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## ASI Team Inspects Lingaraj Temple, Other Heritage Sites In Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, Feb 4: A team of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) led by Joint Director General (Archaeology) Sanjay Manjul for the second day in a row inspected the Lingaraj temple, Papanasini, and Suka-Sari temples in its periphery. The team inspected the heritage sites and took stock of the situation arising out of the BMC-BDA's demolition drive under the Ekamra Kshetra beautification project. "We already have an office over here and a local team. We two Joint DGs of the ASI are now on a visit. We are making preliminary site visits. Today we visited inside the Lingaraj temple pre-



mises and sites in its periphery," said Manjul. Manjul stated that right now they are not in a position to tell what works will be undertaken by the ASI. While remaining tight-lipped he said that they will coordinate with the agencies

concerned on what the ASI can do vis-a-vis the development work that is underway. The ASI Joint DG said that it will be very difficult on his part to spell out anything unless and until they complete their inspection and study.

"We are now on a visit and will later talk to the State government," Manjul said responding to queries from reporters whether the ASI will speak to the State government. Superintendent of ASI's Odisha circle Arun Kumar

Mallick was also part of the team. eportedly, the State agencies had not filed an application for no objection certificate from the Culture Ministry for carrying out any work near the ASI protected Lingaraj and Suka-Sari temples. A major controversy had erupted over the alleged destruction of ancient structures around the Suka-Sari temple complex during the ongoing BMC-BDA's demolition drive under the Ekamra Kshetra beautification project. The team's visit comes in the wake of ASI, Bhubaneswar Circle, writing to the DG ASI V Vidyavathi seeking her intervention into scientific cleaning of the two-acre site.

## 23-Yr-Old Entrepreneur Twin Sisters In Forbes India 30 Under 30

Bhubaneswar, Feb 4: Earning laurels for Odisha owing to their laudable entrepreneurship in the field of 'Climate Change & Clean Energy', 23-year-old twin sisters Nishita and Nikita Baliarsingh from the smart city here have carved a niche in the coveted list of Forbes India 30 Under 30 this year. Re-

ported to be the co-founders, CEO and COO of Nexus Power, the Baliarsingh sisters are building an EV (electric vehicle) future beyond lithium-ion batteries, states the web page of Forbes India 30 Under 30. The twins are among the list of "young achievers in a tough year as they took on the chal-

lenges of a relentless year head on". As per reports, the twin sisters are on their entrepreneurial pursuit of inventing bioorganic batteries for the EVs from protein of crop residue. If they come out successful in their venture, the bioorganic battery can get fully charged soon and can also enhance the mileage of the EV.



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## Chit Fund Scam: Special OPID Court Awards 7 Yrs RI To 7 Accused

Cuttack, Feb 4: A special Odisha Protection of Interests of Depositors (OPID) court in Cuttack on Thursday awarded rigorous imprisonment of seven years and fine of Rs 5 Lakh each to seven people for defrauding depositors to the tune of Rs 8 crore by floating a ponzi firm. The court's ruling came against two cases of fraudulence by the firm named Siddha Mahapurusa Money Society which was accused of misappropriating investors to the tune of Rs 8 Crore. OPID Court, Cuttack convicted 3 accused persons in Nikirai PS Case No. 12/2017 U/s IPC, 6 OPID Act, 4/5 PCMCS



Act related to deposit fraud in Siddha Mahapurusha Money Society, Nikirai with 7 years of imprisonment and 10 lakhs fine. Kendrapara Dist Police investigated the case. In the first case, the accused Bhagyabrata Rout and Duryodhan Bhuyan have been convicted Under Section-420 of Indian Penal Code and sentenced to

undergo a rigorous imprisonment (RI) of seven years with a fine of Rs 5 lakh each. They have also been convicted under section-4/5 of Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act and awarded rigorous imprisonment of two years. Both the sentences will run concurrently. Another accused Jibandeep Rout

handed over the same sentence as the above two has also been convicted under section-6 of OPID act. Four others named in a related case Laxmipriya Rout, Mitanjali Rout, Sanjib Rout and Manoj Lenka were accused of duping Rs 4 crore from depositors through the society. All four accused have been charged u/s-420 IPC (Seven years of RI and fine Rs 5 lakh each), u/s-6 of OPID act (Seven years of RI and fine Rs 5 lakh each) and u/s-4/5 of Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act (Two years of RI). And all the sentences will run concurrently.

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## Highest ever allocation for WB in rail budget; non-availability of land delaying projects: Goyal

New Delhi, Feb 4: West Bengal has 53 ongoing projects including new lines, gauge conversion, doubling projects costing Rs 48,275 crore for 4,463 km. The allocation of Rs 6,636 crore to poll bound West Bengal is the highest ever funds earmarked for the state in the history of Indian Railways, Minister Piyush Goyal said Thursday, blaming successive state governments for the delay in rail projects in the state. West Bengal has 53 ongoing projects including new lines, gauge conversion, doubling projects costing Rs 48,275 crore for 4,463 km. "The allocation for West Bengal is the highest ever in the history of Indian Railways. It is 2.5 times the average



amount allocated between Budget 2009-2014 and 26 per cent more than last year," he said while addressing a press briefing. "Projects there remain incomplete or are delayed because the state governments – first it was the Left front government and now the TMC – have been unable to provide land to us. Projects which are 45 year old are pending in the state," he said. "I ap-

peal to Mamata didi to expedite the process and give us land," he said. Goyal said that due to non-availability of land, as many as 34 projects in the state have received only token allotment in the budget 2021-22. With an eye on the upcoming Assembly polls in the state, Goyal said that there was no shortage of funds for West Bengal. "I want to assure the people of West

Bengal that there is no shortage of funds for projects in the state. Only there should not be any shortage of land and local issues are sorted then projects will be completed on time," he said. Goyal further took a dig at pre-BJP budgets where the Railway Budget was separate and said that at that time there was a tendency to announce rail projects for political gains and not for the need of the

people. "Once someone became a minister, he would announce projects without first checking if there were funds available, if land was available and if the project was feasible. That is the reason why none of the projects which were announced then could be completed and there would be major cost overruns. So, inspired by politics this harmed the railways," he said. "Now, we have decided that we will start a project only after we have the land required for it. We have identified critical and super critical projects which would be completed in a focussed manner. Over the next four years, the Railways will emerge as a vibrant contributor to the Indian economy," he added.

## Now only 2 Haryana districts near protest sites face mobile internet curbs

Chandigarh, Feb 4: It has been done prevent any disturbance of peace and public order in the three districts, the statement said, adding any person found violating the curbs will face legal action. On January 26, the state government had ordered suspension of mobile internet services in three districts near Delhi after violence broke out during the farmers' tractor parade in the national capital on Republic Day. It later extended the ban to 17 districts but by February 3, he curbs remained in place only

in five districts — Kaithal, Jind, Rohtak, Sonapat and Jhajjar. However, as mobile internet continues to remain suspended in Sonapat and Jhajjar, the two districts near protest sites of Singhu and Tikri borders, the restrictions in the remaining three have been lifted. The government's move to suspend mobile internet services in 17 districts earlier and later on keeping these suspended in a few places led to protests by farmers in the state.

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## Andhra govt's successful solar initiative offsets free power supply to farmers



Hyderabad, Feb 4: The YSRCP government had issued tenders for the development of 6,400 MW solar power plant with an aim to reduce the subsidy burden resulting from the supply of uninterrupted free power to farmers across the state. The Andhra Pradesh government, which has developed 6,400 MW solar power plants, has procured close to 14,000 million units of solar power per annum at a tariff of Rs 2.48 per kWh, which is much lower than the tariff at which AP Distribution Utilities are procuring power. This has offset the free power given to the farm sector. The YSRCP government had issued tenders for the development of 6,400 MW solar power plant with an aim to reduce the subsidy burden resulting from the supply of uninterrupted free power to farmers across the state. "The process has resulted in the government securing close to 14,000 million units of power per annum at a tariff of 2.48 per kWh, which is significantly lower than the tariff at which AP Distribution Utilities are procuring power," an official said. Chief Minister YS Jagan

Mohan Reddy said that the supply of free power to farmers is of paramount importance. However, this entails a huge subsidy burden on the state government. The state is having to incur close to Rs. 10,000 crores as a subsidy to meet the revenue gap of power distribution utilities. The key ingredient of the subsidy component is the power purchase cost, which as on date, is prohibitively high. Another element contributing to the huge power purchase cost is the burden of the PPAs executed by the previous TDP Government at exorbitant tariffs. The average power procurement cost of the state as of now, is close to Rs. 5.2 per kWh. Therefore, the present government has formulated the approach to procure power from a 6,400 MW solar power projects to be set up in the state. This would ensure reliable daytime power to the farmers and also reduce the subsidy burden on the government due, thereby making the functioning of the sector, sustainable. This low tariff of Rs. 2.48 would result in savings of nearly Rs. 3,800 crores in the very first year and it is likely

to increase over the coming years, considering the fact the present tariff of 2.48 for the energy from the 6,400 MW solar power project would remain constant over the next 30 years, whereas the cost associated with power from some of the other sources is likely to go up. The present value of benefit accruing to the state exchequer over the life of this project can conservatively be estimated at Rs. 50,000 crores. Further, the plant was conceived on BOT basis and would, therefore, be transferred to the state after the expiry of the PPA. At the time of transfer, the plant would be operating at 18% CUF, ensuring plentiful supply of power at very low cost. The bid received for development of the project in CS Puram is higher at Rs. 2.58 per kWh and the committee is examining whether such a high-priced bid should be accepted. Tenders have been filed by big players such as NTPC Adani group and Torrent power to develop the project. The first phase, which stretches over 10 different locations, has attracted a total of 24 bids in all.

