

Finance Minister Lays Rs 1.70 Lakh Crore Budget 2021

Bhubaneswar, Feb 22: Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari today presented the state Government's 2021-22 Budget in State Legislative Assembly here. The Finance Minister presented the Budget with a total allocation of Rs 1.70 lakh crore, on digital mode. This is the second budget of the the fifth term of Naveen Patnaik-led Government.

Health: A total sum of 9,164 crore is allocated for public health care with an increase of about 19% over previous year. 1,353 crore provided under the scheme Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana for free Medical facilities with coverage up to 25 lakh per family in case of male members and up to 210 lakh per family in case of female beneficiaries. 3500 crore is proposed to convert SCB Medical College into "AIIMS Plus Institute" to provide world-class healthcare facilities over next three years and 2500 crore has been allocated for 2021-22. Provision of 21,572 crore made under Mukhyamantri Swasthya Seva Mission for building health infrastructure and services. 2370 crore proposed for maintaining



quality of sanitation, laundry, security, gardening & lift service in public health facilities under Nirmal Scheme. **Drinking Water Supply:** A massive investment of 212,000 crore for piped drinking water supply projects across the State.

Agriculture: Allocation of 17,469 crore to Agriculture and allied activities. An outlay of 21,800 crore under the scheme Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA). 819 crore provided towards Interest Subvention on crop loans to Co-operative as well as Commercial Banks. 454 crore is proposed towards subsidy for capital investment for establishment of Commercial Agri-enterprises and for popularization of agricultural implements, equip-

ment and diesel pump sets. 106 crore for the Odisha Millet Mission outlay of 21,415 crore for the Fisheries & Animal Resources Development sector 137 crore proposed for the development of Brackish Water Aquaculture, Marine Fisheries, Intensive Aquaculture, and Inland Fisheries.

Irrigation: Allocation of 28,266 crores for Water Resources Department. An outlay of 22,258 crore for incomplete AIBP Projects 795 crore for construction of In-stream Storage Structures (ISS) in all major rivers of the State. 454 crore proposed under state funded Water Sector Infrastructure Development Programme (WSIDP) for on-going and new projects An outlay of 2710 crore for flood control and drainage

work 860 crore for Parbati Giri Mega Lift Irrigation Scheme. 180 crore under RIDF for Jananidhi scheme to create additional irrigation potential

A sum of 2389 crore proposed for completion of 21,000 Deep Bore Wells - 400 crore under Biju Krushak Vikas Yojana for installation of 1500 community lift irrigation projects. 164 crore allocated for revival of 1000 defunct lift irrigation points. 101 crore is being proposed under Canal Lining and System Rehabilitation Programme (CLSRP). 77 crore proposed under Nabakrushna Choudhury Secha Unnayan Yojana

OUAT: 148 crore provided as Infrastructure Grants to OUAT for promoting agriculture education, research and infrastructure.

Industrial growth: 425 crore allocated for development of Industries sector and attracting investment. 465 crore to promote MSME sector, a jump of 86 percent in allocation over the previous year.

Special provisions for Odisha Economic Corridor, Mega Textile Park, Mega Aluminium Park, PCPIR etc. 155 crore financial assistance to IDCO for development of industrial infrastructure.

Already announced Special COVID Package of around 2289 crore to support MSMEs related COVID19 impact.

An outlay of 2163 crore is made for Handloom, Handicrafts, Sericulture and Textile sectors.

Infrastructure Development:

Energy: 1,799 crore is provided for the Energy Sector.

Financial assistance of 500 crore to be provided through equity infusion to OHPC for buying 49 percent share of AES in OPGC during 2021-22 additional equity support of 2225 crore is proposed for OPGC to cover the project cost and installation of the Flue Gas Desulphurisation

(FGD) System. 332 crore is provided towards equity contribution to OPTCL for construction of 132/33.

Roads: 2296 crore provided under Road Development Programme for construction and Upgradation of roads in the State. 912 crore under Biju Setu Yojana for construction of bridges. 600 crore under the scheme Construction/ Improvement of Roads & Bridges. Provision of 2000 crore under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana to complete 4000Kms of rural roads. Provision of 2200 crore for the State Highway Development Programme (SHDP); 100 crore for Biju Expressway to improve connectivity in Western Odisha; 429 crore for Central Road Fund projects Provision of 2781 crore under improvement and construction of RD Roads & Bridges. 300 crore under the scheme Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana

Airstrips: 100 crore provided for land acquisition, construction, renovation, expansion of Airports at Rourkela, Jeypore, Utkela, Jharsuguda, and renovation of Birasol airstrip.

Railways: Bus Termi-

nals: 100 crore for the block level Bus Stand and construction of new Bus Terminal at Cuttack. 100 crore for urban road transport and development of Baramunda Bus stand, Bhubaneswar

Livelihoods: 2,001 crore proposed towards material component under MGNREGA . A Corpus Fund of 2500 crore to facilitate timely payment of wages under MGNREGA pending receipt of Central Assistance for the wage component 1,270 crore provided under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission. 200 crore for creating 11.13 lakh person-days of wage employment in urban areas Heritage Conservation and Tourism Development: Allocation to Tourism department increased by 25% to a record 2500 crore to create top-class infrastructure. 542 crore allocated to transform Puri into World Heritage City under ABADHA scheme 200 crore allocated under Ekamra Kshetra Amenities and Monuments Revival Action (EKAMRA) Plan 200 crore allocated under Samaleswari temple

Area Management And Local Economic Initiative (SAMALEI) scheme 349 crore for the Development & Management of Tourist Infrastructure 83 crore for Publicity of Tourism.

Sports Development: Huge increase in Sports infrastructure development with allocation of Rs 400 crores during 2021-22. Birsamunda International Hockey Stadium in Rourkela will be one of the venue for the Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 and is going to India's Largest Hockey stadium with 20000 chaired seating capacity and among the most modern hockey stadiums in the World. The project is taken up at a cost of Rs 120 crores. Kalinga Stadium will be upgraded with Indoor Athletic Tracks and Swimming pools and High-Performance Centre infrastructure. The project is taken up at a cost of Rs 200 crores. State Urban Sports Development project is being taken up at a cost of Rs 450 crores to provide Indoor sports halls in all ULBs and Football/Cricket fields in Municipalities and Municipal Corporations.

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Anjana Mishra Gang-Rape: This Is How Odisha Cops Cracked 22-YO Case

Bhubaneswar, Feb 22: Police Commissioner Sudhanshu Sarangi, who was the SP of Berhampur when the sensational gang-rape of Anjana Mishra occurred in 1999, is receiving applause from various quarters for re-opening the case and finally nabbing the main accused after 22 years of the crime. The survivor has also expressed her gratitude to the CP and his team for ensuring justice to her. When asked about the idea to launch Operation Silent Viper, the CP said, "three months ago, I had met Dharendra, one of the three accused, at Choudwar jail and later wondered about the main accused. After returning, I collected all old files of the case. I was



shocked to see the brutality done to the woman." I felt bad to see that main accused Biban Biswal, who had waylaid the woman's vehicle and took the first turn to rape her at gunpoint, was not arrested. In its 2010 judgement, the Orissa High Court had maintained that the main accused was not arrested, he added. Another thing that I noticed that Biban was called 'BK' (Baranga King). As a Psychology student, it struck

my mind that the one who used to be called as Baranga King must be keeping contact with his hometown. Later during investigation, we got to know that his sons were receiving money from an unknown source, which gave us a strong lead to launch a secret operation 'Silence Viper'. "Further, I came to know that his family was trying to obtain a death certificate of Biban. This made me believe that the person is still alive. I also heard that he had come and stayed in Trishulia area for some time. We got some wrong information too. My team worked hard during the last three months to find out his whereabouts."

VL-SRSAM Missile Test Fired Off Odisha Coast

Balasore, Feb 22: Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) today conducted two successful launches of Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM). The launches were carried out today from a static vertical launcher from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. Indigenously designed and developed by DRDO for Indian Navy, VL-SRSAM is meant for neutralizing various aerial threats at close ranges including sea-skimming targets. The current launches were carried out for demonstration of vertical launch capability as part of its maiden launch campaign. On both occasions, the missiles intercepted the simulated targets with pinpoint accuracy. The missiles were tested for minimum and maximum range. VL-SRSAM with

Weapon Control System (WCS) were deployed during the trials. The launches were monitored by senior scientists from various DRDO labs involved in the design and development of the system such as DRDL, RCI, Hyderabad and R&D Engineers, Pune. During the test launches, flight path and vehicle performance parameters were monitored using flight data, captured by various Range instruments such as Radar, EOTS and Telemetry systems deployed by ITR, Chandipur.



Dutee Chand to skip leg of Indian Grand Prix athletics

Patiala, Feb 22: Odisha's international sprinter Dutee Chand will skip Thursday's second leg of the one-day Indian Grand Prix Meet at Patiala's National Institute of Sports (NIS) campus due to strict quarantine rules for using the facilities at the NIS, her coach N. Ramesh on Monday. After winning the first leg held at the same venue on February 18, Dutee, 25, had planned to stay back at the NIS campus and compete in the second leg. But strict seven days quarantine rules to use the facilities at the NIS campus made her change the plan. "During the seven days quarantine, Dutee was told that she wouldn't be allowed to use the gym at the NIS. She was also told that she can't train with other sprint-

ers staying in the camp. So, it was no use staying in Patiala," Ramesh told IANS. Ramesh said that because of the restrictions it wasn't practical for Dutee to stay at NIS and train hard. "Travelling to Odisha and then rushing back again to Patiala within a short span of time for the second leg wasn't good for recovery," he said. After participating in the first leg, Dutee went back home to her training base in Bhubaneswar. The 2018 Jakarta Asian Games silver medalist in 100m and 200m events, won the 100m dash in the opening leg with a time 11.51 seconds. Her personal best and national record is 11.22 seconds while this year's Olympic Games qualification time in the women's



100m is 11.15 seconds. "In the first leg she could have done better but there was a false start. It spoiled her tempo and she wasn't able to get into a good rhythm the second time," the coach said, explaining the reason for Dutee not clocking a good time. The focus, says the coach, is now to compete in the Federation Cup starting from March 15 in Patiala. "She would try to come close to the national record of 11.22 seconds," he said.

