had confirmed the loss of 20 Indian soldiers and injuries to 76 others shortly after the clash on June 15, 2020, and installed the names of the martyrs who were honoured for their bravery at memorials. Indian intercepts also revealed that the Chinese side had suffered 43 casualties. But so far, Beijing had never acknowledged Chinese casualties. Lies and deceit are ingrained in the Chinese Communist Party and PLA’s psyche. The admission from China comes days after India’s Northern Army Commander referred to the figure of 45 Chinese casualties as reported by Russian news agency TASS. Also, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson could offer nothing better than an obscure reply when pointedly asked why Beijing chose to reveal the casualties after over eight months. Meanwhile, with the troop disengagement at the Pangong Tso now complete, the 10th round of the Corps Commander-level talks are scheduled for Saturday. The disengagement from Gogra, Hot Springs and the strategically-located Depsang Plains is likely to come up in the high-level meeting.

King Cong

Indeed, the Congress has put up a spectacular show in the Punjab civic elections, the results of which were declared recently. The party bagged 1,373 of the 2,218 seats that went to the polls, followed by the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) at 285, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) 60, BJP (49) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (five). Independents won 392 seats, almost the total number that all the registered parties — save for the Congress — could amass. Apart from these dry statistics, there are a few interesting takeaways from these results. First and foremost, despite having its own Government in the State and therefore battling the dreadful perception of anti-incumbency, the Congress has proved its unquestionable hold at the grassroots of democracy in Punjab. The win also strengthens Chief Minister (CM) Amarinder Singh’s position vis-à-vis Navjot Singh Sidhu, who has been canvassing with the high command for the post of the party’s State unit chief, as seen by the announcement of mission ‘Captain for 2022’. Also, the party’s resounding victory has nipped in the bud whatever little hopes of resurgence the AAP was carrying; the Congress’ worst fears about the latter’s renewed momentum (because of its involvement in the ongoing farmers’ agitation) proved to be unfounded. The AAP, the main Opposition party in Punjab, came a distant third, far behind the SAD, which is perceived to have lost ground because of its erstwhile partnership with the BJP at the Centre. Despite the AAP’s good showing in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections and the 2017 Assembly polls, its fortunes had been sliding in the State, but it seemed to have found the surefire formula for bouncing back by actively supporting the farmers’ agitation. The AAP leaders, including party convener and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, have been quite vocal about the party’s ambition of fielding candidates for the Assembly. The party, which was hoping to put up a much better performance by encashing its backing to the farmers’ agitation, obviously needs to do a lot more if it wants to broaden its electoral footprint. This election was being watched closely since it was the first important election in the State since farmers began their agitation and after the SAD and the BJP parted ways following differences on the controversial farm laws. The results show that the break-up of the partnership resulted in electoral losses for both the parties. The results have made it clear that not just rural, even urban voters are angry with the BJP.

The Generals in their labyrinth



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litical Prisoners, the number of people arrested since the coup reached 495 on February 17 and was growing. Further, the Tatmadaw has announced that it had issued warrants for the arrest of six celebrities, including a film director, actors and a singer, under an anti-incitement law for instigating civil servants to join the protests. Gatherings of five or more persons have been banned. All this notwithstanding, the civil disobedience movement continues to swell. Yangon witnessed on February 17 hundreds of thousands of people attend the largest single rally since the beginning of the protest movement. The movement has united nearly 7,50,000 doctors, lawyers, civil servants, railway workers, electricity providers and others, including Government employees working in tax offices and the general administration. Both train services and power supply have been disrupted. Business interests of the Tatmadaw and the Government functions essential to military rule have been targeted. Meanwhile, Hannah Beech points out in a report in The New York Times of February 17 that the atmosphere

in the daily protest rallies in Myanmar’s major cities is that of a cultural carnival. “Graffiti artists,” she adds, “have spray-painted messages mocking Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the Army chief who staged the coup. Poets have declaimed in angry verse. A cartoonists’ union marched holding hand-drawn figures. Street dancers twirled with abandon.” The Tatmadaw, however, refuses to concede the civil disobedience movement’s demand to undo the coup, release Aung San Suu Kyi and others arrested and allow her party, the National League for Democracy, which swept the November 2019 parliamentary election, to form a Government. On the other hand, it seems set on pursuing a course of keeping her under detention by levelling utterly spurious charges of illegally importing and possessing six walkie talkie radios and violating the country’s natural disaster laws. Also, it continues trying to crush the civil disobedience movement with repression, though it has not yet resorted to the kind of savage violence it used to crush pro-democracy protesters in 1988 and Bud-

dhist monks, pro-democracy activist and others who, in August and September of 2007, peacefully demonstrated against the Junta’s nearly two decades of dictatorial rule and economic bungling. Three questions arise here. Why has the Tatmadaw not unleashed that kind of murderous violence this time? Is it likely to do so? How can the rest of the world prevent such an eventuality? As to the first, it clearly did not anticipate the kind of nationwide upsurge their coup has provoked. Second, it is worried about the economic consequences of such a bid. The Generals have extensive involvement in economic ventures which will be affected if the economy falters as a result of domestic disorder and sabotage, and sanctions specifically targeting them. The Tatmadaw may resort to a savage crackdown if it feels that it could afford the costs. Hence the democracies must disabuse it of any such idea, and make it clear that the Generals and their families will pay a very heavy price for any such misadventure. The US has slapped sanctions on 10 current and former Generals who led the coup and three economic ventures. It has also taken steps to prevent the Generals from improperly accessing more than one billion dollars in Burmese Government funds held in the US, and immediate action to limit exports of sensitive goods to the Burmese military and other entities associated with the recent coup. This is a good beginning. While condemning the coup and proposing resolutions critical of it, and supportive of democracy and Suu Kyi, the European countries have not taken comparable measures. They must put their money where their mouth is.