## Denied meeting for fourth time, Cong MLAs march to Raj Bhavan

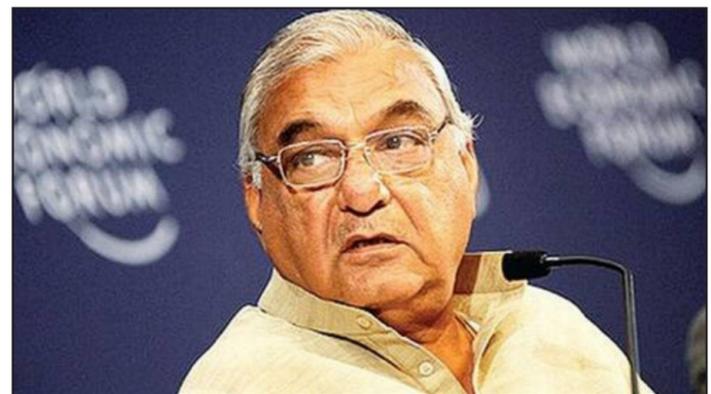
Chandigarh, Feb 4: The Haryana Congress legislators Thursday marched to the Raj Bhavan, claiming that Governor had, for the fourth time, refused to meet them over their demand for a special Assembly session to discuss the ongoing farmers' agitation and to bring a no-confidence motion against the BJP-JJP alliance. Led by Leader of Opposition Bhopinder Singh Hooda, the Congress leaders marched amid a downpour carrying placards and raising slogans in solidarity with farmers but were stopped at the barricades put by the police near the Raj Bhavan. They stood in the rain at the barricading waiting for the Governor to give them an appointment. Later, talking to mediapersons, Hooda said, "I have constantly been seeking an appointment with the Governor. Both the ruling party and Opposition have their own importance in democracy. It is the constitutional right of the Opposition to convey the voice of the people to the Governor and it is the duty of the Gover-

nor to listen to the Opposition. But by not giving the Opposition time to meet, the Governor is not discharging his constitutional obligation." Hooda said the Congress party has been trying to seek an appointment with the Governor for the past several weeks but it is yet to get one. "Sometimes, we are told he is not well, at other times, we are told he is not present," Hooda said. Claiming that the BJP-JJP coalition government in Haryana has lost people's support, Hooda said his party wants Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya to convene a special session of the House so that the current situation of the state and farmers' issue could

be discussed. "Congress will bring a no-confidence motion against the government. The situation has become such that due to opposition from the people, the chief minister, ministers and MLAs backing the government are also avoiding going to their constituencies." He said the Congress wants to bring in a no-trust motion against the Manohar Lal Khattar-led government as "it will make it clear which MLA is with the public and which one with the government". Talking about the current state of political affairs in Haryana, Hooda said, "A few of the legislators are opposing the government in public but continue to sup-

port the BJP-JJP alliance government in Chandigarh. The government is scared...if no trust motion is brought in, people will put pressure on the the ruling parties'

sembly over farmers' issue, saying he did not only show his back to the people of his constituency but his step would only benefit the government. "He should have strengthened the opposition camp and supported us in no-confidence motion. His resignation will only help the government as now they need only 45 members to prove majority," he said. "Moreover, he should not have shown back to the people of his constituency at this crucial juncture when farmers are agitating. He should have been here to raise their voice in the assembly," he added. "Why did Abhay Chautala not resign when bullets were used against farmers in Kandela (Jind) during the INLD government in 2000?" he asked. "The no-confidence motion, which we are going to bring, will reveal the truth of those who are merely playing political games under the guise of the peasant movement and having indirect alliances with the government," he said.



## Owaisi to attend public meetings at Bharuch

Ahmedabad, Feb 4: Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP) founder and party MLA from Jhagadia, Chhotu Vasava, has announced his alliance with the AIMIM, and both the parties will jointly put their candidates for the upcoming elections. All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimin (AIMIM) president and MP Asaduddin Owaisi will address two public meetings in Bharuch and Ahmedabad on February 7, ahead of the local body elections scheduled to be held later in the

month. Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP) founder and party MLA from Jhagadia, Chhotu Vasava, has announced his alliance with the AIMIM, and both the parties will jointly put their candidates for the upcoming elections. On Thursday, Vasava tweeted a photo of the banner of public meeting by Owaisi along with a photo of another AIMIM leader, Imtiaz Jaleel. Jaleel also tweeted about Owaisi's public meeting at Manubar in Bharuch at 11 am



on February 7 and a second meeting in Ahmedabad in the evening. Talking to the Indian Express, BTP president Vasava said, "We have got confirmation from the AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi about his

meetings at Bharuch and Ahmedabad. This is the first visit of Owaisi to Gujarat. My son and BTP MLA from Dediapada, Mahesh Vasava, and I will attend the meeting along with our party leaders and workers. The AIMIM-BTP alliance will definitely make the fight tough for the BJP and the Congress in upcoming local body polls." Vasava said the leaders will meet and discuss about candidates after the public meeting.

## The eternal judgment of the poet Bhim Bhoi is the key to Prime Minister Modi's poor welfare - Dharmendra Pradhan



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 4: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the saint of Odisha. The Modi government is on a pre-emptive mission. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is taking the whole of India, including eastern India, on the path of development in the coming centuries. India will be a world leader in diverse styles and ideologies. The motion to thank the President in the Rajya Sabha for writing a new chapter in history. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the meeting. Also speaking were Shri Swaminathan Committee of Shri Pradhan Rajya Sabha MP Prasanna Acharya and Sasmith Patra. "The recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee are being implemented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said. Both are expected to deliver statements. Mr Pradhan said Narendra Modi was the country's first prime minister for the development of eastern India.

He chanted the slogan "East". This is why it is called the science city of eastern India, not Gujarat. Modi is represented in Varanasi. 50 crore from Kashi to Kohima in eastern India. An unprecedented change in people's lives has taken place under the leadership of the Prime Minister. 6 in the bright plan. More than half a million people in eastern India have benefited. This includes Uttar Pradesh, including Odisha, West Bengal, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh are the major states. Eklabya schools are being built for the development of the tribal classes in the country. Only in eastern India. The Modi government has decided to open 304 monolithic schools. Fly like that. The scheme includes J a m s h e d p u r , J h a r s u g u d a , Darbhanga, Deughar, Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh, Rupsi in Assam. A new airport has been built in Holangi. Modi's slogan was with West and South India. East India will move forward at the same pace. The coming of the Modi government in 2019 will bring the country's poor, women, youth, farmers, the deprived, the backward classes.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given priority to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Modi's call. The poor were our focus. The Modi government has shown in action, not just slogans. At the time of independence, only 1 percent of the population in the country had a toilet. In 195 India sent Aryabhata into space. At the time, there were only two in the country when space was touched. Percentages were toilets. At the 143rd World Cup, India stagnated by 2 percent. There was the use of toilets in the country. That's 18 per cent in 2,000 and Modi in 2019. This is 100 percent since the government came to power. Similarly, electricity services have reached 100 per cent of the country. In 2016, LPG cylinders were supplied to 13 crore people and now 27 crore people. Similarly, the Modi government aims to provide water to every household. Similarly the country. Internet services in 600,000 villages in just 1,000 days to change the appearance of the village. The goal is to provide. Why are some political parties still able to bring in MSPs by law even when they are in power? Couldn't happen? The Modi gov-

- Bhim Bhoi's statement 'East of India falls after my life and save the world'
- BJD MPs should respond to the correct information on the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee
- India will write a new chapter in world history in the next century
- The Ujwala scheme benefits East India out of a total of 6 crore beneficiaries
- It has been decided to open 304 monolithic schools in eastern India
- 100 per cent toilet construction under Modi government
- Record increase in MSP during Modi's four-year rule
- After waiting for 34 years, a new education policy will be implemented in the country
- The goal is to provide energy to all at the same and minimum cost
- India has given priority to the welfare of the world during the Karona period

ernment has increased the MSP record in the last four years. However, the opposition is spreading lies and asking us questions in the MSP. Similarly The central government has introduced a scheme to insure the public and the farmers for the farmers. Only Agricultural loans and currency schemes have also been launched for the benefit of farmers. Similarly The Modi government is pushing for a landmark change in the country's education system. 34 years old. After a while, new education policies are being implemented in the country. To improve education, employment and skills. Such an education policy has been introduced. Covid has recently battled a global epidemic. India has also shown excellence in this. India has protected the world as well as the world. Similarly, the welfare of the poor. Plans have also been launched. It

included 114 districts in the country. Most of it The district is in eastern India. We do not do communal politics, so India is in Muslim countries. Praise is growing. The Modi government has launched an effort to bring about an energy revolution in the country. The Modi government aims to provide energy to all at the same and minimum cost. Similarly International Solar Alliance for Alternative Energy, created by the Hydrogen Mission India is now the number one country in the hydrogen economy. Of India India is also focusing on the use of green hydrogen to accelerate the industrial world. India has made a difference in the use of natural energy by keeping an eye on the environment. In the plague. Employment arrangements have been made for workers who come home. 50,000 crore package and 50 Millions of working days have been set up."

