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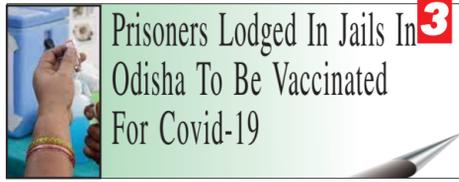
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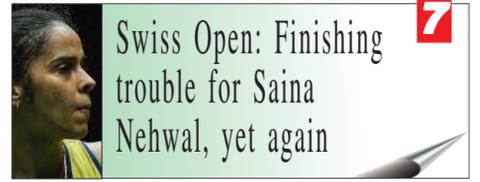
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ArcelorMittal to set up a 12 MT integrated steel plant in Kendrapara of Odisha with an investment of 50000 crore

Bhubaneswar, Mar 4: In a historic development, Government of Odisha and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited signed a MoU for setting up an Integrated Steel Complex in Kendrapara District. This project will entail in investment of more than Rs. 50,000 crore. ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel is one of the largest steel makers of the world and combines the financial might of the LN Mittal Group including their international presence in the sector and the technological prowess and management strength of Nippon Steel, which is a Japanese company renowned in the world for its high-technology steel products. The MoU was signed in the au-



gust presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik and Shri L N Mittal, Chairman of the Mittal Group. Shri Prafulla Mallik, Hon'ble Minister Steel & Mines and Works and Shri Atanu Sabyasachi Naik, MLA, Mahakalpara were also present. Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that, Kendrapara was

the Karmabhumi of Biju Babu and he loved the place and its people from the core of his heart. He also stated that Kendrapara provides ideal prospects for an Integrated Steel Complex and the state Government will provide all the required support and facilitation for the setting up of this mega project. He also state

that Odisha has successfully emerged and the most attractive investment destination in the country today because of its forward looking industrial policy, facilitation mechanism and robust infrastructure growth. Mr. Mittal mentioned that he is very happy to partner with Government of Odisha in setting up this integrated steel

complex at Kendrapara, which is in addition to the other investments of AM/NS in Odisha including the 6MTPA pelletization plant in Paradeep which will be expanded to 12 MTPA and the beneficiation complex in Keonjhar and slurry pipeline which are already operational. He further mentioned that he is

amazed as the speed of work by the Government of Odisha, which in his opinion is the best he has experienced in his worldwide business experience. He reiterated that AM/NS is committed to partner with Government of Odisha in the industrial growth journey of the state. The MoU was signed by the Shri Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary Industries and Shri Dilip Oommen, Chief Executive Officer, AM/NS India. Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Principal Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister Transformation and Initiatives (5T) and other senior officials of the state Government were also present.

Odisha Warns Doctors Against Issuing False Co-Morbidity Certificate

Bhubaneswar, Mar 4: The Odisha government warned medical practitioners against issuing false medical certificates in support of the specified co-morbidities. Additional Chief Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department PK Mohapatra in a letter directed Collector and Dis-

MoHFW. Mohapatra further stated the persons producing the false medical certificates at the Covid vaccination centres will face action. The letter asked the medical practitioners to strictly follow the MoHFW guidelines. Worth mentioning, the Covid-19 vaccination programme for the age appropriate groups was rolled out from March 1, 2021. Citizens aged 60 years and above and those aged 45 to 59 years with the specified co-morbidities possessing a medical certificate will be able to get the Covid vaccine.



trict Magistrates, Commissioners of Municipal Corporations and Health officials to take action against the registered medical practitioners who issue false medical certificates supporting the specified co-morbidities prescribed by the

French delegation in city to monitor CITIIS projects

Bhubaneswar, Mar 4: A high-level delegation team led by Mr. Bruno Bosle, Country Director, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) in India visited the city today to take the overview of the City Investments to Innovate Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) projects in Bhubaneswar. The delegation included Thomas Salez, Economic Counsellor-Energy and Industry Division from the Regional Economic Services of the French Embassy. Representatives from the CITIIS PMU at National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) were also present. During the visit, Mr. Bosle held high-level talks with senior officials of Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA), Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited (BSCL) and Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC). The meeting was chaired by Shri Harish Chandra Nayak,

Secretary, BDA. This was followed by site visits to CITIIS Project locations, including, heritage sites like Debi Padahara and Ganga Jamuna Tanks. Bhubaneswar's B-Active (Bhubaneswar-Active) proposal was submitted by BSCL under the theme of Public Open Spaces. It was selected as one of the 12 city proposals under CITIIS Challenge Programme in February 2019 at the Second Apex Smart City CEO's conference held in Delhi. Subsequently, a tripartite agreement was signed on March 5, 2019 for the CITIIS Programme between MoHUA, Government of Odisha and BSCL. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Government of India, the French Development Agency (AFD), European Union (EU), National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited are jointly

implementing the CITIIS Programme in the Temple City, Bhubaneswar. CITIIS Programme is supported by the national PMU at NIUA in New Delhi. The intention behind B-Active proposal is to resolve the issues associated with service delivery to improve the quality of public open spaces across 2,470 acres, encompassing parts of the planned area and the Old Town area of Bhubaneswar City. While addressing the issue of declining levels of physical activity, a Smart Active Living Strategy is proposed to maximize the use of the open spaces for different assets (components) in the city, including Streets, Water, Parks & Open Spaces, Sports & Playgrounds, and Heritage. For the end users, it will increase access to city's assets, and enhance the users' and visitor's participation in the activities and opportunities.



Pradhan Urges Odisha Govt Again For Implementation Of OBC Quota

New Delhi, Mar 4: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday reiterated his request to the Odisha government to implement reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in government jobs and educational institutions, and for Socially Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs) in educational institutions in the state. "I had written letters to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik seeking reservations for OBCs in government jobs and educational institutions and for SEBCs in educational institutions in Odisha. However, my request for 27 per cent reservation for socially and economically backward classes in government jobs and educational institutions in Odisha has re-



mained unaddressed till date," Pradhan told Odisha media in New Delhi. Notably, the state government is set to begin a survey of backward classes based on the social and educational status. "The current move for enumeration of SEBCs

comes across as a dichotomous and dilatory step trying to mask the extant policies of the Odisha government denying reservations for OBCs and SEBCs categories," he added. He further said that the state government has access to its own

SEBC list as well as OBC list of the Centre, which can be used for providing appropriate reservations in the field of education. The Minister said backward classes constitute a considerable portion of the total population of Odisha. "There are more

than 210 communities identified as SEBCs in Odisha. Most of them are suffering from the twin curses of poverty and illiteracy. Even after 30 years of a provision for reservations under Article 15(4) and 16(4) of the Constitution for such communities, the state government is not providing any such reservations to OBCs in government jobs as well as in educational institutions," said Pradhan. "At the cost of reiteration, I again urge the Chief Minister to accede to my request of providing higher reservations to OBCs in public employment and educational institutions and for SEBCs in educational institutions on an immediate basis," said Pradhan.

Fuel Station Selling Diluted Petrol Sealed in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, Mar 4: A fuel station located opposite of the Kali Temple at Baramunda in Odisha capital has been sealed by the Khandagiri police as the outlet was allegedly selling diluted and adulterated petrol to customers. Teams of Forensic Laboratory and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited have collected samples of the fuel for examination. The license of the fuel station will be sus-



pending in the case of detection of adulteration in the test, an official of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited said. Tension ran high at the fuel station last evening as several customers alleged that the outlet was selling them diluted and adulterated petrol. Creating ruckus, they also complained of damage to the engines of their vehicles after using petrol from the fuel station.

'Metroman' Sreedharan Announced BJP's CM Candidate In Kerala Ban On Jeans, T-Shirts For Govt Employees In UP

Thiruvananthapuram, Mar 4: Hours after E.Sreedharan, 88, often referred to as Metroman on Thursday said it will be his last working day with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) since work at the Palarivattom flyover was complete ahead of schedule, state BJP president K.Surendran said that is why the Metroman will be the BJP's chief-ministerial candidate. Surendran, who is leading his state-wide yatra, told party workers at Thiruvalla that this is the difference between the BJP and the two traditional political fronts. "While the other two fronts are engaged in corruption, our model is what the Metroman showed when he finished the work of a bridge months ahead of the scheduled time and that's why we have put him as the Chief Minis-



ter candidate of the BJP. Metroman is our CM candidate," said Surendran. Earlier in the day, Sreedharan, wearing his trademark uniform of the DMRC, himself told the media at the Palarivattom flyover that Thursday will be his last working day and for the past 24 years he has been wearing the DMRC uniform. "When we were handed over

work on this project, the state government had given us eight months to complete the reconstruction work, but we have completed it in five months. This became a reality on account of the work of the Uralungal Labour Cooperative Society, which did the work. "Today will be my last day in my official career," said Sreedharan. Built at a

cost of Rs 42 crore during Oommen Chandy's tenure, the 750-metre flyover was supposed to last for over 100 years. It was opened in October 2016 and within three years, the flyover started crumbling and had to be closed. Later the Kerala government got the green signal for reconstruction and handed the work to DMRC. In 2020 September, the

demolition work began and on Thursday Sreedharan will end his official career after completing the load test. "It would be handed over to the state government and it will decide when it should be opened," added Sreedharan. When asked about his decision to contest the upcoming assembly elections on a BJP ticket, he said he is willing to contest from anywhere. "My request is, since I now live at Ponnani (Malappuram district) I would like to contest in some place near that. My campaign would not be by meeting each and every voter, instead, I will 'reach' every voter with a message," added Sreedharan. Sreedharan sprang a surprise last month, when he announced his decision to join the BJP, which he did and later agreed to contest the assembly elections.