Indian Medicines Are Preferred Worldwide



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India’s progress in medicine and pharmaceuticals has come to limelight again in the beginning of the outbreak of the corona pandemic when ‘quinine’ suddenly became much sought after drug all over the world including the USA and several countries of the Europe. India emerged as the major source of supply of this drug, and this rekindled India’s hope to emerge as the pharmacy of the world. The breakthrough in making two vaccines for COVID-19, further strengthened India’s position also as major supplier of these vaccines to control the disease that has caused unprecedented devastation of the health and economy of the world. The circumstances that have placed the country in the centre of the medicine and pharmaceuticals of the world, needs to be handled ever more carefully, so that India gets maximum advantage with its traditional humane face of ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam’ (the whole world is a family). If the ruling establishment does is with required dexterity a wisdom, India can now become the pharmacy of the world and preferred worldwide. India has been nursing a hope of emerg-



ing to be worldwide in pharmacy for quite some time. Even before the Modi’s Government came to power in 2014, the country was almost self-sufficient in case of formulations. Imports were being made on quality and economic considerations and not necessarily due to non-availability from domestic sources. The value of Imports of medicine and pharmaceuticals products in 2013-14 was 17,944 crore while exports were 6,90,236 Crore. Modi’s Government has had advantage in this affair but could not fully explore it in the last seven year of its rule. The pharmaceutical sector was contributing around only 1.72 per cent of the GDP in 2019-20, though Indian pharmaceutical industry was the third largest in the World in terms of

value. The total size of the industry, including drugs and medical devices, was of around \$43 billion and having a growth rate of 7-8 per cent in drug sector and 15-16 percent in medical device sector. Total exports were to the tune of \$20 billion of which drugs formed around 90 per cent of the total exports. How closer we have become to realise our dream can further be imagined in the fact that India has become the largest provider of generic drugs globally. Access to affordable HIV treatment from India is one of the greatest success stories in medicine. India is also one of the biggest suppliers of low-cost vaccines in the world, apart from the newly-introduced two COVID-19 vaccines made in India. It is because of low

price and high quality. That so Indian medicines are preferred worldwide. Though India is expected to rank among top three pharmaceutical markets in term of incremental growth in 2020, it fails to realise its full potential. True, India is largest supplier of generic medicines globally which is 20-22 percent of global export in volume, it could have been done better, since the ground for it was already prepared by the earlier governments. The Indian pharmaceutical industry is growing at only 15 per cent of the last five years which is less than the expected growth rate at CAGR 22.4 per cent to touch \$55 billion by 2020. The reasons behind much less than expected performance are not too difficult to find out. We need longer-term stable policy environment for the pharmaceutical sector, as it has already been noted by the WTO and other organisations that frequent changes in policy and tariff make trade uncertainties. India must also ensure the world class quality of drugs both for domestic consumption and exports, and also create and environment for R&D to produce innovator drugs. India’s pharma sector and exports may grow faster than even before, but only if Government takes right decision at right time India will betop in PHARMACY worldwide.

Rare eagle bird rescued in Kendrapara Sanjaria cooperative society warns administration against irregularities in rice procurement in Dhana mondi



(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Feb 20: On Saturday a rare eagle bird was found in a flower garden in Ichapur, Kendrapara.

Rashmita Nayak, the eldest daughter in charge of the flower garden this morning for Sri Sri Baldevjew , the worshiped duty

of Kendrapara, was surprised to see an eagle bird as she went to pick flowers. The eagle later took the bird and showed it to his mother at his home in Badabarang. Later, the mother greeted the eagle by saying that the Lord had appeared. Crowds of people flocked to see the eagles as word of this spread. So it is surprising to find eagles in the flower garden planted for Jagannath. Some say it was walking in the garden of Lord Jagannath's excuse, and the eagle came to see the Lord.

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Feb 20: Farmers in Sanjaria Agricultural Cooperative Society under Pattamundai block of the district have been warned by the District Administration to take a stand on the issue of paddy procurement. Farmers are frustrated by the cost of oil and salt, including revenue, electricity bills, gas bills, family health and education expenses, as well as the cost of education for the future. In such a situation, during a visit to the Sanjaria



Gram Panchayat by the Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Board, the Sanjaria PACS secretary were instructed to take the paddy of the registered farmers to the government account immediately on January 30 last month .

Hundreds of sacks of paddy have been lying in the open for months, and farmers have been accused of cheating on Tookan, canceling targets, and failing to meet millers. As a result, it has become impossible to maintain the

mental balance of the farmers. In such a scenario, the farmers, who have received tokens in the next seven days, will be forced to hold mass rallies if they do not get out of the paddy mandis, the farmers concerned, under the

leadership of Odisha Krushak Sabha secretary Gayadhar Dhal, warned A.D.M Basant Kumar Rout. Bijay Das, Subash Chandra Barik, Rabindra Nath Behera, Ranjan Kumar Mallick, Sunakar Behera, Sahadev Das, Harihar Sahu, Babaji Parida, Karthik Chandra Sahu, Bharat Das, Sarveshwar Raut, Makar Charan Nayak, Ajambar Pradhan, Surendra Parida are Registered farmers met the A.D.M ,Kendrapara.

The Legal Awareness Camp organized by DLSA Malkangiri

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Feb 20: Legal Awareness Camp was organized by the District Legal Services Authority in support of the Malkangiri on 20-02-21 at a training center of DDU GKY in Malkangiri .on the legal issue of the "Claim Tribunal agreed Procedure". A long-standing awareness camp for pandemic coronary disease has now been ordered by the Odisha government, with all the coroner's orders being observed, and the



event will be attended by District Judge and District Legal Services Officer, Mr. Rohit Lal Panda, Chief Judicial Magistrate. Mr B i s w a r a n j a n Behera,DLSA Secretary MrAmarendra Nayak, Registrar Mr.