India and the Prime Minister have been steadily increasing their capacity and capacity to build their own India

Efforts to make East India a sustainable engine of growth - Dharmendra Pradhan



Assam, Feb 22: Self-reliance is a constant strength for India and "It simply came to our notice then. "In recent years, we have significantly increased oil storage capacity for refineries and emergencies," he said. Similarly, under the leadership of the Prime Minister, efforts are being made to establish East India as the engine of growth, said Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Attending a function at Silapathar in Dhamaji, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the

Rs 2,600 crore Indian Oil Indimax Unit at Bongaigaon Oil Refinery, at a cost of Rs 80 crore from Oil India Limited at Madhuban in Dibrugarh. Secondary Tank Farm, at a cost of Rs 132 crore in Hebeda village, Makum, Trinidad and Tobago. The gas compressor station, dedicated to the country, has been inaugurated at the Prime Minister's Office in Karkamal, at a cost of about Rs 75 crore. He also laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Saluquchi Engineering

College at a cost of about Rs 55 crore. The projects, which are intended to strengthen the region's identity as a hub for energy and education, are a symbol of the fast-growing East India, including Assam. The Prime Minister said. Mr. Pradhan also attended the event and said that it was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Oil and gas and other projects will spearhead the overall expansion of eastern India, including Assam. The Modi government is constantly striving to

make eastern India a sustainable engine of new growth. He said the Indimax Unit6, an oil refinery in Bongaigaon, the popular Indian Oil, the secondary tank farm in Madhuban, and the gas compressor station in Makum would usher in a new era of energy security and prosperity for Assam. Indimax has been developed with indigenous know-how by the Indian Oil Research and Development (R&D), a self-reliant India. This Indimax unit is Bongaigaon Oil The

refinery will increase crude processing capacity and increase the availability of LPG and other clean fuels in the region. Similarly, Oil India's secondary tank farm and Makumar gas station will ensure safe and environmentally friendly protection for oil and gas. It will strengthen energy access and supply security in the region and help India in a gas-based economy. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the Government of India is giving priority to the hydrocarbon sector to facilitate Ease of Living. The move will create jobs in Assam and the Northeast and meet people's aspirations. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the Rs 75,000 crore project of the Ministry of Petroleum in Assam has been approved since 2014. Eastern India has the highest priority. Mr Pradhan thanked the Prime Minister for his support.

Devendra Fadnavis to play role in planning BJP's poll strategy in Bengal

Mumbai, Feb 22: Maharashtra Opposition leader Devendra Fadnavis, who has been appointed by the BJP central leadership to play an active role in drawing out the campaign strategy for the West Bengal Assem-

H a r b o u r . Emphasising the rich historical and cultural past of "Sonar Bangla", Fadnavis said "Poriborton hobe" (change will happen) amid chanting of Jai Shri Ram slogans. "How can anybody have prob-

Maharashtra CM interacted with BJP workers. He also held road show and rallies at Budge Budge and Maheshtala in South 24 Parganas. BJP sources said, "The central leaders have reposed trust in



bly elections, started a two-day tour of the state on Monday. Fadnavis held his first rally — Poriborton Yatra — at Amtala in Satgachia Assembly constituency in Diamond

lems with taking the name of Lord Ram? Strangely, we have Bengal CM Mamata Didi who gets angry when we hail Ram," he said. Shortly after reaching Kolkata, the former

Fadnavis following his success in Bihar Assembly polls, where he was campaign in-charge." The West Bengal elections are expected to be held in April-May.

DMK Is An Anti-Hindu Party: BJP MP Tejasvi Surya



Chennai, Feb 22: Before this year's assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, BJP MP Tejasvi Surya has launched a scathing attack on the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK). Surya has called DMK an anti-Hindu party. Address-

ing a gathering, he said, "DMK is an opportunistic party. When they are in power, they attack Hindus and then go to them to get votes." Surya appealed to the people of Tamil Nadu to defeat him. Let us know that in the

month of April-May this year, Assembly elections will be held in Tamil Nadu. BJP MP Tejasvi Surya while addressing the BJP Tamil Nadu Youth Wing Conference in Salem said, 'DMK represents a very bad and controversial ideology which is anti-Hindu. Every Tamil is proud to be a Hindu. This is the holy land that has the most temples in the country, every inch of Tamil Nadu is sacred, but DMK is anti-Hindu, so we should defeat it.

MP Mohan Delkar Found Dead, Suicide Suspected

Mumbai, Feb 22: In a shocking development, Mohan Delkar an independent MP from Dadra Nagar Haveli was found dead in a Mumbai hotel today. According to the police investigation, it is deemed to be a suicide. The 58-year-old politician and a father of two were found dead at a hotel on Marine Drive. The police said a suicide note had been found. "A suicide note has been found. An investigation is being done. The ex-

act cause of death will be known after the post-mortem," Mumbai Police said in a statement. Mohan Delkar was a seven-term MP from



the Congress Party. He was Congress president of Dadra and Nagar Haveli when he quit the party in 2019 to contest the national election as an independent candidate.

India's New Tejas Fighter Jets Will Have Indigenous Uttam Radars

New Delhi, Feb 22: In a major development, Defense Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Chairman Sateesh Reddy has said that indigenous Uttam radars will be used in the Tejas fighter jets. The Times of India quoted him as saying, "We will have the Uttam radar from the 21st Tejas Mk-1A to be produced. Uttam has performed better than anticipated in the trials so far." He added that they had signed an MoU with



the HAL regarding the same. About 63 of the 83 therefore will be indigenous Uttam radars developed by the DRDO lab, LRDE (Electronics and Radar Development Establishment). Around 51 percent of the new

Tejas fighters to be inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF) would have the locally-developed Uttam radars. The Uttam radars will be replacing Israeli radars that are there in the first batch of these aircraft.

Ayodhya airport to be named after Lord Ram: UP govt

Lucknow, Feb 22: The under-construction airport in Ayodhya will be named Maryada Purushottam Sriram Airport, Ayodhya after Lord Ram and a provision of Rs 101 crore has been made for it in the budget presented in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Monday. Besides the provision for the Ayodhya airport which will subsequently be

made an international airport, the budget also provides for Rs 2,000 crore for increasing the number of airstrips at Jewar Airport from 2 to 6. Cities like Aligarh, Moradabad, Meerut will also be linked through air service soon, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath told reporters after the presentation of the budget by Finance Minister Suresh Khanna.

Major Changes In Metro And Bus Service In Delhi Because Of Coronavirus

New Delhi, Feb 22: In view of the Coronavirus, public buses and metro trains in the national capital will run with limited capacity for at least two more weeks. The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Monday decided to maintain the status of the number of passengers. Sources gave this information. He said that this decision



was taken in view of the increase in cases of Covid-19 in states like Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab. He said,

"Delhi Metro trains and public buses will run only with limited capabilities. The situation will be monitored cautiously for two more weeks.

"Delhi Transport Department (DTC) last week sent a proposal to the DDMA to allow passengers to board public buses. Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal chaired the DDMA meeting on Monday which was attended by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, Chief Secretary Vijay Dev, and other officials.

Will do it again if roads are blocked: Kapil Mishra on his controversial speech linked to Delhi riots

New Delhi, Feb 22: BJP leader Kapil Mishra on Monday said he had no regrets about the speech targeting the anti-CAA protesters made by him a day before the North-east Delhi riots broke out last year, and stressed that if required, he would do it again. "Whenever roads will be blocked, and people would be prevented from going

to work, or children to school, there will always be a Kapil Mishra to stop that," the former Delhi MLA said. "I will do what I did again. I don't have any regrets, except that I couldn't save the lives of Dinesh Khatik, Ankit Sharma (riot victims) and many others," he said at the launch of the book "Delhi Riots 2020: The Untold Story".

Smriti Irani buys land in Amethi to make house for herself, takes a dig at Rahul Gandhi

Amethi, Feb 22: Smriti Irani on Monday bought a plot of land in Amethi to make a house for herself and, in an apparent dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, said no MP from here ever made the constituency his home.

Without taking names, she said the history is witness to the fact that no Amethi MP ever built his house and stayed here. "The people of Amethi always wondered if their MP would ever reside here after building

his house," she claimed while talking to reporters. Irani had won the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Amethi after defeating the then MP, Rahul Gandhi. "During the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, I had promised that I



would make my house here and do all my work from here. For this I have got a plot of land registered," she added. Irani bought the land at Medan Mawai area of Gauriganj in Amethi for a sum of Rs 12 lakh and got it

registered here on Monday. "I have been residing in a rented accommodation here till now," she said, adding she would invite all the people from her constituency during the bhoomi pooja for the construction of

her house here. She said she had promised to set up a medical college and an army school in Amethi besides getting built a bypass road for the city. She said she has fulfilled all her promises till now.

Brown Sugar Worth 32 Lakhs Seized in Khordha. Drugs Peddlers Arrested



(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Feb 22: Khordha Excise Squad on Monday seized 320 grams brown sugar, Nine Lakhs Twenty Thousands Cash and one Yamaha motor cycle following a raid at Lokeswarpur under Khordha model police station area. The cost of the brown sugar is estimated to be around Rs. 32 Lakh. As per

source one drugs peddlers identified as Hara Prasad Dash from Lokeswarpur area of Khordha has been arrested in connection with the seizure of the narcotics substance. The excise official informed that a Yamaha motorcycle and Nine Lakhs Twenty Thousands net cash has been recovered from the

possession of the drugs peddlers. The excise official said preliminary investigation reveals that the accused Hara Prasad Dash was part of an illegal drugs trader racket and we are trying to ascertain the involvement of other persons in the procurement and supply of Brown Sugar.