Sambhal (UP), Mar 4: Imposition of dress code banning informal wear by government officials in Sambhal district of Uttar Pradesh has kicked up a controversy. District Magistrate Sanjeev Ranjan passed the order banning informal dressing—wearing of jeans and T-shirts—in all government offices. He stated that the move is aimed at maintaining 'office decorum' and ensuring that employees follow the code of conduct laid down in the district. Wearing "proper" clothes will "ensure seriousness among employees at work", he said. Rajan said that any violation of the rule will invite action. However, official has not proposed any specific dress code for government employees. "Only a handful follow office ethics. Most of them are spotted



wearing casuals such as T-shirts and jeans at work. This violates the government employees' code of conduct. Wearing formal clothes in government offices will make them look more serious towards their duties and will also ensure office decorum," he said. He further said: "It has been made mandatory for the officials and employees of all government departments not to wear such casuals during office hours in the district. There is no specific dress code proposed yet, but it has to be ensured that informal

outfits are not worn by the employees." Some employees are apparently upset at the new diktat. A junior official at the district collectorate said: "The dress code is unjustified. A number of senior officials can be seen wearing jeans and shirts to work. We wear jeans because they are low on maintenance. It is fine to disallow T-shirts but jeans should be allowed." This is not the first time such orders have been issued by the authorities in Sambhal. Similar orders were issued earlier but could not be implemented.

Odisha, ICRISAT To Work On Natural Resources Management

Hyderabad, Mar 4: Government of Odisha is collaborating with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) to strengthen management of natural resources for the benefit of the state's Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups that are dependent on agriculture. Accordingly, ICRISAT will undertake capacity building initiatives, water harvesting, recording of hydrological parameters and crop productivity in addition to monitoring land-use as well as land-cover through remote sensing and GIS in 12 districts of Odisha, the institute announced on Wednesday. "The main objective of this collaboration is promoting sustainable integrated natural resource management through capacity building and monitoring. The period of agreement is for three years and the area of intervention is spread over 12 districts," said P K Jena, Development Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha, during signing of the partnership agreement in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday. The collaboration is a part of Odisha's Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups Empowerment and Livelihoods Improvement Program (OPELIP), which is funded by the UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). OPELIP aims to develop integrated approaches

prove agricultural practices and productivity as well as food and nutrition security. I am confident that this partnership with ICRISAT will help ensure that the lands and forests these communities rely on are managed sustainably, securing their livelihoods for generations to come," said Ulac Demirag, Country Director, IFAD India. The new collaboration will also see ICRISAT develop rainwater harvesting structures and setting up gauging stations to record rainfall, run-off and other hydrological parameters in four districts where Jhum or shifting cultivation is practiced. "ICRISAT will use its expertise in hydrology and its strong capabilities in remote sensing and GIS techniques. In all of ICRISAT's past and current partnerships, capacity development has been a vital component—across the farming community, government functionaries and NGO partners—as it is crucial for delivery of required outputs," said Jacqueline Hughes, Director General, ICRISAT. "Assessment and monitoring are also critical to ensure achievement of objectives. ICRISAT will support the Government of Odisha's efforts to ensure outputs and outcomes are delivered in a timely manner." Government of Odisha and ICRISAT have been partnering for a decade for the benefit of the state's smallholder farmers and agriculture. The partnership is a holistic approach to enhance crop productivity,



for improved access to natural resources, agriculture technologies and other services in the state's 12 districts where populations of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) reside. These districts are Sundargarh, Mayurbhanj, Debagarh, Kendujhar, Angul, Nuapada, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Gajapati, Ganjam and Malkangiri. "Our partnership with the Government of Odisha has steadily enhanced the living conditions for particularly vulnerable tribal groups. Together, we have helped im-

prove incomes and better nutritional outcomes by making agriculture climate resilient and sustainable. Some of the collaborative efforts underway include development and promotion of improved varieties of pigeonpea, groundnut and chickpea; monitoring and improvement of soil health under the Bhoochetna Project that has already demonstrated yield increases in the range of 20-60 per cent across the state; and supporting the Odisha Livelihood Mission in a multifaceted manner.

81% Covaxin Efficacy Gives A Booster Dose To Atmanirbhar Bharat

New Delhi, Mar 4: The country's vaccination war against novel coronavirus has entered a decisive stage. Very soon nearly half a dozen new range of vaccines will hit the market to lend depth to the ammunition of immunity against the COVID19 in the country. Speaking exclusively in the OTV's 11th annual conclave Foresight, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said, "The vaccination in India has reached a crucial stage. As of date, Covaxin and Covishield have been delivered to over 1.66 crore people. The AEFI (Adverse Effects Following Immunisation) in the country as of date stood at a mere 0.00043 per cent. The country will see the roll-out of nearly half-a-dozen vaccines soon. Another 12 vaccines are in the pre-clinical trial stage." As per highly placed sources, ZyCoV-D (a plasmid DNA vaccine) will soon be launched in India. However, the main theme of Dr Harsh Vardhan Foresight 2021 talk harped on the Atmanirbhar Bharat which showed its resilience to the world in combating the contagious 'once in a life time' pandemic. BOOSTER DOSE TO ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT: "When many mathematical models on n-CoV2 have predicted doomsday for India citing the sheer density and



size of her population and had even gone to predict that the country would witness a massive 300-400 mn cases and 6-7 mn deaths due to the contagious pandemic, the actual cases after 1.2 years stood at mere 11.7 million and fatalities stood at 1.57 lakh," he outlined. Putting the glare on Atmanirbhar Bharat again, Harsh Vardhan said, "in April 2020, the country had only 1 lab for Covid-19 testing, today we have around 2,399. Now, we are manufacturing 5-6 lakh PPE per day. A massive 5-10 lakh test kits per day are being manufactured in the country." Moreover, when a lot of controversies and political fishing had been done around one vaccine (Covaxin), the phase-III data released recently (that showed an interim efficacy of a high of 81 per cent) has silenced the

critics in the country, said a smiling Harsh Vardhan. This is the Union Health Minister's first public comment after the release of Covaxin phase-3 data. He added that the vaccine policy of the Government of India has been uniform since the beginning. "There should be no compromise on safety, efficacy and immunogenicity of the vaccines." ON INDIA AS PHARMACY OF WORLD: "During the peak pandemic time, India had supplied Hydroxychloroquine drugs to around 250 countries. Similarly, the country has launched the 'Vaccine Maitri' programme to deliver made in India vaccines to its neighbouring and friendly countries. As of date, vaccines are provided to 21 countries as grants, and to over 36 countries under contact programme," said Dr

Harsh Vardhan. ON INDIA'S POTENTIAL TO FIGHT PANDEMICS: The country's potential to battle out such a highly contagious pandemic is evidenced by the instance of a student who had returned from Wuhan and had tested positive. The potential of the country is it could trace 162 contacts. When questions on India's capability to conduct tests were being raised, the numbers of over 1mn tests/day in the peak month of September 2020 tells the tale of the country's potential to deal with the size of the pandemic like Covid-19, he emphasised. "The WHO had announced about n-CoV-2 to the world on Jan 6, 2020. Within a week (by Jan17), the union health ministry had issued detailed guidelines to all states. In the shortest span of time, the country

had set its extensive surveillance network—from the point of entry (at airports) to community surveillance at the ground level)," claimed Dr Vardhan. ON RISE-IN TREND IN 5 STATES AND SECOND WAVE: The Union Health Ministry has categorically stated the consistent rise in cases of COVID in 5 states cannot be termed as the second COVID wave in India. "It cannot be construed as the second wave because states like Maharashtra has been recording higher cases since the beginning of the pandemic. The rise is due to non-adherence to Covid-19 appropriate behaviour. Also, our scientists have clearly established that there is no link between rising cases and new strains," the minister reasoned. ON THE WUHAN LINK: The WHO has conducted a series of meticulous scientific studies in the ground zero at Wuhan. As of the date, there has been no such data to show that the virus is engineered at any lab in Wuhan, explained Dr Vardhan. However, the Union Health Minister has laid a greater emphasis on diligent adherence to the 'Social Vaccine'—use of masks, maintaining 6-ft distance and hand washing—to keep the pandemic at bay, even as the country will have an intense vaccination drive to defeat the Covid-19.

Illegal Sand Mining: NGT Issues Slew Of Directions To States/UTs

New Delhi, Mar 4: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued a slew of directions to the chief secretaries of the states and union territories, and the Environment Ministry on a batch of applications relating to updation of enforcement and monitoring

mechanism to control and regulate illegal sand mining, including riverbed sand mining. Some of these applications have been pending for about seven years while others have been tagged to the pending matters later, from time to time, in view

of common question of illegal sand mining. Unsustainable sand mining practices are rampant in India. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Adarsh Kumar Goel directed all the states and union territories to strictly follow the Sustainable Sand Man-

agement Guidelines, 2016. "We further direct that periodic inspection be conducted by a five-member Committee, headed and coordinated by the SEIAA and comprising CPCB, State PCB and two expert members of SEAC deal-

ing with the subject." At the national level, a review needs to be conducted at least once in a year by the Secretary of Environment in coordination with the Secretaries Mining and Jalshakti Ministries, the Central Pollution Control Board, the bench stated.

Hand over of recovered mobile Phone by RPF Staff of Puri Sri Sushanta Ku. Bagla

(A.O. Bureau)
Puri, Mar 4: On 22.02 while on duty RPF Staff of Puri [HC-Sushanta Ku Bagla] was engaged for checking of empty Coaches of train No.02802 [Purushottam Express] recovered one mobile Phone [Model-Asus, valued Rs-11000/-] from Coach No.B-3 [AC-3], Seat No.05 [upper berth] in unclaimed condition. After recovered the above mobile Phone, he made efforts to know the owner of the above Phone, but couldn't be success as the screen of recovered Phone was in locked. Accordingly he brought the recovered Phone to RPF Post Puri for further disposal to his owner. After few times one call received in that mobile Phone & caller given his identity as



Anand Pattanaik, At-Qtr No.104/F, Radha Nagar, Bokaro [Jharkhand]-827010. He further informed that, he was traveling from Bokaro Steel City to Khurda Road by train

No.02802 [Purushottam Express] vide PNR No.221-5115261, Coach No.B-3, Seat No.5,6 & 8 along with his family for further went to Hyderabad by train No.07015 [Vishakha

Express] for medical treatment of his wife and his train arrived at Khurda Road Station the early morning of 22.02.2021, so he along with family getdown from the train leaving behind

his mobile Phone, but after boarding in Vishakha Express from Khurda Road to Hyderabad he remembered that his Phone was not available with him. After that he dialled his number and the Phone has been received by RPF Staff at Puri. As they were in journey for medical purpose, so he requested to keep his Phone till his return from Hyderabad. On 28.02.2021 at about-11.30 hrs, owner of the recovered mobile Phone attended RPF Post Puri and after initial verify the recovered mobile Phone handed over to him with proper acknowledgement. After receipt the same he appreciated the act of RPF Staff of Puri. Said ANIL KU SINGH IIC RPF PURI

District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee Meeting

(A.O. Bureau)
Khordha, Mar 4: District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee Meeting was held today at the Conference Hall of DRDA, Khordha, under the Chairmanship of Member of Parliament, B h u a n e s w a r , Lokasabha Constituency Smt.Aparajita

Sarangi. Collector Khordha Sanat Kumar Mohanty, Project Director District Rural Development Agency Khordha Digant Routray, Additional District Magistrate, Manoj Kumar Padhi and other officials were also present in this meeting. Proper implementation and speedy completion

of the PMGSY, NSAP and credit linked subsidy welder schemes, framing of viable schemes, projects in the Agriculture, Horticulture and allied departments were the main highlights of the meeting. Officials from all implementing agencies presented detailed PPTs on the schemes implemented by them accordingly.