Krishnachandra Nayak, Court Manager Mr. Pranab Kumar Pradhan, Assistant Conservator of Forester Kumari Lily Amanatya, Prof. Dr. Ranjan Kumar Swain and DDUGKY's Principal Mr. Mrityunjaya Shatapati and Staff of

the Training Center and Police Officers were also present at the event. Discussed in detail. Mrs Lily various forest conservation laws have raised awareness about the government's various welfare schemes. The

meeting discussed in detail how the various social welfare services of the legal services organization can reach out to the poor and the role of students in the successful implementation of legal awareness and legal services programs. The event was attended by more than 70 training students who complied with the COVID-19 rules. At the end of the program, Mr. Swain thanked everyone for discussing how the poor can get free legal services and how to be aware of the law.

NTPC Talcher Kaniha initiates Extra Class for All-Pass (ECAP) initiative



(A.O. Bureau) Talcher, Feb 20: With prime focus on education, NTPC Talcher Kaniha started a programme called Extra Class for All Pass (ECAP) for the students of Class X in 3 schools in the vicinity of the Station. This special initiative focuses exclusively on students preparing for board exams in schools, namely- Regional High School, G a n d a b e r a n a , Panchayat High School, Bijigol, and Pabitra Mohan High

School, Kaniha. In order to compensate for the loss in school time due to COVID-19 pandemic, NTPC Talcher Kaniha scheduled extra classes with teachers and also provided necessary test paper books and notebooks to students. To discuss the plan of action in the schools, a meeting was held on February 5, 2021, between all the concerned teachers and the CSR officials from NTPC Kaniha. In addition, a Parent-Teacher Meeting was

also organized on February 13, 2021, coordinated by the NTPC-CSR team to impress upon the parents the need to make their children study at home. To mark this noble initiative, Shri Rafiqul Islam, AGM (CSR) along with Shri Khageswar Behera, Block Education Officer planted a tree. The classes initiated from February 1, 2021 and shall continue till the Board exams in May, aiming at 100% success in the identified schools.

Covid Pandemic: Mask Checking Points To Be Set Up In Ganjam District

(A.O. Bureau) Berhampur, Feb 20: The mask checking points will come up in all blocks and urban local bodies of Ganjam District soon. The decision has been taken by the Ganjam District Administration in the wake of the sudden increase in Covid cases in Maharashtra and some other States in recent past as well as the rise in movement of people. While issuing fresh guidelines for people in the district, Ganjam Collector Vijay Amruta Kulange stated Tahsildars, EO and BDOs will set up the mask checking points where the mask usage directive will be strictly enforced with help of IIC. The enforcement team of the check points are authorised to taken



strict action against the violators, the Collector stated. He further stated a 'Letter of Appeal' from senior officers will be distributed to the shopkeepers and vendors in the marketplace of the district to follow the 'Panchasutra' guidelines. Also, an Appeal Letter will be printed for all household. A 'Covid Safe Certificate' for shops in the

marketplace of all the ULBs will be issued. The strict Adherence of Covid Appropriate behaviour to be maintained and implemented in crowded places such as market, religious institution etc, the guideline added. There should strict adherence of Covid appropriate behaviour in all public/private offices and institutions. Staff attend-

ing offices must wear face mask, ensure hand sanitisation in the entrance of the offices, maintain social distances among the staffs and public visiting offices. The head of the office will ensure 100% covid appropriate behaviour at his/her Office. The guideline further stated adequate testing levels should be maintained as per guideline. Sub Collec-

tors will monitor the daily swab collection progress in close coordination with BDOs. Advance strategy formulation to be ensured on a daily basis to identify new sources of infection. Active contact tracing and travel history of all COVID +ve cases will be ensured by BDOs and Superintendents of CHCs. The Collector directed the ASHA, AWW & ANMs to ensure early identification and referral for testing of suspected cases. Strict adherence Covid Appropriate behaviour in public and private transport services will be maintained. All the staffs as well as the public travelling must wear mask and unnecessary overcrowded in /private transport services will not be allowed.

Three Days After Marriage, Bride Hangs Self In Odisha

(A.O. Bureau) Dhenkanal, Feb 20: Barely three days after wedlock, a bride reportedly hung herself inside her room at Bidabandha village in Dhenkanal district today. The deceased has been identified as Jharana Naik, daughter of Harihar Naik of Kalanda village under Hindol police limits in Dhenkanal district. According to reports, Jharana had married Madan Mohan Naik, a resident of Bidabandha village, on February 17 this year. She was found hanging from a ceiling fan inside her bedroom on fourth day of her marriage in the morning. The Dhenkanal Sadar Police recovered the body and sent for post-mortem. The newly wed woman had psychological disorder, the parents of the de-



ceased have told the police in writing. As per their statement, Jharana had developed the psychological disorders five years ago when she was studying Class 10. She was under medication after consulting doctors in a state-run hospital in Hindol. Twelve days back, the parents had fixed her marriage with Madan Mohan Naik, son of Muralidhar Naik, without considering her mental illnesses.

She was said to be in good condition in her in-laws house. However, due to mental disorders, she took extreme step by hanging herself with her clothes from a ceiling fan inside her bedroom at around 8.00 am on Saturday, father Harihar Naik said in a statement in writing. The bereaved parents made it clear that nobody in family of their daughter's in-laws was responsible for her death.

Pari Murder Case: SIT Denied To Conduct LVA Test On Juvenile Accused

(A.O. Bureau) Nayagarh, Feb 20: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) again faced disappointment in sensational Pari murder case after a local court in Nayagarh district denied to allow it to conduct the Layered Voice Analysis (LVA) test on the juvenile accused. Judge Itishree Mohapatra of Children's

Court, Nayagarh, on Friday did not allow the SIT headed by senior IPS officer Arun Bothra for the scientific test on the minor boy. As per the rule, police or any investigating agency is not allowed to take the accused on remand again after submission of chargesheet before the court. The SIT has filed chargesheet in

Pari murder case on February 15. Prior to it, the SIT had applied for the LVA test. The special committee formed for investigation into the sensational murder case was required to mention about its proposal for LVA test in the chargesheet. As the SIT did not follow the procedure, it was not allowed

to carry out the scientific test to collect more evidence against the accused. Earlier, the SIT was not allowed to conduct narco analysis and brain mapping tests on the accused. The SIT had cracked the murder case in December last year. Following arrest of the accused, the investigating agency had pro-

duced him before the POCSO court in Nayagarh. After he was proved as a juvenile, the case was transferred to the Juvenile Justice Board. As the accused belongs to the age group of 16-18 years, the Juvenile Justice Board transferred the case to the Nayagarh Children's Court.