Excellent example of honesty by RPF Staff of Puri

(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Feb 22: On 21.02.2021 at about- 07.00 hrs train No. 08406 [Ahmedabad- Puri] Express arrived at Puri Railway Station on Platform No.03. On arrival of the said train at Puri, before locking of the Coaches on duty RPF Officer's & Staff conducted safety checking to prevent & detect criminal activities, if any. During checking of that train on duty Staff HC-T.K Mohapatra noticed 01 brown colour luggage bag was hanging near seat No.03 of coach No. A-1 in unclaimed condition. After watching nobody came forward to claim the above bag. Immediately the above

named RPF Staff informed the matter to on duty Officer ASI A.K Jena and after observing security related formalities the recovered bag brought to RPF Post Puri for further verification & hand over to concern Passenger. After verification of booking status, on duty RPF Officer made continuous announcement through Station PA System. After some time one male person namely Gobinda Mohata, aged about- 56 Years At- Bikaner House, PS- Itwari, Dist - Nagpur [Maharashtra] came at the Station main gate and informed to on duty Staff about missing of his bag containing Rs- 25000/- Cash, 01 mobile Phone



[model-1+] & some cosmetic items. Accordingly on duty Staff instructed to him to go RPF Office as one bag has been recovered from Ahmedabad-Puri Express. On getting information the above named Passenger attended RPF

Post Puri and claimed about the above bag. Further he stated that he along with his wife was travelling in train No. 08406 [ADI-PUI] Express Ex-Nagpur to Puri vide PNR No.833-3830785, Coach No. A-1 [AC two tier],

berth No. 3 & 5. On arrival at Puri Railway Station they got down from train for further went to Hotel, but when they reached in Hotel they noticed that her bag was not available as entire money & Phone was in bag, so both the husband & wife were worried and after initial searching they again came at Station. Finally the retrieved bag containing all above items was handed over to Sri Gobinda Mohata under proper acknowledgment with due verification. On receiving the above items correctly he appreciated to the RPF staff for his honesty & dedication. This is the really an appreciable work done by RPF Staff HC-T.K. Mahapatra.

Students Need To Escape From Mental Stress: Prof. Mahapatra

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb. 22: Seventeen-year-old Shanmugam Anitha, who topped the plus two examination under the Tamil Nadu State Board three years ago, committed suicide just because she could not get a seat in any medical college. Anitha had secured 1176 marks out of 1200 in the plus two exam and was a brilliant student, but ended her life because she thought that her dream would never be realized, eminent neurosurgeon and Vice-Chancellor of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA), Prof. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra said while interacting with students. 'Was it necessary for her to end her life just because she couldn't become a doctor?', he asked. The eagerness to give shape to one's ambition and the associated

anxiety culminated in depression which led to suicide and more number of such cases were coming to the fore these days, Prof. Mahapatra said while delivering the first SOA Fortnightly Academic Lecture (SOFAL) which kicked off on Saturday. A person must understand that failure to secure a seat in a medical college was not the end of the world as there were many other avenues to channelize your talent and knowledge, he said adding young people should realize this as also their parents who pressurized them to achieve goals fixed by them. Speaking on the theme 'Healthy Lifestyle', the Vice-Chancellor said keeping in view the psychological state of young people who encountered tremendous stress to succeed in life, the central

government had launched the National Mental Health Program in 2005. Prof. Mahapatra, who was the first Director of the AIIMS at Bhubaneswar, said it had been found that 48 per cent of students who succeeded in getting a MBBS seat at AIIMS were found to be depressed. "Notwithstanding their academic success, they suffered psychologically. It has got to do with their mental health," he said. "Most students don't have a balanced work-sleep cycle as they keep awake till 2 am. They may be brilliant students, but no one told them to lead a disciplined life," Prof. Mahapatra said while pointing out that schools were least interested to monitor the mental health condition of children. "What most schools were interested

in was the success percentage of the Class 10 and Class 12 students passing out their exams," he said. "Success in life does not mean lot of money as it could not buy you health or happiness," Prof. Mahapatra said adding young students must have eight hours of sleep and should not over eat. Stating that a survey in Delhi had found that 15 per cent of school children under 15 years of age had begun to smoke and drink, he said it was most important to realize that the parents were the real mentors of the child and they should not expect the schools to shape the lives of their children. There was a huge need to inject in young students the realisation that spiritualism mattered in life. "It was important for parents and teachers to know that spiritual incli-

nation can help," he said while recommending Swami Chidananda's book titled 'Choice Is Yours' to all students. Dr. Kamal K. Kar, Assistant Program Advisor, NSS Directorate, Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of India, also spoke on the topic 'Volunteerism: The call of the hour'. In a world where people wanted to get something without having to do anything, it was hard to come across persons who would volunteer to do something, Dr. Kar said adding the spirit of volunteerism needed to be inculcated in students. Dr. Jyoti Ranjan Das, SOA's Dean (Students' Welfare) was present while Dr. Nachiketa K. Sharma, Programme Coordinator, SOA NSS Bureau moderated the lectures.

Odisha Matric Exam 2021: BSE Releases Question Pattern, Distribution Of Marks

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 22: The Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Odisha on Monday released the much awaited question paper pattern and distribution of marks for the upcoming 2021 matriculation examination. As

School Certificate (SOSC) Examination and Pattern of Madhyama Examination, 2021 have been notified which can be downloaded from the website www.bseodisha.ac.in. Moreover, there will be

meant for HSC (Ex-Reg) and SOSC (Back) candidates and new course question shall be for HSC (Reg) and SOSC (Fresh) candidates. "The questions in other subjects for Annual HSC & SOSC Examination, 2021 will be same for all students



per a notification issued by the BSE, the Pattern of examination and distribution of marks in different subjects for Annual High School Certificate Examination, State Open

two separate question papers in subjects General Science, Social Science for HSC & SOSC candidates basing on old and new courses. The old course question shall be

category. The question papers in all subjects for Madhyama Examination, 2021 will be same for different category of students," the notification read.

Rs 389.59 Cr Spent Towards Free Treatment Of Covid-19 Patients In Odisha



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 22: The Odisha government has spent Rs 389,59,66,466 towards the free treatment of Covid-19 patients in the State. This was revealed by Health & Family Welfare Minister Naba Kisore Das in the State Assembly while replying to a question by BJD MLA

from Khandapada Soumya Ranjan Patnaik in the State Assembly today. Das said the amount was spent towards the treatment of 47,055 Covid-19 patients. The highest amount of Rs 58,59,00,000 has been paid to IMS and Sum Hospital of Bhubaneswar. Similarly, Rs 44,00,00,000

has been paid to KIMS, Bhubaneswar; Rs 34,39,00,000 to Hitech Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar; Rs 32,45,00,000 has been paid to Ashwini Hospital of Cuttack; Rs 30,00,00,000 to Shanti Hospital, Cuttack and the remaining amount has been paid to other hospitals.

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An investment of nearly Rs 800 crores will be made in the next 1-2 years to give a major push to the Sports infrastructure across the State. A convergence of State budget, DMF and CSR funds will be used for funding the projects.

Education and Skill Development: Total 24,370 crore allocated for education and skill development sector 280 crore provided under Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya. 3,066 crore for Samagra Sikshya Abhiyan and 7957 crore for Mid-day Meal Scheme all of which will have a State share of 40%. A sum of 253 crore under Mo School Programme for infrastructure development of schools. Allocation for 7430 crore under the Gangadhar Meher Sikshya Manakbrudhi Yojana (GMSMY) to

provide school bags to all children from Class-I to V, free textbooks and school uniform including shoes to all children from Class-I to VIII and free bicycles to all students in Class-IX of Government and fully aided schools including OAVs. 1,002 crore earmarked towards all students' scholarships to be credited through DBT Provision of 100 crore for the World Skill Centre in Bhubaneswar Social Security Measures: A sum of 2,767 crore is allocated for social security measures. Provision of 21,509 crore under Madhubabu Pension Yojana and 2923 crore for National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for Old Age, Widow and Disability Pensions. 105 crore for Welfare of Persons with Disability (PwD)

and 714 crore under the National Programme for Persons with Disability. 969 crore for distribution of rice @ 21/- per kg. under the State Food Security Scheme, 23 lakh additional beneficiaries are provided 5 Kg rice per month per beneficiary at the rate of 21 per Kg under the Scheme Women and Child Development. Total 3,906 crore allocated for undertaking various women and child centric policy and welfare measures. Provision of 279 crore under the Maternity Benefit Programme "MAMATA" scheme. 1,113 crore is also provided under Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) **Mission Shakti:** 316 crore towards financial assistance and other support to Women Self Help Groups and their federations under Mis-

sion Shakti programme An additional 7100 crore for construction of Mission Shakti Gruha at block level. SC ST Development: Total 29,063 crore allocated under Tribal Sub-Component and SC Sub-Component. 110 crore allocated towards social sector initiatives including ANWESHA. 270 crore for construction of hostels for ST girls and urban hostel complexes under the scheme AKANKSHYA. Provision of 2903 crore for pre-matric and post-matric scholarships for ST and SC students Support to PRIs and ULBs: Transfer of about 26,950 crore to the Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies for the provision of basic services. Regional Development: To further the development process in western

Odisha, 180 crore is provided for WODC, which is more than double the previous year's allocation. An outlay of 250 crore under Biju KBK Plan to improve infrastructure in the KBK districts, mainly in respect of Bijli, Sadak, and Pani 50 crore is proposed under the SETU scheme for the development of Swabhimana Anchal. 3,143 crore from DMF and 3,814 crore from OMBADC are proposed to be utilized for development works during 2021-22. Housing: Provision of 23,000 crore with a target for the construction of another 5 lakh pucca houses through convergence of PMAY-Gramin and Biju Pucca Ghar Schemes. 300 crore for the construction of 20,000 dwelling units under beneficiary led construction and affordable housing and slum development components of Odisha Urban Housing Mission AYVAAS.