Grand road service from Saturday



(A.O. Bureau)
Puri, Mar 4: The Administration will take responsibility to clean of the Grand Road from Saturday to make the program it has invited the puri city people and tourist in this program every Saturday from 6 to 8 a.m work will continue as told by the collector of puri Mr Samarth Barma in a Press meet today the whole grand road

has been divided five part such as from temple office to Marchi kote , Marchikote to Market square , Market square to Medical Square , Medical square to Badasankha , and Badasankha to Gundicha Temple .In this program various social org ,Hotel ,Bus Truck, Auto , Business org student, s and local people will associated during

this time several cultural program Debate , rangoli and quiz programs will be arranged registration have started online about 1500 people will join with this plastic collection will start one t,shirt will be given by Hotel association and Puri Municipality Mr Bijay ku Das Executive officer of. Puri Municipality was present in the press meet

Development of port sector critical for nation development: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

(A.O. Bureau)
Bhubaneswar, Mar 4: Mr Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Government of India today said that the long coastline of Odisha is going to be the epicenter of development and the development of ports and inland water transport sector would be given high priority. Addressing the virtual session on 'Investment Opportunities in Odisha' during the Maritime India Summit 2021, organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, jointly with FICCI, Mr Pradhan while referring to the rich maritime history of Odisha said, "The development of eastern part of India is largely linked to the development of ports and the overall economic growth of the country won't be possible without port-led development in eastern India. In the 21st century, globally the primary network for transportation will be maritime and there has been sizeable investment planned by the government of India for im-



provement in port-connectivity." Mr Pradhan informed that Rs 300 crore has been sanctioned by the government for developing a dedicated economic corridor from Paradip to Barbil which would ease raw material, mineral and goods transport for large number of big industries and industrial parks existing in the region. He also reiterated that there has been lot of encouragement for private players to venture into port development. The government aims to restrict its role only to create facilities and make policy formations to support the industrial development process, he added. Mr Padmanabha Behera, Minister for Commerce and Transport, Govern-

ment of Odisha said that the development of port sector would help sustainable and inclusive growth of industries in the state. Various power plants, metal industries and petrochemical units are coming up within the state which would largely depend on water transport for economic viability, he added. The state government has formulated a policy for development of non-major ports wherein, private investors are encouraged to venture into port development through PPP (public private partnership) mode. In addition to Paradip Port in the major port under the Central Government, there are two functional non-major ports in the state, Dhamra Port and

Gopalpur Port which are being managed by private companies under revenue sharing mode with the state government. Two more non-major ports are in the pipeline at Subarnarekha in Balasore districts and Astaranga Port in Puri district of the state, the minister informed. He added that the on-going development of National Waterway No-5 will enhance the inland water transport facility further and help economic growth of the state. Mr Madhu Sudan Padhi, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Transport Department, said that the state government had conducted a study with the help of IIT Chennai to ascertain the feasibility of setting up ports in different locations along the vast coastline of Odisha's 480 kms. Basis, the study findings the state government has invited private players to develop non-major ports in the suggested locations and operate in the BOOST (build, own, operate, share and transfer) mode. Mr Hemant Sharma, Prin-

icipal Secretary, Industries Department said that ports play a significant role in the development of industries. Since, Odisha is considered the hub of mineral and metal production, there is a need for port development within the state to boost industrial development. Emphasis is also given for hinterland connectivity wherein, ports connected with good road and rail network and gas pipeline for inclusive industrial growth and nation development, he said. Mr Dilip Oomen, CEO, AMNS; Mr VR Sharma, MD Jindal Steel and Power Ltd along with Mr Dibyendu Bose, VP (Supply Chain) Tata Steel Ltd also shared their experiences of investing in the port and industrial sector in Odisha. Mr Vineet Kumar, Chairman, Paradip Port Trust and Mr AK Bose, Deputy Chairman, Paradip Port Trust were the convenors for the Odisha State session at Maritime India Summit 2021.

Prisoners Lodged In Jails In Odisha To Be Vaccinated For Covid-19

(A.O. Bureau)
Bhubaneswar, Mar 4: Prisoners lodged in different jails in Odisha will be inoculated with the Covid vaccine. The State government decided prisoners above 60 years of age and prisoners within the age bracket of 45 and 59 with specified co-morbidities will be vaccinated. In a letter, the Directorate of Prisons and Correctional Services directed the Superintendents of all jails in the State to take immediate steps for Covid vaccination of the categorized prison-

ers. The jail Superintendents were also asked to consult with Chief District Medical Officers (CDMOs) and Public Health Officials (PHOs) and district authorities about the vaccination of prisoners. The letter further asked the jail officials to follow security protocols and Covid guidelines of the Government during the vaccination programme. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) directed the States and Union Territories to inoculate persons above 60 years and



those above 45 with specified co-morbidities from March 1 in the second phase of Covid vac-

cination programme. In the first phase, the Centre asked the States and UTs to vaccinate

healthcare workers and frontline workers in the fight against Covid pandemic.

Odisha Restricts Use Of Loudspeakers In Functions

(A.O. Bureau)
Bhubaneswar, Mar 4: The State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), Odisha has written to all Collectors and SPs to take steps towards controlling noise during marriage processions, religious functions, cultural programmes as well as public meetings etc. Imposing restrictions on use of loudspeakers, it has asked the officials not to allow playing of loudspeaker with sound level more than 65 decibel. "Without approval from concerned police stations, no one can use loud speakers/DJ systems. Audio systems with sound



limiters shall only be allowed. Punitive action as per law may be taken which would act as a deterrent against the violators. Action taken in this regard may please be intimated within 4 weeks for kind appraisal of the Chief Secretary," the SPCB said in the letter. "Proper action may please be taken at your level including issuance of suitable instruction to the field level functionaries to

be more alert and effective for control of noise caused during marriage processions, religious functions, cultural programmes as well as public meetings etc. held in their jurisdiction. Several advisories have been issued by the Govt. for enforcement of noise pollution control rules in respective jurisdictions which may be scrupulously followed," the board said in the letter.

EDITORIAL

Split house

At a time when leaders belonging to other political parties are upping the ante against their opponents in a bid to be successful at the hustings and form the Government in the five States/Union Territory going to polls soon, the Congress biggies are busy sparring among themselves. The fault lines run deep and, in all likelihood if one goes by its current state of inertia, the 'Grand Old Party' is heading towards yet another poll drubbing. The G23 (Group of dissenters) is clearly pitted against the 'loyalists' on the issue of the Congress tying up with the Indian Secular Front (ISF) of Pirzada Abbas Siddiqui for the battle royal in politically-sensitive West Bengal. Deputy leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Anand Sharma, who is part of the G23, objected to the party aligning with the Islamic outfit and asserted that the tie-up "militates against the core ideology" of the Congress and that the alliance needed to be endorsed by the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party's highest decision-making body. Recently, Ghulam Nabi Azad — who is a prominent leader of the dissenting group — heaped praises on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These senior leaders are making all-out efforts to stay relevant and they don't want to lose their hold on the party. On the other hand, the Congress joining hands with a fundamentalist group in West Bengal ought to raise the question whether the party has compromised on its secular credentials? The "soft Hindutva" card played by Congress leaders, including the Gandhi scion, has failed to elicit the desired outcome in a series of elections. Further, the Congress has been selectively applying the policy of minority appeasement but, apart from a few stray successes, it has failed to make any major breakthrough. The BJP has proved to be too formidable for the Congress and the regional parties have expanded their base at the cost of the 'Grand Old Party'. This time, too, the Congress seems to have selectively played the appeasement card by aligning with Pirzada, who wields considerable influence among Muslims in South Bengal. Despite the fact that Pirzada has a dubious record of making controversial remarks, the Congress leaders shared the stage with him at a joint rally on Sunday. The Congress aligning with a fundamental party will either increase its vote percentage or it will prove counterproductive to its image in the long run; we'll know in due course. Moreover, Rahul Gandhi's foot-in-mouth disease has only added to the party's miseries. The differences within the party point to the fact that Rahul's leadership is not strong enough to bind the members together and settle their disputes. West Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has accused Sharma and Azad of playing to the BJP's gallery, saying that they are serving the polarising agenda of the saffron party. Well, whether these "dissenters" are pushing for reforms or only serving the BJP's agenda, the Congress' internal fight only weakens it and further damages its prospects in the forthcoming Assembly elections. It is time for the Congress leaders to resolve the internal feud and steer the party out of the ongoing crisis.

