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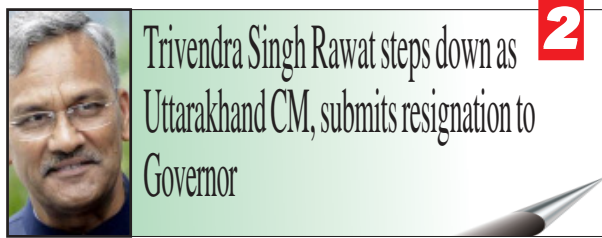
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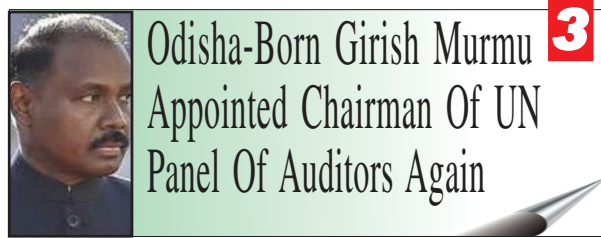
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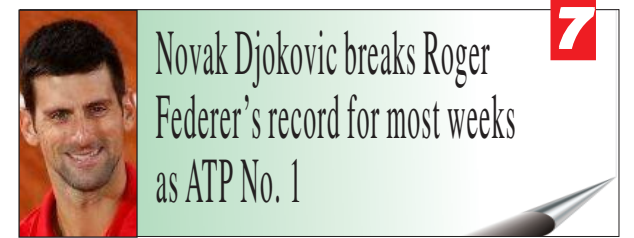
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## Chief Minister of Odisha and Union Minister for Petroleum, Natural Gas & Steel jointly witness the signing of agreement & MOU between IndianOil and Odisha Industrial Development Corporation (IDCO)



Bhubaneswar, Mar 9: Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) today signed an agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to develop Paradip Plastic Park. The MoU was signed on a hybrid mode in the presence of Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum, Natural Gas and Steel, Shri Dibya Shankar Mishra, MoS (I/c), Energy, Industries, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of Odisha, Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Chairman, IDCO and Shri S M Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil. Speaking on the occasion, Shri

Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha, said, "I congratulate Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, IndianOil and IDCO for coming together towards the development of Paradip Plastic Park, which is going to be a real game-changer for the downstream plastic industry. This will boost the petrochemicals and plastic infrastructure as well as auxiliary industries & MSMEs in Odisha as well as Eastern India." Addressing on the occasion, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, said, "Keeping the enterprise and employment generation potential of the plastic sector in mind, Government of India has initiated the cluster development of

the Industry through its Plastic Park scheme. Currently, six such parks have been approved by the Government of India, with Paradip Plastic Park being one of them." Shri Pradhan further added that Odisha would become the nerve centre of industrialisation through rapid development in petrochemical, chemical, polymer, textile and fibre sectors. He also highlighted the importance of a skilled workforce in this downstream industry. Delivering his welcome address, Shri Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil, said, "IndianOil has made a significant investment of nearly Rs 41000 crore in the last five to six years in the state of Odisha to provide petrochemical feedstock, intermedi-

ates, and fuel for the Industry. In February 2019, IndianOil has commissioned its 680 KTA Polypropylene (PP) plant at Paradip with an investment of Rs.3100 Crore. Another petrochemical feedstock project of 'Mono Ethylene Glycol (MEG)' is being constructed and is likely to be commissioned by the end of this year. A Product Application and Development Centre (PADC) at Paradip has also been established recently to enhance product quality, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance in petrochemical and plastics production in the region. IndianOil plans to set up an Integrated PX/PTA Plant with 1200 KTA capacity at Paradip. This plant, along with the MEG plant of