EDITORIAL

‘Atmanirbhar’ mantra

Ram Rajya as a concept is good but the nation wants to see positive changes on the ground. One can only imagine what ‘Ram Rajya’ would be like, a term that the BJP espouses and its leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, use quite regularly in their public addresses. But it’s comparatively easier to understand Mahatma Gandhi’s concept of ‘Gram Swaraj’, which Modi touched upon in his recent speech at the Visva-Bharati convocation. During the event, just ahead of the announcement of the Assembly election dates in the politically sensitive West Bengal, Modi mentioned Rabindranath Tagore several times but it would certainly be in bad taste to read politics into it as the Nobel laureate was the university’s founder and the Prime Minister is the Chancellor. However, thankfully, unlike ‘Ram Rajya’ for which no time frame has been set, the Prime Minister seems to have a blueprint or a road map for realising the concept of ‘Atmanirbhar’ villages (self-reliant villages), somewhat akin to Gandhi’s ‘Gram Swaraj’. He called upon the students to frame a “vision document” with 25 major targets and work towards it in the next 25 years so that when the nation celebrates the centenary of its Independence in 2047, Visva-Bharati would have achieved these milestones. He suggested that the project should start by making the villages adopted by the university ‘Atmanirbhar’. Further, the students should strive to make the village youth, artisans and farmers self-dependent by helping their products reach big markets across the world. However, with big corporate houses ruling the roost in world economy, it is easier said than done. Moreover, the reality is quite the opposite. Most of such projects launched by the IITs and other varisities see no light beyond the pilot trials which are mostly confined to few villages or pockets in adjoining areas. These are not expanded and, thus, fail to have a wider reach or impact. No doubt, engaging universities and educational institutes to empower the rural population and making it self-reliant is an excellent idea but it needs a coordinated, calibrated and comprehensive approach with knowledge and resource sharing among the institutes across India. Such institutes have the potential of becoming the torch-bearers of ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ but the foundation for it has not been laid yet, nor have any sincere attempts been made in this direction. That said, these plans should not accumulate dust in Government files or fall casualty to bureaucratic red tape, else these would meet the same fate as other similar plans. However, with the Centre providing `50,000 crore in Budget-2021 for research, we should have no reason to doubt what the Prime Minister says. His approach appears to be in the right direction. However, in a country where rhetoric often overshadows the reality, we can only hope that the Gandhian philosophy of ‘Gram Swaraj’ or Modi’s ‘Atmanirbhar’ villages become a reality, not something like ‘Ram Rajya’ (which, according to Gandhiji, ensures equal rights to both, a prince and a pauper) with virtue, morality and justice at its core but nowhere in sight. Courtesy, vote bank politics! Moreover, the reality is quite the opposite. Most of such projects launched by the IITs and other varsities see no light beyond the pilot trials which are mostly confined to few villages or pockets in adjoining areas. These are not expanded and, thus, fail to have a wider reach or impact. No doubt, engaging universities and educational institutes to empower the rural population and making it self-reliant is an excellent idea but it needs a coordinated, calibrated and comprehensive approach with knowledge and resource sharing among the institutes across India. Such institutes have the potential of becoming the torch-bearers of ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ but the foundation for it has not been laid yet, nor have any sincere attempts been made in this direction. That said, these plans should not accumulate dust in Government files or fall casualty to bureaucratic red tape, else these would meet the same fate as other similar plans. However, with the Centre providing `50,000 crore in Budget-2021 for research, we should have no reason to doubt what the Prime Minister says. His approach appears to be in the right direction. However, in a country where rhetoric often overshadows the reality, we can only hope that the Gandhian philosophy of ‘Gram Swaraj’ or Modi’s ‘Atmanirbhar’ villages become a reality, not something like ‘Ram Rajya’ (which, according to Gandhiji, ensures equal rights to both, a prince and a pauper) with virtue, morality and justice at its core but nowhere in sight. Courtesy, vote bank politics!

Go public rather than privatise



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looms and finishers are functioning profitably in place of many of the expired mills. The little industrial tragedy is one reflection of the industrial limitations of some of our entrepreneurs. On the other hand, there were business houses which were functioning laudably well but their hands and legs were tied down by Nehruvian socialism, also vigorously practised by Indira Gandhi. Her plea was that the only way of co-existence for the rich and the poor was socialism. Apart from clamping down on business growth with the Monopolies Commission and other such laws, she nationalised 19 banks, the entire coal industry as well as general insurance. Little did she realise that the whole public sector represented State capitalism and not socialism at all. It would have socialism, provided the common people were given an opportunity to invest and obtain dividends. Even according to Karl Marx, socialism was “from each according to his ability, to each according to his opportunity”. Thus Indian businessmen were denied the scope

to grow and mature into industrialists. Those who did, managed to set up small and medium industries by even over-borrowing from the nationalised banks. Then Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao did yeoman’s service to the economy by liberalising the procedures and abolishing many a restriction. But in his temptation to get re-elected for another five years, he went easy on his reforms in the second half of his term. If one looks at his years in supreme power, he did more for India politically than economically. Ayodhya was his biggest achievement and the first step in national revival in centuries. Keeping all Indian conditions in mind, the PSUs which the Government desires to privatise should be managerially toned up. Only industrial managers, and not bureaucrats, can do that. If they are structurally imbalanced, some of them may have to be merged with other suitable PSUs. The treatment of toning up would differ from unit to unit. The toned-up units should offer through one or more public issue

of shares as per the SEBI and stock exchange rules. So long as the Indian State retains at least 40 per cent shares, let the public have shares. Many individuals have savings that they wish to invest but do not find suitable avenues. On debt instruments, the interest rates have fallen so low that they have been rendered unattractive. Let us clarify that most of our bureaucrats, IAS and others, are first-rate administrators but they are unlikely to be effective managers. The former are primarily wedded to rules and procedures whereas the latter’s priorities are decisions, production and profits. The two cultures are quite distinct. Therefore, a PSU managing director should not be reporting to a bureaucrat but to his shareholders. The solution lies in the President of India parting with the shares of all PSUs to financial institutions like the LIC, GIC and its subsidiaries, banks, Unit Trust of India, and so on. When this happens, these new holders would behave like investors and not zamindars. Moreover, politicians would not any longer have ready access to recommend their candidates, use their guesthouses and cars, and so on. The PSUs would then operate like business and industries, not like jagirdaris. If for nothing else, for taking share investments in companies from the panelled offices of the upper classes to the masses, the late Dhirubhai Ambani needs to be honoured. The best way to do so is to have the public as partners in preference to banks. His logic was that loans cost interest, shares do not. Shares compel the management to perform and deliver lucrative dividends, which is what Indians expect of the PSUs. Karl Marx believed that religion is the opium of the masses. It can be that loans are the opium of the classes.

The Way To Become Good Book Of Others

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Normally most of the employees wish to become in good book of their bosses. It is also essential now-a-days and if they became success they prove themselves to be nearer and dearer to their bosses. It is nothing but an art. In normal cases. People want to be liked by others also. It is one of the human tendencies. The quickest way to be liked is to show that we like people. We do good for people Generally signs of appreciation, admiration, sympathy and interest are acceptable to almost every employee as well as to ordinary people. But yes Sir in each and every matter to the bosses is not acceptable. It is in apparently unimportant details of life that we can show a friendly interest in others. Here are some examples:

- a. Seek occasions to compliment to others the majority of human beings feel rather insecure at least in psychologically. Words of sensible praise help to give them back their confidence.
- b. Show sympathy on occasions.

sympathy is nothing but feeling with others. But it should be irrespective of cast and creed. In case of intimate friends and relatives only we show deep sympathy. But little touches of fellow feelings are great help to acquaintances. The day was when we had no such sympathy but a pat on his back or a friendly shake of hand. So we do share our joy or sorrow among ourselves a little. But it should be impartial.

c. Try to study the special tables of thers. It is worth to find out what people like best to eat wear and so on. When we give them a treatment or a present, we choose such a thing more carefully that will give them real pleasure and full satisfaction.

d. Notice the opinion of others. In general we should never affront somebody else’s convictions except in the case of urgent important controversy.

e. It is most important not to ever forget to thank people. It creates interest in others. Thanks cost nothing but give much pleasure. It is a courtesey. f. Be businesslike and punctual whenever we are tale for an appointment except in-avoidable

circumstances we imply that the person we have kept waiting is not important. Similarly to fail to keep a promise to muddle instructions we have been given to lose things belonging to others to forget to return articles and so on suggest that we are not thinking of at out others quite often. It is just self centredness.

g. Note, what amuses other people Humour is the spice of life. But neither put peeper nor ginger in milk in a dish of liver. We must choose appropriate spice, what is funny to someone also can be an offensive to another one.

While noticing what amuses others by seeing what they tell express or show as funny and shit our humour to others.

h. A little help is worth of great deal of pity. So show thoughtfulness in small practical ways. We show we are always conscious about others. Others should known that we are aware of their need. "A friend in need is a friend indeed". In our simple way we try at our best to be kind and pleasant.

i. Notice what others do (Put) little question. So you notice what we consider them impor-

tant. j. Learn to listen. She mode of talking is an important social are good listening also in an art. Some people are genuine borer. But more people bore us, because we fail to listen them properly. Most of the people are interesting if we make up our minds to be interested then it is ok.

k. We have to try at our best to like others and unself, which is most important and hard work also but there should not be a marathon race to reach others good book by lobby i.e. by hook or crook. We have to find out our own happiness in people which is however worth doing.

If you want to satisfy to your bosses. First perform your duty properly not showingly secondly they "feel good" with you really that you won’t cheat them. You should perform everything unselfishly and without harassing others. There should not be pretenders.

It seems that some officers or superiors want some suggestions on accession from their subordinates. In that case, the subordinates should not take advantage and misguide by noticing the simplicity of the bosses.

Bissamcuttack Police seized Contraband Ganja of 1140 KG 500 GM & 4 Arrested



(A.O. Bureau) Bissamcuttack, Feb 22: On Feb 20th, 2021 at 11 AM during the night patrolling at Tedipada chakk, police

team by SDPO Bissamcuttack Sri Akash Chandra Sahoo, OPS-I, SI Madhusudan Sharma and staff of Bissamcuttack PS detected contraband Ganja packed in jerry bags while being transported in one truck and one car. In this connection, police arrested four accused persons. The total weight of the ganja is 1140 KG 500 gram contraband ganja worth approximately Rs. 2, 28,10,000/-. A case has been registered under Bissamcuttack P.S. Case No #26 Dated 20.02.2021 U/s - 20 (b) (ii) (C)/ 29 NDPS Act. Also seized one truck and one car. Further investigation is in progress in context to the case registered.