## Saksham 2021-Green & Clean Energy : An awareness drive for Oil & Gas Conservation Cyclothon kick starts in the district Puri

(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Feb 4: The flagship of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Cyclothon commemorating "Saksham 2021" is going to be organised tomorrow at 13 districts across the State Odisha by Oil Industry (IOCL,

need of Oil & Gas conservation and means to do it. During this one month period, various activities are carried out in sectors like Transport, Industrial, Agriculture and Household to spread the message on Fuel Conservation.

Similar events are also organized at other 12 districts across the State. These awareness programs definitely will help all generations especially the future generations and how there is enough scope of conservation in the do-



BPCL, HPCL and GAIL) SAKSHAM is a significant event which is organized from 16th January to 15th February every year jointly by Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) and Oil Industry under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India and guidelines of PCRA with sole purpose of bringing awareness among the people on

Among such awareness drive towards Oil & Gas Conservation, Cyclothon is one of the most perfectly cogent reason where the impact on people's mind is very high. In connection to this, Cyclothon for the purpose of "Saksham 2021- an awareness drive on Oil & Gas Conservation" is organized jointly by Oil Industry i.e. IOCL, BPCL, HPCL and GAIL today at Puri.

mestic and transportation sector. Students from various schools and colleges participated in the Cyclothon. The representatives of PSU Oil Companies, their Dealers and LPG distributors have also attended the function. Jayanta Sarangi (MLA, Puri), Lalatendu Bidyadhar Mahapatra (MLA, Brahmagiri) as Chief Guests and took full participation in the cyclothon with great enthusiasm.

## Comprehensive Cancer Care at the all-inclusive SUMUM HOPE SPRINGS

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 4: World Cancer Day was observed at the SUM Ultimate Medicare on Thursday with oncologists stressing the need for increased awareness to combat the disease. Around one million new cancer cases were being detected in the country while 2.5 to 3 million people afflicted with the disease were under various stages of treatment, Brig. (Dr.) Biraj Mohan Mishra, Chief of Medical Services at the hospital, said. As the



number was on the rise, there was urgent need for spreading awareness to tackle the menace, he said. Brig. (Dr.) Mishra said that SUM Ultimate Medicare was the only hospital in eastern India where all the latest equipment and facilities for cancer treatment was available. People should take advantage of these

facilities, he said. The program was organized by the in house consultants Dr. Chira Ranjan Khadanga, Radiation Oncologist of the hospital's Oncosciences department, Dr. Priya Priyadarshini Nayak, Medical Oncologist, Dr. Jigyashu Mohanty, Surgical Oncologist and Dr. Sudatta Ray, consultant -Nuclear Medicine.

## Koraput Collector Transferred As Andhra Set To Hold Panchayat Polls In Odisha Villages

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 4: The Odisha government today transferred Senior OAS officer Madhusudan Mishra, who is working as the Collector and District Magistrate of Koraput. As per a notification issued by the General Administration and Public

Grievance Department, Mishra was posted as Additional Secretary of the Forest and Environment Department. 2015 batch IAS officer Md. Abdaal Akhtar was appointed as the new Collector and District Magistrate of Koraput. At present, Akhtar is working as the PD, DRDA of Cuttack.



Utkal Sammilani Central Committee celebrates the 8th Shradha Day of Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das

## 87th Commemoration Day Utkal Gourav Madhu Sudan Das Celebrated at Khordha

(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Feb 4: District BAR Association and Utkal Sammilani Khordha unit jointly celebrated 87th Commemoration day of Utkal Gourav Madhu Sudan Das here on Thursday. Garland the Madhu Babu Statue on premises of Civil Court Khordha before attending a prayer meeting and discussed the life history of Madhu Babu. He was an Indian lawyer and a social reformer who founded

Utkal Sammilani in 1903 to campaign for the unification of Odisha along with its social and industrial development. He was one of the main persons helping in the creation of Orissa province which was established on 1st April-1936. In this meeting Chairman Khordha District BAR Association Sisir Kumar Parida, Secretary Harsha Kumar Pattnaik, Siba Sundar Pattnaik, Ajit Kumar Mishra, Lotaka Bindu



Pattnaik, Biswa Kesh Mohapatra, Susanta Kumar Ray, Manmatha Kumar Mishra, Prabhanjan

Jena, Manash Ranjan Pattnaik, Prabhat Nishank, Pranaya Ranjan Das, Utkal Sammilani Khordha

unit members Bimal Kumar Sarangi, Prasanna Kumar Pattnaik and others were remain present.

## Woman's Decapitated Body Recovered On Outskirts Of Bhubaneswar

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 4: The headless body of a woman was recovered from a deserted spot on outskirts of the city today morning. The body was lying in a semi-

naked state near a stretch of bushes in Chandaka area of the Capital city. After getting the information a team of Chandaka police and the Special Squad rushed to the spot and carried out a pre-

liminary probe. According to reports, the body was found at Daspur under Chandaka police limits. A sharp weapon and empty liquor bottles were found in the periphery, reports added.

DCP Uma Shankar Dash said a report has been sent to all nearby police stations to verify missing cases in the recent past. "The identity of the deceased woman is being verified. Prima facie, this

is a case of murder and our investigation has started," said Dash. The area has been cordoned off. Chandaka police have registered a murder case and started an inquiry.

## EDITORIAL

## The Wuhan mystery

All eyes are on the team of World Health Organisation (WHO) investigators who are in China right now to inspect the research centre in Wuhan that has been the subject of speculation about the origin of the Coronavirus pandemic that was unleashed upon the world in 2019, destroying global economies and killing lakhs of people. The team's visit to the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which conducts research on the world's most dangerous diseases, is meant for gathering data and searching for clues as to where the virus originated, how it jumped from animals to humans and how the pandemic spread. One of China's top virus research labs, the institute built an archive of genetic information about bat Coronaviruses after the 2003 outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. That led to allegations that it may have a link to the original outbreak of COVID-19 in Wuhan. However, this trip seems more like an exercise in futility as one wonders what the experts can find after more than a year since the outbreak of the worst pandemic in living memory. Plus, China, which has been subjected to global finger-pointing, accusations and isolation on the world stage amid sanction and lawsuit threats, has fought tooth and nail against allowing any global body into its highly guarded and secretive lab. The team also went to the market where one of the first reported clusters of infection had emerged. This is being considered a "critical" stop, as mankind struggles to get some definitive answers about the contagion. Given that the media have been kept at bay from all the proceedings, how genuine the information coming out of Wuhan will be is anybody's guess. However, one can only hope that the WHO — which in the initial stages had been accused of colluding with Beijing to brush the news of the contagion under the carpet and being "partial" to China because of the major funding from there — will perform its duty with due diligence and integrity. Having been able to wipe the blot with a lot of difficulty, the WHO must ensure against accusations of being partisan or, worse, corrupt. On its part, Beijing would like to forget the past year and is determined to put the focus back on its recovery, if the WHO team's tour of a propaganda exhibition celebrating China's recovery in Wuhan is anything to go by. Though Beijing had to bear global outrage, hatred, economic repercussions and conspiracy theories after the outbreak, it maintained its "innocence". One wonders why it took so long for the country to allow global experts into the notorious Wuhan lab if it was indeed innocent. In fact, if it had nothing to hide, China should have voluntarily opened its doors to allow the inspectors in. However, whether it will turn out to be a fruitful exercise or "Mission Impossible" only time will tell.

## Floodgates shut

After seeking to make an impressive dent in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly by aggressively poaching a number of leaders belonging to the rival parties ahead of the State elections, the BJP has suddenly turned coy. Without assigning any cogent reason for the development, it has abruptly announced that it would henceforth not induct members of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) en masse. Though the officially assigned reason is that the BJP does "not want to become the B-team" of the ruling party and is sceptical of the new joiners having a tarnished image, there is ground to believe that the actualities are more deep-rooted. The BJP has certainly gained strength in the State; the proof is in the pudding: It has inducted since the 2019 Lok Sabha elections 18 MLAs and an MP belonging to the TMC, three MLAs each of the CPI(M) and the Congress and an MLA from the CPI. However, the new arrivals and the importance given to them have caused significant resentment and heartburn among the old guard and caused a divide in the saffron party. Be that as it may, the development must have allowed the TMC — which was being squeezed in from several quarters in the State's electoral arena — to have a huge sigh of relief. It is a matter of record that the Mamata Banerjee-led unit has of late been a worried party; virtually in the throes of a crisis after successive desertions by senior office-bearers and influential community leaders. Another of her challenges in the forthcoming elections comes from AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi, who is hoping to find favour with influential Muslim cleric Abbas Siddiqui, the 'Peerzada' of Furfura Sharif — a much-revered shrine in Bengal's Hooghly district. Bengal's Muslim population stood at 27.01 per cent in the 2011 census and is projected to have increased to around 30 per cent now. The community's population is substantially high in at least nine districts of the State but several clerics and imams close to the ruling dispensation discount the idea that Owaisi & Co will be acceptable to Bengal's voters. It is in this respect that Mamata's party is growing closer to the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), whose leader Lalu Prasad she shares cordial relations with, with the apparent aim of letting that party contest a few constituencies on the inter-State border that have a sizeable number of Hindi-speaking voters.

