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## 'Rural Women Major Contributors Of Odisha's Economic Growth'



Bhubaneswar, Mar 6: Acknowledging the contribution of rural women towards the growth of Odisha's economy, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said the State is much ahead of others states in terms of women empowerment. While launching the FICCI-FLO Odisha Women's Awards, Patnaik said, "Mission Shakti, one of the key

initiatives of the Odisha government's empowerment model, has successfully brought over eight million women from the four walls of family to socio-economic vibrancy. The rural women in the State are, now, increasingly becoming a major contributor to its growing economy." Remembering Biju Babu, the legendary

leader of Odisha, whose birthday was celebrated yesterday, Patnaik said the former Chief Minister, all through his life, championed the cause of women empowerment in India. "In Odisha, he reposed faith on women to run Panchayati Raj Institutions. He envisioned women leaders in every sphere of society," Patnaik said. He

further said, "I am glad that with initiatives like Make-in-Odisha, Start-Up Odisha and Skilled-in-Odisha, more and more women in Odisha are coming to entrepreneurship." Also, women of the State have been achieving great feats in national and international sports. "Furthermore, we became the first state in the country to walk the talk and resolved in

State Assembly to allocate 33 percent of seats in the Parliament and State Legislative Assembly last year," Patnaik added. Since 2011, Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies in the State are represented by over 50 percent women. "I thank the FICCI-FLO for its endeavour to encourage and facilitate women to showcase their talents, skills and energy at the grassroots, middle and senior levels, for an inclusive economic growth trajectory. I also congratulate Dharitri Patnaik, Chairperson of FLO Bhubaneswar and her team for the efforts in women empowerment," the Chief Minister said. He also released the Policy Brief on Women Entrepreneurship in Odisha. National President FICCI FLO Janhavi Phookan and State President Dharitri Patnaik also spoke on the occasion.

## Govt Announces Separate Department To Strengthen SHGs

Bhubaneswar, Mar 6: Two days ahead of the International Women's Day, the Odisha government today decided to create a new department namely, the Department of Mission Shakti to strengthen women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the State. The State Cabinet

will help go long way in strengthening the SHG initiatives already undertaken by departments and agencies and bringing it all under one platform providing greater focus, synergy and avoiding duplication in activities," an official said after the State Cabinet meeting. The

Vedanta Ltd. The sale price will be Rs 1000 per metric tonne. Also, OMC will provide an undertaking to pay the differential rate as stipulated by the Orissa High Court. This shall be done as one-time measure limited to FY2020-21, the official further said. The government



meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved a proposal from the General Administration and Public Grievance department to bring the Directorate of Mission Shakti and Odisha Livelihood Mission (OLM) under the Department of Mission Shakti. Worth mentioning, the Chief Minister announced on March 8, 2020, on the State government's plan to carve out a separate department for SHGs. "A new department

department will work for SHGs and their federation both in rural and urban areas, the official added. Mission Shakti has been the umbrella organisation for SHG movement since 2001. The State Cabinet also approved a proposal from the Steel and Mines department to allow the State-owned OMC Limited to sell the entire quantity of bauxite ore meant for sale through national e-auction for the financial year 2020-21 to long term linkage supplier,

also decided to lease out government land measuring 12.09 decimals in Samalpur village and 12.91 decimals in Bamapada village under Remuna tahasil of Balasore district free of cost in favour of the Department of Health and Family Welfare under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for establishment of a satellite centre of A I I M S , Bhubaneswar. A total of 16 proposals were approved by the State Cabinet during today's meeting.

## Odisha Capital Records Highest Day Temperature Pan-India

Bhubaneswar, Mar 6: Denizens of Bhubaneswar, the Odisha Capital city, had a harrowing time today as the maximum day temperature touched 40.4 degrees Celsius. According to the data provided by the Regional Meteorological Centre, the Odisha Capital recorded the



highest maximum temperature in the country at 40.4 degrees Celsius.

"I and my family stayed indoors due to the increase in the day tem-

perature. Though there was a light breeze in Bhubaneswar, the rise in the day temperature threw normal life out of gear," said a resident of the city. Cuttack city registered 37.5 degrees Celsius whereas Talcher and Malkangiri were at 38.7 and 38.5 degrees Celsius respectively. Other places in the State which

recorded 35 degrees Celsius or above are: Balasore 35.5, Chandbali 37.5, Angul 37.7, Baripada 37, Jharsuguda 36.6, Sambalpur 36.8, Sundargarh 36, Hirkud 36.7, Bhawanipatna 36.5, Balangir 37.3, Koraput 35.4, Phulbani 36, Titlagarh 37, Sonepur 36, Nayagarh 37 and Boudh 36.5.

## Mahashivratri: Mahadeep Timing At Lingaraj Temple

Bhubaneswar, Mar 6: As the Ekamra Kshetra is gearing up for Mahashivratri celebration scheduled on March 11 this year, the Lingaraj Temple Administration has fixed the timing of Mahadeep as well as other rituals at the centuries old shrine. As per the decision at a meeting attended by the officials of temple administration, Bhubaneswar Municipi-

pal Corporation (BMC) and Commissionerate Police and servitor bodies, the Mahadeep of Lord Lingaraj will be raised atop the temple at 10.00 PM on Mahashivratri. The meeting was held today to discuss the preparation for smooth conduct of rituals of Lord Shiva at the Lingaraj Temple with strict adherence of COVID rules. The emphasis was laid on mak-

ing arrangement for lakhs of devotees on premises of the temple on the auspicious occasion in the evening. As per the decision, the devotees will not be allowed to sit together on the temple complex for lighting the diyas (lamps). The arrangement will also be made for smooth exit of devotees from the campus before Mahadeep atop the temple.



## 10 Odisha Districts Matter Of Concern In Wake Of Upsurge In Daily Covid Positive Cases: Centre

New Delhi, Mar 6: The Centre today asked six states including Odisha and two Union Territories to continue with the strategy of 'Test Track & Treat' in view of upsurge in Covid cases and high number of active caseload. During a meeting Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan and Vinod K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog directed Health Secretaries and MDs (NHM) of Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand States and UTs of Delhi and Chandigarh to take the following measures: • Continue with the effective strategy of 'Test Track & Treat' that yielded rich dividends at the height of the pandemic. • Improve overall testing in districts reporting reduction in



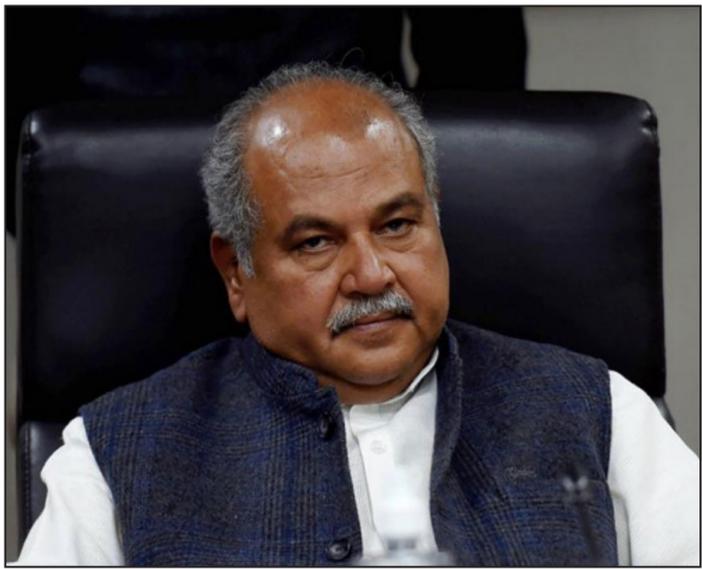
testing • Increase share of RT-PCR tests in districts dependent on high levels of antigen testing. • Refocus on surveillance and stringent containment of those areas in selected districts which are seeing cluster of cases. • Carry out an average close contact tracing of minimum of 20 persons per positive case. • Focus on clinical management in districts reporting higher deaths. • Actu-

ate their health infrastructure to provide effective clinical management to all the patients as a surge in cases also affects the case fatality rate in those districts. • Accelerate vaccination for priority population groups in districts reporting higher cases. • Make optimal use of the available vaccine doses and focus on critical districts. • To collaborate with the private hospitals to open

up vaccination timetable for a minimum of 15 days and maximum of 28 days at a time. • Promote COVID-appropriate behaviour through communication and enforcement. • Stress was laid on prompt isolation and on medical supervision of those active cases presently in home isolation for early identification of progressive deterioration of the disease. The States were

also asked actively watch out for super-spreading events and share their best practices in breaking the chain of transmission. In a detailed presentation, it was pointed out that 10 districts in Odisha, nine districts in Delhi, 15 in Haryana, 10 in Andhra Pradesh, 10 in Odisha, nine in Himachal Pradesh, seven in Uttarakhand, two in Goa, one in Chandigarh continue to be of concern as these districts are seeing a decrease in total tests being conducted, low share of RT-PCR tests, increase in weekly positivity and low number of contact tracing of the COVID positive cases. These eight states and UTs together can pose high risk of transmission to the neighbouring States and UTs, the government stated.

# Govt promoting agri sector by reforming laws: Tomar PM to launch events on March 12, may flag off 'Dandi March'



New Delhi, Mar 6: Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Thursday said the government is promoting the agriculture sector through reforms in the laws which seeks to bring revolutionary changes. The government is focusing on the growth and strengthening of India's farming and rural sector, the minister said at an event organised by Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association

and NABARD. Tomar also highlighted various steps taken by his government during the last six-and-half years to boost the agriculture sector and enhance farmers' income, according to a release issued by his ministry. He said the government transferred Rs 1.15 lakh crore directly into the bank accounts of nearly 10.75 crore farmers under the flagship PM KISAN programme. He said that the gov-

ernment was setting up 10,000 farmer producer organisations (FPO) with an outlay of Rs 6,865 crore. "Agriculture sector is being promoted through reforms in-laws. This is expected to bring revolutionary changes," Tomar said. He also stressed that the government was making continuous efforts for the progress of India's rural and agriculture sector, which forms the basis of the economy.