Mea culpa

Political legacies and succession are not a uniquely Indian thing. The success of leaders like Justin Trudeau, Shinzo Abe and even Xi Jinping for that matter are demonstrable proof that even today, family political legacies are a giant step up the political ladder. A name, a family name in politics and the subsequent recognition is a powerful tool. But it can also be a huge burden, a cross to carry. And the prime example of someone who carries both the blessing and the curse of political recognition is Rahul Gandhi. The past and, in all likelihood, future president of the Indian National Congress, India's only national Opposition party of relevance, is led by this scion of the Nehru-Gandhi family whose history every Indian knows. No matter where he goes, Rahul's rallies and road shows are well-attended. But it is the curse, that means that many of the millions who might attend his rallies in a year, will not vote for the Congress in elections; such is the legacy of that party and its dominant family. There is no insinuation here that Rahul is responsible for the actions of his great-grandfather, grandmother or father. Jawaharlal Nehru, a convenient whipping boy for some these days, died even before Rahul was born. He was five years old when his grandmother, Indira Gandhi, declared the Emergency and a teenager when his father, Rajiv Gandhi, was caught up in the Bofors scandal. He has also suffered more than most, to suffer two violent deaths in the family in full public gaze is not something any of us will endure. The scale of that suffering is something we will never comprehend and, thus, never truly empathise with. Yet, because he, and even his sister Priyanka, ask for votes in the name of the positive aspects of that legacy, they cannot escape the ills and mistakes. Yes, Rahul should attack the Narendra Modi Government on the engagements with China in Ladakh, but he must acknowledge the mistakes of 1962 as well. He cannot proclaim that democracy is under threat without admitting that he senses this because of the Emergency his grandmother declared. Acknowledging this fact now is a huge step by the Congress leader. He was not responsible for the mistakes of the past and admitting that fact is something that should mark an improvement in the way he is perceived among the electoral public.

BIJU PATNAIK : The Legendary Administrator



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Biju Patnaik had a brief tenure in office as he was 'Kamarajed' (A legendary Administrator) out in October, 1963. But during this period he injected a rare dynamism into the administration and lifted the "featureless and futureless" people of Orissa out of despondency. He acutely felt that Orissa mirrors the paradox of all backward areas — poverty amidst potential plenty. Orissa has a wealth of natural resources and yet it is the poorest and most backward state of India. Therefore for him any plan for the development of these vast natural resources, which shall help transform poverty into plenty may well serve as a model for other similarly situated areas in India. Within that short period during which he took the stewardship of the State administration, Biju Patnaik laid the blue print for Orissa's development and the State was on the threshold of a new industrial revolution. He not only accelerated the process of development, but was able to locate a number of new industries in the State — the MIG factory as Sunabeda, Balimela Dam, Public Corporations, Panchayat Industries, the Express High way and a lot many. His ambitious projects, which he named as "Decade of Destiny" was meant to elevate the State to a new height. Biju could not tolerate red-tapism. He would have a thing done immediately and not suffer any delay. Result he was charged with administrative impropriety. To the officials his advice was, "be loyal to me not to the government but to the destinies of this State, to the prosperity of the people". There is a story that once when a speeding motor truck carrying stones for the Paradeep Port was stopped by a traffic policeman, the driver humorously replied that the speed suggested by the policeman would delay the port work by several years, when Biju Patnaik wanted everybody to work at top gear. The importance that Biju attached to Orissa's industrial development was reflected in his speech which he delivered at the inauguration of the Orissa Planning Board on June 15, 1962. He had said — "A people cannot grow unless the industries were developed and established here". Calling upon the bureaucrats to change their work-style, Patnaik said, "In the new set-up in the new adventure which we are going to embark upon, I would expect my officials to become thinkers and administrators in turn. I would expect them to collectively and willingly push the State towards the goal of prosperity. I would expect them to become leaders of men and not leaders of the longest notes on the files". At the invitation of Biju Patnaik, Internationally known Biologist, Scientist and Philosopher Prof. J.B.S. Haldane accepted the



post of the Director of the Biometry and Genetics Laboratory at Bhubaneswar, which was set up by the Government of Orissa. Prof. Haldane, who imparted to the Indian scientific scene a certain colour and character, became an Indian citizen in 1960 and devoted himself to assisting development of science in this rapidly developing country. He accepted Biju's offer because he (Biju) was 'capable of displaying great respect towards individuals whom he considered to be performing worthwhile work'. This genius died in Bhubaneswar on 1st December, 1964. After Biju Patnaik took the rein of the State administration, Orissa witnessed rapid strides in education. The period between 1961-67 is aptly described as the golden era in the history of education of the State. At his initiative the Regional College of Education was set up at Bhubaneswar. The Regional Engineering College at Rourkela was established in 1961, the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology was set up and during the Chief Ministership of Biren Mitra (when Biju was the Chairman of the State Planning Board). Universities were established in Berhampur and Sambalpur. Thus Biju is responsible for the giant leap forward of education in Orissa. When the Union government refused to construct the Paradeep Port, as the Chief Minister of Orissa he took upon himself to mobilize resources from within the State and built the Rs.14 Crore Port when the Centre did not show much interest in the project Patnaik's strong stand on the issue was vindicated when the Centre took over the Port after some years. Biju Patnaik proved his extraordinary organising ability by successfully holding the Congress Session in 1964 at Bhubaneswar. His dream was fulfilled when on 12th March 1966, the Paradeep Port was commissioned. A close confidant of Pandit Nehru, Biju enjoyed free access to Teen Murti Bhawan, the P.M.'s official residence. Nehru had entrusted him with the additional responsibilities of advising him on defense matters during the Chinese aggression and Patnaik was allotted an office near P.M.'s office in North Block. Pandit Nehru had asked him to visit the United States as an Advisory to the Ministry of External Affairs and discuss sensitive defense

issues with the U.S. administration. During his stay in Washington, Biju gave interviews to 'Baltimore Sun' and 'Washington Post', in which he said that he had come to seek both ground to ground and air to air missiles along with radars, which could conceivably be tied to a network of the South East Asian Treaty Organisation (SEATO). US newspapers also portrayed the Orissa Chief Minister as the coming defence Minister, who will replace Y.B. Chouhan. The opposition charged Biju Patnaik with 'impropriety of revealing defence secrets, including details of the strength of the Indian Army'. There was a furore in Parliament and even the Lok Sabha Speaker Sardar Hukum Singh ruled that 'it is not proper to disclose such information which is denied here'. But the Prime Minister strongly supported Biju and declared in the Parliament that whatever has been said by him to American newspaper 'did not harm us in any way'. This controversy highlighted how close Biju was to Pt. Nehru. The Indian National Congress has split in 1969. In May 1970 Biju Patnaik and his followers left the Congress (R) in protest against "naked bossism" and central imposition after he had been denied a ticket to Rajya Sabha by the Congress High Command; although his case was sponsored by the Provincial Congress Committee. In 1970 he resigned from Congress Party and subsequently formed a regional party Utkal Congress. In the 1971 election, no party came out with a clear majority. Biju Patnaik and the Swatantra leader R.N. Singh Deo joined hands. This came as a surprise to political observers, as Singh Deo was a bitter critic of Biju. And with the support of the Jharkhand Party, they formed a United Front. Biju successfully persuaded the 82 years Old veteran Politician Biswanath Das to become the Chief Minister, after his long spell of Political retirement. A Biju critic says that he functioned in an arbitrary and autocratic manner "I am the party and I am the government" — he used to say "Am I not enough?" What was his reaction when immediately after being sworn in as Chief Minister in 1990 he was asked, how long it would take for him to choose other members of the cabi-

net. Biju has a painful feeling that in spite of being so rich in natural resources, Orissa has remained one of the poorest and most backward states in India. The quality of its administration has steadily to the disgust of the voters. The final phase of Biju's political career was perhaps an unhappy chapter to his long, checked political career. A long illustrious career came to an end on 17th April, 1997 when Biju Patnaik passed away at Delhi. His death one of the worst tragedies that had ever happened to the State of Orissa and removed the greatest figure of our time at very climax of his career. Grief and shock swept across Orissa as news of his death spread. It was perhaps a tryst with destiny that Patnaik was cremated at Swargadwara, Puri. He was to rest in peace close to the abode of his Kalia (Lord Jagannath). Though he was not religious in the traditional sense, he had a sentimental attachment to Lord Jagannath. While addressing public meeting in front of the Puri Jagannath Temple, he used to enter into a monologue with the Lord. "It may not be exaggeration to say that Biju Patnaik was the tallest among all leader from Orissa, who made their mark in national politics. A major reason why he acquired his status was undoubtedly his romantic, impulsive nature, which made him stand out even at a time when, with Nehru and J.P. at the height of their power and there was no death of colourful politicians in India". According to the veteran journalist, there is no epithet that is not used about him. "Why, volatile, flamboyant, dynamic, reckless, daredevil, damn efficient" and what not? Perhaps all these suit him in one context or the other. But in the jungle of attributes his essential human qualities, his deep love for the people, are often missed. Once Patnaik is deeply moved by the peoples' distress, he will move mountains to give succour. When Government at the State and the centre were busy doing maths on relief expenditure, Biju pressed into service a private aircraft and himself started dropping food packets to the marooned thousands who would have perished, but for this prompt step. Tales and anecdotes about him are a legion. There is a story that Pt. Nehru once asked Dr. B.C. Roy — Have you met a man called Biju Patnaik? "I have heard about him: but not yet met him", was the reply of the Bengal Chief MINISTER. Nehru said, meet him sometimes. I like such forward-looking, brave people. The only difficult is that sometimes you don't know where he will land you. A giant transference of energy had taken place between him and his people. He delighted the people by his youthfulness of spirit and body and the people were attracted to his spontaneity and utter freedom from pompousness. In the end, his great strength far outweighed his weakness. Therefore when he died, even his most partisan adversaries felt compelled to acknowledge the immensity of the man they had opposed.

The Internationale: Kumbh of protests



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Student life can be a lot of stress. The pressure of the curriculum and the pressure to perform can drain the strongest of minds. Motivation is the only thing that can keep a student focused and yet not drained. There are so many activities students can do to keep themselves motivated. These activities are not academic in nature. However, indulging in these will definitely

boost the ability to focus on studies. Sleep - The first advice is to get enough sleep. It may seem ironical to many how sleep features on the top of the list. There are two advantages of sleep. Our brain is designed to work at optimum level if it gets enough rest. Contrary to what we may think, the brain continues to operate the functions of the body. The part of the brain that deals with activities while we are awake gets its rest. The ideal sleep for the brain to function at optimum level 8 hours 15 minutes. This means that when the brain gets this kind of sleep, it functions at the highest efficiency.