Tiger Shroff Attracts 'Smokinnnn' Comments with 'Cute Shorts' Photo

New Delhi, Feb 20: Tiger Shroff posted photos of himself posing in nothing other than a pair of cute floral shorts that seemed to take all the attention away from his insane abs. Tiger Shroff always makes heads turn whenever he posts a bare-bodied picture with his enviably fit physique. But this time, it's something else that's attracting attention. The actor has posted a new picture where he is showing off his insanely toned physique, but what's caught attention is the pair of pink floral shorts that the actor is sporting. The actor himself drew attention to it in the post with the caption, "Uhh cute shorts bro..." Actress Disha Patani approved, "Yo broo that's some cute shorts." Actor Rohit Roy commented, "Smokinnnnnn." Take a

look: One fan of the actor wrote "So hot", while another commented, "Definitely the most handsome man on this planet." In November last year, the 30-year-old posted a similar picture but in a different pair of shorts from his Maldives vacation. Tiger captioned that post, "Please excuse the yellow hot pants. Either I've grown or my shorts have shrunk this lockdown." Tiger will next be seen in the action drama Ganapath, co-starring Kriti Sanon. The film is set in a post-pandemic dystopian era. The film has been planned as the first film of a franchise. The actor



will also be seen in the second installment of his 2014 debut film Heropanti. The second installment, to be directed by Ahmed Khan, will co-star Tara Sutaria, who made her Bollywood debut opposite Tiger in the 2019 release, Student Of The Year 2.

Dia Mirza says 'you can always begin again'



Mumbai, Feb 20: This is the second time Dia and her husband Vaibhav have given love a chance,

both of them were earlier married to Sahil Sangha and Sunaina Rekhi respectively. Dia Mirza, on

Saturday, took to Instagram to share a joyful photograph from her wedding ceremony with husband Vaibhav Rekhi. As she posted the photo, Dia shared in the caption, "No matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again. -Buddha." This is the second time Dia and her husband Vaibhav have given love a chance, both of them were earlier married to Sahil Sangha and Sunaina Rekhi respectively.

5 Common Myths About Organic Skincare Products

New Delhi, Feb 20: You may believe that by whipping up a yogurt and honey smoothie in your blender and using it as a face mask will benefit your skin as would purchasing an organic face mask. In today's generation, consumers have become more aware and conscious of harmful chemicals hidden in their skincare products. They have even become skeptical of using skincare that wear the claim of being "organic" and "all natural", often questioning if these claims are just marketing gimmicks or more importantly, if the lack of chemicals may contribute to the skin care not being as efficacious. Jagvir Singh, Founder and President, Refresh Botanicals shares five common misconceptions about organic skincare that will make you rethink your regimen:

Myth 1: Homemade Organic Face Masks and Lotions Work the Same as Organic Products: You may believe that by whipping up a yogurt and honey smoothie in your blender and using it as a face mask will benefit your skin as would purchasing an organic face mask. However, often



skincare brands extract organic molecules from organical, whole plant ingredients. While we're all up for a DIY face treatment once in a while, the ingredients you find in your kitchen can't really compare to the active ingredients found in organic skincare products. These special ingredients are usually extracted at the molecular level leaving behind the most active and potent part for your skin care.

Myth 2: Organic Products are Ineffective: Many people are afraid of change and stick to a product that they are familiar with and have used for years. Unfortunately, many drugstore products have been diluted, watered down, and filled with an abundance of chemical preservatives to extend the lifespan. This means that while the product may offer quick results, you shouldn't hold your breath waiting to see

any real long-term benefits for the health of your skin. Organic products, on the other hand, are jam-packed with vital nutrients, antioxidants, vitamins and minerals at high concentrations that they truly feed your skin with the love that it needs. You'll instantly get that "glow" that is often achieved with your latest smartphone filter except this time it's real! Radiant, hydrated and clear skin. After just a few uses, your friends will be asking what you have been doing differently. Think of yourself as an ambassador of the earth share your secret: The use of organic skin care products has an everlasting effect on your skin health (and even the planet).

Myth 3: Organic Products Need Preservatives to last longer: Highly organic products often require premium packaging that are equipped with airless pumps. This

prevents the highly organic plant material from oxidizing thus spoiling. When looking for organic skincare, look for airless pumps - meaning that the product is being pumped through literally being pushed out of the container.

Myth 4: Eating Healthy is Enough For Great Skin: There is no argument with the benefits of eating clean, antioxidant-rich foods and drinking tons of water. However, a healthy diet alone is not necessarily enough for great skin. While everything you eat does have an impact on your skin, food cannot cleanse away impurities and environmental toxins the way a good face wash can, or provide a protective barrier on the skin the way a moisturizer can. For truly beautiful skin, be sure to eat healthy, exercise regularly, and practice safe, organic skincare. Organic skincare products should accompany a healthy lifestyle for a more youthful and fresher complexion.

Myth 5: All "Natural Types" of Skincare are Created Equal: There is a thin line between "organic" versus "natural" products. Note that we use the word natural

here, and not organic. While many products may claim to be "all-natural" on their labels, it doesn't mean that their ingredients are in fact "organic". Natural products often contain natural ingredients but may contain pesticides and other harmful chemicals. For a skin care brand to be able to wear the claim of "organic", ingredient suppliers have to undergo a rigorous process where they are monitored for many years to ensure that their farming methods are free of pesticides, herbicides and chemicals. Additionally, skin care brands must ensure that their manufacturers follow stringent practices to ensure there is no cross contamination of organic and inorganic materials. In today's time awareness about chemical-laden products is gaining momentum gradually, which is highlighting the importance of natural organic skincare products. This increased awareness is making more and more people to switch to organic products. While more people are making the transition, more become mindful about the use of chemicals in regular everyday products and are adapting to the natural organic skincare regime.