Gandhinagar, Mar 6: Modi is scheduled to arrive in Ahmedabad on March 12 to flag off 21-day march from Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi in Navsari district to mark the anniversary of the historic Salt Satyagraha, which will also mark the launch of the celebrations of 75th year of Independence. Modi is also visiting Gujarat on Saturday to address the valedictory function of the Combined Commanders' Conference that began Friday at the Tent city near the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, when he is also likely to review the Central government commissioned Rs 1,200-crore Sabarmati Ashram redevelopment project. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will also be present at the conference. Modi is scheduled to arrive in Ahmedabad on March 12 to flag off 21-day march from Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi in Navsari district to mark the anniversary of the historic Salt Satyagraha, which will also mark the launch of the celebrations of 75th year

of Independence. Another government official connected with the matter said, "The PM is expected on March 12 at the function near Sabarmati Ashram. The Dandi March is going to be flagged off from the Ashram with 81 participants who will take the same route which was taken by Mahatma Gandhi in 1930. Some prominent personalities will also participate in the march, the list of which will be finalised in some days." On March 12, Modi is expected to preside over an event held near Abhay Ghat — the samadhi of former prime minister Morarji Desai, next to the Sabarmati Ashram, sources told this paper. The organisers, primarily the ministry of culture, has sought information of all the original marchers and the current co-ordinates of their families to help plan the march, said sources. For the celebration of 75th year of independence, a statement from the Ministry of Culture released by Press Information Bureau stated, the Central

Government has constituted a National Committee under the chairmanship of Prime Minister with 259 members. The National Committee

Modi is scheduled to arrive on March 12 to attend a programme at Sabarmati Ashram where he will also flag off Dandi March. The de-

velopment of the Gandhi Ashram, commonly known as the Sabarmati Ashram, a brainchild of the Prime Minister, plans to consolidate 55 acres



which includes dignitaries and eminent citizens from all walks of life, "will provide policy direction and guidelines for formulation of programs for the commemoration of 75th anniversary of Indian Independence, at the national and international levels". As per the release, March 12, commemorating the 91st anniversary of the historic Salt Satyagraha was chosen as it is "75 weeks prior to 15th August 2022", the 75th independence day. "PM

tails of the programme will be finalised shortly. An official announcement will be done then," a top government official said. The programme is likely to be a large-scale event especially when the central and Gujarat government are planning to consolidate around 63 buildings related to Mahatma Gandhi around the Sabarmati Ashram and turning them into a "world class memorial", work for which has begun. The redevelop-

ment of the Gandhi Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust (SAPMT), which houses the Hriday Kunj, formerly residence of Mahatma Gandhi and Kasturba. The Ashram premises will eventually have only three owners as per the plan — the Gujarat government, the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and the SAPMT — instead of the six trusts that are currently aligned with it.

## Cattle-smuggling case: CBI issues lookout notice against TMC leader Binay Mishra's brother

New Delhi, Mar 6: CBI, cattle smuggling case The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) named Binay Mishra as a co-accused in its supplementary chargesheet filed in the cattle-smuggling case last month. The CBI has issued a lookout notice against Bijay Mishra, brother of Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Binay Mishra, who has not joined the probe, they said. The agency has summoned two senior officers of the West Bengal police — an inspector general and a superintendent of police — on Monday for questioning



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in connection with the case, the officials said. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) named Binay Mishra as a co-accused in its supplementary chargesheet filed in the cattle-smuggling case last month. Binay

Mishra is believed to be very close to West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee's nephew, Abhishek Banerjee, the officials said. In its chargesheet filed before a special CBI court in West Bengal's Asansol,

the agency has already shown Binay Mishra as absconding. On February 18, the CBI filed a chargesheet in the case against Border Security Force (BSF) Commandant Satish Kumar and six others for their alleged involvement in a cattle-smuggling racket operating at the India-Bangladesh border. The central probe agency has recently questioned Abhishek Banerjee's wife Rujira and sister-in-law Menaka Gambhir in a separate case pertaining to illegal coal mining and pilferage from the mines of the Eastern Coalfields Limited.

## Myanmar asks India to return 8 police officers who fled across border

New Delhi, Mar 6: Around 30 Myanmar police and their family members came across the border seeking refuge in recent days, as the junta's suppression of protesters turned in-

turned increasingly violent, with dozens killed since the Feb. 1 coup. The senior-most official in Champhai, a district in the Indian state of Mizoram, told Reuters that she had received a

ported case of police fleeing Myanmar. In the letter, a copy of which was reviewed by Reuters, Myanmar authorities said they had information on eight police personnel who had



## Denied ticket by Mamata Banerjee, TMC MLA Sonali Guha all set to join BJP

Kolkata, Mar 6: TMC MLA Sonali Guha, who was denied a ticket by her party on Saturday, is all set to join the BJP. BJP sources said that Guha has had a conversation with BJP leader Mukul

a member of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's innermost circle. The TMC has announced the candidature of Mohan Chandra Naskar from that seat. Soon after Guha was denied a ticket on Saturday,

candidates on Friday, Banerjee had said, "We could not give a ticket to Sonali as she is not well. She has high sugar." Guha was among at least 28 sitting MLAs who have been denied tickets by the

ing among MLAs denied tickets by TMC Guha was not the only one among those dropped to express her resentment against the party. TMC's Shibpur MLA Jatu Lahiri has been overlooked this time, with the party fielding cricketer Manoj Tiwary from the seat. Unhappy with the move, Lahiri told reporters that despite being a "loyal soldier" of the TMC he was ignored by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. TMC has nominated former cricketer Manoj Tiwary from the Shibpur seat in Howrah. Lahiri, a veteran politician, also hinted that he may join the BJP. However, BJP sources said that there was no information about Lahiri joining the party. Denying tickets to sitting MLAs led to protests from their followers in different parts of the state on Friday. At Natunhat, many party workers who have followed Arabul Islam, a

TMC strongman and former MLA from Bhangar, over the years blocked roads by torching wooden chairs and car tyres in front of the TMC party office. Similar scenes unfolded in North 24 Pargana's Amdanga, 35 km from Kolkata, where supporters of two-time MLA Rafiqur Rahman blocked the NH-34 in protest after Rahman was denied a ticket. Traffic movement was completely stopped for over two hours and even when central security forces intervened, a group of men with TMC flags kept raising slogans in support of Rahman. There were also reports of party workers being unhappy with TMC's decision to field Omprakash Mishra, a professor of international relations at Jadavpur University who joined TMC in 2019 after a long stint with the Congress.

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letter from her counterpart in Myanmar's Falam district requesting the return of eight police "in order to uphold friendly relations." Deputy Commissioner Maria C.T. Zuali told Reuters on Saturday that she was "waiting for the direction" from the India's Ministry for Home Affairs in New Delhi. Although there have been instances recounted on social media of police joining the civil disobedience movement and protests against the junta, this is the first re-

crossed into India. The letter listed details for four police, aged between 22 and 25 years, including a female officer. "In order to uphold friendly relations between the two neighbour countries, you are kindly requested to detain 8 Myanmar police personnel who had arrived to Indian territories and hand-over to Myanmar," the letter said. India's federal home ministry and foreign ministry did not immediately respond to questions from Reuters.



Roy and will formally join BJP during the rally at the Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata which will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday. Guha, a four-time MLA from Satgachia in South 24 Parganas, once

she had broken into tears and expressed her disappointment at being dropped from the list of candidates. "I only wish good sense dawns upon Mamata," she said. Referring to Guha's exclusion while announcing the list of

TMC this time, with the party led by Mamata Banerjee trying to project new faces. Among the other sitting MLAs who were dropped are also Jatu Lahiri, Rabindranath Bhattacharya and Rafiqur Rahaman. Dissent brew-

## India can't be dependent on other countries for cargo containers: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, Mar 6: With shortage of cargo containers hitting export and other areas of logistics in the country, Union minister Piyush Goyal Friday said India should aim to manufacture a million containers and not depend on other countries for it. The containers are primarily imported from China. Not naming China, Goyal said in terms of containers, India had put "all its eggs in one basket" all this while. "Sadly in con-

tainer manufacturing we have no basket of our own. Not only are all our eggs in one basket but that basket is also not ours; it is outside the country," Goyal said at a meeting of relevant industry representatives and Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), the biggest player in container movement, which has decided to support indigenous manufacturing of containers for the first time in India.

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## 'Biju Patnaik Could Have Been The Prime Minister Of India'

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Mar 5: Biju Patnaik, an awe-inspiring leader, who continues to live in hearts of billions for his chivalry and dauntlessness, could have been the Prime Minister of India. He was among the frontrunners for the post of Prime Minister in the year 1989. However, the then Janata Dal Chief Vishwanath Pratap Singh was chosen as the Prime Minister of the country after Biju Babu reportedly was reluctant to hold the Office. It was his courage and charisma that had made him dear to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the First Prime Minister of India. He was also the most talked about politician during Nehru era who had potential to take the country forward on his bold shoulders. Biju Babu also featured in a book titled 'After Nehru Who' authored by an American Journalist Welles Hangen during the last years of Nehru's life. Not only Welles, but also others were assuming 'The Tall Man' Biju Patnaik to be preceded by Nehru. "The man who would rule the country after Nehru was being talked about. It was not merely Welles Hangen, there



were many who thought that here's somebody who could be one of the persons. Biju Patnaik was not only very well versed in the art of administration, who had industrial background, but also a visionary. But, the movement of Indian political system is such that he perhaps was one of those who did not know the gentle art of being diplomatic with persons, how to win friends and influence people," said Sitakant Mahapatra, eminent poet and literary critic, adding, "To my best of awareness about him, he never cared for that." The legendary leader was said to be the man

behind H. D. Deve Gowda in making him the PM of the country too. "Patnaik had played a major role in making me the Chief Minister of Karnataka and also the Prime Minister," the former Prime Minister had revealed it during the launch of late Biju Babu's pictorial biography, 'The Tall Man Biju Patnaik' authored by Sundar Ganesan, in Bhubaneswar in 2018. As the leader, he had never cared for criticism in politics. He was referred as the 'brave' politician who had straight opinion in Nation building. "The man looked his ideas were far ahead of the time the

people could understand. And he was born also in a wrong State," late parliamentarian Pyarimohan Mohapatra, who was tagged as the Chanakya of Biju Janata Dal, had told in an interview. Talking about boldness of Biju Babu, he shared his views that how the late leader had stood stubborn on extremism when daughter of Former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, who was the then Home Minister in VP Singh government, was abducted by terrorists. "When the question was of releasing Mufti's daughter in exchange of eight hardcore militants, Biju Babu was very strong on that issue. He had asked Mufti to resign first as the Home Minister to release her daughter," the former BJD leader said. Besides, Biju Babu was the striking name, who was the most popular among leaders, as the daring aviator. He was conferred with 'Bintang Jasa Utama' award by Indonesia Government for his heroism that he had played when Dutch colonialists had tried to gain control over the country in 1947. Biju Patnaik, an ace pilot had joined the Royal

Indian Air Force in 1936 after completion of his training at the Delhi Flying Club in 1930. The 'son of soil' was the warrior in true sense as he had air-dropped leaflets on the Quit India Movement for Indian soldiers fighting against Myanmar. He had also helped freedom fighters shifting them from one place to another during the freedom struggle. The legend had also founded the Kalinga Airlines that operated the Dakota aircrafts, which had played a significant role in Indonesia. It was Biju Patnaik, who had rescued Indonesia's then Prime Minister Sutan Sjahrir and then vice-president Mohammad Hatta from Java after Dutch launched a full-fledged attack on Indonesia in July 1947. He had safely flown Sjahrir and Hatta to Singapore and India. In 1950, Patnaik was rewarded by the Indonesian Government with a piece of forest land and a palatial building that he did not accept. He was given an honorary citizenship of Indonesia and awarded the 'Bhoomi Putra', a recognition rarely granted to a foreigner.