The other advantage is we can put the sub conscious to work at this time. While we sleep, only the conscious part of our brain gets rest. That is the time when the sub conscious takes over. Before going to sleep, we can feed the conscious with the goals we have set for ourselves. When we are resting, the sub conscious will be working to give us ideas and plans to achieve these goals. Exercise - The next important thing is to do enough physical exercise. Physical exercise makes sure that your body is in shape. The advantage for the student is good blood flow. While we

exercise, we breathe more thus ensuring a good amount of oxygen into our bodies. The heart rate goes up. This means the oxygen intake is distributed at a faster rate to the body and more important the brain. Good flow of blood to the brain improves your thinking. Information gets processed faster and more efficiently. Indulge in some exercise that appeals you. It may be a brisk one hour walk in the morning, a game of football, tennis, badminton, squash or any other game, yoga or even an hour at the gym. The choice is yours but do it on a regular basis. Do it to keep your brain fit.

National Safety Day / Week Celebration @ IMFA Therubali



(A.O. Bureau) Therubali, Mar 4: 50th National safety week 2021 was observed in IMFA Therubali campus today by hoisting the flag by Chief Guest Mr. Ranjit Kumar Nayak Asst. Director Factories & Boilers, Raygada Zone along with Mr. K V Rao Factory Manager

following social distance norms / COVID 19 protocol. Ramakrushna Tripathy Sr. Manager Safety was administered a safety oath to all staff and workmen. Mr. K V Rao addressed the gathering and emphasized to report near miss incidents so that it will help in improving the safety

culture. As IMFA Therubali is in the proactive safety culture phase, everyone's effort towards safety will lead to progress and achieve the target of Vision Zero. Chief guest Mr. Ranjit Kumar Nayak addressed the august gathering and congratulated for the efforts of the

IMFA team in pandemic situations to protect self and community by following all rules & regulations formulated by the government. In this year's theme "Learn from Incident and Prepare for a safer future" he emphasized our effort towards our emergency preparedness

and response procedure which we had demonstrated during our mock drill conducted on 25th February 2021. He also focused on adoption of 5 T formulated by the Odisha Govt and implementation of Ten action points to improve safety system at site. He expressed gratitude to IMFA management for his focused approach to the safety management system. During the safety week celebrations training programs on different topics have been planned for staff and workmen. At last Mr. K K Nayak DGM HR conveyed his thanks.

Launch of the district level Mo Chatshali program

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Mar 4: Workers' Union and Women's Workers' Union, Malkangiri District has launched a district-level Mo Chatshali program at the Chalanguada Panchayat conference Hall in the Malkangiri block. Mr Manas Madkani (Special Tribal Development Chairman), Mr. Irma Padiami (formerly

Sarpanch, Chalanguada), Era Padiami (Sarpanch Gorakhunta), Mrs. Pusparani Padiami (Sarpanch Chalanguada), Mrs. Ere Madhi, Bhagirathi Patnia, Gangi Volunteer teachers, parents and students from different parts of the seven blocks, including Ram Badnayak, Madan Hantal, Govardhan

Pangi and Santu Majhi, were present. One lakh students from the Workers' Forum and the Women's Workers' Forum and the Malkangiri District Organization have a chance to teach lessons through my chat program. The guests praised the organization, saying it was the first and foremost initiative.



Utkalmani Yubak Sangha On Behalf Of Water Conservation Awareness Campaign

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Mar 4: In collaboration with the Central Water Mission and the Nehru Yuva Kendra Kendrapara, the Pattamundai block, a leading voluntary organization, is sponsoring the Utkalmani Yubak Sangha. Awareness campaigns have been held wherever the JAS-II "Rain Catch" Where It Falls, When It Falls,

how to save rainwater and ensure water investment. The youths of Deuli village of Bada Mohanpur gram panchayat rallied and swore an oath taking to save water through water conservation awareness rallies. Later, members of the youth union in the village explained to the people the importance of water and took part in drawing pro-

grams and swearing in water among the children of the village, chanting slogans to save rainwater. The function was attended by National Youth Volunteer Cum Utkalmani Yubak Sangha President Mr. Gouttam Behera, while saraj Nath Sraban Behera, Harekrushna Behera, Balaram and Sahadev Behera were present on the occasion.



The overturned passenger bus Gourisankar Prince, Passengers were slightly injured



(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Mar 4: A bus named

Gourisankar's Prince OD 29 E 9866 from Jambu in

Mahakalapada block of Kendrapara district is always bound

for Bhubaneswar. More than 40 passengers were on their way to Cuttack, Bhubaneswar this morning when they lost their weight and overturned near Kumaruni Hanuman Chowk at 4.45am due to the irony of luck. There are reports from locals that the conductor is driving instead of driving near the bank road and some people say that the conductor always drives after driving some distance. Fifteen passengers were seriously injured in the crash. The critically ill were rushed to Mahakalapada Medical and

Kendrapara District Headquarter Hospital by ambulance. The injured were identified as Khageshwar Malik of Srichandanpur, Prakash Behera of Oliha village, Sushant Das of Benakanda, Gauri Das, Manjulata Behera of Nalpada, Chinmayee Behera and Chitta Behera. Most of the passengers from Suniti, Badhia, Bijayanagar, Deulipada panchayats were on the bus. Upon receiving the news of the accident, the Mahakalapada police arrived and rescued and arranged for the bus to be lifted off the side of the road.

'Jagara Jatra' Not To Be Celebrated At Dhableswara Peetha This Year

(A.O. Bureau) Athagarh, Mar 4: There will be no 'Jagara Jatra' (Maha Shivaratri celebrations) at famous Dhableswara Peetha in Cuttack district this year due to the Covid pandemic. A decision was taken in connection with this during a meeting of the Endowment Department today. Cuttack Sub Collector Ajambar Mohanty, who attended the meeting, informed the media persons that prohibitory orders under Section 144 will be clamped in and around the



Dhableswara Peetha from March 11 till 6 AM on March 12. He, however, said the priests at the Shiva temple will be al-

lowed to perform the rituals during 'Jagara Jatra' like every year. Meanwhile, the Puri district administration conducted a prepa-

ratory meeting for the forthcoming 'Jagara Jatra' at Lokanatha Peetha in the district. As per the decisions during the meeting,

persons above 60 years age and children will not be allowed to visit the temple. But persons, who do not come under the restricted category, will be allowed to pay obeisance to the deity. The public darshan will begin at the temple from 4 AM the Covid protocol. Also, another decision was taken to put restrictions on shops and business establishments around the temple during the 'Jagara Jatra'. The 'Maha Shivaratri' will be celebrated at Shiva temples across the State on March 11.

Bhushan marks the start of the 50th National Security Week



(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, Mar 4: The 50th National Security Week has been inaugurated by the Bhushan Factory in Thekoi, Rengali Block, Sambalpur District. The event was launched on Thursday at the Karkhan

Fire and Safety Department. Bhushan Karkhan's P.P. Shashindram, K. V Singh, Niranjana Mohapatra and other chief officials were present. Security is the main priority of Bhushan Karkhan. "Security will

never be compromised," he said. Shashindram said. The security chariot was launched on this occasion. The chariot will move around and around, delivering security messages. At the end of the program, Prafulla Nayak offered his thanks.

Devotees From Other Districts Not To Be Allowed At Kapilash

(A.O. Bureau) Dhenkanal, Mar 4: Ahead of Mahashivratri, the Dhenkanal district administration is making necessary arrangements to ensure smooth observance of the auspicious day at Kapilash, the famous shrine of Lord Shiva, in adherence to COVID-19 guidelines. In view of the resurgence of COVID-19 cases, the district administration has decided not to allow people from other districts and states to visit Kapilash. However, devotees only from the district can enter the temple and have

darshan of the Lord on the day by showing COVID-19 negative report. Besides, the district administration has given permission to different vendors to set up their stalls in the periphery on the occasion. Concerned officials have been asked to ensure that all COVID-19 norms, including mask-wearing and social-distancing are strictly followed by the public on the occasion. Hundreds of devotees from various parts of the state through the holly shrine to offer prayer to Lord Shiva on the occasion every year.

Odisha Youth Held For Blackmailing Woman After Posting Obscene Messages On Fake FB Account

(A.O. Bureau) Rourkela, Mar 4: Uploading photos of a woman and blackmailing her with the help of a fake account on social networking website, Facebook, cost a youth from Dhenkanal dear. The youth, Ajay Panda from Koilipangi village in Dhenkanal district was arrested today and forwarded to the court for allegedly blackmailing the woman.

Ajay initially established friendship with the woman from Rourkela through Facebook. He then downloaded the woman's photographs from her Facebook profile and uploaded the same on the social networking website after opening a fake account in her name. Subsequently, he started blackmailing the woman with her photos and obscene messages. Despite



repeated appeals of the woman, Ajay did not refrain from posting the vulgar messages and uploading her

photos. Left with no other option, the woman sought the help of the Rourkela Cyber police station a week

ago. Based on a written complaint filed by the woman, the cyber police registered a case and launched an investigation. As Ajay was not residing in Rourkela, the police traced his location to Koilipangi village with the help of mobile tracking. Yesterday night, the police raided Ajay's house at Koilipangi and arrested him.

A Biopic of Sandalwood-drug Case Accused Ragini Dwivedi Soon? Johny Lever's Hilarious 'Don't Touch Me' Challenge with Kids Jamie, Jesse is Breaking the Internet



New Delhi, Mar 4: A biopic might be made on Sandalwood actress Ragini Dwivedi, who spent three months in the Parappana Agrahar prison in Bengaluru on drug possession charges. A jail term hasn't been a dampener for either politicians or film stars. We've heard numerous accounts, be it bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt who re-

turned from jail to give us hits like Munnabhai MMBS or the more recent jailbird politician VK Sasikala, who was given a grand welcome in Tamil Nadu on her return. A similar fate might meet Sandalwood actress Ragini Dwivedi, who spent 3 months at the Parappana Agrahar prison in Bengaluru. A conversation between

Ragini and producer V Nagendra Prasad, got the later thinking of making a movie about Ragini's jail stay. Although, the actress hasn't give it much thought, the producer is excited about giving the movie the title Kambi Hindina Kanasugalu?, the literal translation in english being "Dreams from behind bars" "Nothing is certain yet,

i spoke with Ragini and she was telling me about her hardship while in prison and the pressure she faced. That sparked the idea in my head that it would make a story. We haven't discussed any details as the matter is still in court, its too preliminary at this stage" Prasad told CNN News 18 This would be a good opportunity for Ragini to

monetise on, not that the actress isn't getting film offers. She recently announced the release of her next film titled Karva 3, which will be directed by Vishal Shekar. When Ragini was asked about her biopic she jokingly said that she was too young to be making one. "Aren't biopics made of people above 75 years, I'm still young. But jokes apart, it is too early to make a biopic on me, but it will be interesting to see what will it be like. I have not heard of the title of read any script yet," she told media persons on Wednesday. Ragini, who is currently out on bail on medical grounds is charged in a drug trafficking case and was arrested on September 4. She was made accused no. 2 and charged under various sections of the NDPS Act for allegedly peddling and consuming substances. Another sandalwood actress Sajanna Galrani was also arrested in the same case and was released on bail.