Nikki Tamboli's journey in Bigg Boss 14: Of fights, friendship and fun

New Delhi, Feb 20: Nikki Tamboli was a name not many knew of before she decided to participate in television's most popular TV reality show Bigg Boss 14. She was a lesser-known actor who had worked in a few Tamil and Telugu films. But now, after spending almost four and a half months inside Bigg Boss house, Nikki has become a household name. When she entered the house, she was confident that she could be herself and did not need to fake as she wasn't required to maintain an image like many other celebrities. "I can showcase my personality from day one, while others might have an image to maintain. Bigg Boss is a show where you cannot fake or act. And most of these television actors pretend to be the characters they play. I accept the audience doesn't know me, but I am sure they will fall in love with me too," Nikki told. The 23-year-old won the hearts of 'Toofani Seniors' Sidharth Shukla, Hina Khan and Gauahar Khan in the first week itself. She made her intentions clear from day one: 'I am here to win, and not to make friends or build connections.



And, Nikki followed the mantra till the very end. Today, as the fans of the actor await to see her lift the trophy of Bigg Boss 14, we take them through her journey which was full of ups and downs. Toofani Seniors Sidharth Shukla, Hina Khan and Gauahar Khan were given a choice between Nikki and Pavitra Punia. All three of them chose Nikki as they said she has a strong personality, is more entertaining and has a passion for the show. This is how the model-actor graduated from 'To Be Confirmed' to 'Confirmed Contestant' status. Singer Jaan Kumar Sanu was Nikki's first friend in the house who later fell in love with her as well. But Nikki never reciprocated Jaan's feelings.

She often disrespected him and even accused him of kissing her despite her telling him not to. But, during one of the tasks, Nikki also destroyed her blanket to save Jaan from nominations. Eventually, Nikki and Jaan's love-hate relationship caught many eyes and became one of the highlights of this season of Bigg Boss. In December, Nikki had to leave the house after getting the least number of votes from the audience. Her eviction came as a shock to her many fans who demanded a comeback. The makers got her back on the show along with the six challengers Arshi Khan, Kashmera Shah, Vikas Gupta, Rakhi Sawant, Manu

Punjabi and Rahul Mahajan. But this time, the audience witnessed a change in Nikki and she returned with a different perspective. The actor understood that it is important to build connections inside the house to survive. Though both the ladies entered the show together, they could not see eye to eye for a moment. They often fought with each other, and their fights got uglier by the day. Rakhi often used derogatory words for Nikki and even commented on her character. Nikki didn't take Rakhi's insulting words lightly and gave the dancer-actor the taste of her own medicine. On one occasion, when Rakhi made fun of Nikki's cosmetic

products and her face, the actor told her at least she has an 'original' face and not a 'plastic' one like Rakhi. During her entire stay, Nikki formed only one real bond with Rubina Dilaik. In the initial days, she mocked the Shakti actor for being a 'teacher' and not letting her husband Abhinav Shukla speak but after her comeback, Nikki grew closer to Rubina. She supported Rubina and stood by her during her fights with other contestants. Their bond grew so strong that it was Rubina because of whom Nikki became the first finalist of the show. Nikki has played the game like a pro. Now, if she gets to be the winner or not, will be known on February 21.

Maharani Gayatri Devi's Life to be Made into a Series, Cast Yet to be Revealed



New Delhi, Feb 20: Abiopic series on Maharani Gayatri Devi is in the works. Bhavani Iyer, who has written films like Raazi, Black and Lootera, is writing the show on the Rajmata of Jaipur. Gayatri Devi has inspired generations as a style icon and example of regal elegance. Bhavani described her as an icon of progressiveness when she made the announcement about the series. "It is an incredible pleasure and honour to tell the story of someone so ahead of her times, a leader, an icon of progressiveness, a

true feminist and oh, also one of the most beautiful women in the world - the mesmerising Maharani Gayatri Devi. And there's this amazing bunch of people that I get to know and love, on this journey," she wrote on Instagram. Screenplay writer Kausar Munir will be developing the project and writing dialogues. She posted on Instagram, "Thrilled and honoured to be part of the dynamic team bringing the story of Maharani Gayatri Devi on screen. The modern princess who defied norms, defined grace and

left behind a legacy of change. Thank you and yayyy @pranjank @bhavani.iyer #Juggernaut #MangoPeople." Gayatri Devi, known for her style and charisma, was considered as one of the most beautiful women in the world and a fashion icon. She was once listed among the "World's Ten Most Beautiful Women" by Vogue magazine. The London-born princess of Cooch Behar was the third Maharani of Jaipur from 1939 to 1970 after her marriage to Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II.

New Zealand to travel with 20-member squad to T20 World Cup in India



Wellington, Feb 20: New Zealand coach Gary Stead has said the team could travel to India for this year's ICC World T20 with a 20-member squad because of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The general trend of teams travelling with 15 or 16 players changed after international cricket resumed amid the pandemic as they preferred bigger squads. "The way Covid is at the moment and the way the world is changing so quickly,

I'd probably expect there could be up to 20 people in the squad," Stead was quoted as saying by stuff.Co.Nz. "In some ways, that makes it easier getting the balance you want throughout and having your people who are next in line ready to go. "I think it's realistic to expect that there could be guys selected to go to the World Cup later in the year, who may not have played for New Zealand (in T20s)." The next edition of the T20 World Cup is scheduled to be

held in India in October-November. New Zealand are slated to play a five-match T20 international series against Australia, starting from Monday. "Australia are still a dangerous team. You could argue this is the form team of the Big Bash that's over here right now. "Yes, they may not have some of those names that we expect to see, but when you look through their lineup, they're still class right the way through," Stead said of the upcoming series.