357 KTA capacity at Paradip, would be a ready source of feedstock for IndianOil's upcoming 300 KTA textile yarn manufacturing project at Bhadrak and can similarly facilitate other textile and polyester projects in the region". Paradip Plastic Park is being developed jointly by IDCO, Odisha and IndianOil Corporation Ltd. The Park is being developed over 120 acres of land with common facilities for downstream plastic industry such as green belt, road network, waste disposal system, workers colony etc. A total of 80 saleable industrial plots of different sizes are available, and the total project cost for the development of the Park is Rs.106.78 crore. As part of the MoU signing, to attract investments in downstream polymer industries at Paradip Plastic Park, IndianOil announced a Special Strategic Incentives scheme. An incentive of Rs 2000/MT on Polypropylene granules from Paradip Refinery shall be offered to the manufacturing units located in the Paradip Plastic Park till 31.3.2030. It is estimated that around 26 units will come up at the plastic Park with an estimated investment of 500 Crores and is likely to generate direct and indirect employment of 6,000.

## GST Compensation: Centre Releases 19th Instalment Of Rs 2,104 Cr To States

New Delhi, Mar 9: Finance Ministry has released the 19th weekly instalment of Rs 2,104 crore to the states to meet the GST compensation shortfall. Out of this, an amount of Rs 2,103.95 crore has been released to 7 states and an amount of Rs 0.05 crore has been released to the Union Territory of Puducherry. Odisha was allowed Rs 2,858 crore additional borrowing of 0.5%. Also, the State received Rs 3,814.67 crore fund raised through special window. Till now, 96 per cent of the total estimated GST compensation shortfall has been released to the states and UTs with Legislative Assemblies. Out of this, an amount of Rs 97,242.03 crore has been released to the states and an amount of Rs 8,861.97 crore has been released to the 3 UTs with Legislative Assemblies. Government had set up a special borrowing window in October, 2020 to meet the estimated shortfall of Rs 1.10 lakh crore in revenue arising on account of implementation of GST. The borrowings are being done through this window by the

Centre on behalf of the states and UTs. 19 rounds of borrowings have been completed so far starting from October 23, 2020. Under the special window, the Government of India has been borrowing in government stock with tenure of 3 years and 5 years. The borrowing made under each tenure is equally divided among all the states as per their GST compensation shortfall. With the current release, the proportionate pending GST shortfall with respect to borrowing under 5 years tenor has been concluded for 23 states

far, an amount of Rs 1,06,104 crore has been borrowed by the Central Government through the special borrowing window at an weighted average interest rate of 4.8842 per cent. In addition to providing funds through the special borrowing window to meet the shortfall in revenue on account of GST implementation, the Government of India has also granted additional borrowing permission equivalent to 0.50 per cent of Gross States Domestic Product (GSDP) to the states choosing Option-I to meet GST



and three UTs with Legislature. The remaining five states have no GST compensation shortfall. The amount released this week was the 19th instalment of such funds provided to the states. The amount has been borrowed this week at an interest rate of 5.8594 per cent. So

compensation shortfall to help them in mobilising additional financial resources. All the states have given their preference for Option-I. Permission for borrowing the entire additional amount of Rs 1,06,830 crore (0.50 per cent of GSDP) has been granted to 28 states under this provision.

## Mahashivratri: Odisha Collectors To Take Call On Congregation



Bhubaneswar, Mar 9: In view of the spike in COVID-19 cases in different states across the country, Odisha Government seems to be taking no chance for resurgence of the virus as it has directed district Collectors to take a call on congregation for Mahashivratri on March 11. Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Pradeep Jena today wrote a letter to all Collectors and Municipal

Commissioners in this regard. "As large congregation on the occasion of Mahashivratri has large potential of spreading COVID-19 infections, Collectors and Municipal Commissioners may restrict congregations/ gatherings to such number as may be felt appropriate considering the situation there and space available within such temples and its premises to gather, strictly adhering

to the COVID-19 protocols," the SRC said in the letter. He also said that Mela/ congregations outside, within the temple premises may also be reasonably restricted so as to avoid mass gatherings. "Any person found violating this order shall be punishable under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and other relevant laws," the official cautioned.