## Nearly 2 Dozens Accident-Prone Spots Identified In And Around Odisha Capital

(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Mar 6: Total 504 people were killed and 855 suffered grievous injuries in road accidents in Khordha district from January, 2019 to December, 2020. To prevent road mishaps, the State Transport Authority (STA) has identified as many as 23 black spots and vulnerable stretches on different roads coming under NH-16 and 57 in Khordha district. As many as 20 black spots have been identified on NH-16 from Nakhara to Barakul covering 114 kilometre approximately. Pahala to Rudrapur Cut, Acharya Vihar to Satsang Vihar, Gangapada Chhak, Pitapali Chhak, Khandagiri Chhak to Kolathia Chhak, Aiginia to Patrapada, Gohira Chhak, Kalinga Vihar Chhak, Tamando overbridge, Palasuni Chhak, Hanspal Chhak, Lingipur Cut to NH, KKMB College Square to Khordha Sadar police station, Rameswar Chhak to Jankia police station, Chandeswar to Kuhudi Petrol Pump, Near Nachuni petrol pump,



Solari railway station to Naval Outpost, AG Square to Raj Bhawan, Ram Mandie Chhak to Master Canteen, Bomikhal. Besides, three black spots have been identified on various roads under NH-57 from Khordha to Bolgarh covering 37.7 kilometre. They are Tartua (near ITBP), Tikatala and Bolagarh. At a meeting, Khordha district's Parliamentary Constituency Committee for Road Safety today revealed that 504 people were killed and 855 suffered grievous injuries in road accidents in Khordha district from January, 2019 to December, 2020. As per the data shared by the panel, rash driving has been the major cause of accidents. Highest 321 road accidents took place in the district last year (from January-December 2020) due

to rash driving and negligence. The committee said regular MV enforcement is being conducted by RTO and police personnel and measure emphasis is being given on wearing of helmet and seat belt, use of mobile phone while driving, drunken driving, overload, wrong way driving, etc. The panel informed that a record of 3001 DLs have been suspended in the district in January and February this year. Between January and December last year, total 1962 DLs were suspended. Besides, a total of 1703 challans were issued for over speeding in the first two months this year. Moreover, 191 and 285 challans have been issued for driving without helmet and seat belt, respectively. BJD MPs Amar Patnaik and Pinaki Mishra were present at the meeting.

## Devotee Collapses Inside Puri Srimandir; Dies

(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Mar 6: A devotee collapsed on premises of the Jagannath Temple in Puri and died after offering prayer to deities today. The deceased has

been identified as Manohar Lal, aged about 72 years, from Cuttack district. According to reports, the septuagenarian fell unconscious while he was on his way back

through Ghanti Dwar of Srimandir after paying obeisance to Almighty in the temple. He was immediately rushed to a hospital in Puri where he was declared dead.



## Through The Eyes Of An Artist' Wins News7 Short Film Award

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Mar 6: "Through the eyes of an artist", a short film produced by Kalandi Charan Sahoo, has been adjudged the best film at 'Showcase-2020', a short film contest conducted by the Odia news channel News7. The winning film was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 along with a plaque and certificate at a function held here on Friday. Satya Prakash Sahoo's 'Gudia' bagged the second best film award while 'Duhita' produced by Sabita Nayak walked away with the best film (Peoples' Choice) award. While 'Gudia' won a cash award of Rs. 30,000, 'Duhita' was presented



Rs. 20,000. The awards, instituted by Summa Real Media Private Ltd, which runs Odia newspaper The Prameya and news channel News7, were presented in 12 different categories after 37 short movies from 87 entries were short listed. The films were reviewed by a jury comprising renowned Odia movie director Subash Das, actor Anu Choudhury and film

critic Surya Deo. A short film is an innovative concept which requires a film maker to express himself within a few minutes. Abhisekh Swain won the best director award for 'Through the eyes of an artist' while Choudhury Jayprakash Das (Gudia) and Prativa Panda (Abhinetri) were adjudged the best male and female actors respectively. Arya Abhipsa Khuntia

(Gudia) won the best child artist award while Mohamed Babloo (Duhita) was adjudged the best supporting actor. The best supporting actor (female) award was won by Kanak Choudhury Dandasena (Bhanga Silata). The special jury award for social message went to 'The Book' while the special jury award for artists and concept were bagged by Swati Priyadarshini Sarangi

for 'Apartha' and Sandip Ray for 'Mother Nature' respectively. All the awardees were presented a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 each besides a plaque and certificate. The occasion was graced by veteran Odia film producer Sabyasachi Mohapatra, Odia film actors Siddhanta Mahapatra, Anu Choudhury, Akash Das Nayak, Munna Khan and singer Lopita Mishra.

## Bhubaneswar Daylight Murder: Accused Duo Attacked Victim In Self Defence, Says CP

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Mar 6: In a dramatic twist to the broad daylight murder of a person and subsequent public lynching bid on the two accused, police commissioner of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, Sudhansu Sarangi clarified that the murder was an act of counter-attack for self defence. Earlier in the day, a person named Tukuna was killed by two brothers, Sudhir and Sagar in a moving vehicle near IRC village in Nayapalli area

here in the city. But later CP Sarangi while addressing a presser today said that the accused duo executed the act while trying to save themselves from the attack of Tukuna who was in fact an accused in multiple cases, Police Commissioner Sudhansu Sarangi said. The deceased Tukuna was on bail recently with two criminal cases pending against him, Sarangi added. The Police Commissioner informed that Tukuna had a brawl with the accused Sudhir



and Sagar. The duo had shoved him in a pick-up vehicle to bring him to the police station. On the way, Tukuna had attacked the brothers with a knife which he had kept inside the vehicle.

In the fight, one of the brothers sustained injuries following which both overpowered him and stabbed him multiple times with the same knife in a bid to protect themselves, the Commis-

sioner said. Local noticed the crime and intercepted the vehicle before attacking two brothers. On getting information, PCR van reached the spot and rescued Tukuna before shifting him to the hospital. Later, he succumbed to injuries, the Police Commissioner said. CP Sarangi further informed that police have registered three separate cases in this connection. The first case involves attack on Sudhir and Sagar by Tukuna while second case is related to the murder.

## Nidhi Samarpan Abhiyan For Srimandir: Puri King Vows To Take All Steps For Development

(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Mar 6: Puri Gajapati Maharaj Dibyasingha Deb on Saturday asserted that every possible step will be taken for the all-round development of Lord Jagannath temple. The Gajapati was responding to a letter of Dharmendra Pradhan in which the Union Minister had urged to the former to launch and lead a fundraising drive for Srimandir in the lines of Nidhi Samarpan Abhiyan for Ram Temple in Ayodhya. "While expressing my gratitude for your valuable suggestions and



support, I wish to assure you on behalf of Shri Jagannath Temple Managing Committee as well as myself personally, that we will sincerely take every possible step for the all-round development of

Shreemandira and Shreeksheeta in the interest of countless devotees around the world and for reviving the pristine glory of our ancient cultural heritage," Gajapati wrote in his letter.

## EDITORIAL

## Ram, Ram!

The politicians are using the Ram temple tangle to ensnare voters but the latter must show prudence. He belongs to everyone. For millions, he is the very soul of their existence and the "aatma" of 'Bharatvarsh'. "Ram Ram" is a common salutation across the Hindi heartland and no one else touches the lives of millions of devotees the way Lord Ram does. The last words of even our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, were "Hey Ram" when Nathuram Godse pumped three bullets into him. Be it "Jai Shri Ram", "Hey Ram" or "Ram, Ram", there is nothing controversial in His name; however, there is no denying the fact that the name has been used by the leaders of certain political parties to polarise voters and that it has for long been at the heart of communal controversies. This time, it is the donation drive for the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya that is being used as a surefire recipe to turn the issue into a contentious one just when Assembly elections in four States and a Union Territory are around the corner. The latest salvo in the ongoing tussle has been fired by Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole who, while speaking in the State Assembly, likened the donation drive to toll collection. He alleged that he was threatened for not donating to the cause of Ram temple's construction while tauntingly asking whether Lord Ram has given the BJP a contract to collect "toll" in his name. One can hardly imagine how a powerful leader like Patole, whose party is part of the ruling coalition with the Shiv Sena and the NCP and who yields considerable influence, is "threatened" by someone who just came asking for a fund contribution. Such an allegation reeks of petty politics and points towards deliberate attempts to fan unrest in society. Along somewhat similar lines, former Karnataka Chief Minister and JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy had last month attempted to discredit the Ram temple fundraisers, alleging that the collectors had been marking the houses of those who didn't pay up. He said the act was similar to what the Nazis did during Adolf Hitler's regime. Seen through the prism of politics, what Patole said is likely to reap some benefit for the Congress, which is banking on minority votes in the Assembly elections. Be it the decision to align with the Indian Secular Front, an Islamic outfit, for getting Muslim votes in West Bengal or Rahul Gandhi's controversial remarks during his Kerala visit, all point towards the divisive politics that the 'Grand Old Party' seems to be deploying. One can hardly imagine how a powerful leader like Patole, whose party is part of the ruling coalition with the Shiv Sena and the NCP and who yields considerable influence, is "threatened" by someone who just came asking for a fund contribution. Such an allegation reeks of petty politics and points towards deliberate attempts to fan unrest in society. Along somewhat similar lines, former Karnataka Chief Minister and JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy had last month attempted to discredit the Ram temple fundraisers, alleging that the collectors had been marking the houses of those who didn't pay up. He said the act was similar to what the Nazis did during Adolf Hitler's regime. Seen through the prism of politics, what Patole said is likely to reap some benefit for the Congress, which is banking on minority votes in the Assembly elections. Be it the decision to align with the Indian Secular Front, an Islamic outfit, for getting Muslim votes in West Bengal or Rahul Gandhi's controversial remarks during his Kerala visit, all point towards the divisive politics that the 'Grand Old Party' seems to be deploying. Meanwhile, nearly Rs 2,000 crore have been collected from across the world for the temple's construction. The BJP, no doubt, is again banking heavily on Hindu votes in the name of the temple's construction. However, it is in the best interest of the voters to exercise their franchise wisely and judiciously and not go by what these political leaders proclaim. They should not vote in the name of any divinity as religion must be kept distant from politics. Rather, public welfare policies, programmes and development should be the priority for the voters. Remember, Lord Ram was "Maryada Purushottam" but our politicians are not.