## The curse of 'Made in China'



The country is ranked 49th in the 'Made-in-Country Index' of 50 nations and even the efficacy of its anti-COVID vaccines is being contested. The country of origin for the manufacture of a brand or the rendering of a service is of deep significance for the end consumer. In today's globalised and inter-connected world where the same brands are made across the globe, it is not uncommon to see the selective dialling up of the country of origin to insist on product superiority, for example "Swiss-made" in watches or "Made in Japan" for electronics. There is an automatic, subliminal and unsaid correlation that develops amid a brand's image, country image, quality perception and promised experience. Global research company Statista has developed a "Made-in-Country Index" to ascertain the value of sovereign labels in terms of conations of value, efficacy and trust. Respondents ranked 50 major countries and, expectedly, the overall score of "Made in Germany" topped the perception index whereas "Made in China" lagged at the 49th place ("Made in India" was at 42). Despite flooding global markets with the cheapest products that are churned out of hyper factories, that are State-supported with subsidised wherewithal as also controlled labour market — the parameter of affordability notwithstanding, the quality of "Made in China" is perennially suspect. This wariness of the sovereign tag extends to the global vaccine rush where the "Made in China" offerings of Sinovac and Sinopharm (CanSino Biologics and Anhui Zhifei are also being developed in China) compete with others. The public hesitation notwithstanding,

the ever-opportunistic Chinese have upped the ante on vaccine diplomacy to make the most of a desperate situation, to bank commercial and diplomatic wins. The cash-rich Chinese have already pledged "friendly" loans of \$2 billion to Africa and up to \$1 billion to the Latin/Caribbean countries to buy the Chinese vaccines — which, interestingly and contrary to the usual "Made in China" narrative, are not the cheapest vaccines in the global market. The move reeks of yet another patented 'debt trap' that Beijing routinely deploys to ensnare cash-strapped and desperate countries. The Chinese order book for the vaccines has client countries that will source its wares owing to geopolitical stakes, such as Pakistan, Turkey, Indonesia and Philippines; some others like the United Arab Emirates, Singapore and Brazil have shown interest. Pursuant to the "all-weather friendship", Pakistan became the first foreign recipient of the vaccines. Similarly, the mercurial quasi-dictator of Hungary, Viktor Orban, sent a loaded message to the pro-democracy West when he became the sole European Union country to repose faith in Chinese

vaccines. Though, like most offerings from China, the manufacturing processes, test findings and efficacy rates remain mired in hotly contested discrepancies. Brazil had initially reported a still-reasonable figure of 78 per cent effectiveness in clinical trials though, subsequently and embarrassingly for the Chinese, the nation revised it to 50.4 per cent after supposedly reworking the base data. Such damning revelations will willy-nilly lead to some heartburn in countries that had pre-ordered these vaccines. However, it is the conundrum in Pakistan which exemplifies the queasy situation vis-à-vis the Chinese vaccines. Recently the Special Assistant to the Pakistan Prime Minister on Health, Dr Faisal Sultan, announced that besides the "gift" of half a million Chinese vaccines, Pakistan had secured nearly seven million doses of AstraZeneca, adding sheepishly: "Though AstraZeneca is being prepared in India, it will come through Covax, an international alliance." The fact that the Pakistanis have not yet ordered the full quantity of the planned purchase, and are actively scouting for alternative sources even though the Chinese

could service the total requirement, suggests inherent issues with "Made in China". Brazil's incorrigible President Jair Bolsonaro taunted the Chinese vaccine: "Is that 50 per cent good?" The other pre-booked procurers of the Chinese vaccines in Singapore, Indonesia and Philippines are having a difficult time selling it to its unsure citizenry. The saga of "Made in China" has played out through the pandemic with the Chinese authorities coming in for an initial rap for having downplayed its consequences (besides former US President Donald Trump's insistence on the "Chinese virus"); thereafter the shoddy quality of Chinese-supplied Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) across the globe made unsavoury headlines for the Chinese. Now the vaccines' questionable efficacy points towards fears of quality when it comes to "Made in China". For a global industrial powerhouse, Huawei is the only Chinese brand to make it to the "Best Global Brands 2020" list — and this brand too has run into serious concerns of having dangerous backdoors in its technology! The US is pressuring its allies to desist from Huawei as it fears the possible misuse of the platform, another specialty that accompanies "Made in China". These diminishing perceptions will impact the ambitious industrial plan introduced in 2015, "Made in China 2025", that seeks to assert China's dominance in the global manufacturing value chain (biopharma and high-tech medical devices were identified among the focus 10 sectors). The recent pandemic has yet again exposed the yawning gap between Chinese claims on technology and the actual delivery, with the curse of "Made in China" only worsening.

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## Self - Reliant Budget Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam



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"When the economy is generally described as a political thought-process, when the entire political activity is woven around how the state would fare better with a higher prosperity quotient, the annual national budget becomes an exercise with a high degree of impossibility to attain evenness of allocations of resources as a defining factor. The nation still smarting under the shadow of worst pandemics in world history, the Union budget presented by finance Minister Ms. Nirmala Sitaraman has offered a near-perfect mix of ingredients that would be able to match the vagaries of the disturbed times in which we find ourselves locked." The Union Budget 2021 offers a clear idea of how the government led by P M Narendra Modi has achieved a satisfactory balance among diverse demands that would have often pulled the narrow resource base in different directions. Political detractors may have a few points to talk about while criticising the union budget 2021. Their point of view is that Finance Minister declared a lot to bring the finance position on track. She also told that the loss in Government Treasury will show 6.8%. So the Govt will take some bold steps to recover the Finance. But it is not so possible. Government has tried his best to address all the important issues that share the Nation in the face.

There may be a debate about details, but the overall direction of the economic discourse appears headed to a point of fulfillment of the larger dream of New India. Only the politically-blinded would find faults with this budget. But the common man in the street would feel that Government has addressed almost each of his concerns. This Budget cumulatively pointing to the wonderful concept of Aatmanirbhar Bharat which is not just a slogan but a potent idea of genuine growth. "Growth is written in all-over the budget documents. When the nation felt threatened with dire consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic, the government unleashed a slew of creative ideas to push growth by stemming the adverse effect of economic slow down. The Union budget 21 appears to be peaking point of the vision that directed the Governments entire range of efforts in the last one year. Of course, times are difficult and the country will have to keep putting its nose to the wheel long stretched periods of time. Government and the people will have to become equal partners. It suggests that the people have to make an on going contribution to generate national surplus. It offers a further impetus to the idea for whose fulfillment it has made very sumptuous allocations in areas such as health, railways, education, agriculture and rural sector, and of course national defence. This is a budget creating all aspects of lives, livelihoods and growth. In spite of many comments it is a budget for self-reliant India.



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Noble Prize for peace winner Hjalmar Branting says fraternity among nations, however, touches the deepest desire of human nature. Every human wants to achieve the goal but sometimes hesitate to get it in a collective effort. Such collective effort of human recognized as fraternity. Fraternity is mutual respect, cooperation and a best way to achieve the desire mutually. It strengthens our faith and credibility among each other. It binds several religion, caste, creed in to single fold in the society. Similarly, humanity based on kindness, mercy, sympathy. The sustainability of humanity indicates eternal fraternity. Fraternity creates different forms of relations in the society, as we know that. Without human fraternity there will no neighbor, friends, relations around us. A person works in different work sector, visits several places, staying at various locations. Such individual delivers humanity in terms kindness, duty and responsibility to others with love and affection there. It embraces all human beings, unites them and renders them equal which guide to human fraternity. The UN General Assembly adopts a resolution declaring 4th February as the International Day of Human Fraternity. As a result Christian-Muslim and other community cooperation will promote peace, harmony and intercultural dialogue in the world. World full of diversified communities and having several cultures values but all people has rights to live with dignity and peace. Sometimes it has been seen

that war, terrorism, communal conflicts, intolerance, religious conflicts etc stand to dissolves the human fraternity where Peace goes far away. So people shall live together with prosperity and dignity and enjoy peace in life. Faith leads fraternity and peace leads to long life in world. God created all human beings with no disparity and no inequalities. Every human has equal in rights, duties and dignity. They must be live together in friendliness, to fill the earth and make known the values of goodness, love and peace. Sometimes it identifies that Social, political, economic and religious intolerance creates violence in society. There are so many examples depicts intolerance behind the incidence of violence. Jealousness, high competitive attitude, individualistic, selfishness among person, society, country weaken the principles of human fraternity and fraternity among human. Understanding and the widespread promotion of culture of tolerance, acceptance of others and of living together peacefully would contribute significantly to reducing many economic, social, political and environmental problems. This would reinforce the humanity and fraternity among all. Suppressing terrorism, conflicts, intolerance through imposing pressure or orderly action may reduce the volume of disturbance or war among people but to eliminate it permanently, the human fraternity is becoming infallible secret weapon thereby establishing peace in world. International Day of Human Fraternity on 4th February 2021. A thought of fraternity shall be infused in mind of every people that will ascertain brotherhood so that inconsistency within the community will be drastically decrease forever.