## Odisha Forest Fire: PIL Filed In High Court

Cuttack, Mar 9: The Bharatiya Bikash Parishad today filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Orissa High Court in connection with the wildfire raging in forests across the state. The social organisation has challenged the alleged inaction of Forest Department, Government of Odisha and Odisha Forest Development Corporation in extinguishing fire in different forests. Principal Secretary, Forest Department, Odisha Government and Chairman-

cum-Managing Director, Forest Development Corporation have been made respondents in the case. It has prayed before the High Court to issue RULE NISI calling upon the opposite parties to show cause as to why the appropriate writ/writs in the nature of MANDAMUS or any other suitable writs should not be issued directing the parties to take immediate action in the matter to extinguish fire in the Similipal forest and other forests of the state.



## JEE Main Result: Goutam Das Emerges As Odisha Topper

Bhubaneswar, Mar 9: Goutam Das is the Odisha topper of the JEE (Main)-2021 (February Session), the results of which were declared by the National Testing Agency (NTA) yesterday. He has secured 99.9990357 per cent in the examination. Hailing from Balasore, Goutam was studying in SAI International School, Bhubaneswar. The JEE (Main) Examination for B.E./B.Tech. was conducted by NTA from 24 to 26 February 2021. A total number of 6.52 lakh candidates were registered for Paper 1 (B.E./B. Tech.) in this examination. As many



as six students have secured 100 percentile score. Students who have secured 100 percentile score are Saket Jha of Rajasthan, Gurmeet Singh from Chandigarh, Pravara Kataria and Rimjhim Das from Delhi-NCR, Siddhant Mukherjee

from Maharashtra and Anant Krishna from Gujarat. The examination was conducted for the first time in 13 languages- English, Hindi, Gujarati along with Assamese, Bengali, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.



## Manipur: 20 militants from different rebel outfits lay down arms before CM N Biren Singh

Imphal, Mar 9: As many as 20 rebels from different militant outfits in Manipur on Tuesday laid down arms before Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in a "Homecoming Ceremony" organised at the banquet hall of 1st Manipur Rifles battalion, Imphal. Out of the 20 militants, 16 belonged to Thadou People's Liberation Army (TPLA), two were from UNLF, and one each from PLA and PREPAK (Pro), police said. The rebels surrendered their weapons which included an AK-56 Rifle, one M-15 Rifle, one MK-33 Rifle, one Uzi SMG, one Lethod gun, one Glock 19 pistol, six 9mm pis-



tols, two .32 pistols, one .22 pistol and 75 assorted ammunitions. Referring to the rehabilitation scheme for surrendered rebels, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that the state would help the militants live a dignified life and ensure that they have suitable means

of livelihood. He also urged all the members of different armed outfits to come to the negotiating table and join the mainstream. "Peace is very essential to achieve progress and development," added Singh. The Chief Minister maintained that Manipur is

now on the path of development with hundreds of young people contributing to economic growth through entrepreneurship in the last four years. This has been possible due to restoration of peace in the state, he said. Under the Revised Scheme for

Surrender-Cum Rehabilitation of Militants in the North East States, 2018 of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, rehabilitation benefits given to the surrendered cadres included a one-time financial grant of Rs 4 lakh to each surrendered rebel, which is to be kept in a bank in their names as a fixed deposit for a period of three years. Militants will stay in a rehabilitation camp for three years, during which they will be paid a monthly stipend of Rs. 6,000 each. Incentives for surrendered weapons have also been provided. Ministers, MLAs, top civil, police, paramilitary and army officers were also present at the occasion.