## The challenge of climate change

The Biden Administration has an ambitious agenda for stepping up action to cope with global warming but there are hurdles in the way. The Trump Administration, an unmitigated disaster for the fight to save the environment, has been defenestrated. Thanking the heavens for that, however, will not be enough. Wise leadership, massive allocation of funds and unflinching political will are needed at the global level to undo the damage done during the last four years and step up action to cope with global warming, which can wipe out humankind. Two questions arise here. How deep is President Joe Biden's commitment to fight global warming? What kind of hurdles will his administration have to overcome? As to the first, he has declared that climate change poses an "existential threat to the planet". He has been called a "climate change pioneer" who believes that people have a moral and economic imperative to address the issue. He has a \$2 trillion clean energy plan, and is on record as stating before assuming his current office that, as the President, he would ensure that the US achieved a 100 per cent clean energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. As clearly a part of this goal, he wants to make the US power grid carbon neutral by 2035. His commitment is reflected in his track record. In 1986, he introduced one of the first climate Bills in the US Congress. In 1998, he played a critical role in the enactment of the Tropical Forest Conservation Act, which allowed the US to reach agreements with foreign Governments to conserve tropical forests in exchange for debt relief. As chairman of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee



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(2001-2003 and 2007-2009), he organised several hearings on climate change and garnered support for a number of non-binding resolutions on the issue. As the President, he is making climate change the central issue of his administration and the subject of a two-pronged approach to combat it. The first is the establishment of a formidable administrative infrastructure; the second is the conceptualisation of the problem in all its dimensions and appointment of competent and dedicated people to cope with it. He has already made progress with the second. In November 2020, not long after winning the presidential election, he named John Kerry, who was the Secretary of State in the Obama Administration and a principal architect of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change (December 2015), as his special presidential envoy for climate change. He has set up a White House office of domestic climate change policy to coordinate the implementation of his climate agenda. Indeed, as the President, he has gathered the largest team

of climate change experts ever assembled at the White House. More, on the anvil is a national climate task force comprising 21 Government agency leaders, and an environmental justice inter-agency council to address racial and economic inequities exacerbated by climate change and air and water pollution. President Biden has already taken certain important steps. On his first day in office, the paperwork for the US' return to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change was completed. He revoked the permission granted to the TC Energy Corporation to construct the Keystone XL Oil pipeline for bringing oil from Alberta, Canada, to refineries in the Gulf of Mexico. The Obama Administration had denied permission to it in 2015 for the severe damage it would cause to the environment but the Trump dispensation had allowed it to proceed. Also, according to a White House statement, Biden was directing the Department of Interior to pause all oil and

gas drilling leases on federal land and water and, as far as possible, launch a review of the existing energy leases. Besides these and other measures related to his domestic climate agenda in the works, his administration is giving a hard look at the environmentally harmful measures taken by the US Environment Protection Agency during Trump's tenure. Many of them will be up for scrapping. In a reversal of the Trump Administration's policy of turning away from the world on the climate change issue, a White House statement has said that the US should "exercise global leadership" in advancing the Paris Agreement objectives. Clearly, combating climate change is a mission with President Biden, which is encouraging given the enormous power and resources the US commands. Nevertheless, tall hurdles remain in the way. The fossil fuel industry lobby will fiercely oppose his policies restricting drilling and oil use conducive to global warming, and will seek to mobilise senators and representatives to derail his plans. Second, his steps have been taken through executive orders. These can be revised by a future President just as he is doing in respect of Trump's measures. For permanence he needs legislation, which will require careful navigation through the Senate and the House of Representatives where Democrats have a thin majority. Finally, he has to successfully counter the criticism that measures to protect the environment will mean job loss. He has doubtless emphasised the potential for jobs in new industries producing clean energy and research organisations supporting the latter. But then employment must actually follow.

## BHATRA'S - A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

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"BHATRA" is one of the tribal's of Odisha, mostly living southern part of Odisha i.e. in individual koraput i.e. in Nabarangpur. They depend almost on agricultural evidences are there to prove that they are migrated from BASTAR. They are a part of great FOND community. Their language is known as Basturi family is the lowest social unit joint families are very few. Either after marriage or after death of parents the joint family breaks down into small units. They have on dormitory system but they like Jatra groups. Their village structure is heterogeneous as they live with amanatya, Dombo, Rana, Every village has secured known as Naik religious head known as Pujari, a medicine man known as Disari and an attendant known as Gonda. Except Gonda who belongs dombo all the others are in the same caste. They have a traditional panchayet in which Naik, Pujari, Disari are the important members to play important role solving any problem within the village. If any inter village dispute arises, Then "Bhatnaik" & "Panigrahi" are to solve the dispute. To help them Desigondo is appointed any offence that is not solved within the village in referred to Desh Panchayat & the decision of Desh panchayat in final and all have to obey and carry out the decision. The most peculiarity and impor-

tant event in the Bhatra's marriage ceremony. The usual marriage age of a girl is in between 14 to 18 and in cash boy it is in between 18 to 20 like in general. But another system of marriage is also prevailed. Both infant and adult marriage system in prevailing widow and divorced woman marriage are socially accepted. They also accept the marriage by arrangement, by capture and by service. Arranged marriage is time consuming and expensive as it has different steps like mangeni, sugajanki, chidni, Balarani, Gaajjicne jolu and then marriage. It takes place at the groom's house and it continuous for 8 to 10 days. During these days feasts are arranged by both the parties regularly and the dishari plays a vitarole during this period. Heavy expenditures are to occurred by both the parties. The name giving ceremony to newly born child in normally celebrated on the 9th day. The Disari selects the name. All the villagers spent the night in dance song and feast means meat, arranged the Childs father. The first hair cutting ceremony also observed affective completion of one year of the child. The thread ceremony in also celebrate before the marriage. Bhatras bury their dead body in sleeping position, Pilakhai, asha and purgification are observed on

3rd, 10th & 11th day in death case. They have strong faith & belief on spirit, God & Goddess like Budhi Thakurani, Bhairabi, Barumas Banadurga Sun God & others. They observe difference festivals at different times like chaitiparb in chaitra linked with fertility and production Akhritutia in BIsakh connected with shwing seeds and worship to Basumata, Shraban Amus in shraban, Nuakhai in Bhadrab, Dashara in Agust, Diwali in Kartik, Puspunia in Pausa and Surya Jatra in Magha. They also perform dances like cherechera and Dauni darnat" IN cherechera both male & female participate separately. But in Dauni darnat only girls dance. Bhatras consult their Disari before consulting their house and Disari decision is final. Everyone has to accept to decision. Their houses are with straw that chono roofs having two or three rooms and wide covered verandah. Looking is done inside the room the walls are made out of wood. Watters paste with mud. They use earthen pots made by potter for carrying and storing water and cooking purposes. They known wet cultivation. They worked as hard laborers when they have no work on their fields. They produce varieties of vegetable in Bhasa Chasha system. They are

simple and obedient and faithful, they put on shirts banians and join do there. They also wear Khadi, along on their wrist and nolis on their ears. The females wear saree, glass or rubber bangles, Khadies of along silver rings, Glass bend necklaces, Metals necklaces rings of silver along are found on their fingers & toes and phud on their legs but their life style has been improved now they depend on the local based hospital for treatment instead of Disari. They have bicycles as well as bikes for their convenience so it is said to be the life style of the bhatras are guided and moulded by different factors from time to time. They entered in the Govt. service in many factors. It is found that they have restricted the scarifies of fouled to a greater extent but however the sacrifice of goat or sheeps. Are still there. They go to the hotels like us Cinema halls, Public meetings and however they entered in politics so there is drastic change in case of Bhatras which is most welcome. Some of them consume T.V., Freeze also. Now they are utensils instead of mud pots. They also use gold and silver ornaments like us. They also implemented "SRI DADHATI" cultivation, modern system of agriculture having Tractor and other equipments. They use improved seeds, fertilizers, pesticides to have a better production for better living.

## International Woman's Day

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March 8th is a special day. You will get pages of information about the information of the day from the Google. It is known to all, since 1975, United Nations began celebrating this day as International Women's Day. It is typically a day for acknowledging and honouring the achievement of women belonging to different backgrounds and cultures. Again thanks to our Google who provides us endless information about the women achievers across the world and specially in our own country. Now a days, we are adhering to latest trends, take help of our Social Media pals like WhatsApp,

Instagram to update and post our statuses on this day. These often include images of popular women achievers in various fields and found remembrances of some legendary women. Needless to say, these posts are incomplete without our selfies wearing goggles and nine yards or selfies with some friends. Thus the day passes off in quite 'happening way' on public platforms. Feeling contented and saving all "pics" in our mobile folders, drives or clouds, We prepare for another such day. Seeing everything so picture perfect, some thoughts often ponder in my mind. What is the need to celebrate this day? Of course, to remind us of its sole aim which is to eliminate discrimination against women. So, where are our steps to achieve this aim? Are our responsibilities towards the issue of 'gender inequality' confined to only updates and posts on social sites?