Shyam Metallics crash again due to security concerns

(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, Feb 22: Shyam Metallic Man Eating Factory. This name is one hundred percent correct for this factory. No one can say how long Karkhan will live due to security concerns. Two people have been killed in the past seven days due to security concerns. There is no value in human life

in this factory. On Monday, a contract worker died at the Shyam Metallics factory due to security concerns. Subo Haldar, 25, a resident of Nadia in West Bengal, was working as a helper at DRI under Suman Ghosh, a contractor with Shyam Metallics. He was electrocuted on Monday morning for

some reason. He was rushed to Burla Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at the scene. Karkhan has provided Rs 50,000 to the family of the deceased Subo. There has been a backlash from the intelligentsia as accidents have often resulted in loss of lives and property due to such safety negligence.

The blind parimal look after his family by breaking stone

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Feb 22: When he was in 7th grade, he lost his sight. Still, he did not lose his strength and hunger, he threw stones on the hills to starve. He was an example to those who blame the God However, all that has been stopped is the hand with which the stone was being cut, and now the hand is now closed on the orders of the forest department. MV 115 village of sanitation is



now sitting with his hands tied because he can't do anything elseThe man, who was

holding a hammer and shattering a large stone in the heat of the tick, could not help but feel

it. The eye is taken away by chance. He has since learned how to run a family by

throwing stones at them. After the forest department refused to open a rock in the hills at the head of the village, Parimal Sana of MV 115 village is now handcuffed. While the visually impaired are blaming the widow, this is a different matter, but she still has to stand on her own two feet. "Unfortunately, the forest department has not been allow to break the stone," he said. Since then, the work has been stopped by Parimal.

Biju Youth and Student Janata Dal Block Level Review Meeting held



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Feb 22: A block level staff review meeting of the

district Biju Youth and Student Janata Dal was held yesterday in the Podia block of

Malkangiri district. The meeting was presided over by Malkangiri District

Biju Yuva Janata Dal President Adama Raba, Malkangiri Biju Chhatra Janata Dal

President Tapas Ranjan Nayak. Presidents A. Raju Rao, Manoj Patnaik, Prafulla Kumar Harijan, among others were present. The event also saw activists from various opposition parties in the Podia block join the Biju Yuba Janata Dal in Malkangiri district for a long time. In the coming days, the Biju Yuva Janata Dal and the Chhatra Janata Dal (BJD) will pledge to address the various problems in the Podia block of Malkangiri district.

Government Ka Mal Daryame Dal The Kendrapara Block administration has left China

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Feb22: Government money, what is going on with the departmental officials if he does the same. As per the plan, the contractor and some crooked administrative officials are busy warming their pockets by approving the money. But how much money has been sanctioned is now being questioned by the Kendrapara Block Water and Sanitation Department. This department of the block has created biodegradable waste ponds in every panchayat. But with the

Girls' High School. But the monkey has broken the roof and fallen to the ground. Part of the demolition has been completed in front of the park under construction. How, on the other hand, was the waste tank built in front of the school with the permission of someone else? Wouldn't the school premises be affected by this? As a result, there has been a backlash from locals and intellectuals alike. Correspondingly, the construction work has also been completed in Dhumat Panchayat using plastic pipes and low quality sheets. But within a few

30 riders with a record goal of cycle traveling 200 km



(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Feb 22: The 'Bhubaneswar Cycling and Adventures Club', which is on its way to Bhubaneswar from Pattamundai, has been given a grand felicitation in Kendrapara. The Kendrapara cycle Club organized a welcome function at the local Duhuria Chowk for the event. Led by senior IPS officer

and Transport Commissioner Sanjeeb Panda, about 30 riders of the Bhubaneswar Cycling and Adventures Club left Bhubaneswar at 6 am on Sunday and reached Duhuria at 10 am. He was greeted with a bouquet of flowers. ADG Lalit Das, Utkal Keshari Khadanga, Soumya Ranjan Biswal, Sipra were the main

cycle at the club I Gautam Sahu and Pradeep Sahu officiated the event on behalf of Kendrapada cycle Club. The organizers hope that the bike ride will spark interest in cycling among the people. On the other hand, they will be rewarded with a 200 kilometer bike ride in 13 and a half hours from a prestigious Canada institution.



help of the contractor, the bill was approved. This has raised serious questions about the quality and status of the project. It is alleged that provided the information to Hussein. Interestingly, 5-inch plastic pipes have been used instead of iron pipes for the roof. As a result, it was destroyed within a few days of the completion of the work. Similar incidents have been reported in Indupur and Dhumat panchayats. The demolition tank was built in front of Indupur

days, the roof had disappeared. Even 50% of the construction work had been completely destroyed. Why, on the other hand, has the construction been done on the side of the sarpanch? Locals are questioning who is benefiting from this. Seeing such a bizarre the Kendrapara block administration has been compared to Chinese goods and schemes by intellectuals. It is unknown at this time what he will do after leaving the post.

Youth Arrested For 'Killing & Burying' Brother, Body Exhumed After 11 Days

Balasore, Feb 22: Soro police today arrested a youth on charges of killing his younger brother and burying the body in his own house. His mother has also been arrested for assisting in the crime. The accused Sukuri Jena and her son Jagabandhu Jena had allegedly buried the body of Balaram Jena (younger son) and attempted to keep the matter under wraps. Balaram was attacked by Jagabandhu on February 12 with a machete following which he died. According to reports, Balaram was an alcoholic and on the

fateful day he came home late in the night, drunk. A quarrel ensued between the two brothers which turned violent. The matter came to light after locals

spotted Jagabandhu carrying out the post funeral rituals near a water body. They informed police which arrived and conducted an investigation. They

have confessed to the crime and were arrested. The two were produced in a local court which remanded the mother-son duo in judicial custody, the



Launch of "Mission Indradhanush" special vaccination program for pregnant mothers and babies

(A.O. Bureau) Sundergarh, Feb 22: A special vaccination program "Mission Rainbow" has been launched in Sundergarh district on Monday. The goal is to vaccinate children from birth to 2 years of age. Eight vaccination centers have been set up in the district for this special vaccination program. The center is open in all blocks and urban areas. Efforts are being made to ensure that 100 percent of pregnant women and children who have not been vaccinated have been vaccinated under the program.

district Public Health Officer (Family Welfare) Dr PK Nayak were present at the inauguration ceremony. Arvind Sahu, RCH Deputy Manager Ashwini Mishra was the chief guest. The vaccination program will be implemented in two phases in Sundergarh district. The first phase will start on February 22 and run until March 8. The second phase of the vaccination program will run from March 22 to April 4. The "Urban Rainforest" program focuses on urban slums and remote areas. The aim is to vaccinate children or pregnant mothers in the area who have not been vaccinated. As the Sundergarh district vaccination program a success. The goal is to do so, "said Nikhil Pawan Kalyan, the district commissioner. District Chief Medical Officer Dr Saroj Kumar Mishra, District Health Officer and Superintendent of the District Chief Hospital Purna Chandra Sahu, District Public Health Officer Dr Kahnu Charan Nayak, Assistant Dis-



"Mission Indradhanush" has been launched to make the Sundergarh district vaccination program a success. The goal is to do so, "said Nikhil Pawan Kalyan, the district commissioner. District Chief Medical Officer Dr Saroj Kumar Mishra, District Health Officer and Superintendent of the District Chief Hospital Purna Chandra Sahu, District Public Health Officer Dr Kahnu Charan Nayak, Assistant Dis-

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Bigg Boss 14 winner Rubina Dilaik on her toughest moment: ‘Inability to explain my situation to husband Abhinav suffocated me’



Mumbai, Feb 22: Bigg Boss 14 winner Rubina Dilaik opens up about people calling her win ‘predictable’, displaying her vulnerability and her equation with host Salman Khan. The Shakti actor beat Rahul Vaidya to take home the trophy. As Rubina Dilaik emerged as the winner of Bigg Boss 14 on Sunday night, she was coming off a roller-coaster journey in the last four and a half months. The popular television star has had a roller coaster journey on the show. While she never managed to win the hearts of her co-contestants, her loyal audience stayed true to her. The reality show also has given Rubina and husband Abhinav Shukla a second chance to work on their marriage. The couple had announced on the show that they were facing trouble in their marriage and have also contemplated divorce. The TV actor defeated Rahul Vaidya to take home the coveted trophy. Post her big win, Rubina, in an exclusive conversation with indianexpress.com, spoke about her Bigg Boss 14 journey, what

led to her victory and Salman Khan’s harsh words for her during the Weekend Ka Vaar. Excerpts from the conversation. More than four months in the house, and you have this trophy in your hand. How does it feel? It’s been a long journey of 143 days, and it was worth every effort, struggle and failure that I faced in the house. In an initial episode, you mentioned how you wanted all the rules to be explained to you in a way one does for a four-year-old kid. When did you realise you could actually win? Honestly, there was always a desire to win but this game is all about destiny. Hence, I left it to destiny but continued to create my journey. I really had no clue about the game but the learning spirit has always been ingrained in me. I wanted to live with that feeling, and continue to grow. I wasn’t worried about losing or winning. I wanted to live and love my journey. You’ve fought battles with most contestants in the house. Which one affected you on a personal note? The one with