New Delhi, Mar 4: The video begins with Johny telling Jamie and Jesse about the social distancing norm to avoid the crisis brought about by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Netizens are hooked to the popular Don't Rush challenge. Several Instagram users have come up with their unique versions of the viral trend, a dance reel challenge currently trending on the platform. After a few Bollywood celebrities including Vicky Kaushal, veteran actor-comedian Johny Lever and his children Jamie and Jesse have

taken up the challenge. As expected, the creative family gave a hilarious twist to their version of the trend. The video begins with Johny telling Jamie and Jesse about the social distancing norm to avoid the crisis brought about by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Soon, the Don't Touch Me track starts playing in the background and the family together start grooving to the beats. Part of the video features individual segments of Johny with Jamie and Jesse. The trio flaunts their moves and impress

with their exceptional dancing prowess. The legendary comedian is seen dressed in a blue t-shirt and trouser. Meanwhile, the Lever siblings opted for an all-black ensembles. The amicable bond and the uncanny resemblance between the three is hard to miss. All thanks to Jesse's hard work! & special thanks to @aaronkondru." Johny Lever was last seen in Varun Dhawan-starrer Coolie no.1, which was directed by David Dhawan. The film also featured Sara Ali Khan, Paresh Rawal, and Rajpal Yadav.



Haathi Mere Saathi: Pulkit Samrat Shares Trailer on World Wildlife Day

New Delhi, Mar 4: As promised, makers of Haathi Mere Saathi unveiled the highly-anti-

ing battle between man's greed and the epic forces of nature. Pulkit also added the hashtag Save

rectorial traces an intriguing narrative. Earlier, Pulkit shared a lengthy note urging fans to realise the importance of wildlife and nature and our impact on it as humans. The film is led by Daggubati, who plays a mahout in the elephant corridors of India. It is learned by the trailer that the plot revolves around a corporation is interested in building a refinery plant in the forest area by getting rid of the natural route for the elephants. Daggubatti's character takes up on himself to save the elephants as several other locals join him. It depicts a man-animal harmony tale and is inspired by multiple events.



ipated trailer on the occasion of World Wildlife Day. Pulkit Samrat, who is a part of the project, took to his social media page to share the theatrical trailer. Introducing it as this year's first trilingual film, the actor said that the story is a thrill-

The Elephants. The trailer of the trilingual film was unveiled over a virtual press conference in the presence of Rana Daggubati, Prabu Solomon, Vishnu Vishal, Shriya Pilgaonkar and Zoya Hussain. The preview of the Solomon di-

Malaika Arora Gives Shout-out to Boyfriend Arjun Kapoor As He Shares New 'Sardar Ka Grandson' Poster



Mumbai, Mar 4: Malaika Arora is super excited for her boyfriend Arjun Kapoor's upcoming movie 'Sardar Ka Grandson' as she shared the film's new still on her Instagram story. Arjun

Kapoor on Wednesday announced that his movie 'Sardar Ka Grandson' will be released on Netflix soon. The actor also shared a new still from the movie, which also stars Rakul

Preet Singh of De De Pyaar De fame. Sharing the still, Arjun wrote, "Really excited to share this warm family entertainer with you all! 'Ab home coming nahi, home is coming soon on

Netflix." Arjun's ladylove Malaika Arora also shared the still on her Instagram story and gave a shout-out to Arjun and Rakul Preet by adding a bhanga GIF to the story. The film has been directed by Kaashvie Nair and written by Anuja Chauhan. Sardar Ka Grandson also stars Neena Gupta, who will play Sardar, Arjun Kapoor's character's grandmother. It has been produced by John Abraham under his company John Abraham Entertainment, along with Emmay Entertainment and T-Series. In a statement, Nina Gupta said, "This is a heartwarming story filled with lots of emotions

and laughter. It's the perfect family watch as you embark on a journey with my grandson as he fights all odds to fulfill my last wish. This is the first time I am playing a character like this one and I am excited to see how the audience reacts to it!" Arjun Kapoor also expressed his happiness about working with a talented ensemble cast. "Working alongside such a talented ensemble cast was an enriching experience for me. We are hoping that the story will resonate with people across the globe with the raw & real emotions that it shows through a loving grandmother-son relationship," the statement read.

5 Yogasanas for Cervical Spondylosis

New Delhi, Mar 4: 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. 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 position 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 practi-

tioner 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.



Sexual Assault Charges Against Slumdog Millionaire's Madhur Mittal, Actor Calls Them Untrue

New Delhi, Mar 4: Actor Madhur Mittal, who played the role of Salim in Slumdog Millionaire, has been accused of sexually assaulting and battering his former girlfriend on February 13 at her Mumbai residence. An FIR under sections 354, 354A, 354B, 509, 323 of the IPC was filed against Mittal on February 23 at the Khar Police station. Mittal, who has been shooting in Jaipur, said that the case is hampering his work. He told Bombay Times, "Getting to learn about things which are untrue is extremely disturbing. There have been WhatsApp messages filled with stories that are assassinating my character. These are being forwarded for weeks in casting direc-



tors' groups denying me work. I'm the only earning member of my family since the age of seven and all these reports in the media are affecting me, my family and my career in more ways than you can imagine." A source close to the accuser said that they had common friends, after which he added her on social media. They got close and the actor asked her out. "They were seeing each

other for two months. They parted ways and Madhur couldn't deal with the breakup. He was shooting in Jaipur. Livid, he landed in Mumbai and entered her Bandra residence on February 13th. Unable to take rejection, he tried to force himself on her. He tried to see her again on the 15th, but the girl's lawyer Niranjani Shetty asked him to leave the premises, and he complied."

Swiss Open: Finishing trouble for Saina Nehwal, yet again

Mumbai, Mar 4: Since the start of 2019, Saina Nehwal has had a total of 10 instances of a 20-19 scoreline going into deuce at all levels of international tournaments, either in the second or third sets. She could be leading in some situations, or have fought gamely from large trailing leads to cover ground – but the 30-year-old has invariably gone onto lose in all those matches at the crunch. It was the same story at the Swiss Open, as Saina chases Olympic qualification at the Super 300 event. This time, she flubbed two match points against Thai Phittayaporn Chaiwan – 10 years her junior – and ended up exiting in the first round, harming her qualification chances further. This phase of losing from the brink after rallying for a fightback – littered with 21-19 or 23-21 last set scores – or not doing enough to drive home the advantage, has coincided with the Tokyo Olympic qualification period. It is at the heart



of Saina's slump. At Basel, Saina whirred her arms double quick, played some delectable cross drops and showed her legendary fighting spirit against Chaiwan – a fleet footed youngster. But despite dragging herself out of trouble with a lot of grit, the Indian, soon to turn 31, fell short of the decisive, definitive finishing stroke as she lost 16-21, 21-17, 21-23 in a quick-paced hustle fight. The Indian, steeply falling down the ranking charts, could not be faulted for want of effort. Or endurance. She's never been the quickest on the court. But she has equipped herself at every

stage with a bunch of strokes that can keep her in a rally and frustrate opponents who expect her to fall by the wayside. So, it's routine to watch her make up a good lead – even 6-7 points and arrive at that 20-19 cliff. Only to struggle to finish off. On Tuesday at St Jakobshalle, Saina negotiated those treacherous tell tale signs of a body that has waded into storms and taken the brunt on the international circuit for half her life. She was poised at 20-19 in the decider. But Saina just could not get the one winner needed to push her to live to fight another day

for her Olympic dream. The end came from a limp straight return to the net – a nothing stroke, that carried the scars of the previous point. Her second match point fluffed, Saina's return floated just wide – or so the lineswoman declared to snatch the lead away from her at 21-22. Uncannily like the Basel World Championships in 2019 when a line call against Mia Blichfeldt affected her so bad that she botched the next few moments in a nervous blur, and exited in tears. On Tuesday, doubles coach Mathias Boe sitting for her match had helped her pull herself out of the sluggish start, even

as Parupalli Kashyap played on the adjacent court. But you suspect, a moment like that with Saina's confidence not in finest of fettle, needed Pullela Gopichand on the coach's chair. Some of Nehwal's most poised performances have come with Vimal Kumar prepping her for tournaments. But in close, tight games in the past, when she's not quite as self-assured as her stern visage might look, it has been the national coach who's given the most pointed instructions that Saina has blindly followed and won, something Kashyap attested to when she last won a title. There are half a dozen tournaments lined up till June where Saina can secure her qualification if she can fix this hurdle – whether a mental block or a technical error in shot selection. While Kashyap can help her navigate through training and strategising, either Saina will need to up her finishing game, or get her coaching bench sorted to negotiate the final finishing kill.

Patrick van Aanholt racially abused on social media after Manchester United draw



New Delhi, Mar 4: Patrick van Aanholt tweeted "Why we kneel..." with a photo of the racist messages he received on Instagram after the goalless draw at Selhurst Park, where he missed a 90th-minute sitter. Crystal Palace left-back Patrick van Aanholt was subjected to racist abuse on Instagram following Wednesday's Premier League draw at home to Manchester United. Van Aanholt tweeted "Why we kneel..." with a photo of the racist messages he received on Instagram after the

goalless draw at Selhurst Park, where he missed a 90th-minute sitter. Players in the Premier League have been taking a knee before matches since July, initially in support of the "Black Lives Matter" movement before the Premier League and English Football League linked the gesture to their own anti-racism campaigns. Manchester United trio Axel Tuanzebe, Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial, Chelsea's Reece James, West Bromwich Albion's

Romaine Sawyers, Southampton's Alex Jankewitz and Arsenal's Willian and Eddie Nketiah have all been victims of online racist abuse in recent months. The increase in online abuse of players has prompted English soccer bodies to put pressure on social media companies to tackle the problem. Instagram has announced measures to deal with online abuse, including removing accounts of people who send abusive messages, and developing new controls to help reduce the abuse people see.