Forget about men for a while, let us think what are women doing for the sake of women? A success story of a woman if told, gets comments like "she is lucky, not we" or she doesn't have a joint family like mine or must have taken help from somewhere. A story of struggle of a woman if told, gets comments like 'so what, I have undergone more sufferings than these' or it must be her fault, she should learn to adjust. A woman decked up gets eve teased by men and not decked up gets criticized by women. An extrovert woman is tagged "arrogant" or rude while an introvert woman is vulnerable to be bullied both at workplace and on domestic front. Conveniently forgetting our own womanhood, we tend to judge other women around us and drive conclusions on fake appearance. Bearing a few, men and their perception about

woman of any age has always been a point of controversy. Sadly, in today's modern era, woman too finds herself trapped in fixed mindsets and endless expectations set for her by both men and women when it comes to relations, career or life. We all agree undisputedly that the need of the hours is not to look upon a woman as 'inferior' or 'superior' to man but at par with man in all aspects. To bring this change in our outlook, we need add in it the essence of 'empathy', acceptance, non-judgmental approach and most importantly, remember that a woman is also human. So dear women-folk, this women's day, let's join hands together, let us all take up promise to treat every woman with respect and accept her as she is rather than gossiping, commenting, judging, naming and tagging or correcting us.

# Paradip Bar Association Recommended OCA U-16 Intraclub Tourney Concludes



(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Mar 6: Working Lawyers in the industrial and port cities of Paradip have a long demand that the Paradip Bar Association (PBA) be recognized as a bar. In the meantime, the State Bar Council has been granted the status of a bar to PBA. After the declaration of the news, the lawyers of PBA have thanked the Odisha State Bar Council.

The first general meeting of the Paradip Bar Association was held at the old trade center in Paradip on Friday. In the proceedings of the meeting, Hemant Sahu, president and Tapan Kumar Dash, General Secretary of PBA, were been praised and commended by all members for their sincere efforts to make Paradip Bar Association.

tion recognized as Bar. However, according to the State Bar Council's guidelines, the Paradip Bar Association's election will be held on March 27 under the supervision of election officer Advocate Gorachand Sinha. Notably, the program was coordinated by Advocate Kailash Sahoo, Rabindra Jena, Sanjay Mishra and others.

(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Mar 6: The under 16 intraclub cricket tournament organised by Odisha Cricket Association (OCA) at Paradip Gopabandhu stadium has come to an end on Friday. In the 4th day final match between Paradip Cricket Academy vrs Port Club, in which Port Club was all out in 211 runs in 50 overs. Against which Paradip Cricket Academy won the match scoring 212 run in 34.5 overs for the loss of 6 wickets.

Arpit Satyam Mohanty of Paradip Cricket Academy scored 70 runs. Arpit Satyam, Joy Prakash Naik Dibyasingh Sahoo awarded best batsman, best bowler and man of the series accordingly. In the closing ceremony, D.N.Sondhi, FA & CAO, PPT and president GKS, Saroj Das, CME, PPT and Bablu Sikdar, Sr. ME & Working president, Paradip Port Sports Council were present as the chief guest and guest of honour



respectively and distributes prizes to the winners team and players. Rabintra Kumar Das,

Advisor Sports Council and member of OCA, R.R.Beura, secretary, GKS were associated

through out the tournament for smooth running of the tournament as well as the final match.

## The dead body of the mother and daughter found in the well



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Mar 6: The body of a mother and 4-year-old daughter was recovered in a suspicious condition. After dinner, they slept at home in the night. but Both were not found by

family members in this morning. After much searching, the bodies of the two were found floating in the well. The incident took place at Kaudigaon in Mathili police station in Malkangiri district.

Upon hearing the news, police arrived the scene and recovered the dead bodies it is a Suicide case or murder the Mathili police began an investigation for more concrete proof and information.

## Wildlife Week and forest fire prevention workshops are organized at Badali GP

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Mar 6: A forest wildlife awareness camp has been organized by the forest department in Pateru section and Badli gram panchayat. Awareness marches were held around Badli village and a meeting was held at Badli panchayat. The meeting was attended by Badli College Economics Professor Shri Monaj Kumar Nayak, Environmentalist Rajesh Mandal, Badli Sarpanch Muke Padiami, Chitranagalli Sarpanch, Forest Committee Chairman Aita

Madkami, and Gandhi Padiami AJY Team Leader Srinivasa Patra, Development officer Subrata Swain N Ravi Discussions focused on how students can take care of the forest and the environment, and how they can be environmentally friendly. Sanjana Kapasia, a +2 student from Badli College, explained to the Bengali villagers who attended the event about forest and environmental protection in Bengali. The Sarpanch Muke Padiami awarded Rs 500 / - to the students and the local youth of the college.



## The jalachatra was inaugurated by the Subhalakshmi Crossing Bazaar Chamber of Commerce



(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Mar 6: The Sri Subhalakshmi Bazaar Merchants' Association has inaugurated a jalachatra near the police post at Duhuria on the occasion of the 105th birth anniversary of the late Biju Pattnaik. The jalachatra was first unveiled after a

wreath was laid at the portrait of the late Patnaik. The arrangement has been made in view of the drinking water problem of more than 500 pedestrians who pass through the road daily during the hot summer months, and the jalachatra will continue till the end of the summer flow, said Kshetrabasi Sahu,

president of the Chamber of Commerce. Sangh secretary Sanatan Muduli, Govind Chandra Nath, Surendra Swain, Bidyadhar Nath, Prabhakar Sahu, Bhagwat Nayak, Prasanna Kumar Sahu, Durga Prasad Nath Sharma, Bidyadhar Nath Sharma were the chief guests at the event.

## 18th National Theatre Festival Canfest-2021 Gets Underway



(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Mar 6: The 18th National Theatre Festival CANFEST-2021 was inaugurated on Friday at Jayadev Sadan here at in Paradip. This festival will run for six days-March 5th to 10 in collaboration with Union Ministry of Culture, Department of Culture, government of Odisha, National Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Kolkata, Paradip

Port Trust (PPT), IOCL Paradip Refinery, IFFCO Paradip Unit and leading English daily PBD is the media partner of the fest. The event is being held adhering social distancing and COVID-19 guidelines. The Festival was declared open by Asish Kumar Bose, Dy chairman, Paradip Port Trust (PPT) in the presence of Suresh Goyal, senior GM

(Finance), IFFCO and Atulya Kumar Mohapatra, president, CANMASS. Several troupes from different parts of the State and country are participating in the festival. On the opening day, Actor's Repertory Theater (Art) group of New Delhi presented the inaugural Hindi play 'Nagin Tera Vansh Badhe'. The play was directed by Avtar

Sahni. While the Hindi play 'Charulata' was played by Prangan group of Patna, directed by Abhaya Sinha on the second day evening. Similarly, the Odia play 'Abhinetri', 'Swayambar', Hindi play 'Nepathya Mein Shakuntala', Bengali play 'Tithineer' will performed by Dynamic Platform, Bhubaneswar, Sri Sri Jagannath Lalit Kala

Mandap, Paradip, Shadow Theatre, Bhopal, Sudrak group of Kolkata in the day of 3,4,5 & 6 accordingly. The festival is being organized by CANMASS president Capt. Atulya Kumar Mohapatra, secretary Sriman Narayan Mishra and coordinated by all members of CANMASS group. Notably, the National Theatre Festival organised by the CANMASS of Paradip has earned it acclaim from various quarter across the country. Many in the theatre arena have lauded the efforts of the role of CANMASS in the revitalization of endangered theatrical art and culture.

## Sarpanch Disqualified From His Post For Not Knowing Odia

(A.O. Bureau) Chhatrapur, Mar 6: The Sarpanch of Agastinugam Gram Panchayat under Chhatrapur block in Ganjam district, P Simadri, was disqualified from his post on Panchayati Raj Divas yesterday for not knowing Odia and having more than two children. The action was taken on the basis of a petition filed by Simadri's nearest rival Niwasi Gouda, whom the former had defeated in 2017 Panchayat polls. The petitioner had claimed that the Sarpanch had submitted false poll affidavit as he cannot read and write in Odia language. Moreover, he has two wives and six children as against the 'two-child' norm for contesting elections to



Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs). After hearing the case, Civil Judge (Junior Division) Sushant Kumar Panigrahy, ordered disqualification of the Sarpanch and directed the Ganjam Collector to take action in this regard instantly. "On

Panchayati Raj Divas, the court pronounced a significant order and we welcome it. We are extremely happy to have won the legal battle after three and half-a-years of fight," said advocate Srikant Mishra representing Niwasi Gouda.

## Youth Dies In Accident After Performing Father's Last Rites in Boudh

(A.O. Bureau) Boudh, Mar 6: Life can be too harsh and unfair sometimes. Right after performing the last rites of father, a youth died in a severe road mishap in Odisha's Boudh district today. Reportedly, one Arun Meher of Tarava area of

Sonepur district was killed and his four relatives suffered grievous injuries after the car they were travelling in rammed into a stationary truck on NH-57 near Karadakothea under Purunakatak police limits in Boudh district today. Arun was returning from Puri after



performing the last rites of his father when the incident took place. On receiving information, police reached the spot and sent the injured to Boudh District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) for treatment. The police also initiated an inquiry in this connection.

## Over 50 Fall Sick After Consuming 'Prasad' In Balasore

(A.O. Bureau) Balasore, Mar 6: More than 50 people were taken ill after consuming prasad at Gilajodi village under Basta block in the district on Friday. All of them have been admitted to the nearby Pansakuli and Basta hospitals. Most of them are reportedly children who are suffering from diarrhoea. According to reports, around

600 persons of the village took prasad in a religious function at Goddess Bhagabati temple on Friday afternoon. After consuming it, as many as six children fell ill in the evening and they were immediately taken to the nearby hospital by 108 ambulance. Later, many others also complained uneasiness and vomiting and then shifted to the hospitals.