Badminton Olympic qualification period extended till June 15

New Delhi, Feb 20: The Badminton World Federation (BWF) on Friday announced that it has extended the Olympic qualification period till June 15. This came after the postponement of the Malaysia Open Super 750 and Singapore Open Super 500 tournaments, both of which were listed as part of the qualification cycles. The qualification was earlier scheduled to end with

the Indian Open which is currently slated between May 11 and 16. "The Olympic Qualifying period for the Race to Tokyo will now close on June 1, 2021, with the last tournament counting for qualification being the Singapore Open 2021. BWF is working with the IOC to update the Tokyo 2020 qualification system whereby the final updated regulation will be



shared once ready following formal approval by IOC (International Olympic

Committee)," said the BWF in its statement. "Preparations for upcoming HSBC BWF

World Tour tournaments continue as international badminton is set to resume with the YONEX Swiss Open 2021 (2-7 March) and YONEX All England Open 2021 (17-21 March)," it further said. The Tokyo Olympics is set to be held from July 23 to August 8 this year after being postponed from its original dates of July 24 to August 9, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bouncer is a critical part of the sport, believes Kumar Sangakkara

New Delhi, Feb 20: Kumar Sangakkara, president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), insists the bouncer remains an integral part in a fast bowler's armoury, and outlawing it will not guarantee players' safety. The former Sri Lankan captain's comments assumed significance because it comes at a time when MCC, responsible for framing rules governing the game, have already begun a consultation process to discuss whether bowlers should be permitted to bowl short-pitched deliveries.

"Cricket is a sport that requires courage, so it's not just the bumper that at times poses danger to players. The pace of the cricket ball is such that you can get hit on various parts of the body and can cause damage. So, I'm not really sure whether taking the bouncer away from cricket will improve players' safety. I think it is a critical part of the game, one that allows a specific type of challenge between batsmen and bowlers," the batting legend, who joined Rajasthan Royals ahead of this IPL season as director of

cricket, observed. The tragic death of Australian batsman Phillip Hughes after being hit by a Sean Abbott bouncer during a domestic match six years ago was the trigger that initiated a debate on players' safety protocols. The MCC review was prompted when Steve Smith suffered a concussion after being hit on the head by a Jofra Archer bouncer in the 2019 Ashes. Young Australian Test opener Will Pucovski was concussed after getting hit by Indian pacer Kartik Tyagi last year.



How a football pipeline from Shillong feeds top Indian clubs

New Delhi, Feb 20: In 2009, Shillong Lajong became the first club from the Northeast to qualify for the country's premier football competition, the I-League. A little more than a decade later, they are absent from the top two tiers of Indian football. Yet, their presence is unmistakable — because clubs across India continue to reap the benefits of the talent Shillong Lajong have churned out over all these years. From Mumbai City's Bipin Singh, one of the standout performers in the ongoing Indian Super League (ISL) season, to Bengaluru FC youngster Wunngayam Muirang, the first Tangkhul Naga player to feature in the competition, and Goa's Redeem Tlang, over 20 Shillong Lajong alumni have been snapped up by 10 out of the 11 teams in the top division. Graduates from academies set up by Tata, All India Football Federation and Minerva, too, are sprinkled across different teams and leagues in the country. But what sets Shillong Lajong apart is they are a community club feeding other clubs pan-India with finished products. In the process, and at a time when most Indian clubs are finding it tough to sustain operations, they have generated revenues in the



eight-figure range. In 2017, for instance, the club earned Rs 1.47 crore in fees on contracts for its players at the ISL draft. In 2015, they purchased a 20-acre parcel of land, where their academy is being set up. Curiously, being the country's feeder centre was never Lajong's plan. Their goal was just to become self-sufficient. "We didn't strategically plan to be a feeder team. Since 2009, our objective has been sustenance and digging deeper in youth development," says the club's owner Larsing Ming, who is also the AIFF vice-president. "Northeast means lesser revenue opportunities in terms of sponsorships. But with the kind of talent available, we found it prudent to invest in the grassroots." After they got promoted to the I-League, Ming and the club's then coach Pradhyum Reddy came up with a five-year plan, 'Goal 2014'. The objective was to scout

raw talent from across the Northeast and prepare a supply chain for the club that had limited financial resources. "We knew players would leave us for bigger clubs who offered them salaries which we could not match," Reddy, who led them to promotion to the top division, says. "We couldn't compete with the market so, out of compulsion, we started developing young players for our team." Two things helped Lajong. At the time, in the rest of the Northeast, there weren't many clubs or opportunities for the young players to showcase their talent. It gave Shillong Lajong a first-mover advantage, according to Reddy. "So we would take our first team to tournaments in Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim...and simultaneously conduct camps, which would attract hundreds of local kids," Reddy says. "If you are an under-15 kid in Manipur or Mizoram, what do you do? There was no

league there. At Lajong, we would train them, get them a place to stay and find a level for them to compete." They trained them in the 'Lajong Way', with focus on preparing technically strong players who were comfortable in possession. This became an asset since most of the players were naturally gifted with pace. In 2014, when the club had established itself in India's top tier, Ming chose to invest in the ISL franchise NorthEast United. "But immediately into the first year, we decided to opt out as it was too large an investment for a small club like ours to be a part of," Ming says. "We realised perhaps it's better to look at further focusing on the youth development part." But in a rapidly-changing football landscape in the Northeast, Lajong had lost its first-mover advantage. Teams from Shillong, which helped Lajong become what it was, could not sustain them-

selves so they either shut shop or dramatically scaled down their operations. The weakening of local structure in Meghalaya coincided with Mizoram and Manipur setting up robust systems of their own, which aided their rapid growth. With other Northeastern clubs doing better, and ISL teams with more money scouting in the region, Ming realises that Lajong is no longer the first choice for a young player. "Things have dramatically changed. Earlier, the composition of Lajong teams was pan-Northeast. There was not one state in the Northeast that has not had a player from Lajong," Ming says. "It's not as pan-Northeast now as it was five years back. Not because we changed our focus, but the competition to get players at the youth level has increased very much in the last few years." These factors had a profound impact on Shillong Lajong's performances. So much so that the club even got relegated to the third tier of domestic football in 2019. The fall, Ming says, has given the club a chance to rebuild and return to the old ways. In the year they got relegated, a Meghalaya school comprising Shillong Lajong academy boys won the Subroto Cup, the national inter-school competition.