India Take 2-1 Lead In Test Series Against England After Winning Third Match

Ahmedabad, Mar 4: Spinners ruled the roost as India took a 2-1 lead in the four-match Test series with an emphatic 10-wicket win over England on the second day of the third match here on Wednesday. India needed to score only 49 runs for a win and openers Rohit Sharma (25 not out) and Shubman Gill (15 not out) scored those runs in 7.4 overs, even as the dusty pitch comes under scrutiny. Indian spinners took 19 of the 20 England wickets to fall for a dominating performance at the newly constructed stadium with a pitch that was largely unknown. Sunil Gavaskar described it as a "challenging pitch. In England's second innings, three Indian slow bowlers on Thursday bagged all 10

wickets to spin out England for a mere 81 runs, leaving India to score 49 to win. Left-arter Axar Patel captured five wickets to complete a match haul of 11. Off-spinners R. Ashwin bagged four and Washington Sundar. England batsmen were completely exposed against spin and only three of them entered double-digit scores, with Ben Stokes being the top scorer with 25 (34 balls, 3x4s). Earlier in the day, India took a slender 33-run first-innings as they were bowled for 145 in 53.2 overs in the first session. England captain Joe Root, at best a part-time spinner, took a staggering career-best figures of five wickets for eight runs — his first five-wicket haul in first-class cricket — to has-

ten India's demise. Left-arm spinner Jack Leach bagged four wickets for 54, as India slumped from 98 for two to be all out for 145. Only four Indian batsmen reached the double figures in their first innings, with Rohit Sharma being the highest scorer with 66 off 96 balls. Brief scores: England: 112 all out in 48.4 overs (Zak Crawley 53, Joe Root 17; Axar Patel 6/38, R Ashwin 3/6) and 81 in 30.4 overs (Ben Stokes 25, Joe Root 19, Ollie Pope 12, Axar Patel 5/32, R. Ashwin 4/48, Washington Sundar 1/1) India: 145 in 53.2 (Rohit Sharma 66, Virat Kohli 27, R. Ashwin 17, Joe Root 5/8, Jack Leach 4/54) and 49/0 in 7.4 overs (Rohit Sharma 25 not out, Shubman Gill 15)



Argentina Open: Sumit Nagal stuns world no. 22 Cristian Garin in straight sets



Mumbai, Mar 4: Sumit Nagal was clear about where he was headed after his first appearance in the main draw of the Australian Open. "I'm sticking to clay courts," he'd say, "I'll be going for a few events to South America." He has fond memories of playing on the continent. Back in 2019, when he was making his way up the ranks after losing time through injury, he won his second Challenger title playing in Buenos Aires. Now that the 23-year-old from Jhajjar has made his first trip to the Argentine capital, he's pulled off the biggest win of his career. Nagal started the ATP 250 Argentina Open in the qualifying round, but now finds himself in the quarterfinal after beating World No 22 and second seed Cristian Garin

6-4, 6-3. And this also happens to be the first time he's won a main draw match on the ATP Tour level. "It means a lot," Nagal said in a statement. "I am very happy that I am getting to play a lot of matches. Playing against my friend Garin was fun today. I played a good match, followed my game plan and came out on top of my game. I'm enjoying being back on clay." Garin, a 24-year-old Chilean has been in decent nick himself. He's risen to as high as 18th in the world and already has four ATP titles under his belt – all on clay. But in this baseline brawl between two players who prefer the red dirt, it was the World No 150 who managed to get the surprise win. Just as Nagal said, there was a plan, and it was ex-

ecuted to the T. Central to it was the big forehand. "Sumit was hitting the forehand with amazing accuracy and power. He was just cleaning up the lines," says former India Davis Cup coach Nandan Bal. "He's definitely a good mover, but the range he was getting on the forehand made a big difference. But it was controlled aggression – he wasn't going haywire with his shots. He knew exactly when to play what shot and where to place it." The last time the two played each other was in the second round of the 2018 Genova Challenger in Italy. Nagal lost that encounter in three sets after winning the opener. This time though, he held on to the crucial points. "He seemed to have a set strategy even on serve," Bal adds. "If

he was 40-0 up on serve, then he'd try a bigger serve to see if he can finish the point early. But on crucial points he'd serve at maybe 80 per cent speed, just to make sure he can start the rally and not give away free points (through double faults)." Nagal has well proven his tendency to pull off winners when least expected – especially on his forehand side. It's what led Roger Federer to commend his forehand (US Open 2019), and Dominic Thiem to utter a "bravo" after a one the run down-the-line winner when they met in the second round of the 2020 US Open. But Nagal doesn't mind winning ugly either. His match against Garin was not the most dominating performance as both players lost serve mul-

multiple times – Nagal was broken four times and Garin seven. But the Indian had it in him to hang on in the longer rallies. Like when he did in the nine-stroke match point. On the slow Guillermo Vilas Court, the pair moved from side to side until Garin played a backhand into the net to give Nagal the biggest win of his career. The Indian sat on his bench, bowed his head for a few moments to soak in the achievement. In this event, the first time he ever won a main draw ATP Tour match, he went on to beat a top-ranked clay-courter on a clay court. And there's a sense that Nagal might not yet be done with his career's best run. He next faces World No 46 (former 17) Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the quarterfinals. Nagal will be well versed with the southpaw, having beaten him the only time they met at the Lyon Challenger in 2019. At the time the Spaniard was ranked 101 and was struggling with form. He's been on the upswing ever since. So has Nagal. He was ranked 272 when they met and was still looking to find his feet. Now he's a much more confident player. And with a Garin-sized scalp in the bag, Nagal is ready for more.

Father's words 'boxing is not for women' challenged me, says Nikhat Zareen

New Delhi, Mar 4: Nikhat Zareen on Thursday said she had to overcome many hurdles in life, including opposition from her father, who once told her 'boxing is not for women', something which challenged her to go out and prove him wrong. Indian pugilist Nikhat Zareen on Thursday said she had to overcome many hurdles in

life, including opposition from her father, who once told her 'boxing is not for women', something which challenged her to go out and prove him wrong. "I had to work

hard and overcome hurdles including talk that boxing is not for women," she said at the launch of "Watch Us Move", a campaign by global sportswear giant

adidas to celebrate womanhood and their freedom of movement. "I had to tell people that nothing will happen to my face and my beauty will be intact." The

former world junior boxing champion said her father's words provoked her to pursue a career in boxing. "I can still feel my father's voice echo in my head 'Boxing is not for

women, is what society thinks & that it's a men's sport", she said. "These very words challenged me and I wanted to go out there prove that boxing doesn't care whether

you are a man or a woman. It's the desire and aspiration that should matter. Boxing for me is more to do with the attitude and my sense of pride," Nikhat said.

50th National Safety Day Celebration At Iffco Paradeep Unit



(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Mar 4: IFFCO Paradeep Unit celebrated 50th National Safety Day on 4th March, 2021 for inculcating Safety awareness amongst the employees, contractors & their workers. This is the day to rededicate to all for creating the safety culture in the organization and to have safe working environment. In the wake of this pandemic, the 50th National Safety Day was celebrated

abiding by certain preventive measures such as maintaining social distancing, wearing of mask, proper sanitization, avoiding large congregations, protecting vulnerable persons etc. and following all guidelines related to COVID-19 issued by Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. All HODs, Sectional Heads, Sr. Officers, representatives of IFFCO Officers Association & IFFCO

Employees Union of IFFCO, Contractor supervisors are assembled during the flag hoisting and oath taking ceremony on the opening day of the National Safety Week. Shri R.K.Pandey, JGM (Production, Env.& Safety) while delivering welcome speech, advice concerned to rededicate themselves for creating safety culture in the organization, to have zero accidents and to motivate their subordinates

for adopting safe work culture at shop floor. Chief Guest Shri C.K.Dalai, Asst. Director of Factories & Boilers, Paradeep Zone emphasized on all gathering rededicating themselves for creating a safety culture in the organization to have zero accidents & to motivate their subordinate and colleagues for adopting safe work culture at shop floor. He expressed his satisfaction on IFFCO's achievement regarding

safety. He advised all the employees & contract workers to continue the same spirit. Shri K.J.Patel, Unit Head in his key note address advised employees that it is our moral duty to provide clean, safe and fearless environment to our employees and contractor workers. "We should be vigilant and take utmost care while on job to avoid any untoward incidence which may result in an accident". He further advised to use safety gadgets & equipments during work & strictly follow the safety norms to make the unit zero accident working environment. Shri S.K.Kamble Sr. Manager (F&S) presented the Annual Safety Report and expressed hope for an accident free year ahead.

MP Shri Saptagiri Ulaka's visit to Gopobandhu Bilingual High School, JK Pur, Rayagada

(A.O. Bureau) Rayagada, Mar 4: Koraput MP Shri Saptagiri Ulaka visited Gopobandhu Bilingual High School today dated March 4th, 2021 at JK Pur, Rayagada District. Along with Shri Saptagiri Ulaka, MP, Koraput, Shri Durga Prasad Panda Congress President and some dignitaries were present. This program was welcomed by Mr. S. Jiviteshwar Rao, President of the School and Mr. R. Keshav Rao, Head Master, with a bouquet of flowers. Mr. Ulaka inaugurated additional classrooms at Gopobandhu School. He has interacted with the students of grade 10 to know about their



preparation and given tips for the coming board exams. He gave the children some test mantras, which brought a lot of happiness to the students. He rewarded students with good grades in the school and promised to provide support for all possible improvements in the school. The teachers gave a Memorandum

to the MP Shri Saptagiri Ulaka in context to raise questionnaires regarding the Service condition of newly Aided High schools Teacher's & Employees. This event was attended by all the teachers, office staff and students of the school. Mr. Ramesh Chandra Sahu (teacher of the school) has given a vote of thanks.