## Celebrate Women's Day With These 5 Movies with Female Characters Standing Up for Themselves

New Delhi, Mar 6: Watching a movie like Thappad or Lipstick Under My Burkha might just be exactly what you need this Women's Day. Women's Day is around the corner and even though the sexist, misogynistic slurs directed at ladies and girls around the world seem far from over, you can always treat yourself to some movies that depict how you are not alone. Stories of fellow women have been told by some of the most talented filmmakers, writers, actors and other artists. Watching one such movie might just be exactly what you need instead of your male counterparts patronising you. So here are some movies that you should consider watching, if you haven't already, on Women's Day or any day if you want to see a lady telling her story: Lady Bird (2017): Written and directed by Academy Award nominee Greta Gerwig, Lady Bird is a story about a



rebellious teenager, played by Saoirse Ronan who wishes to fit into the popular group in school and ultimately wants to leave her sleepy town of Sacramento for higher studies. The movie also portrays the complex relationship Lady Bird has with her mother, played by Laurie Metaclif, who wants her daughter to stay in the city and go to community college. Saoirse's performance in the movie won her the Golden Globe for best actress in a musical or a

comedy role. Frances Ha (2012): Starring Greta Gerwig, Frances Ha is a story of a woman who wants to make it big in New York. Filmed in grayscale, the movie is also about the friendship of two women who are sharing an apartment in New York as they struggle through their lives. The movie is directed by Gerwig's real life partner Noah Baumbach. Thappad (2020): A hard-hitting movie on the social issue of domestic

violence against women. Thappad stars Taapsee Pannu as a regular housewife who loves her husband until he slaps her in public. The movie talked about an issue that is usually ignored by many people. Directed by Anubhav Sinha, the movie portrays how a woman decides to stand up for herself when her dignity is compromised in a relationship. Lipstick Under My Burkha (2016): This movie is a story of four women from all walks of life with one thing in com-

mon, thirst for freedom. The movie highlights various aspects of patriarchy in a small town of India and how these women steal their own little moments of liberation, sexually. The movie stars Konkana Sen Sharma, Ratna Pathak Shah, Plabita Borthakur, Aahana Kumra and is directed by Alankrita Shrivastava. Colette (2018): If you are looking for a classic period drama starring Keira Knightley, then Colette is a perfect choice. The movie is based on a true story of a French novelist Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette who wrote some of the bestselling novels but since she was a woman, her work was published under her husband's name. As Colette's work started to gain more attention, all the praise was received by her husband with no due credit to her. The movie depicts how Colette eventually fights for her due credit and stands up for herself.

## Kim Ji Soo to be Replaced in K-Drama River Where the Moon Rises Following School Bullying Scandal

New Delhi, Mar 6: Earlier this week, Ji Soo was swept up in multiple allegations of school violence, and he responded with a handwritten apology for his past behaviour. Korean actor Kim Ji Soo will be replaced in the drama River Where the Moon Rises following school bullying and sexual assault allegations. A spokesperson for KBS has said that they have decided that Ji Soo would be leaving the drama. "Ji Soo, who has recently become the center of controversy, will be stepping down from 'River Where the Moon Rises'. We are in currently

in discussions with the production company about our next steps," they said. Actor Na In Woo's agency Cube Entertainment has said that the star was in talks to take over Ji Soo's role, reported Soompi. A representative of the agency stated, "Na In Woo has received an offer to join 'River Where the Moon Rises' in the role of On Dal, and he is currently reviewing the offer." Earlier this week, the actor was swept up in multiple allegations of school violence, and he responded on March 4 with a handwritten letter of apology for his past behaviour. A per-

son claiming to be the his schoolmate from 2006-2008 claimed that the K-drama actor was a "bully" and a "sexual predator". On March 2, a post was uploaded to an online forum accusing Ji Soo of being a perpetrator of school violence. The accuser wrote, "Kim Ji Soo had a bigger build than the other kids his age at the time. Starting in his second year of middle school in 2007, he roamed the school as a delinquent and performed all sorts of bad deeds." Following this, other fellow classmates accused Ji Soo of sexual violence.



## Aamir Khan romances Elli AvrRam in Har Funn Maula still, reveals his new look

New Delhi, Mar 6: Aamir Khan and Elli AvrRam will be dancing together in Koi Jaane Na song 'Har Funn Maula.' The song will be out on March 10. Elli AvrRam on Saturday shared the first look of her upcoming song "Har Fun Maula," which will see her sharing the screen space with Bollywood

cool new avatar. If sources are to be believed, the actor suggested the look himself. "Aamir is known for adding his element in every project he takes up. When he understood the plot point and purpose of the song, he himself suggested this chill-casual, hipster look which will stand out," a

3 Idiots actor will be seen sharing the screen space with Elli AvrRam for the first time. The song will release on March 10. The song has been penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya. It has been sung by Vishal Dadlani and Zara Khan. The music of the song has been composed by Tanishk



superstar Aamir Khan. The makers announced that the song will feature in Kunal Kapoor-starrer Koi Jaane Na. Sharing the poster, AvrRam wrote, "He's the Jack of all trades, she's the Queen of the dance floor. Get ready to meet them on 10th of March." The song's poster shows Aamir in a

source close to the actor said in a statement. Adding further, the source shared, "He went into refining the same and had discussions with his friend-director Amin Hajee. Amin Hajee completely trusted the actor and his perfectionist vision for it and gave him a go ahead without a second thought." The

Bagchi. On the work front, Aamir is waiting for the release of Laal Singh Chaddha, which is an official Hindi remake of 1994 release Forrest Gump. The film also stars Kareena Kapoor Khan. The two had earlier shared screen space in 3 Idiots. The movie is now scheduled for release during Christmas 2021.

## Gauri Khan Stands Out in All Black at Manish Malhotra's Bollywood Gathering



New Delhi, Mar 6: Gauri Khan turned up at the Bollywood gathering at Manish Malhotra's

residence wearing all black - silk top and Afghan pants paired with jooties and a black

mask. Kareena Kapoor Khan recently hosted a big Bollywood gathering attended by Karisma

Kapoor, sisters Malaika Arora and Amrita Arora, filmmaker Karan Johar and fashion designer Manish Malhotra. The party later moved to Manish's residence where Gauri Khan made an appearance, turning heads in her all-black ensemble. For the outing, Gauri wore a silk top and Afghan pants paired with jooties and a black mask. She was joined by Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives stars Seema Khan, who was seen in a black shirt and blue denims, while Maheep Kapoor sported an animal print

jumpsuit. Karan Johar and the Arora sisters Malaika and Amrita too joined the gang. "Nothing can be more relaxing like a Fun night with friends @gaurikhan @natasha.poonawalla @maheepkapoor @karanjohar @malaikaaroraofficial @seemakhan76 @amuaroraofficial #friends #love," Manish captioned another photo. Karan also shared the photo and wrote, "This is Us!!!!" Manish also shared a selfie with Natasha Poonawalla and wrote, "Stunning @natasha.poonawalla ?????? #love."

## Nick Jonas says missing the 'love of my life' Priyanka Chopra inspired the theme of Spaceman

Mumbai, Mar 6: Nick Jonas has said that his upcoming album, 'Spaceman', is like "love letters" to his wife Priyanka Chopra. Spaceman is set to release on March 12. Ahead of the release of his solo album, Nick Jonas has opened up about how missing the 'love of his life', his wife and actor Priyanka Chopra, inspired his upcoming album, Spaceman. Priyanka has been shooting in Europe while Nick has been home in the US

for a few months now. In an interaction with The Tonight Show host Jimmy Fallon, Nick said, "I sort of started writing this record back in July (2020). My wife was over in Germany finishing up this little movie called The Matrix. And I was like, 'You know, I feel very disconnected from the world, first of all, and now my person.'" The pop singer then revealed that after missing Priyanka for so long, the moment they finally reconnected, in-



spired him to come up with the theme of the album which is based on "hopefulness for the future and seeing a brighter day ahead." Nick has always

candidly expressed his love for Priyanka; While promoting Spaceman earlier this week, in an interview with Apple Music, Nick had said that Space-

man is like "love letters" to his wife, because, "when I can't articulate the way I feel with my words without music, I go to the studio. And I am grateful to have that because it makes her happy, and that is most important for me." Spaceman is set to release on March 12. Nick recently dropped the album's second single 'This Is Heaven', an upbeat track on Apple Music. Nick and Priyanka were last seen together in Sucker, a single by Jonas Brothers in 2020.

## Healthy eating: Four plant-based foods you can add to your diet

New Delhi, Mar 6: The idea of celebrating 'World Plant Power Day' on March 7 every year, might be a fairly new concept but the popularity of plant-based foods started many years ago. There has been a drastic shift in the perception towards plant-based foods and we are seeing a movement towards a more sustainable lifestyle. "Be it the

food that we consume or the beauty products we use, people have started to shift towards more organic, 'free-from' and plant-based food items and essentials. Vegetarian eateries always existed but now even vegan eateries are popping up. Social media influencers and vegans often speak about the benefits of a plant-based lifestyle," says

Sheela Krishnaswamy, nutrition and wellness consultant. People prioritise plant-based consumption as a sign of concern towards health, ethics, and environment. However, shifting to an all-vegetarian or vegan lifestyle has also raised a few concerns. "The most common concern amongst vegetarians/vegans is that consuming



plant-based foods might not provide adequate protein. However, well-planned plant-based diets

are not just healthy and nutritious, but may also help to prevent heart disease, type-2 diabetes,

hypertension, and obesity," she tells indianexpress.com. Ahead of World Plant Power Day, here are four plant-based foods that you can add to your diet if you are a vegetarian or vegan, or thinking of becoming one: Consuming almonds every day is probably an integral part of many Indian households. Almonds are

amongst the world's most popular tree nuts. They are a rich source of protein and can be consumed as a protein-rich alternative to an unhealthy snack like potato chips. "In 100 g of almonds, you get 21.15 g of protein. They are also rich in over 15 nutrients such as vitamin E, magnesium, protein, riboflavin, and zinc. Having a handful of al-

monds helps to keep hunger at bay in between meals. Almonds also help in lowering total and LDL cholesterol improving your heart health. Almonds make a delicious and healthy snack, so, be sure to include a handful of almonds in your diet and your family's diet every day," says Krishnaswamy.