## N.C.C. cadets of padadip college & Port Trust high school organised cancer Awareness Rally



(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Feb 4: N.C.C. cadets of Paradip college & Port Trust high school organised a cancer Awareness Rally on 04.02.2021 under the guidance of Ltcd A.C.Mishra N.C.C. officer Paradip college

and Sj.Pradip Kumar Das N.C.C. officer Port Trust high school. About 40 cadets from the College & 20 cadets from the school undertook the rally with placards and slogan. They started the same from Paradip college

and moved to different locations of Madhuban and Badapadia, Paradip. The chief objective of this rally was to create awareness against the dreadful effects of cancer among the general public.

## Awareness Campaign on Road Safety and Motor Vehicle Act, organised by DLSA, Malkangiri



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Feb 4: An awareness Campaign on "Road Safety and Motor Vehicle Irregularity" was held today 04-02-2021 online in support of the District Legal Services Authority Malkangiri. The function was attended by Mr. Krishna Chandra Nayak, Secretary, Malkangiri District

Legal Services Authority and Registrar, District and Circuit Court, Mr. Krishna Chandra Nayak, Remand Advocate Mr. Joseph Jems and Dr. Ranjan Kumar Swain Professor and Specialist of Malkangiri College. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Swain briefed the youth of Malkangiri on the Motor Vehicle Amendment

Act, 2019, Penal Code, License, Registration and National Transport Policy Rules, and how the drivers can use the rules. He encouraged ordinary people as well to take part in solving this great task: "One of the things you and other people can do is keep up the pressure ... there are going to be some difficult decisions for government". The event ended with a drive to comply with all the rules and regulations and drive safely, and finally college students and youth groups became aware and urged others to be vigilant.

## More than 85 people left their Native village in fear to Maoist

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Feb 4: In fear by Maoists have left home more than 85 people. The administration has reached out to people. Twelve villages that is Kajuriguda, Bihangudi, Khalapadar, Tarabedha, Matikhal, Ladiguda, Beijing, Talpadar, Dudmaguda, Palasapadar, Daliamba, Mutamba,

Gamelput, Dangarpadar, Doraguda and Panasput Gram Panchayat left their Native village due to fear and lack of jobs. More than 85 people left the village. The villagers of Rajalkonda were already farming on the land as they had come to the plot of land of Rajulkonda village and the villagers of



Chitrakonda Tahasil had lodged a written complaint alleging that the administration did not have the news

and tehsildar of T. Padmanabh. The T Padmanabh Dora and the police administration I Negotiations are

underway between the displaced villagers and the tehsil administration and the police administration.

## 'Sudakshya' centre opens at Rourkela for free competitive exam coaching to the Youth of Sundargarh



(A.O. Bureau) Rourkela, Feb 4: To enable talented youth from underprivileged and mining affected areas of the district realize their dreams of cracking competitive careers, the district administration has launched 'Sudakshya'. ADM Rourkela, Aboli Sunil Naravane along with RMC Commissioner Dibyajyoti Parida inaugurated the 'Sudakshya' centre on Thursday at Koel Nagar, Rourkela. 'Sudakshya' aims to

augment competitive exam taking skills among candidates of the district who have passed +2 and +3. Classes at Sundargarh are underway while the Rourkela centre was inaugurated today. One more centre at Bonai is to be launched soon. The District Mineral Foundation, (DMF) Sundargarh is providing financial support for the initiative, while Niyatee Foundation, an NGO, acts as the implementing agency. "Sudakshya is an in-

novative programme initiated by the Sundargarh Administration. Candidates can avail free competitive exam coaching here and achieve their dreams. This will turn a boon for the underprivileged educated youth of the district," said Dibyajyoti Parida, Commissioner, Rourkela Municipal Corporation (RMC). Many studious young men & women aspire to build a career by cracking competitive exams but fail to do so without

resources and facilities. However, with proper coaching & guidance, they can step closer to achieving their goals. 'Sudakshya', a flagship initiative of the district administration sets out to make these resources available to the eligible candidates. "After completing my graduation, I wanted to appear for the staff selection commission (SSC) examination. However, I could not afford coaching for the same. Then, I came to know about free coaching under 'Sudakshya' and enrolled immediately."- Praveen Kumar Sahu, 'Sudakshya' Rourkela Centre student. The programme provides free three-month coaching for banking and insurance, staff selection commission, railways, army, air force, naval, Odisha police, paramilitary and other sectors. Candidates are also provided with free ac-

commodation, food, study materials and uniforms. The coaching centres will provide classes in mathematics, reasoning, general awareness, computers, communication skill, personality development, among others. In addition, the Odisha Police and Paramilitary aspirants will be trained in the physical skills required for the field. Weekly tests and mock interviews will be conducted so the students can practice and have more success at various competitive exams. In addition, textbooks and previous question papers will be provided for preparation of various exams. The inaugural function was attended by Anjan Kumar Panda, Livelihood Expert, DMF, Arpan Das, Livelihood Expert OMBADC, Nirmal Kumar Panda, Chairman, Niyatee Foundation, Itishree Panda, Chief Executive, Niyatee Foundation, among others.

## Desi Chicken breed farm inaugurated by CDVO Malkangiri Carona vaccination begins in Rengali block



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Feb 4: Today, on 04.02.21, an indigenous chicken

breed farm has been provided to a tribal farmer named Sukura Madhi through the In-

tegrated g System project Financed by ATMA and Executed by TSRD. Which was

inaugurated today by Dr. Sarangdhar Shatapathi, District Chief Veterinary Officer Malkangiri. The Dr. Sarangdhar met and discussed with many goat and poultry rearing stakeholders in Udupa village and how to sell them the benefits of animal husbandry and poultry farming techniques to protect the poultry from the disease by vaccination. 80 goat shelter and 100 poultry Night shelter have been

built. Mr. Shailaj Prasad Nayak Program Officer Wassan, VAS Padmagiri Dr. Khan Modsar Nazar, Mrs. Mamata Mohapatra, Livestock and Fishery Coordinator Mr. Jatish Biswas, Agriculture Coordinator, CEO were present on this occasion. The villagers thanked Wasson and the TSRD for organizing the event and urged them to do more in the Udupa Gram Panchayat area for the development of Local tribals



(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, Feb 4: Karona vaccination has started in Rengali block of Sambalpur district. In the first phase, health workers are being vaccinated to prevent coronary heart disease. The vaccination has been launched at the Rengali-based Gov-

ernment Primary Health Center. Rengali Video Shankar Prasad Sahu, Rengali Tahsildar Sunil Meher inaugurated the vaccination on Thursday. The first vaccine was given to Surendra Mohan Behera, a pharmacist at Rengali Primary Health Center. Cansild

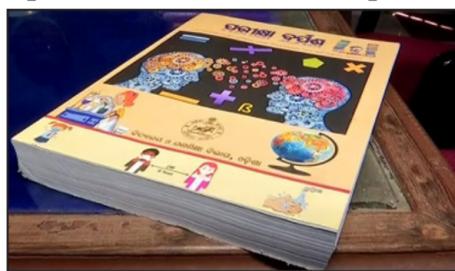
vaccine is being given in the Rengali block. On the first day, 65 people were vaccinated in Rengali. Health workers at Rengali Hospital and Asha workers were vaccinated. The vaccine has also been launched at the Group Health Center in Rengali Block Leida.

## Balasure Receives First Batch Of 12,000 'Pariksha Darpan' For Matric Exam Aspirants

(A.O. Bureau) Balasure, Feb 4: With around three months left for the matriculation examinations in the State, the first batch of 12,000 'Pariksha Darpan' books were delivered at the district education office on January 30 for distribution among standard 10 students who will be appearing for the tests in May. Officials in the district education office said

that a decision had been taken to distribute a total of 36,720 copies of the book among students sitting for the upcoming matriculation or the high school certificate (HSC) examination this year. An official at the District Educational Office said that the remaining 24,720 books will be received by February 12. "The book will be made available to all aspirants for prepara-

tion for the examination as promised by the School and Mass Education Minister Sameer Ranjan Dash," the official said. It is worth mentioning here that the long closure of schools on account of the COVID-19 situation had resulted in fear and frustration among students as they were apprehensive about the modalities for the important examination in



their career. Earlier on 27th January, the Odisha government had released 'Pariksha Darpana' a 700 page guide to be pro-

vided to students who will appear the upcoming High School Certificate (HSC) examination free of cost.

## 2 Elephants Killed After Being Hit By Train In Rourkela

(A.O. Bureau) Sundergarh, Feb 4: In a tragic incident, two elephants were killed after being hit by a goods train in Odisha's Rourkela late last night. The goods train reportedly hit the elephants near Mahipani in Bisra region of Sundergarh district. It is suspected that the elephant heard might be cross-

ing the railway tracks when the goods train hit them. "This is an unfortunate incident. It happened at around 1 AM last night. Though it's difficult to tell the exact reason of the incident, I think diversion of the elephants' movement might have led to the accident," said Nishant Kumar, Assistant Railway Manager, Bondamunda.