## Congress urges Amit Shah to reveal details of 'mysterious death' in gold smuggling case

Thiruvananthapuram, Mar 9: The opposition Congress in Kerala on Tuesday urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to reveal the details of the alleged mysterious death in connection with the gold smuggling case and claimed that the CPI(M)-BJP nexus was the reason for him to hide the truth. KPCC chief M u l l a p p a l l y Ramachandran said Shah should have the guts to disclose the details if any such death had occurred under mysterious circumstances as otherwise it would amount to hoodwinking the people of the state. Covering up the details known to Shah, exposes the saf-ron party's "secret ties" with the Marxist party, he said. Echoing similar sentiments, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Ramesh Chennithala said the war of words between Shah and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan over the incident was just a "drama" and urged the latter to tell if such a death had indeed taken place. Former chief minister Oommen Chandy was of the view that it was not mutual questioning by the leaders of the two parties which people wanted, but answers. The Congress leaders made the scathing attack against the BJP and the CPI(M) while holding a joint press meet in New Delhi. While addressing a mass rally of party



workers at Shangumugham here on Sunday, Shah had mentioned about a "mysterious death related to the gold smuggling case". Slamming the Kerala CM, he also asked Vijayan to answer certain queries posed by him related to the matter. In a tit-for-tat, Vijayan on Monday described Shah as an "embodiment of communalism" and said it was the BJP leader who was jailed for the crimes of alleged "kidnapping and fake encounters". "Both the BJP and CPI(M) are trying to create a smokescreen among people. The speeches of Shah and Vijayan were part of a pre-planned script. Both the parties are aiming for a Congress-mukth Kerala," Ramachandran said. The leaders also wanted to know why Vijayan was not being questioned by the investigating agencies over the mysterious death if Shah had information about the case. "It clearly shows the secret undercurrent between the BJP and CPI(M). The union home minister is responsible if the probe into the gold smuggling case stops midway," they

added. Meanwhile, BJP state president K Surendran dismissed as "baseless" the allegations made by Vijayan against Shah. Vijayan had referred to the deaths of Sohrabuddin Sheikh, his wife Kausar Bi and her brother Tulsiram Prajapati to hit back at Shah. He had also mentioned the death of CBI court Judge B H Loya, who was hearing those cases. "Court had discharged Shah in those cases. But, now Vijayan, a murder case accused, is now raising it," Surendran said. On Vijayan's description of Shah as an "embodiment of communalism", the BJP leader said the Left cadres were not even allowing the party to field a Hindu candidate in Ponnani in Muslim-dominated Malappuram district. Surendran was referring to a protest rally taken out by the local CPI(M) workers in Ponnai against the party leadership's reported decision to field CITU national secretary P Nandakumar in the constituency. The protesters wanted party district secretariat member, T M Siddique as candidate.

## Trivendra Singh Rawat steps down as Uttarakhand CM, submits resignation to Governor

New Delhi, Mar 9: Ending days of speculation amid disquiet within the ruling BJP in Uttarakhand, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat Tuesday submitted his resignation to Governor Baby Rani Maurya. "I have submitted my resignation as the chief minister to the Governor today. BJP legislature party meeting is scheduled to be held at 10 am tomorrow at the party office," Rawat said while addressing a press conference. Accepting his resignation, the Governor has asked Rawat to be the caretaker CM till a new candidate is selected for the post. Rawat's resignation comes a day after he met BJP national

president J P Nadda in Delhi. Party sources told The Indian Express that prior to meeting Rawat, Nadda held two rounds of meetings with Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the party's national general secretary (organisation) B L Santosh and general secretary in charge of Uttarakhand Dushyant Gautam. BJP sources in Uttarakhand said some MLAs and factions in the party had conveyed their dissatisfaction with the functioning of Rawat's government to the central leadership and the RSS. Senior MLAs have also been demanding the expansion of the State Cabinet where three berths have been lying vacant



for two years. "There is unrest among a major section of party functionaries and MLAs. They are complaining that officers in districts are not paying heed to their recommendations. They are feeling ignored. In this situation, winning the next Assembly election could be a chal-

lenge," an RSS functionary had told. Rawat's visit to Delhi came with just 10 days to go for his government to complete four years, and two days after BJP national vice-president Raman Singh held a meeting of the party's state core committee in Dehradun as an "observer" and spoke to

members separately. Raman Singh had also visited the RSS office to get feedback on the situation. In December last year, when Nadda had visited Dehradun, RSS functionaries had conveyed that the BJP can win the 2022 Assembly elections only if it takes party workers along.