## India inflict innings defeat on England to seal Test series, book spot in WTC final



Ahmedabad, Mar 6: Axar Patel and Ravichandran Ashwin once again made a mockery of an eternally confused English batting line-up as India cantered into the inaugural World Test Championship final with a resounding innings and 25 run victory on the third afternoon of the fourth and final Test on Saturday. All India needed was a draw to book a Lord's date in June with Kane Williamson's New Zealand but Patel (24-6-48-5), in company of Ashwin (22.5-4-47-5), literally blew England away in a session and half for a paltry 135 in 54.5 overs to complete a 3-1 rout, ensuring that the Anthony De Mello Trophy will stay at the Cricket Centre in Mumbai. It was another two and half days finish but even the most parti-

san England experts like their former skipper Michael Vaughan have admitted that the 22-yard strip had almost nothing to do with their side's abject surrender. A case in point could be India's first innings score of 365 and a lead of 160 on the same track where England could cumulatively manage only 340 runs across two innings. Atrocious application and unbelievably poor mindset while playing spinners cost the Englishmen dearly during the last three Tests. This was one Test match where Indians, even before a ball being bowled, created an illusion of a turning track. It was a ploy of playing with the minds of a team that was already in a negative zone. There wasn't much turn but enough to ensure that the visitors wilted under pressure as

Patel's series tally stood at highest for a newcomer (27) while Ashwin was peerless as ever with 32 scalps in his kitty. A lot of credit for this victory should go to the indomitable Rishabh Pant, who played the enforcer on the second day with a magnificent hundred, and Washington Sundar, who notched up a chiselled 96. These two knocks literally made it impossible for England to make a comeback as a total of 365 seemed like 650. The story of the third day was similar to the one that has played out for most of the series. With shoulders already drooping after the humiliation inflicted by Pant and Washington, England's openers Zak Crawley (5, 16 balls), Dom Sibley (3, 21 balls) and Jonny Bairstow (0, 1 ball)

seemed like "walking wickets" at the start of the post-lunch session. Crawley, who in this Test match has made an ordinary strip look extraordinarily difficult with his approach, was snuffed out by Ashwin with two deliveries. The first was a sharp off-break that made him look vulnerable and then came the straighter ball which he managed to jab to Ajinkya Rahane at slips. Bairstow didn't trouble the scorers as he closed his bat face to give Rohit Sharma an easy catch at leg slip. Suddenly the track that looked docile in the first session seemed like performing all kinds of tricks. Sibley must have been affected by the two dismissals and his was a freak one as he played a full-blooded sweep shot off Patel which ricocheted off forward short

leg fielder Shubman Gill's knee and lobbed up for Pant to complete the formalities. One had expected two of England's best players in Joe Root (30) and Ben Stokes (2 off 9 balls) to put up a fight but the all-rounder failed to gauge the extra bounce as he went for a sweep shot off Patel. Kohli accepted the dolly at leg slip as England's resistance was blown away at 30 for 4. Ollie Pope (15) hit Ashwin for a six, which was more desperation than finesse, and it was only a matter of time before he yorked himself as Pant fumbled while gathering but managed to effect a stumping to make it 65 for 5. The England skipper could only helplessly look how his colleagues made a mess of Test match batting and Ashwin finally had his number trapping him leg before on the back-foot with another straight ball. The remaining wickets in the post tea session were a mere formality which the spinners completed in due course of time. The morning session belonged to Washington, whose 96 off 174 balls was as important as Pant's second day hundred in the final context of the match. Washington and Axar Patel (43 off 97 balls) added an invaluable 106 runs for the eighth wicket, which ended even a minuscule chance for England to stage a recovery.

## Roger Federer feels 'pumped up' to return to competition at Doha Open

New Delhi, Mar 6: The 20-time Grand Slam champion has not played a tournament since his Australian Open semi-final exit against Novak Djokovic last year, undergoing two knee surgeries since. Former world number one Roger Federer said on Friday he was excited to return to competitive tennis at next week's Qatar Open after a year-long absence. The 20-time Grand Slam champion has not played a tournament since his Australian Open semi-final exit against Novak



Djokovic last year, undergoing two knee surgeries since. "Here we are, about to take off to fly to Doha. It's been a year since my last event," Federer, 39, said in a video posted on his Twitter feed. "I can tell I'm very ex-

cited... it's been a long and hard road. I know I'm not at the finish line yet but it's good, I feel I'm in a good place, I've been practising very well and I just feel really pumped up." The Doha Open starts on Monday.

## PV Sindhu enters Swiss Open final



Basel, Mar 6: Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu dished out a superlative performance to outclass Mia Blichfeldt of Denmark in straight games and enter the women's singles final of the Swiss Open Super 300 tournament here on Saturday. Sindhu, the reigning world cham-

pion, beat fourth seeded Blichfeldt 22-20 21-10 in 43 minutes to avenge her first-round loss to the Danish world no. 12 at the Yonex Thailand Open in January. This is Sindhu's first final appearance since the World championships here in 2019. On Friday night, former champion

Kidambi Srikanth advanced to the men's singles semifinals after a straight game win over sixth seed Kantaphon Wangcharoen of Thailand. World no. 10 Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also entered the semifinals of the super 300 event, continuing their good run following a last four finish at Toyota Thailand Open in January. Fourth seed Srikanth beat Wangcharoen 21-19 21-15 in 44 minutes, while second seeds Satwik and Chirag saw off fifth seeds Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi 12-21 21-19 21-12 in the men's doubles competition on Friday night.

## Friends, neighbours and rivals: The story of Madrid Derby through the years

New Delhi, Mar 6: Although the city of Madrid currently boasts three La Liga teams, Real versus Atletico is the big one for many natives of the city, known as madrileños. The derby is now the most played fixture in Spanish football history, and among the world football's most celebrated fixtures. After Real Madrid were officially established in 1902, and then Atletico the following year, the two sides faced off in various friendlies and unofficial meetings before the first recorded official meeting in the Campeonato Regional Centro, a 1-1 draw on 2 December 1906.

an extra edge added as both goals were scored by forward Monchin Triana, who had joined from Atletico just the previous year. The idea of players crossing the city was not new, even then. Santiago Bernabeu, the legendary Blancos president who gave his name to the iconic stadium they play in to this day, guested with Atletico in the 1920s. Real loaned Atletico forward Ramon Grosso in 1963/64 to help fight off relegation, while Mexico's Hugo Sanchez actually scored for both teams in La Liga derbies during the 1980s. Nowadays, there are many players who have ties to

Saul Niguez. That's not to say it's always been friendly. While 'El Clasico' with Barcelona is arguably La Liga's biggest fixture internationally, for many at Real, the derby remains the most special. "The team we wanted to beat, at all costs, was the neighbours," Blancos legend and all-time great Alfredo Di Stefano recalled. "Losing meant our fans had to suffer jokes from the next day in the office, the bar and the street." Over the years, La Liga has provided 167 opportunities for such ribbing. Real have 89 victories, Atletico 39 wins, with 39 draws. Former Real Madrid winger and the club's current honorary president Paco Gento holds the all-time record for appearances in the fixture with 29, while Atletico's record appearance maker in the fixture is also the club's all-time appearance record holder: Adelarado Rodriguez with 27. Of current players, Blancos captain Sergio Ramos (28) and Atletico midfielder Koke (16) top the lists. Di Stefano and 1980s striker Santillana have the most La Liga goals in the fixture for Real (13), while 1940s teammates Paco Campos and Adrian Escudero share the record for Atletico with nine each.



The rivalry continued through different regional and national championships, until 1928/29 when La Liga began with both the clubs as initial founder members. Their first meeting in the new competition came on the 24th February 1929 at Real's Chamartin stadium. The home team won 2-1, with

both sides. Real Madrid keeper Thibaut Courtois made his La Liga debut for Atleti back in 2011; Simeone's side bought Marcos Llorente from their cross-town rivals last season, while fellow summer signing Mario Hermoso came through the ranks at the Bernabeu, as did midfield lynchpin

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## Sunil Gavaskar felicitated on 50th anniversary of Test debut at Motera

Ahmedabad, Mar 6: Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar was on Saturday felicitated by the BCCI on the 50th anniversary of his Test debut with Board President Sourav Ganguly saying that the batting legend and his then teammates played a key role in making "the game as strong as it is today". The 71-year-old former skipper received a commemorative Test cap from BCCI Secretary Jay Shah during the lunch break on day three of the fourth and final Test between India and England at the Narendra Modi Stadium here. Gavaskar is doing commentary for the match. "Celebrating 50 glorious years of the legendary former #TeamIndia Captain Mr. Sunil Gavaskar's Test debut today," the BCCI tweeted. Shah also posted pictures of the brief ceremony on his official Twitter handle while BCCI President. "Join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Shri Sunil Gavaskar Ji's Test debut for India. It is indeed a momentous occasion for all Indians and we are getting to celebrate it at the world's largest cricket facility Narendra Modi Stadium," Shah wrote. Ganguly, also a former



skipper, paid his tribute via twitter. "This day marks the 50th Anniv of Mr. Gavaskar in international cricket and the team of 1971.. It is time today to once again congratulate them for what they have for Indian cricket. The game is as strong as it is today because they made a start then against all odds. @BCCI," Ganguly tweeted. The BCCI also compiled a video of several of Gavaskar's contemporaries and former and current cricketers sending him their best wishes. Head coach Ravi Shastri said apart from being a world-class opener, Gavaskar also serves as a great ambassador of the sport. "Many con-

gratulations on 50 years in the games that takes an awful lot of time. No one will ever forget those heady days of 1971 when you announced yourself on to the world scene as a world class opening batsman," Shastri said. World Cup-winning skipper Kapil Dev said he felt privileged to have played alongside him. "My hero, I am proud, lucky and happy to play with him and learned a lot, true professional," Kapil said. A veteran of the game, Gavaskar featured in 125 Tests, 108 ODIs between 1971-1987. He many milestones in his career, including becoming the first to score 10,000 runs in Test cricket.

"India's victory in the 1971 West Indies series was a watershed moment in Indian sport. It was an incredible victory by a fantastic team, led by our young Indian batsman Sunil Gavaskar. In 50 years he has continued to inspire so many of us by his feats on and off the field," former skipper Rahul Dravid said. Sri Lankan batting great Kumar Sangakkara also lauded Gavaskar's achievements, saying the 71-year-old epitomises courage and technique. "Mr Sunil Gavaskar, the living legend. 50 years of cricket. The man who epitomises courage, technique, wearing what you always told be a plastic shell of a flower vase on your head against the

might of the greatest fast bowlers of the world. "What more can I say? Your record speaks for itself. your ability on the field and greatness speaks for itself. I wish all youngsters continue to learn from you," said Sangakkara. A part of India's World Cup winning side in 1983, Gavaskar held the record for scoring most tons in Test cricket until Sachin Tendulkar surpassed his tally in 2005. In his debut match against the West Indies, Gavaskar notched up half centuries in both innings, scoring 65 in the first and remaining unbeaten on 67 in the second essay. India won that game by seven wickets and the went on to win the series 1-0.