## Can We Please Talk About the Sexual Assault Scene in Bridgerton?

New Delhi, Feb 4: On Christmas 2020, American TV mogul Shonda Rhimes presented a new Netflix series called *Bridgerton*, which within a month became the biggest show ever on the OTT platform. Rhimes, who is responsible for some of the most popular shows on television including *Grey's Anatomy*, *Scandal* and *How To Get Away With Murder*, brought her usual charm to the period piece. Needless to say, everyone was quickly obsessed. Created by Chris Van Dusen, *Bridgerton* is set in Regency-era of London. It tells the story of the powerful *Bridgerton* family, with special emphasis on the gorgeous elder daughter Daphne (Phoebe Dynevor), who has debuted in the "marriage market." The queen calls her the most promising debutante of the season, but soon she finds that her suitors have dried. On the other hand is the gorgeous Simon, the Duke of Hastings (Regé-Jean Page), who for personal reasons doesn't want to get married. So, to get nosy relatives off their back, they start a 'fake courtship' and soon fall in love. *Bridgerton* checks all the boxes for being a mass-entertainer. A lot of people went in because it was a period drama, many others hailed the diverse casting of the show. *Bridgerton* also boasts of an extremely handsome cast, with lead actor Regé-Jean Page becoming the new internet boyfriend. It is safe to say that we saw the success coming, but we are not so sure if the show actually deserves it. Ever since

the show released late last year, many publications called it out for two major reasons. First it was accused of race-baiting. In many interviews, creator



Chris Van Dusen said that *Bridgerton* would address race. He said that despite being set in Regency-era London, the fact that many actors were People of Colour, was not due to 'Colorblind Casting,' as apparent in cases of *Enola Holmes* or *The Personal History of David Copperfield*. However, the show was accused of not keeping its promise because only a small scene was dedicated to the issue. The second issue, which we will be addressing too, was the case of the sexual assault scene that happens in the 6th episode. To give a context, after falling in love and being caught in a compromising position (for that time), Daphne and Simon hurriedly get married under the condition that they cannot have children. Simon tells Daphne that he cannot give her children and she assumes that it is because of a physical inability. It is, however, a vow he has taken to end the Hastings line as vendetta against his abusive father. Daphne, as

with most women of that time, is taught about sex by her husband. So after months of passionate sex and seemingly blissful Honeymoon phase,

Daphne realises that Simon is actually consciously not letting her get pregnant. Daphne hatches a plan to trick Simon into impregnating her. Here, the show takes a different turn from the book, *The Duke and I* by Julia Quinn, on which it is based. In the book, Daphne takes advantage of a drunk Simon by seducing him, which clearly demarcates that a violation of consent has happened. However, the series takes a different decision, and frankly, messes things up to an uncomfortable degree. In the show, Daphne and Simon have consensual sex but Daphne takes charge, which prevents Simon from 'pulling out.' What's more disturbing is that when Simon realises what she is up to, he asks her to stop twice, but she doesn't. What the show fails to do this is to mention that this, in fact, is a rape-scene. In Netflix's Content Rating and Warning, 'sexual violence' is mentioned for the episode but not once does the show's storyline

describes it for what it is. It is, instead, shown as Daphne's revenge from Simon for lying to her. What clearly is a rape scene, is brushed off as an ex-

plosive fight between our two protagonists. Simon is then shown to be angry at Daphne for trying to break his vow, not because she sexually assaulted him. It is interesting to note how different the consequence of the show would be if the genders were reversed. This wouldn't fly under the radar and neither would the makers show such a thing. Another reason why this went unnoticed because people went on and on about how good looking the character of Simon was. Since a lot of people fetishized the character, it was easier to look past what happened to him. This sexualisation happens to female characters all the time. However, we have come a long way from romanticising abuse against women on screen. It is even more concerning because male victims of sexual abuse are most often made fun of and not taken seriously. According to Netflix, 63 million households in the world have watched *Bridgerton*.

That constitutes an alarming rate of people who might not understand the importance of respecting one's consent. If it is not an enthusiastic yes, it is rape. Consent can also be taken away at all times. This means, if a couple start having consensual sex, one partner can ask the other to stop, and they must. Otherwise it is rape. It is also rape when one partner commits an act which was not agreed to previously by their partners. Hence, stealthing, where a person removes their contraceptive devices during sex without telling their partners is also rape. A person can also rape their wives, husbands and their romantic partners. The notion of rape being a violent situation committed by strangers, is frankly a dangerous one. It happens, but it is not the only form of sexual assault. When an extremely popular show like *Bridgerton* makes a conscious decision to underplay a sexual assault just so the protagonist can have their 'happily ever after,' they throttle the voices of millions of sexual assault survivors, be it women, men, trans folk or gender non-binary people, who are discouraged from speaking up due to various reasons. In a way, *Bridgerton* is gaslighting survivors and victims of sexual violence, just like Daphne did to Simon by telling him it was his own fault for lying to her. The show will obviously be renewed for another season with the producers tasting bigger success than they anticipated. However, it is up to us to talk about things like these.

## World Cancer Day: Sonali Bendre, Tahira Kashyap celebrate the spirit of cancer patients



Mumbai, Feb 4: Tahira Kashyap, who is a breast cancer survivor, took to Instagram on Thursday to share a video of herself reciting a poem that she wrote on the occasion of World Cancer Day. On World Cancer Day, celebrities came together on social media to celebrate the spirit of cancer patients and survivors. Tahira Kashyap, who is a breast cancer survivor, took to Instagram on Thursday to share a video of herself reciting a poem that she wrote on the occasion of World Cancer Day. Sonali Bendre, who braved cancer in 2018, took to Instagram to read a poem from Ayushi Shridhar's book *Poems By Rani*, which talks about a cancer patient's struggles. She said, "Whatever

medical facilities you might have, what you need is a positive attitude. So, switch on the sunshine and take one day at a time."



Gautami Tadimalla, who battled cancer when she was 35, took to Twitter to share a word of encourage-

ment for cancer fighters and survivors. The actor-politician wrote, "Life is meant to be lived- to the fullest. Every breath to be inhaled with joy and gratitude. Find the good in people around you and be inspired to be your best self... to live your best life. Cancer is one challenge among many that we face in life and we all have a warriors within ourselves." She added, "We are warriors who successfully fight many battles in life. Cancer is just one more battle. In case if you had to fight this battle, remember, that you are not alone in this fight. Like me, there are many who

will stand with you and support you. Cancer is curable. Cancer is preventable. Early detection saves lives."

## 'Malcolm & Marie' Director Reveals Origins Of Buzzy Film

New Delhi, Feb 4: The creator of HBO's *Euphoria* found his hit series shuttered so he pivoted to writing and directing *Malcolm & Marie*, a film about an epic lovers quarrel starring John David Washington and Zendaya who also stars in the HBO show. Set in a luxury California beach house, Washington's *Malcolm* an up-and-coming director and Zendaya's *Marie* an

his wife, producer Ashley Levinson, a frequent collaborator whose credits include *Bombshell* and *Queen & Slim*. "I remember I was like I turned to Ash and I said, What if its about a filmmaker who forgets to thank his partner at a premiere? And we just both burst into laughter because, granted, that might have been something I did at one point. While he and his wife had a

crazy. "Stop blaming me for your inabilities, Malcolm tells Marie. She yells: Do you know how disturbing it is that you can compartmentalize to such a degree that you can abuse me while eating mac and cheese? Is this how arguments go in the Levinson household? Ashley Levinson just laughs: If you know Sam at all, you know that this is Sam in battle with himself. I think he



out-of-work actress have returned after a party where his film has premiered to rapturous applause. But he forgot to thank Marie and that leads to an outpouring of simmering grievances. Levinson had been thinking about possible script ideas when he seized on this argument as a way to explore art and appreciation. He ran it past

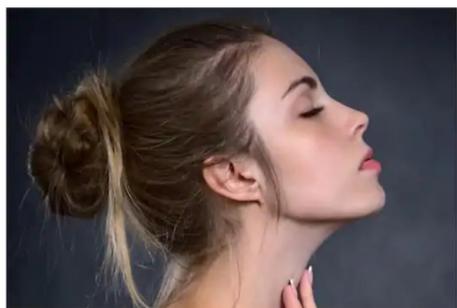
calm conversation after his slight, Levinson wrote a two-hour blow out, likely *Malcolm* and Marie's worst fight. *Malcolm*, I promise you nothing productive is going to be said tonight, Marie warns. But back and forth the lovers go, pushing and goading each other. She says he's a megalomaniac and a narcissist. He says she's needy and

is both Marie and Malcolm. During their on-screen argument, the couple also lash out at Hollywood and the hypocrisy of the movie business. They mock celebrities in a \$2,000 dress talking about socialism on the red carpet and film reviewers who are clueless, throwing around academic nonsense to cover their lack of knowledge.