Australian Open: Naomi Osaka beats Jen Brady for fourth Grand Slam

New Delhi, Feb 20: The trouble for Naomi Osaka at Grand Slam tournaments comes in Week 1. Get beyond that at the hard-court majors, though, and start preparing to etch her name on the trophy. Osaka won her fourth title in her past eight appearances at a Slam, emerging from what initially was a tight Australian Open final and pull-

championship at last year's U.S. Open. She also won the U.S. Open in 2018, and the Australian Open in 2019. The 23-year-old Osaka was born in Japan and moved to the United States with her family when she was 3. Brady is a 25-year-old American who was playing in her first Grand Slam final. She had to go through a hard quaran-

net. After beating Serena Williams in the semifinals, Osaka had made her intentions clear: "I have this mentality that people don't remember the runners-up. You might, but the winner's name is the one that's engraved." And she keeps making sure that name is hers. It was cooler than it's been in Melbourne recently, with the temperature down below 70 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees Celsius) and a breeze that made serve tosses difficult for both players, who would catch the ball instead of hit it and say, "Sorry!" The stadium was allowed to be at half capacity — about 7,500 fans — after spectators were barred entirely earlier in the tournament for five days during a COVID-19 lockdown. In the men's final Sunday (7:30 p.m. local time, 3:30 a.m. EST), No. 1 Novak Djokovic will be seeking his ninth Australian Open championship and 18th Grand Slam trophy overall. He faces No. 4 Daniil Medvedev, who carries a 20-match winning streak into his second major final. Only two active women own more Slam titles than Osaka: Williams, with 23, and her sister, Venus, with seven. Next task for Osaka is improving on clay and grass: She's never been past the third round at the French Open or Wimbledon.



ing away by grabbing six consecutive games to beat Jennifer Brady 6-4, 6-3 on Saturday. With strong serving that produced six aces, Osaka improved to 4-0 in major finals, the first woman to start her career that way since Monica Seles did it 30 years ago. For Osaka, that is part of a 12-0 record so far in the quarterfinals and beyond at the majors. The 2020 AP Female Athlete of the Year is also on a 21-match winning streak that dates to last season. That includes a

tine for 15 days when she arrived in Australia in January because someone on her flight tested positive for COVID-19 when they arrived. This was a big step up in competition during this tournament for Brady, who had not faced anyone ranked in the Top 25 nor anyone who previously appeared in so much as one Grand Slam semifinal. During the pre-match coin toss, the silver women's trophy stood on a clear, plastic pedestal not far from Osaka on her side of the

Foundation Ceremony of Establishment of Indian Institute of Law (IIL) National Road Safety Month Observed at UAIL



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 20: The foundation plaque of Indian Institute of Law (IIL) was unveiled by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, Judge, Supreme Court of India; and Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Judge, Supreme Court of India in Bhubaneswar on 20th February 2021. Mr. Manan Kumar Mishra, Sr. Advocate and Chairman, Bar Council of India (BCI) & Bar Council of India Trust (BCIT); Mr. Ashok Parija, Advocate General, Odisha; Mr. Debi Prasad Dhal, Sr. Advocate and Executive Chairman, BCIT; Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Associate Managing Trustee, BCIT and Founder, KIIT & KISS and a host of legal luminaries graced the Foundation Ceremony of Establishment of Indian Institute of Law (IIL) by BCIT at KIIT Deemed to be University. IIL, being set up by the Bar Council of India through its trust (BCIT) with the support of KIIT Deemed to be University, will be a model institute of law teachers' academy for promoting continuous legal education and research along with skill

development of law teachers and practising lawyers. The institute will facilitate young law school teachers of the country and advocates to enhance their expertise, professional skills and acumen. It is the first-of-its-kind in the country. Speaking at the Foundation Ceremony, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit welcomed the establishment of the IIL and commended BCIT and KIIT Deemed to be University for the step. "Change is the only constant in life. Continuing education is important in every profession; it is part of everybody's life. Perhaps, this is the first step which will again imbibe the culture when we will be having more and more such institutes, and more and more the idea of continuing education taking root in everybody's mind", he stated. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai congratulated BCI and KIIT for this very important step. National Law University in Bengaluru set up by BCI in 1988 brought a sea transformation in legal education and quality of lawyers. Similarly, establishment of IIL is also a milestone in the history of Bar Council of India, he said. He expressed confidence that the IIL with the

support of BCI and KIIT Deemed to be University will produce the faculties who would provide quality education to the students throughout the



country. It will also produce faculties who will imbibe the constitutional values among the students, he said. Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Ramasubramanian said that there are currently more than 1000 law colleges in the country producing about 2.5 lakh law graduates every year. The IIL will address disconnect between academicians and professionals, he added. In his welcome address, Mr. Manan Kumar Mishra said, currently there is no training institute in Law in the country to cater to the skill development needs of law teachers and advocates. He expressed his gratitude to Prof. Achyuta Samanta for his generous sup-

port to the initiative. KIIT Deemed to be University is providing all necessary assistance in terms of land and infrastructure for this one-of-its-kind in-

stitute, he mentioned. Mr. Mishra admired Prof. Samanta's selfless service to the society through Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), which is providing education to 30,000 underprivileged tribal children in a fully free and residential setting. "Establishment of an institute of national importance like IIL in Bhubaneswar is a matter of pride for the state of Odisha", said Prof. Achyuta Samanta. Thanking the BCI for partnering with KIIT Deemed to be University, he said, "Though KIIT is a young university, it has been accorded 'Institution of Eminence' tag by the Govt. of India. KIIT is the Winner of 'Awards Asia 2020' in the category 'Workplace of

the Year' by the Times Higher Education (THE). Besides academics and research, it has made significant contributions in the field of sports and social outreach". Legal education has transformed a lot over the last three decades, said Mr. Ashok Parija. "Today, along with engineering, medicine and management, law has become a preferred field of study for