Jasmin Bhasin and Rakhi Sawant. I have always been selective about people who enter my life. I am a person who gives every ounce to the ones I embrace. And when you do that, and your love and respect are not reciprocated, it shatters the confidence and faith in the relationship. These two people, events and incidences really hit me hard. However, I started my journey on the show with a clean slate, and I am exiting with a clean one again. Hence, I have no grudges. You spoke about issues in your marriage on national television, and even sought help when pushed mentally. Was it difficult to open up about your vulnerability? It was very tough because there is always a fear of rejection and being criticised and judged. The dejection part is something that always holds you back from not accepting your flaws and mistakes. The most beautiful learning in my Bigg Boss journey has been to embrace all shortcomings with grace. When you are able to do that, your weakness becomes

your strength. And if you overcome this, put it out on TV and able to inspire even one life, I think it’s worth dealing with all challenges. So what was the most challenging experience for you in the show? There were a lot many but one in particular was the time when I could not explain my situation to my husband Abhinav Shukla. Bringing your intimate relationship into the public arena and yet not being able to express yourself freely can really suffocate you. It was very tough for me, as I wanted him to understand but could not say it in words. Abhinav, in an interview to us, shared that the best thing for him on Bigg Boss was to have strengthened his bond with you. Now that you also have a winning trophy, which win looks more special. For me, my relationship is the most precious thing, and thus achieving it was more special. This (showing her trophy) I don’t take it for granted but I have always believed that success is all about professional and personal life together. And now, towards the end of the journey, I can probably say that I have been able to achieve that. Suffering from a superiority complex, authoritative, manipulative and a hypocrite — you have been called all these. Any clarification you want to give? These false accusations only strengthened my resolve to look forward and move on. They might

not have realised it but they were actually the ones who propelled me to do better. Their allegations became a stimulus for me to work towards reaching my destination. It also gave me strength to move ahead. Salman Khan seemed to scold you every Weekend Ka Vaar. Did it effect your confidence somewhere? It did in the initial stages but then I started looking at it from a fresh perspective. I took each of his feedback as a way to improve my game and each criticism as a way to polish myself further. It was all a learning lesson for me. Many called it a ‘predictable win’. What or who do you think led to your victory? Only my fans. As I have always said, an artist’s existence and identity are only because of the audience. I have this trophy in my hand because I have these million people who have immense faith and love in me. And this win is only because of them. Bigg Boss 14 winner Rubina Dilaik on her toughest moment: ‘Inability to explain my situation to husband Abhinav suffocated me’ Rakhi Sawant on walking out of Bigg Boss 14 finale with Rs 14 lakh: I have zero bank balance, need money for mother’s surgery Mira Rajput reveals husband Shahid Kapoor’s most annoying habit, says she always wins their arguments Bigg Boss 14 also saw Aly Goni, Rakhi Sawant and Nikki Tamboli in the finale.

Mira Rajput reveals husband Shahid Kapoor’s most annoying habit, says she always wins their arguments

New Delhi, Feb 22: Actor Shahid Kapoor’s wife Mira Rajput may not be active in films but she has her own share of fans. She recently held an Ask Me Anything session on Instagram, and people came flocking with questions both about her and her famous husband. Mira spoke about her favourite shows, her crush, favourite holiday destination and much more during the interaction. During the session, when a fan asked her to share Shahid’s most annoying habit, Mira replied that while she loves him for everything he is, she gets irritated when he makes typos. “He makes a zillion typos. I have to really figure out what he is saying but now, I have kind of understood what he means when he says something else,” she said adding, “I love him. I love everything about him.” Another fan asked Mira who wins an argument between her and the actor to which she replied, “Me, who else!”



Mira also revealed that she is a Papa’s little girl. When an admirer asked her to share about her most favourite family member, Mira replied, “This is very easy for me. I love my sisters, my mom, my kids, my husband but my most favourite family member is my dad. I love you dad.” The 26-year-old also dished out the name of her crush, and mind you, it is not Shahid. Blushing at the question, Mira said, “AB de Villiers. I love him.” Mira and Shahid got married in 2015. The two have a daughter

Misha Kapoor and a son named Zain Kapoor. On the work front, Mira has featured in a few advertisements. She also shares beauty tips on her Instagram. On the work front, Shahid has a couple of projects in his hand. The actor wrapped up Jersey, the Hindi remake of the Telugu film by the same name. At present, he is shooting for a web-series with Raj and DK. The series, starring Raashi Khanna, marks Shahid’s digital debut. It will stream on Amazon Prime Video.

Actor Jaggesh Responds to Allegations of Defamatory Comment on Kannada Star Darshan After Clip Goes Viral

New Delhi, Feb 22: There is a controversy brewing in Sandalwood involving one of its popular stars. Kannada star Darshan Thoogudeep’s fans are unhappy with purported remarks by actor Jaggesh in an audio clip that has surfaced online. After the backlash from Darshans fans, Jaggesh has now claimed that the voice in the clip was not his. Till now, Darshan has not reacted to the entire incident. Jaggesh, who was shooting for Vijaya Prasad’s Totapuri, has

apologised over the clip. Darshan’s fans have been demanding an apology ever since the clip was circulated. Darshan and Jaggesh were seen together in a Kannada film titled Agraja. The multi-starrer was directed by Srinandan and was based on the National Film Award winning Telugu film Broker. Darshan who is fondly known as the ‘Challenging Star’ by his fans has been a part of the Kannada industry for more than two decades. The star who clearly enjoys a huge fan following has donned many hats in the industry.

Time To Dance first look: Katrina Kaif’s sister Isabella, Sooraj Pancholi take to the dance floor

New Delhi, Feb 22: Katrina Kaif’s sister Isabella Kaif’s Bollywood debut, Time To Dance is finally seeing the day light. On Monday, T-series announced that the film, which also stars Sooraj

petition as we see an award in the backdrop. Both Sooraj and Isabella are dressed for the competition, striking the right pose. The poster also reads, “When life is put to the test, it’s time to dance.”

also stars Pulkit Samrat. Earlier this year, the model-turned-actor shared a picture on Instagram to announce the project. Suswagata Khushaamadeed is said to be a social entertainer with an underlying message of



Pancholi in the lead role, will release on March 12, 2021. Along with the announcement, the makers also shared two posters, giving a glimpse of Isabella and Sooraj’s characters. Going by the posters, we can guess that the film is about a dance com-

The film marks Isabella’s as well as choreographer-turned-director Stanley D’costa’s Bollywood debut. It has been produced by Remo D’souza’s wife Lizelle. Apart from Time To Dance, Isabella has Suswagata Khushaamadeed, which

social harmony. In the film, Pulkit will essay the role of a Delhi boy, Aman, with Isabella playing the role of Noor who hails from the city of Agra. In 2020, Katrina revealed about Isabella’s project with Aayush Sharma titled Kwatha.

5 Yogasanas for Cervical Spondylosis

New Delhi, Feb 22: Cervical spondylosis is the term used to define degeneration of the spine, particularly the vertebral discs, ligaments, cartilage and bones of the neck. The popular term spondylitis, meanwhile, refers only to inflammation in the vertebrae. Spondylosis is an age-related degenerative disease that occurs due to osteoarthritis, unnatural bone growth, repeated stress on the neck or spine due to lifestyle habits, injuries and genetic weakness. Several yoga exercises help reduce the severity of the symptoms and provide long-term benefits. Shared below are five such yogasanas.

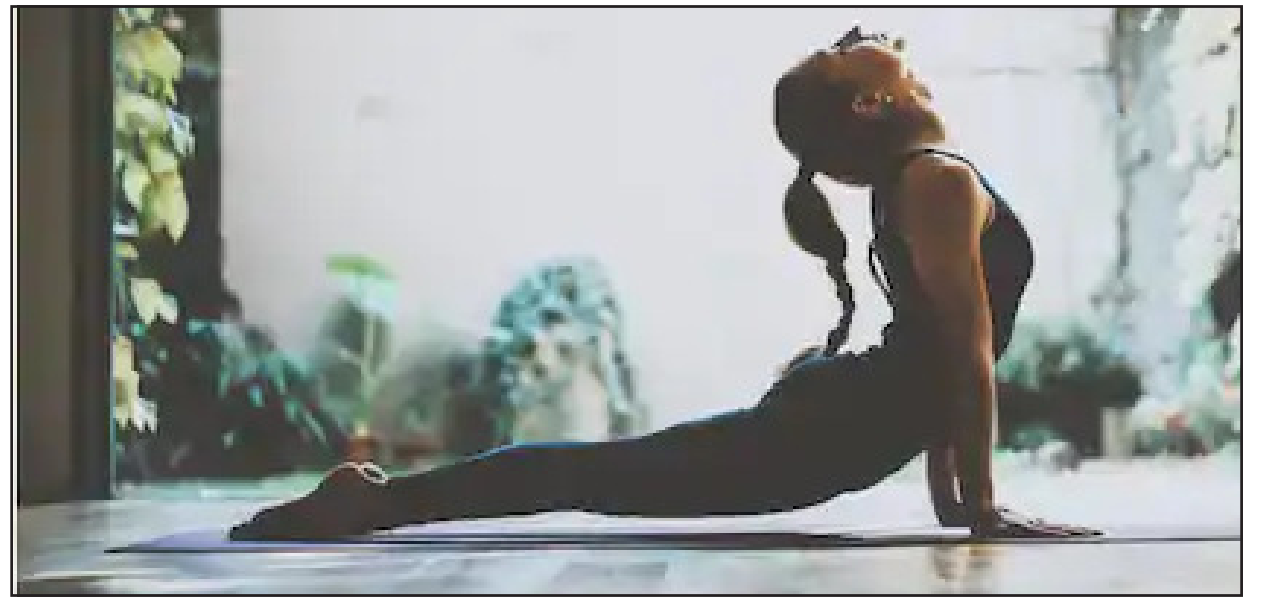
1. Vajrasana: This is one of the easiest yoga exercises to relieve cervical spondylosis symptoms. One must sit in a kneeling posi-

tion and rest the buttocks on the heels of the legs of the toes that point away from them. The hand should be rested on the thighs. 2. Bhujangasana: This yogasana is performed by lying on one’s stomach on a flat surface and then slowly bending one’s head and spine upwards. The palms are used to lift the body. Bhujangasana is also called the cobra pose

since cobras are known to raise their hooded head when they see a threat to themselves. This exercise helps relax the stiffness and pain in the neck, shoulders and spinal column. 3. Salabhasana: This exercise is also known as the locust pose since the shape looks similar to that of the insect. The practitioner should lie on their stomach with the

palms of their hands facing upward. The upper torso, the arms and the legs will have to be stretched away from the ground vertically. The lower part of the chest, the belly and pelvis will support the body weight. Helps in treating pain in the lower back and strengthens the neck and back muscles. 4. Tadasana: This is a bit difficult to do as it involves standing

straight with the knees lifted off the ground with the heels touching each other. Tadasana, or the mountain pose, helps stretch the spine, corrects posture and strengthens back muscles. 5. Kohni Chalana: The practitioner rotates the elbows by touching the shoulder pads with their fingers. This strengthens the shoulder and the neck.