Odisha Parents Federation elected for Jajpur District

(A.O. Bureau) Jajpur, Mar 4: Officers on 04.03.2021, guardians' associations and committees were set up in various private schools operating in Jajpur district. / 2021 by 03.03.2021. Vice President - Mr. Kulmani Dhal, District Host - Mr. Sanjit Kumar Jena, District Coordinator - Mr. Shishir Raut, District Joint Host - Mr. Amiya Kumar Ghadei, District Editor - Mr. Ranjan Kumar Nayak, District Joint Editor - Mr. Subrata Kumar Kesi

and Treasurer Mr. Gayadhar Bishwal has been selected. The parents of Jajpur district have thanked the Odisha Parents Federation for this. Authorities opposed the protest with all available police forces, special services and the army, "said Roni Bar-On, a Member of the Knesset for Kadima. At this point, the regional guardians' association and the committees will meet with the federation, which will surely put the private school authorities in a quandary.

Adani Ports to acquire 31.5% in Gangavaram Port from Warburg

(A.O. Bureau) Ahmedabad, Mar 4: The Adani Ports and Special Economic Zones (APSEZ) Ltd., India's largest private Ports & Logistics Company and a key subsidiary of the diversified Adani Group, is acquiring the 31.5% stake held by Windy Lakeside Investment Limited (an affiliate of Warburg Pincus) in Gangavaram Port Limited (GPL). The acquisition is valued at Rs. 1,954 Cr and subject to regulatory approvals. GPL is located in the northern part of Andhra Pradesh next to Vizag Port. It is the second largest non-major port in Andhra Pradesh with a

64 MMT capacity established under concession from Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) that extends till 2059. It is an all-weather, deep water, multi-purpose port capable of handling fully laden super cape size vessels of up to 200,000 DWT. Currently, GPL operates 9 berths and has free hold land of ~1,800 acres. With a master plan capacity for 250 MMTPA with 31 berths, GPL has sufficient headroom to support future growth. GPL handles a diverse mix of dry and bulk commodities including Coal, Iron Ore, Fertilizer, Limestone, Bauxite, Sugar, Alumina, and



58.1% is owned by DVS Raju and Family (Promoter), 10.4% by Government of Andhra Pradesh and 31.5% by Warburg Pincus. APSEZ is acquiring the Warburg Pincus stake of ~16.3 Cr shares (31.5%) at INR 120/ share which works out to a consideration of INR 1,954 Crs. The transaction implies EV/EBITDA multiple of 8.9x and P/E multiple of 12.0x (based on FY20 figures). APSEZ is also in discussions with DVS Raju & Family for their 58.1% stake (~30 Cr shares) in GPL. Mr. Karan Adani, CEO and Whole Time Director of APSEZ said, "The ac-

quisition of GPL is a part of our continued strategy to build out a port and logistics network that is unmatched in its ability to serve customers across the nation. The location of GPL in the north of AP is a strategic complement to our recent acquisition of the Port of Krishnapatnam that serves the south of AP. We believe that GPL holds great potential to complement its bulk cargo terminals with new cargo categories that we intend to develop. The port provides us great access to an adjacent hinterland that was largely untapped by APSEZ thereby placing

us in a position to serve a broader set of port customers as well as expand our overall hinterland logistics footprint for a much larger base of customers. We are grateful to the leaders of the AP Government for their support and are committed to doing our part to support their vision of accelerating the industrialization of AP. The Raju family must be complimented for having built an absolute world class asset that we are proud to invest in." "From a green field project at the time of investment, Gangavaram Port has developed into a world class port.

OFFICE OF THE PANCHAYAT SAMITI, JHUMPURA
No.. 663/ DATE 04.03.2021

DETAILED TENDER CALL NOTICE NO 02/BDO, JHUMPURA

The Block Development Officer, Jhumpura invites sealed percentage rate tenders in a single cover system on the behalf of Govt. of Odisha from registered and eligible class of civil contractor of the state PWD (R&B)/ Water Resources/ Rural Works / MI / CPWD for the following works eventually to be drawn up in the PWD F-2 forms in conformity with the detailed tender call notice.

Sl No	Name of the work with location	Scheme	E.Cost in Rs in Lakhs	Amount put to Tender in Rs	EMD to be deposited in Rs	Cost of Tender Document in Rs	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	Constn of Model AWC building at Naibuga under Basantapur G.P	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month
2	Constn of Model AWC building at Chakulia under Badadumuria GP	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month
3	Constn of Model AWC building at Fakirpur Bhulda sahi under Khendra G.P	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month
4	Constn of Model AWC building at Purunapani under Chuthia GP	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month
5	Constn of Model AWC building at Baria Nuasahi (M) under Baria G.P	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month
6	Constn of Model AWC building at Gandabarei Jhariasahi (Mini) under Naya Dhanurjajpur G.P	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month
7	Constn of Model AWC building at Hirapur under Gumura G.P	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month
8	Constn of Model AWC building at Naradpur under Naradpur G.P	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month
9	Constn of Model AWC building at Binod Biharipur under Nischintpur G.P	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month
10	Constn of Model AWC building at Manoharpur(Mini) under Tukudha G.P	OMBADC	15.00	1263045.00	12630.00	6000.00	"C" & "D"	6 Calendar month

Terms and Conditions:

- The last date of receipt of Tender paper is Dt. 22.03.2021 up to 5.00 p.m.
- The term and conditions of the tenders is available in D.T.C.N. (Detail Tender Call Notice) available in the office notice board No. 662/ Date 07.03.2021.
- Cost of tender paper : The Tender specification can be obtained from the office of the Block Development Officer, Jhumpura on payment towards the cost of tender papers as mentioned above (non refundable) in shape of bank draft or demand draft only (no other modes will be entertained) drawn in favour of Block Development Officer, Jhumpura in any nationalized Bank having its branch at Jhumpura on any working day from 08.03.2021 to 22.03.2021 for the above work.
- For more details please visit www.keonjhar.nic.in

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Covid Vaccine For Retired Railway Employees

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Mar 4: East Coast Railway has decided to provide Covid vaccine to all the retired Railway Employees at Railway Central Hospital at Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar, starting from tomorrow and from next week from Monday onwards. Retired Railway Employees should register their names in the Central Hospital from 0900hrs to 1600hrs on Week Days except government holidays. Retired Railway Employees should submit their Aadhar Card (compulsory), PAN Card, Driving License, Passport, RELHS Card and should keep their Aadhar linked Mobile Number for OTP.

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Letter No. 790/Media/21 Dated 04.03.2021

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- ଶିକ୍ଷା ଅଧିକାରୀ ଅଧିନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ, ୨୦୦୯ (RTE) ଅନୁସାରେ ୬ରୁ ୧୪ ବର୍ଷ ବୟସର ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଶିଶୁର ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଶେଷ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ନିକଟତର ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ମାଗଣା ଏବଂ ବାଧ୍ୟତାମୂଳକ ଶିକ୍ଷା ପାଇବା ଅଧିକାର ରହିଛି । ଏହି ଅଧିନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶରେ ଅତିକମରେ ୨୫ ପ୍ରତିଶତ ଆଖପାଖରେ ଥିବା ଦୁର୍ବଳ ଶ୍ରେଣୀର (Weaker Section) ଓ ଅନୁସୂଚିତ ଜାତି ଏବଂ ଉପଜାତି ସୁବିଧାଳୁ ବର୍ଗ (Disadvantaged Group) ଗୋଷ୍ଠିର ଶିଶୁମାନଙ୍କ ନାମ ଲେଖିବା ପାଇଁ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଶେଷ ହେବା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ମାଗଣା ଏବଂ ବାଧ୍ୟତାମୂଳକ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଦେବା ପାଇଁ ସମସ୍ତ ଉଚ୍ଚତମ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ ଦିଆଯାଇଛି ।
- ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କ ଶୈକ୍ଷିକସ୍ତରରେ ଉନ୍ନତି ଆଣିବା ପାଇଁ ତଥା ଭାଷା, ଗଣିତ ଓ ଇଂରାଜୀକୁ ବୋଧଗାମୀ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ସ୍ତରରେ "ଉତ୍କଳ" କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଏବଂ ଉଚ୍ଚ ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ସ୍ତରରେ "ଉତ୍ତରୀନ" କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଜିଲ୍ଲାର ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ପ୍ରଚଳନ କରାଯାଉଛି ।
- ସମାଜର ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟରେ ଛାତ୍ରଚାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ସଚେତନ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଗଞ୍ଜାମ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ସର୍ବଶିକ୍ଷା ଅଭିଯାନ ଆନୁକୂଲ୍ୟରେ 'ପ୍ରେରଣା' ନାମକ ଏକ ନୂତନ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ଛାତ୍ରକୁ ନିଆଯାଇଛି । ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟସ୍ତରରେ ଏକ ସାପ୍ତାହିକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟସୂଚୀ (ଯଥା - ସୋମବାର- ସ୍ମୃତୀ ଓ ପରିମଳ, ମଙ୍ଗଳବାର - ସତ୍ୟ ସୁରକ୍ଷା, ବୁଧବାର - ବିପର୍ଯ୍ୟୟ ପରିଚାଳନା, ଗୁରୁବାର - ପରିବେଶ ଓ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ, ଶୁକ୍ରବାର - ଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଚିନ୍ତନ, ଶନିବାର - ସାମାଜିକ ମୂଲ୍ୟବୋଧ) ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରାଯାଇ ଛାତ୍ରଚାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ସଚେତନ କରାଯାଉଛି ।
- 'ମୋ ସ୍କୁଲ ଶ୍ରେଷ୍ଠ ସ୍କୁଲ' କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ସଫଳ ରୂପାୟନ ନିମନ୍ତେ ସମସ୍ତ ଶିକ୍ଷକ, ଅଭିଭାବକ ଓ ପୂର୍ବତନ ଛାତ୍ରଚାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ସଂପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ରୂପେ ସହଯୋଗ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଆହ୍ୱାନ କରାଯାଉଛି ।
- ଗଞ୍ଜାମ ଜିଲ୍ଲାପାଳଙ୍କ ନିଜସ୍ୱ ସ୍ମୃତନଶୀଳ ପ୍ରଚେଷ୍ଟାରେ ଉଦ୍‌ବୃଦ୍ଧ "ମଧୁ ଆର୍ଯ୍ୟ" ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତି ବିଦ୍ୟାର କୌଶଳ ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ଶୈକ୍ଷିକ ଉନ୍ନତି ପାଇଁ ଏକ ନୂତନ ପଥ ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ ହେବ ।

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