(A.O. Bureau) Tikiri, Feb 20: 'The National Road Safety Month' was observed at Utkal Alumina International Limited, a unit of Hindalco Industries of Aditya Birla Group from 18th January to 17th February 2021. The National Road Safety week is being observed every year by the Govt. The month-long campaign i.e. "National Road Safety Month" was observed across the nation under the theme "Sadak Suraksha - JeevanRaksha". As a responsible corporate UAIL observed the month long campaign for social cause of safety and mobility. All the cross-functional teams proactively participated

This grand event raised its curtains with display of safety banners, Mass Talk on Road safety and leaflets distribution on safety awareness to all the workmen in its first week. Vehicle audit in the project area was conducted by the safety department and training for drivers by RTO Rayagada were conducted in first week of safety month. In the second week, Road safety mass talks were conducted at Power plant, Project and Finance departments. Also, road safety trainings for operators and staffs were conducted by Road Safety Mission, Mumbai. In the third week, vehicle audits were conducted in Refinery area. Various compe-

siasm. School bus and transport vehicle inspection and road diversion audits were some of the major events organized in the fourth week. Speaking on the occasion, the unit head of UAIL, Mr. Beig has expressed that it's the responsibility of every individual and employee to contribute to the safe road culture by wearing Helmets, maintaining speed limits, prudent use of traffic and road safety signals and spreading awareness and sensitising people on it. As a responsible corporate citizen, UAIL is deeply engaged in executing its CSR activities in peripheral villages in the area of education, healthcare, sustainable



in this event within their respective domains to take this initiative further. All the programmes were conducted adhering to strict Covid safety protocol and guidelines.

titions like slogan competition, quiz competition on road safety were conducted for the staffs and employees, where around 100 people have participated with utmost enthu-

livelihood, and rural infrastructure and addressing the issues of social concern, overall UAIL is engaged in 57 villages serving more than 30,000 populations in Odisha.

MLA Lies Down On Railway Track During 'Rail Roko' Protest

(A.O. Bureau) Sundergarh, Feb 20: CPI (M) MLA from Bonai Laxman Munda on Saturday launched a unique protest by lying down on the railway track demanding completion of the much-awaited Bimalgarh-Talcher railway project. Hundreds of CPI (M) activists under the aegis of Bimalgarh-Talcher Sangram Samiti staged rail roko protest at Bimalgarh and alleged inordinate delay in the execution of the railway project. The protestors led by Munda threatened to halt transpor-



tation of goods by the railway unless the rail project is completed at the earliest. "Bonai is a tribal-dominated area. People living here are forced to visit Rourkela to catch trains.

Hoshangabad in MP to be renamed as Narmadapuram: Shivraj Singh Chouhan



(A.O. Bureau) Bhopal, Feb 20: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced that Hoshangabad city in the state would be renamed as Narmadapuram and a proposal to that effect would be sent to the Centre. He made the announcement during the Narmada Jayanti programme held in Hoshangabad on Friday evening. While addressing a gathering on the banks of Narmada, Chouhan asked whether

the government should change the name of Hoshangabad, to which the people present there replied in the affirmative. What should be the new name?" Chouhan asked, and the people replied, "Narmadapuram!" The chief minister then said, "We are now sending a proposal to the Centre to change the name of Hoshangabad as Narmadapuram." The state government will not allow "cement-concrete structures" to be built along the Narmada

river, he said, adding that sewage treatment plants are also being constructed in the cities located on its banks. Meanwhile, BJP workers, led by protem Assembly Speaker Rameshwar Sharma, expressed happiness over Chouhan's announcement and burst firecrackers on Saturday morning. Sharma had earlier made the demand to change the name of Hoshangabad. "This is a historic moment. Narmada is the lifeline of Madhya Pradesh. Hoshangabad was so far named after an attacker Hoshang Shah, but will be known after the lifeline Maa Narmada, which is a matter of happiness. I thank the CM for making this announcement by respecting the public sentiments," he said.

Inauguration of four additional classrooms at St Teresa's School constructed by Tata Steel Foundation

(A.O. Bureau) Joda, Feb 20: With an objective to provide better infrastructure facilities at Joda of Keonjhar district, Tata Steel Foundation, the CSR wing of Tata Steel has built four additional classrooms at St Teresa's School, Joda. The four-room building of St Teresa's School, Joda was inaugurated by Mr Pratap Pritimaya, OAS, Sub-Collector, Champua in the presence of Mr Surjyamani Pattajoshi, Executive Officer, Joda Municipality, Sister Mariatte Prin-



icipal, St Teresa's School, Joda and Mr Rajesh Kumar, Chief Joda, Tata Steel on Friday. These classrooms built with pre-fabricated structures manufactured by Tata Steel's brand 'Nest-In' will serve the educa-

tional needs of the students. It may be noted here that 'Nest-In' is an expression of Tata Steel's vision enabling everyone's access to modern amenities for a better tomorrow. As India surges forward to a smarter time and

age, there is a need for newer, innovative and faster construction solutions that will fuel this momentum. And making its presence felt in the nation's growth is Tata Steel Nest-In through its range of steel-based

modular construction solutions. Offering a wide range of pre-fabricated solutions for industrial infrastructure, housing, sanitation, safe drinking water, portable cabins and lifestyle solutions, Nest-In today serves over 26 states in India and helps create a better life for millions of Indians. Among others present on the occasion were Mr Anil Oraon, Head CSR, OMQ Division, Tata Steel along with other officials of Tata Steel Foundation and teachers of St Teresa's School, Joda.