Looking at bigger picture rotation policy has merit: Anderson



Ahmedabad, Feb 22: Veteran fast bowler James Anderson urged critics of the much-debated rotation policy to look at the "bigger picture", considering the massive amount cricket to be played by the England team in coming days. England did not play Jonny Bairstow and Mark Wood in the first two

Tests but have brought them back for the final two Tests as a part of rotation policy while first-choice keeper Jos Buttler is back home after the opening Test to help players cope up with life inside the bio-bubble. "You have got to try and look at the bigger picture. The idea was if I missed

that one, that would give me the best chance of being fit and firing for the pink-ball Test," Anderson was quoted as saying by the 'Guardian' Former players, especially Kevin Pietersen, have criticised ECB's thought process, saying they must play their best players in a big series like this

against India. Anderson, 38, himself played the series-opener where he took five wickets in England's victory but was rested for the second where India emerged triumphant by a massive 317-run margin. "I am feeling good and fresh and ready to go again if called upon. It's frustrating to an extent but I can see the bigger picture with the amount of cricket that we have got." To further his argument, Anderson cited injuries he had to endure in the last two years when he missed matches in the 2019 Ashes series and also could not play two Tests against South Africa. "It's the same for all bowlers, not just me. "We've got 17 Test matches this year and the best way of getting your best players firing for as many of those as possible is to take little rests every now and

then. "It's not a case of shielding, it's just a case of trying to make sure you're not wearing someone out until they completely break in half." England have called back pacer Wood but Anderson definitely would not mind bowling in tandem with Stuart Broad. "That has definitely crossed my mind. Ideally, we would get into a position where there will be times - a crucial game potentially - when they want the experience there of both of us and that might get called upon. "All we can do is when we get the nod do the best for the team, try and stay in as good shape as possible, stay as fit as possible and eventually whether it's in the summer or the back end of the year hopefully we will get the chance to play again together," he said.

MCA's Gahunje Stadium all set to host three India-England ODIs in March

Pune, Feb 22: As the Test series enters an interesting phase with a 1-1 situation, interest in the India-England series has reached a peak. Maharashtra Cricket Association's Hon. President Vikas Kakatkar informed that MCA's Gahunje

Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU), also visited and inspected the safety plan for the venue, as well as BCCI Advance Party Manager Mr. Prashanat Bisht, along with STAR SPORTS representatives visited to inspect and check all

which public will be allowed for the matches is expected to be taken in the early part of March, after which ticket prices and capacities will be announced keeping in line with the state governments decisions in this regard, MCA said. There has also been



Stadium is all set for the three ODIs that are scheduled to be held there. The three day-night matches are going to be played on 23rd March (Tuesday), 26th March (Friday) and 28th March (Sunday) respectively. All preparations are in full swing with the wickets and outfield being prepared to the usual high standards. To review the security arrangements and the stadium, the commissioner of Pimpri-Chinchwad police Krishna Prakash paid a visit to the stadium last week. Alok Kumar, Zonal Operations Manager, BCCI

the telecast facilities at the stadium, MCA said. The in-stadia rights tenders have also been received and opened in the recently concluded apex council of the meeting, returning a record sum of Rs. 3.3 crore per match, once again confirming the tremendous interest in the series, officials said. As there are three matches that are planned, with back-to-back matches, the stadium's three main wickets, will find excellent use with each match being played on a fresh wicket, MCA officials said. The final decision as regards to the extent to

some discussion that one of the matches, (last match on the 28th) may be shifted to Mumbai, to facilitate the team's departure from Mumbai to the UK, but the final decision in this regard is awaited, officials said. In the meantime, the association is leaving no stone unturned to provide the best facilities in terms of wickets, spectator arrangements, as well as making and following all final announcements that the state government will issue in this regard in connection to stadium capacity utilisation and other safety and security measures.

India vs England: Rohit Sharma defends spin-trap as home advantage

New Delhi, Feb 22: If the pitch for the Day-Night Test at Motera behaves on the same lines as the one for the second Chennai Test, it would neither surprise nor disappoint Rohit Sharma. The Indian opener, who hit a match-setting 161 in the first innings on a rank-turner to help the team get back on terms in the series, sees nothing wrong in teams exploiting home advantage in terms of pitch and

conditions. He argued that both teams have the opportunity to utilise the surface on offer. The pitch for the second Test aided spinners from the start, with the Indian trio of Ravichandran Ashwin, Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav much more adept at using it than their England counterparts, Jack Leach and Moeen Ali. It's a formula that is likely to be carried forward in the pink-ball Test, which usually is dominated by



seam and swing bowlers. Rohit doesn't see anything wrong in it. "...The pitch is the same for both the teams, so I don't know why this topic is raised ev-

ery time. Both the teams play on the same pitch. People say pitches shouldn't be like this or that but for years Indian pitches are made like this

only," Rohit said during a virtual press conference. "I don't think there needs to be any changes. Every team takes advantage of their home conditions." India's chances of qualifying for the World Test Championship (WTC) final in June depends on the outcome of the England series, and defeat in the first match has prompted the think-tank to throw the spin-punch at the visitors.

WWE Elimination Chamber Results: Miz cashes in, pins Drew McIntyre to win title

New Delhi, Feb 22: Drew McIntyre vs Randy Orton vs Kofi Kingston vs Sheamus vs Jeff Hardy vs AJ Styles (Elimination Chamber): McIntyre successfully retained his championship with a win over five superstars in the Elimination Chamber match. Kofi Kingston struck first as he eliminated Randy Orton, but then he got kicked out of the match by Sheamus. After McIntyre eliminated Jeff Hardy with a Claymore Kick, AJ Styles came into his own to hit Sheamus with a Phenomenal Forearm. With the equation down to two, Styles went for another Phenomenal Forearm but McIntyre converted it into a Claymore Kick. He went for the pin to retain the WWE Championship. He gave it everything he had. Bobby Lashley



vs Riddle vs John Morrison (United States Championship): Riddle earned his first title on the main roster — United States Championship — with a victory over Bobby Lashley and John Morrison. Roman Reigns (c) vs Daniel Bryan (Universal Championship): Reigns retained his title after locking Daniel Bryan in a guillotine choke but the story didn't end there. After the match, Edge ran into the ring and hit a spear on Reigns before pointing at the WrestleMania sign. Nia Jax and Shayna Baszler vs Sasha and Bianca Belair (Women's Tag Team Championship): The team of Nia Jax and Shayna Baszler continued its tag team title run with a victory over the team of Sasha Baks and Bianca Belair.

Axar – the family's hero, literally

Ahmedabad, Feb 22: A small bungalow in the small town of Nadiad, some 60 kilometres from Ahmedabad, tells everything that needs to be told about Axar Patel. An ailing father whom he helped "defeat death", a mother who never wanted him to play cricket as she feared he would get hurt, and a joint family — Patel's story is best told by the inhabitants of this home. It's not hard to find Patel's residence 'Rajkiran'. One just needs to stop a passerby; they will show the road which snakes up to the home of the left-arm spinner, who starred on Test debut with a five-wicket haul in Chennai. In this quiet colony, Patel's SUV's is the only hint of affluence. As big-time cricket returns to Ahmedabad, at the world's largest cricket stadium, it's only apt if

two local lads — Patel and Jasprit Bumrah — feature in the Indian playing XI. Happier times now From Akshar to Axar, it has been a smooth ride for the 28-year-old Gujarat all-rounder. The name-change, as the story goes, was a typo from the school principal on a certificate. Akshar decided to remain Axar. The family is happy with their son making headlines around the globe. However, two years ago, they had to face harsher realities of life. Axar's father Rajeshbhai had gone for a midnight stroll for tea with friends when he met with an accident that damaged the left side of his skull. Sitting on his sofa, watching the highlight reel of his son's five-for, Rajeshbhai says he just defeated death. "I don't remember much, they



(his family) recalled the whole incident for me. Axar was in shock but in those tense moments, showed tremendous maturity. It was with his support that I managed to pull back," he says. Patel's cousin Sanship adds how Rajeshbhai's head was completely damaged and how it took four months for a miraculous recovery. There was a fear of coma and total memory loss. Patel did what any offspring would have done. He poured all his resources into his father's treatment and was ready to fly him abroad. Even in that tense situation, Patel didn't lose hope, the family says. His father doesn't talk much these days. When he is away from home, Patel calls every evening, enquiring about his father's health. "Luckily, there was no cricket happen-

ing when uncle met with the accident. One month later, Axar went to London to play cricket, and was constantly in touch with home. He just wanted his father to be back home," Sanship recalls. The family has overcome the trauma and is enjoying the present phase. They know that when Ravindra Jadeja returns to the Test side, Patel might have to make way. But they don't want this moment to end soon. The stump mikes at Chepauk revealed shouts of "Jayasuriya, left mey ja" from wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant. Patel's nickname dates back to his childhood days. Rajeshbhai, a cricket-lover, had asked his only son, who was just 12 then, about his aspiration in life. "I gave him two options — cricket or studies.

Ashleigh Barty uncertain of schedule as Naomi Osaka closes in on her top spot

New Delhi, Feb 22: Australian Ash Barty has provided no certainty if she will play regularly on the women's tour amid the COVID-19 pandemic despite Naomi Osaka closing in on her world number one ranking with a fourth Grand Slam title in Melbourne. Barty accepted a wildcard to defend her Adelaide International title this week after

faced no fitness issues during the Melbourne Park swing despite returning to the circuit after 11 months. "We plan as best as we can," the 24-year-old told reporters in Adelaide on Monday. "Obviously in the current situation nothing's certain. It's difficult to plan, without a doubt, but we just go with the advice that we have been given. "Of course I



making an exit at the quarter-final stage of her home Grand Slam with a defeat to Czech Karolina Muchova. The Queenslander skipped last year's U.S. Open and did not defend her 2019 French Open title, opting not to travel due to health concerns amid the pandemic. Barty, who is expected to head to the Middle East next month to play WTA events in Doha and Dubai, said she

would love to be back on tour full-time, and all those decisions will come as close as we can to the events, but also as far out to try and plan a schedule and plan a tour." Barty did not play for 11 months but has still held on to her top spot as the women's governing body adjusted the WTA rankings due to the pandemic, allowing players the ability to skip tournaments without the fear of losing points.