## This is How Stress Impacts Your Skin

New Delhi, Feb 4: Staying-at-home has resulted in a lot of stress for people -- of being stuck indoors for week on end; the uncertainty has taken a toll on people's mental well-being. Stress cannot be hidden; it shows on your face. The first tell-tale signs reflect on your face as pale skin and mild eruptions on the surface. Stress causes hormonal imbalance which leads to acne, rashes, hair thinning and fall, and various other skin breakouts. It is imperative that people follow good skin care routine while they're indoors. Staying inside does not necessarily mean you can forego or overlook skin and hair care. These are prone to more damage owing to stress. One

should follow a strict, if not elaborate, skincare routine, which involves cleansing, toning and moisturizing. Geetanjali Shetty, Consultant Dermatologist and Cosmetologist on behalf of Cetaphil India shares most important of all, keep yourself hydrated



with water and lots of liquid! Acne and oily skin are the most common side effects of stress. When our body is stressed it releases cor-

tisol which is our fight or flight hormone. The cortisol (stress hormone) weakens the skin's immune system, leading to oxidative (free radicals) stress, which manifests itself as wrinkles, lines and lack lustre skin. It also increases inflammation in

the body and conditions like eczema, rosacea and psoriasis can flare up. For skin, stress is quite evident in various forms like redness of

skin, acne, etc. If there are skin breakouts and eruptions -- it is better to avoid exfoliation and stick to cleansing your face thrice daily. Similarly, those with skin on the drier side should aim to wash their face only twice a day with a foaming cleanser. Should your skin need a little boost, indulging in Vitamin C to help combat the loss. If you know you're about to enter a stressful period, try to make time for the activities that will help you feel calm and rested -- your skin will thank you. It is highly imperative to discover what one is getting exposed to and when. Stick to your skincare routine - cleansing, exfoliating, and moisturising, and keep a sunscreen handy

for the times that you may have to make a quick dash to the grocers. Even if you're not wearing makeup, your face still gathers sweat, sebum and dirt build up throughout the day. Lastly, its important that to stay away from fried and spicy food. Vitamin E is a superfood for your skin -- you can apply it topically or you can choose to consume it through vitamin E rich foods like almonds, corn oil, cod-liver oil, hazelnuts, lobster, peanut butter, safflower oil, salmon steak, and sunflower seeds. The most essential thing to bear in mind is to keep yourself hydrated -- drink lots of water, juices and liquids.

## Upset with Tendulkar, netizens flock to Sharapova's wall: 'Sorry for criticising you when you said didn't know him'

Thiruvananthapuram, Feb 4: Maria Sharapova's social media pages saw hundreds of messages in Malayalam, apologising for railing against her in 2015. Angered by Sachin Tendulkar's tweet on farmers' protest, scores of Keralaites flooded tennis star Maria Sharapova's social media pages with messages, apologising for criticising her in 2015 when she had in an interview pleaded ignorance about the cricket icon. While most messages were apologetic of their previous comments, a few even invited the Russian to come to God's Own Country to enjoy its scenic splendour and attend the iconic Thrissur



Pooram once the coronavirus threat receded. "Sharapova, you were right about Sachin, that he is not a person of quality that you should know," a social media user commented in Malayalam, in the vein of hundreds of similar messages in the south Indian language. The tennis star on Wednesday posted

a tweet saying, "Anyone else got their years confused?", after her Twitter and Facebook pages were flooded with comments in Malayalam, like in 2015. Sharapova had faced the ire of Malayalees in 2015 following her comment in an interview that she did not know Tendulkar. Many were back on her wall

Wednesday, apologising for their "crude behaviour" six years ago, soon after Tendulkar along with several Bollywood and other cricket stars rallied around the government in its pushback against international celebrities' support to the farm protests. Tendulkar's tweet did not go down well with his fans, with many

hitting out at their "God". On Sharapova's wall, the thousands of comments in Malayalam had a similar pattern. "I am sorry, Maria, the legend. We knew Sachin as a player. But we didn't know him as a person. You were right and sorry for commenting bad on your FB post," a user said. One person offered her shawarma and Kuzhimanthi (a type of biryani) and apologised, saying, "I am the sorry", borrowing words from a Malayalam movie, while another said "One truck load of apologies, sister. We didn't have your foresightedness. Time proved that you were right." NefilNappy, another user, said "we are sorry for cyberbullying".

## Twitter takes down Kangana's tweet to Rohit Sharma on farmers' protest

New Delhi, Feb 4: Twitter on Thursday put out a statement saying it had taken down a post by actor Kangana Ranaut in which she quoted cricketer Rohit Sharma over his remarks on the ongoing farmers' protest. Rohit, who is the vice-captain of the India's limited-overs cricket teams, was among the many cricketers, including skipper Virat Kohli, who tweeted their support to the statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs. Sharma wrote, "India has always been stronger when we all stand together and finding a solution is the need of the hour. Our farmers play an important role in our nation's well-being and I am sure everyone will play their roles to

find a solution TOGETHER. #IndiaTogether." The 33-year-old actress, who has been vocal about her support to the farm laws, then took a swipe at Rohit in reply to his tweet. Soon after, Twitter removed her tweet for violating company rules. "We have taken action on tweets that



were in violation of the Twitter rules in line with our range of enforcement options," the microblogging website said in a statement. It also took down several

other tweets with reference to the farmers' protest. Thousands of farmers, mostly from Punjab and Haryana, have been camping at several of Delhi's border points since November last year, demanding that the government repeal the three farm laws and provide legal guarantee of MSP for their crops.

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## 'Internal affairs?': Punjab pacer Sandeep Sharma slams 'logic' behind Rihanna flak

New Delhi, Feb 4: Sandeep Sharma, who plies his trade as a pacer for Sunrisers Hyderabad, voiced his support for Rihanna on Thursday after the international pop icon received flak on social media for tweeting about the ongoing farmers' protest in India. His comments came after the Ministry of Exter-

nal Affairs reacted sharply to tweets by Rihanna, teen climate activist Greta Thunberg and others on the protests. Rihanna, who has 100 million followers on Twitter, on Tuesday posted, "Why aren't we talking about this?! #FarmersProtest," linking a CNN report. The 27-year-old bowler, who has 109 IPL wickets in 92 matches, posted an image on Twitter but later deleted it. "By this logic no one should care about each other because every situation is someone's internal affair," read the caption. "Many

minority in China. By that logic no one outside South Africa should have condemned apartheid and denial of the right to vote to blacks in South Africa when apartheid was prevailing. By that logic no one outside Burma should have criticized the persecution of Rohingyas in Burma." "After all, these were internal affairs of those countries," he concluded. Irfan Pathan and Bengal batsman Manoj Tiwary also tweeted regarding the issue. Meanwhile, former India cricketers like Sachin Tendulkar, Gautam Gambhir, Anil Kumble, and Ravi Shastri have joined Bollywood superstars Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn, and producer-director Karan Johar to support the government's call on standing against "propaganda" regarding the ongoing farmers' protest. Thousands of farmers, mainly from Punjab and Haryana, have been camping at several Delhi border points since November last year, demanding the government to repeal the three farm laws and legal guarantee of MSP for their crops. Sites of the farmer protest at Delhi's borders have turned into fortresses with the police beefing up security and putting up multi-layered barricades.

## India vs England 1st Test Preview: Home comforts

New Delhi, Feb 4: V Ramesh Kumar holds a Master's degree in psychology. He runs his own textile business, has a cricket academy and is in charge of the Chepauk pitch laid out for the first Test between India and England starting on Friday. The surface has some grass to start with and a Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) official exuded confidence that it would play pretty well, with "spinners coming into the game" as the match progresses. Test cricket is returning to India after almost a year-and-a-half, but the Indian team has become truly an all-weather (read, conditions) side. A historic series triumph in Australia further attested the team's progression. The scenario ahead of the first Test against England, though, is a little different to what it was Down Under. Last month, when India played in Brisbane, their resources were down to the bare bones due to a string of injuries. Now, with Virat Kohli back from paternity leave and fit-again first-choice players raring to go again, India have an embarrassment of riches. Picking the right combination becomes a happy headache, as Kohli speaks about variety and depth. In Brisbane, India were forced to go with five bowlers with a cumulative experience of just four Tests. Now both pace and spin spearheads are back - Jasprit Bumrah and Ravichandran Ashwin. Ishant Sharma, if he is picked for the series-

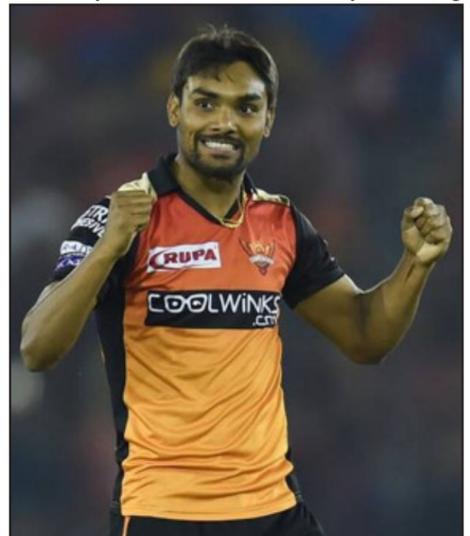


opener, will be playing his 98th Test. And in the absence of the injured Ravindra Jadeja, left-arm spinner Axar Patel has been included - a relatively old hand in white-ball internationals, although yet to play Test cricket. At the pre-match press conference, Kohli confirmed that Rishabh Pant would retain the gloves. It's a minor departure from the usual practice, for until the last home series, Wriddhiman Saha had been the team's first-choice wicketkeeper, while Pant was preferred away from home because of his superior batting. Pant's rise as a batsman in Australia has given him the home advantage as well. The batting unit picks itself, so it's basically down to bowling combination where "variety and depth" are expected. Usually, India announce their Playing XI on the eve of a Test. But on Thursday, they preferred to keep their cards close. Being spoilt for choice could be a reason. Kohli spoke about having bowlers who can bat. "Bowling combination; we will try to give it as many options as possible, along with the guys who have the ability to contribute

with the bat." This brings Patel into the equation, as also Shardul Thakur. "The reason (to pick Axar) was basically to have someone very similar to Jadeja in terms of skill-set, which Axar brings in all three departments," Kohli said. The 27-year-old, whose left-arm spin thrives on accuracy, is a capable lower-order batsman, with a century to his credit in first-class cricket. The Brisbane Test served a fresh reminder about the benefit of batting deep, as a 123-run seventh-wicket partnership between Washington Sundar and Thakur in the first innings turned the game on its head. Irrespective of conditions, playing five specialist bowlers has been a policy for this Indian team, but whether to go with three spinners or two could be a tricky decision. Kohli's assessment of the pitch was about "a normal Chepauk pitch, quite a nice batting track, with spinners getting assistance eventually in the game". Sundar, despite his Gabba heroics, might have to sit out, for the youngster is Ashwin's understudy at the moment. So, the team management will have to choose between Axar and