## Vilash Law School Discussions on 'Scheduled Castes Prevention Act'



(A.O. Bureau) Bargarh, Mar 6: A meeting was held today under the joint auspices of the Vikash Law School and the District Law Authority Center on the 'Scheduled Castes Prevention Act'. A.D.J. The meeting, presided over by Special Judge (Pakso) Ashutosh Das, was pre-

sided over by Prof. Dr. Bikram Kumar Das, Principal, Vikash Law School, and Dr. Samarendra Nath Panda, Director, Vikash Group. Mr. Shivananda Sahu, Coordinator, Vikash Law School, and Mr. DL.S.S. Editor Lilima Panda moderated the event. In his inaugu-

ral address, Rakshi Pradhan, a student of Vikash Law School, a student of the Church and Mr. Jaimini Kumar Sahu, the program coordinator and professor, gave their views. Then J.M.F.C. Naroj Kumar Sahu, Sub-Judge Special Kumar Sahu, CJM4. Streamline, DS4.P.

Sudhakar Sahu had his own opinion on the law. A.D.J. And Special Judge (Pakso) Ashutosh Das highlighted the rights of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and advised the students to extend this right to all corners of the society. In his speech, the President of the Vikash Law

School explained to the students the importance of the law and the unity of the society. Mr. D. Murali Krishna, Chairman, Vikash Group, Mr. D. Nageshwar Rao, Executive Director, praised the joint program. Finally, Mr. Nayanjyoti Das, Professor of Law School, thanked everyone. Professor Abhinandan Khuntia and Professor Rosie Meher assisted in the program and the meeting was attended by a large number of students from Development Law School, Vikash Degree College, Vikash School of Business Management.

## The new school building in Balijhara slum has been inaugurated

(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Mar 6: The new building of Ganapati Shishu Vidyamandir in Balijhara slum, Ward 5, Paradip municipality, was unveiled on Saturday. It was inaugurated by Mr. KJ Patel, Executive Director of IFFCO and Mrs. Mamtaben Patel, President of

IFFCO Ladies Club. IFFCO Joint General Manager Shri Abhay Kumar Mall, Mrs. Mall, Senior General Manager Mr. Suresh Goel, Mrs. Shashi Goel, Deputy General Manager Mr. GC Acharya, Administrative Officer Mr. Prasanna Kumar Beura, among others,

were present at the event. "It will be especially helpful in improving the quality of education in the slums," said Chief Guest Patel. He later held talks with the school's students. The program was moderated by all the teachers, including the school's principal, Gitanjali Tarai.



## Priority now to ensure Cong victory in state polls, will campaign wherever called: Azad



New Delhi, Mar 6: Nearly a week after he and some of his colleagues, who wrote to Congress president Sonia Gandhi last year seeking reforms in the party, addressed an event in Jammu that was seen as a show of strength by the dissident group, senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad Friday signalled that issues in the party can wait till completion of the Assembly elections. The party has already deferred the election for the post of Congress president to June. Azad said the "priority" now is to ensure the victory of the Congress in the elections and said he and his colleagues will campaign wherever they are called. Asked whether a senior leader like him needs an invitation, he said he generally campaigns when candidates invite him. "We will campaign for the party and the candidates wherever we are called... ensuring the Congress's victory will

be our focus for the next two months," Azad told the media. His comments came days after the Congress asked him and other signatories to last year's letter to focus their energies in five election-bound states to strengthen the hands of the party. The party had not condemned an incident in which a group of Congress workers in Jammu held a demonstration against Azad and burnt his effigy. The Congress had said the people, just as Azad, have a free right to raise their voice. Azad and Congress leaders Anand Sharma, Kapil Sibal, Manish Tewari, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Raj Babbar and Vivek Tankha were in Jammu last week. They addressed a joint public meeting, where the party leadership was criticised for not utilising an "experienced" leader like Azad and letting him retire from Rajya Sabha. A day later, Azad praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi as

someone who "does not hide his true self". Subsequently, Sharma lashed out at the Bengal Congress leadership for the "alliance" with the Abbas Siddiqui-led Indian Secular Front, saying such association flew in the face of the Congress's core ideology. All these moves had sent a signal that the internecine battle in the Congress, triggered by the letter, was deepening. Interestingly, four senior Congress leaders, who were among the signatories of the letter, had disassociated themselves from these actions, signalling a rift in the dissident camp. While Azad held seat-sharing talks with the DMK in Tamil Nadu in the last Assembly elections, he has not been given any responsibility so far. Some of the letter-writers, however, had been given assignments. While former Maharashtra CM Prithviraj Chavan has been made head of the screening committee for selection of candidates in Assam, former Union Minister M Veerappa Moily has been made a "senior observer" for party's campaign in Tamil Nadu. CWC member Mukul Wasnik has been given the charge of overseeing the preparations in Assam.

## Parichay Foundation presents 9th Edition of AARYA Awards

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Mar 6: Parichay Foundation, a philanthropic organization engaged in promoting Indian art and culture and bringing about economic and social upliftment for underprivileged in urban slums and rural parts of Odisha and New Delhi once again organized the 9th edition of AARYA Awards in association with GAIL and sponsored by Canara Bank on 6th March 2021 marking the International Women's Day in Hotel crown at Bhubaneswar. At the outset, Shri Surya Narayan Patra, Hon'ble Speaker Odisha Legislative Assembly inaugurated this award presenting ceremony in the august presence of Padmashri Shovana

Narayan, Kathak Exponent, Dr. (Prof) Prasanna Kumar Patasani, Former MP & Vice President of BJD, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Hon'ble MP, Kandhamal, Founder-KIIT & KISS, Shri Priyadarshi Mishra, Chairperson, OSHB & Former MLA, North Bhubaneswar, Shri Vishal Kumar Dev, IAS Commissioner-Cum-Secretary, Tourism Dept, Padmashri Kumkum Mohanty-Eminent Odissi Dancer and Smt. Narmada Chadha, Eminent Social Worker as the special guest. Addressing the gathering, Shri Panda said, "I want to congratulate all the achievers and wish you all a Happy Women's day. Parichay foundation has been doing a commendable job



for the society and I feel proud that I got an opportunity to get associated with this." Nineteen women achievers from distinct categories felicitated with this prestigious award. The awardees included 1. Lifetime Achievement- Padmashri Kumkum Mohanty. 2. Field of Literature- Dr. Gayatribala Panda. 3. Field of Art & Culture- Ms. Vijaya Amujure. 4. Field of Social Work- Ms. Gitanjali Rout & Ms. Bijeta Rana 5. Field of Entrepreneur- Ms.

Tanaya Patnaik. 6. Field of Wildlife Conservation- Ms. Sasmitha Lenka. 7. Field of NRO- Ms. Gita Das. 8. Field of Education & Research- Dr. Sucheta Priyabadini. 9. Field of Music- Ms. Lopita Mishra & Ms. Nazia Alam. 10. Field of Special Citation- Ms. Bhagyashree Sahoo & Ms. Amita Singh. 11. Field of Sports- Ms. Chinmayee Bhuyana & Ms. Jayanti Behera. 12. Field of Medical Science- Dr. Lotus Mishra. 13. Field of Entertainment- Ms. Rhea Reshma Bari. 14. Field of Special Mention- Ms. Sucharita Rath. 15. Field of Media- Ms. Jayanti Baruda. Founder, Parichay Foundation Ms. Rosalin Patasani Mishra, said, "Parichay has always

stood for women empowerment and Aarya Awards is our tribute to all women who are scripting their own success and inspiring stories from different fields. Parichay Foundation, which has been felicitated by the President of India and recognized by the United Nations for its outstanding work, has been organizing Aarya Awards since 2012. From 2016, Parichay has also started Shrie Awards, to acknowledge the achievements of men in various sectors, organizing the award ceremony on the occasion of Father's Day. Recently, the foundation also launched its pilot project, Alaknanda Scholarship Programme for drop-out girl students across the state.

## Imran Khan Won Trust Vote In Pakistan

(A.O. Bureau) Islamabad, Mar 6: In a major development, Imran Khan's government has won the vote of confidence. In Pakistan. 178 votes were cast in favor of Imran. Khan needed the support of 171 MPs in the National Assembly. The House currently has 340 members out of a total of 342 members and two seats are va-

cant. Khan's PTI has 157 MPs while the opposition Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz has 83 members and the Pakistan Peoples Party has 55 MPs. The opposition coalition opposed this vote of confidence. Therefore, no member of the opposition attended the session of the National Assembly. Imran Khan was the second Prime



Minister in the history of Pakistan to declare the trust vote himself. Earlier in 1993, Nawaz Sharif himself took the initiative regarding the trust vote. Please tell that Imran Khan was accused of corruption. After Finance Minister Abdul Hafeez Sheikh's defeat in the Senate elections, Imran announced the vote of confidence.

## Coronavirus Vaccination For Retired Army People To Start Soon

(A.O. Bureau) New Delhi, Mar 6: The Union Health Ministry has approved vaccination of dependents of Veterans and Armed Forces personnel in service hospitals. The process is likely to begin next week on the CO-WIN platform after the completion of the registration of the Armed Forces medical facilities. This information was given by the army. Let us tell you that the first phase of

Coronavirus vaccination in the country started on January 16, in which vaccination of health workers and first-line employees of the country was started. At the same time, its second phase has started on 1 March. In this, people above 60 years of age and those suffering from serious diseases above 45 years of age are being vaccinated. Explain that under the nationwide immunization



campaign, on March 5, about 15 lakh people were given the vaccine of Covid-19, which is

the highest number of vaccines in a day so far. With this, more than 1.94 crore people have been vaccinated by the Coronavirus so far across the country. The nationwide Covid-19 vaccination campaign started from January 16, in which the process of vaccinating health workers started. Vaccination of personnel deployed on the advance front started from February 2.

## Mithun Chakraborty To Join BJP Today!

(A.O. Bureau) West Bengal, Mar 6: In West Bengal (West Bengal), the political movement has intensified before the Legislative Assembly elections. While the Trinamool Congress is again claiming to return to power, the BJP is also trying to push the TMC out of power. The TMC angry leaders have already joined the BJP and now the party is preparing to include many famous and big faces of the state



as well as the BJP. It is reported that Bollywood actor Mithun Chakraborty may join BJP soon. The reaction of superstar Mithun Chakraborty to join BJP has come as a reaction of BJP Bengal in-charge and party general secretary

Kailash Vijayvargiya. Kailash Vijayvargiya said I have spoken to Mithun Chakraborty on the telephone, he is going to come today. I will be able to make any kind of comment only after a detailed discussion with them.