Chairman, PPT requests all to make MIS 2021 a grand success

(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Feb 22: The 2nd edition of Maritime India Summit (MIS) 2021, a mega international event is going to be held virtually from March 2-4, 2021. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Maritime India Summit-2021 on March 2. The event is being organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) in virtual mode because of COVID-19 pandemic. Addressing press conference through virtual mode today, Shri Vinit Kumar, Chairman, PPT said that the Maritime India Summit

(MIS) is going to provide a powerful platform for international collaboration. It will cover various aspects of shipping. PPT is going to put up a pavilion in virtual mode, in which more than a billion dollar investment opportunity will be shown. On the 3rd March, in collaboration with Govt. of Odisha, PPT will organise a special session on "Investment Opportunities in Odisha". Soliciting the co-operation of media fraternity to make the event grand success, he also appealed them apart from publicizing, to register for the participation in the event.



PPT achieves yet another 100 MMT mark in Cargo Handling

Paradip, Feb 22: Paradip Port achieved the handling 100 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of cargo fourth year in row. Despite COVID-19 crisis, it once again repeated the feat by crossing the 100 MMT mark in succession and achieved cargo throughput of 100.30 MMT till 21.02.2021 in the current fiscal. The above achievement of 100 MMT of cargo again by PPT in the current

fiscal is despite global COVID-19 crisis and 2 of its existing berths are not available for handling of cargo these are under mechanization process. For the above feat, Shri Vinit Kumar, Chairman, PPT congratulates the user industries, Stevedores, Steamer Agents, Trade Unions to have their continued faith on the ability of the Port to serve them. Congratulating the employees and officers of the Port for their con-

tinued commitment to serve the trade, Chairman, PPT takes the pleasure of appreciating the support of Govt. authorities like Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (GoI), Govt. of Odisha, Indian Railways, Customs, Immigration Department, Dock Safety, MMD as well as all Service Providers/Terminal Operators for their sustained effort in achieving the above feat.

Building with Light Gauge Steel Frame Technology constructed at Paradip Refinery Township

(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Feb 22: Shri. T.D.V.S Gopalakrishna, Executive Director & Refinery Head, along with Shri. V.S Jain Executive Director, Paradip Refinery, inaugurated the 40 room, ground plus one storied Hostel aptly named 'Mahanadi'. Apart from employing conventional methodology of building construction,

Paradip Refinery for the first time employed Light Gauge Steel Framed (LGSF) Structure for construction of 40 room hostel. LGSF is an emerging building technology which uses lightweight construction material. This kind of construction methodology is faster and imparts less environmental impact in comparison to tradi-

tional method as a result in spite of slow-down during Covid pandemic, the complex could be completed in time. IndianOil is always frontrunner while employing new technologies and by developing the first building at Paradip Refinery with LGSF method, it opens up the gate to whole new range of possibilities.



Mattagajpur Primere League



(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack Sadar, Feb 22: The villagers of Mattagajpur have organized cricket tournament in the field of Mattagajpur's play ground since three days. In this programme 8 cricket teams have participated and ultimately the trophy has been won by "Trophy Fighter Champion" and "Basudev Super Kings Runners". Mr.

Ashutosh Panda as well as Mr. Bijay



Mahali have been recognized as the "Man of the Match" and "Man

of the Series" respectively. The concerned teams have been awarded with trophy as well as certificates by Mr. Diganta Panda, Director, Bharat Spices and Mr. Akshya Parida, the former Sarapanch of the area. Besides them, Hrudaya Ranjan Sahoo, Manoranjan Behera, Benudhar Behera, Gopal Chandra Das, Ramachandra Sahoo

and other members emboldened the players with contentment.

Vedanta NandGhar bags the "CSR Shining Star Award"

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 22: Vedanta Limited has been conferred with the "CSR Shining Star Award" under the category of Child Development for NandGhar, Vedanta Group's flagship corporate social responsibility project. The recognition was given by Honorable Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari in an award ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan, Mumbai on 20th February 2021. The award recognizes Vedanta's efforts towards the holistic development and growth of children contributing towards building a stronger and healthier nation. Speaking on receiving the award, Vedanta Director, Ms. Priya Agarwal said: "I am honored as well as humbled to receive the

award for our NandGhar that are transforming the lives of rural women and children across the country. We are committed to fulfilling Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of eradicating child malnutrition, providing education and healthcare, and empowering rural women through skill development, and NandGhar will be the change agent for the same. I have no doubt in my mind that NandGhar will continue to create a better tomorrow for the children and their mothers at the grassroots level." The NandGhar journey began in 2015 with a vision to transform the lives of 8.5 crore children and 2 crore women across 13.7 lakh anganwadis. A dream project of Vedanta



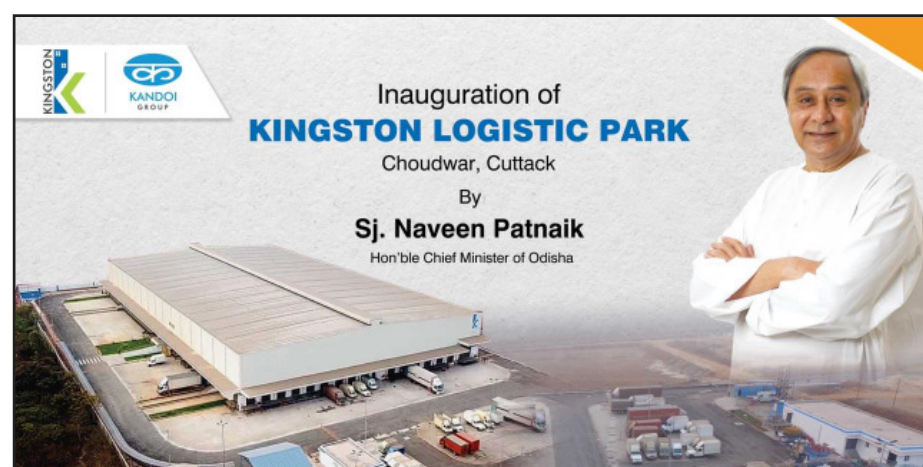
Chairman, Shri Anil Agarwal, NandGhar is a network of model anganwadis where the thrust is on inclusive development of children, women and local communities. The NandGhars are set up in collaboration with the Union Ministry of

Women & Child Development. With more than 2000 centres, the NandGhar project is now spread across 10 states - Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Punjab, Assam, Himanchal

Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. The project aims to touch the lives of 4 million community members while directly impacting around 2 lakh children and 1.8 lakh women on an annual basis. NandGhars are equipped with solar panels to ensure 24 x 7 electricity, water purifiers, clean toilets and smart television sets, and have become a model resource centre for the local communities. Pre-school education is provided to children in the age group of 3-6 years. Nutritious meals and take-home rations are being provided for children, pregnant and lactating women. Primary healthcare services are rendered through mobile health vans and women are empowered through skilling, credit linkage and enterprise development.

KINGSTON LOGISTICS PARK is the First of its kind in Odisha

(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, Feb 22: In this Park all type of storage solution is planned, such as Grade-A Warehouses, Cold Storage, Open Air Storage, Container Yards etc. All the Warehouses will be constructed on Built to Suit (BTS) basis. These different type of Storage facilities will be used by companies such as E-Commerce, FMCG, Cement, Petroleum, Electrical and Electronics, Textile Products, Engineering products, Agro, Pharmaceuticals, Steel, etc. The Park is designed with immense time and cost savings for space users and transporters in mind, plus convenience for every working within



its premises, irrespective of junctions and job roles. Kingston Logistics Park, the latest offering from the Kandoi Group is on a 56 Acre of land situated 10 KM from Cuttack and 40 KM from Bhubaneswar City. The key policy of this park is to improve the state's logistics sector by

lowering overall freight costs, reducing vehicular pollution and congestion, and cutting warehousing costs. Facts & Figures : Total Capacity : 15 lakhs Sqft. in 4 years time. Now launched with : 1.25 lakhs Sqft. (used by E-Commerce Company) Total Investment : 250 Crore in

4 years time. Present Investment : 30 Crores Total Employment : 2000+ Present Employment : 250+ . Location : Choudwar, Cuttack . On this occasion Dr. Nitin Bhanudas Jawale, managing Director, IPICOL says "Odisha is an industry upcoming state. our in-

dustrial last couple of years what it is ? And we have diverse industrial growth. There are huge requirements of logistics in our state now because of diverse growth and Kingston Logistics Park set up by the Kandoi Group, in Choudwar, Cuttack. Is going to be an important utility in this matter. The wide range of products that are handled by these logistics paths is going to be a great asset and definitely a great support for industries in and around this area and also in the entire state. We look forward to the successful operation of this logistic part and I wish to all the best."

MCL honours the Farmer benefitting through its CSR project

(A.O. Bureau) Sambalpur, Feb 22: Benefiting from MCL's Community Development Project- 'Utthan', Sri Bipin Behera, a farmer from Basiapada village, Birsingh GP of Jujumura block in Sambalpur district has transformed a barren land into a high density agri-horti paradise. The septuagenarian has been facilitated by Sri Keshav

Rao, Director (Personnel), MCL for his hard work and becoming a role model for the people from adjoining areas. The Livelihood and Quality of Life project is being implemented by the Company under its CSR initiative in partnership with BAIF since 2019. Under its agri-horti (i.e. WADI) module, training was provided to Farmers to de-

velop underutilized piece of land 0.5 acre into green plantation with intercropping of vegetables. This gives an assured income of around Rs. 30,000 per year to individual beneficiaries. 216 such Wadi plots have been established under the project. The accomplishments of Sri Behera assumes importance owing to the fact that his multi-cropping has yielded a record income of Rs 68,000/- since Sep 2021. He has expressed deep gratitude to the Company for recognizing his efforts and also for implementing the project which is transforming lives of many farmers in his surrounding areas.