Kuldeep Yadav if two spinners are picked. The former offers a wholesome package - tight bowling, lower-order batting and top-class fielding. Also, England, save Joe Root, didn't look particularly comfortable against Lasith Embuldeniya's left-arm orthodox spin in Sri Lanka. The latter returned with 15 wickets from two Tests and created problems, especially bowling with the hard, new ball. Like Embuldeniya, Axar too is comfortable operating with the new ball. Kuldeep's unorthodox style, on the other hand, offers variety. The chinaman bowler hasn't played in the longest format for more than two years, but given that the majority of England batsmen play spinners off the surface and their over-reliance on the sweep shot, Kuldeep can create enough doubts on a turner. "Kuldeep will be in the scheme of things. He is fitter. His bowling is much improved," his skipper observed. Playing just two pacemen could be fraught with risks. If one bowler breaks down during the match, the department becomes lightweight. Two years ago, against South Africa in Ranchi, however, India went

ahead with three spinners and two pacers and wrapped up the Test inside four days. It would be interesting to see if the team management sticks to that formula against England in Chennai as well. Bumrah walks in as the team's first-choice pacer. Ishant is the most experienced of them all. Mohammed Siraj was India's highest wicket-taker in the Test series Down Under. Thakur, apart from his bowling mettle, is fresh from a half-century at the Gabbatoir. Hardik Pandya's inability to bowl in the longest format at the moment weakens his case, still the team management has a happy problem to live with. Nine years ago, Root made his Test debut in India during a series-winning campaign. That was the last time India lost a home rubber. On Friday, the England captain will play his 100th Test, coming here on the heels of his 228 and 186 in Sri Lanka. Zak Crawley's "jarred right wrist", an injury sustained when the top-order batsman slipped on the marble floor on Tuesday, has created a No. 3 void in the England batting line-up. Root remained coy over whether he would promote himself up the order or it would be Ben Stokes or someone else. He, however, dropped a hint that Moeen Ali's proven batting ability, apart from his off-spin, might help him edge Dom Bess as the team's second spinner for the game. In a marquee series between two heavyweights, depth has become important.



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## World Cancer Day is celebrated by the Vikash Degree College

(A.O. Bureau) Bargarh, Feb 4: Awareness Rally has been organized by the Youth Red Cross of the Vikash Degree College on the occasion of World Cancer Day today. The stu-

dents went to the Development Multi-Specialty Hospital to raise awareness about the dangers of the disease. At the same time, she wore a pink ribbon to spread the word. The

function was inaugurated by Mr. D. Murali Krishna, Chairman, Development Group, at Karkamal. In the next phase, the students went to the main road and alerted the people and all the staff, nurses and security personnel working in the Development Group of Institutions. There was also an online poster making contest online. The Vice-Chancellor of the College, Mr. R.S. Under the supervision of Krishna, the event was presided over by Prof. Shri Suraj Panda, Mr. Abdul Farid Khan, Mr. Abhas Vhoi and Prof. Smitamayi Pradhan.



## DRM Khurda Visits JSPL Angul, focuses on Effective Coordination

(A.O. Bureau) Angul, Feb 04: Divisional Railway Manager of East Coast Railway's Khurda Road Division Mr. Sashi Kant Singh today visited Jindal Steel & Power Ltd (JSPL)'s integrated steel complex at Angul to discuss mutual cooperation and growth. Accompanied by JSPL's Managing Director Mr. V.R. Sharma and other senior officials, Mr. Singh visited various units of the plant and discussed better collaboration between JSPL and East Coast Railway. "JSPL steel plant is having the plan for expansion and today's visit was to synergise the plan of JSPL with the East Coast Railway so that we can extend neces-



sary support to JSPL in its plan to augment steel production and make the country proud," said Mr. Singh. He stressed on working together and long term planning to meet the growing traffic. "Our focus is to work simultaneously inside JSPL plant as well as on railway track so that

there are no constraints in movement of the raw material and finished products of JSPL," he added. As per the discussion, representatives of JSPL and East Coast Railway will meet every month alternatively at Angul and Khurda to discuss the freight requirement and better

coordination for mutual business growth. Mr. Singh also enquired about power requirement and improvement in power infrastructure. JSPL's MD Mr. V.R. Sharma thanked Mr. Singh and ECOR's Team for their visit and support to JSPL. "The effective support from East Coast Railway will

help JSPL, Angul to achieve its growth plan and contribute to Atmanirbhar Bharat," said Mr. Sharma. Officials of East Coast Railway's Engineering, Operations, Commercial, Civil Engineering, Signalling and Mechanical teams also joined Mr. Singh during the visit.

## Execute Smart City projects in J&K swiftly: L-G

(A.O. Bureau) Jammu, Feb 4: UT's Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha laid stress on timely completion of the projects and gave specific directions to the officers concerned for completion of work within the set timelines. "The vision behind the ambitious projects is to transform Jammu and Srinagar into modern, sustainable and economically vibrant cities with dedicated focus on improving infrastructure and services, increasing mobility and enhancing the administrative efficiency," the Lt Governor observed. He also stressed upon the need for proper inter-departmental coordination.

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## Early Detection And Treatment Key To Battling Cancer: Experts



Bhubaneswar, Feb. 4: Early detection and treatment is the key to deal with cancer, eminent experts said at the World Cancer Day celebration organised at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital, the faculty of medicine of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) here, on Thursday. Evolving technology has made it easier to detect the onset of cancer in the human body and infrastructure is being added to ensure better treatment of patients, Prof. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, SOA's Vice-Chancellor and eminent neurosurgeon told a gathering of cancer patients, survivors, social workers and medical professionals. A national cancer hospital with 1000 beds was being set up at the AIIMS, New Delhi but there was need for palliative

hospitals and the latest equipment to diagnose and treat cancer, he said. Prof. (Dr.) Pusparaj Samantansinhar, Medical Superintendent of IMS and SUM Hospital, reiterated that early detection was the key to combating cancer while pointing out that comprehensive cancer treatment was available in SUM Hospital. "We have all the required technology to correctly detect and treat cancer," he said. He also congratulated the doctors, nurses and paramedics of the hospital for their role in battling Coronavirus as SOA managed four standalone government-run Covid Hospitals and Covid Care Centres with more than 2200 beds. "You're a highly efficient workforce and worked like superhumans," he said.

Prominent Odia film star Sabyasachi Mishra, who graced the occasion as the chief guest, described cancer survivors as 'Ambassadors of Hope' saying they had been infusing other afflicted persons with positive spirit to fight the condition. "The need is to spread positive spirit around to enable the affected persons to rise above their situation and combat the disease. They must be told that the disease can be defeated," Mishra said. Dr. Sunil Agrawal, Head of Surgical Oncology department and Dr. Saroj Panda, Head of Pediatric Oncology department also addressed the gathering. Dr. Agrawal said people should take proper care of their health while being careful of their choices. "You must be careful about what you eat and how you think," he said.

## Awareness session by Tata Steel Foundation on World Cancer Day

(A.O. Bureau) Joda, Feb 4: With an objective to create awareness regarding various aspects of cancer among the community, Tata Steel Foundation, the CSR wing of Tata Steel organised an awareness session at Anganwadi center, Kamarsahi, Ward Number 9, Joda Municipality on Thursday marking the 'World Cancer Day'. More than 30 women participants including youths, members of various Self-Help Groups and students participated in the awareness session that was organised under the banner of Regional Initiative for Safe Sexual Health by Today's Adolescents (RISHTA) Project. Addressing the participants, Dr Anmol Tigga, Tata Steel Foundation said, "According to



World Health Organisation, Cancer is now the second leading cause of death globally after cardiovascular diseases. The disease accounts for one in six deaths around the world. Awareness is one of the key steps to stay safe from the deadly disease." Urging the participants to stay away from tobacco, Dr Tigga also emphasized upon the negative effects of tobacco usage on health and environment. Apart from this, participants were also informed of various methods to keep themselves away from this habit and various mea-

sures to reduce the risks associated with tobacco usage. It may be noted here that 'World Cancer Day' is an international awareness day, marked every year on 4 February with an objective to save millions of preventable deaths each year by pressing on the issue, raising awareness and educating people on cancer. This year's theme for 'World Cancer Day' is 'I Am and I Will', which is all about positive actions through self-commitment to reduce premature mortality from non-communicable diseases (NCDs) by a third by 2030.

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