## Nitish loses cool in House, asks RJD member to learn rules of proceedings



Patna, Mar 9: The incident took place when state Rural Works Minister Jayant Raj was responding to a query. RJD MLC Subodh Rai, who was not satisfied with the answer, rose to ask a supplementary question, but without permission of Council Chairman Awadhesh Narayan Singh. As per rules, any second member of a House can ask a supplementary question only after the minister has fully answered the original question. Perturbed with frequent interventions, Nitish rose to intervene and suggested that the RJD MLC to get conversant with rules of legislative proceedings. The incident took place when state Rural Works Minister Jayant Raj was re-

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looked upset and raised his voice, asking the RJD leader, "Pehle niyam jaan lo (first know the rules) and then ask questions. You may take your seat." However, the council chairperson intervened and brought the Upper House in order. Later, RJD spokesperson Mritunjay Tewari said: "Though there is nothing wrong in the CM giving a piece of advice to a RJD legislator, the CM has been getting upset at little things these days." In last Assembly session, Nitish had lost his cool over an attack by Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav.

## SC rejects plea challenging EC's decision to hold WB Assembly polls in eight phases

New Delhi, Mar 9: The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea challenging the Election Commission's decision to conduct assembly elections over eight phases in West Bengal and seeking to bar the BJP and its leaders from using "Jai Shri Ram" as a slogan during the campaign. A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde initially told the petitioner to approach the Calcutta High Court. "I rely upon a judgement. This is not the matter of election petition. One party is using the religious slogan. Why should I go to the high court?" advocate M L Sharma, the petitioner in the case, told the bench. "You are asking for prosecution.



How can we pass such an order. The only power lied with the high court, that to the election petition," the bench, which also comprised Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, told Sharma. When the petitioner referred a 1978 judgement of the apex court, the bench asked him to show the paragraphs in the verdict saying the top court can entertain a plea regarding

malpractice in campaigning when the poll process starts. Sharma said the matter be heard tomorrow, and the bench said, "We cannot read it again and again, read it right now. 'Alright, we don't agree with you. Dismissed,'" the bench added. The plea had sought the apex court's direction to stop the poll panel from conducting eight-phase elections in West Bengal, alleging that it vio-

lates Article 14 (right to life) and Article 21 (right to life) of the Constitution. On February 26, the Election Commission had announced the schedule for assembly elections to be held in West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. While the assembly polls in West Bengal will be held over eight rounds from March 27-April 29, polling in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry

will be held in one phase on April 6 and in Assam over three phases. In his plea, Sharma had also sought a direction to the CBI to register an FIR into the alleged chanting of religious slogans during electioneering in West Bengal. The chanting of "Jai Shri Ram, other religious slogans are creating disharmony" and is an offence under the Indian Penal Code and the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the plea had said. "Whether using a provocative religious slogan 'Jai Shri Ram' is for electoral benefits as well as others is not violated S.123(3) & 125 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951," reads the legal question raised in the plea.

## India at forefront in fighting COVID-19, stands out in terms of vaccine policy: Gita Gopinath

New Delhi, Mar 9: India has been at the forefront in fighting the coronavirus pandemic and "really stands out" in terms of its vaccine policy, Chief Economist of the IMF Gita Gopinath said on Monday, as she hailed the country for playing a very important role during the

crisis by manufacturing and shipping the COVID-19 vaccines to several nations. Gopinath made the comments in an interactive session during the Inaugural Dr. Hansa Mehta Lecture organised on occasion of International Women's Day. "I also want to mention that India really stands

out in terms of its vaccine policy. If you look at where exactly is one manufacturing hub for vaccines in the world—that will be India," Gopinath said. Gopinath lauded the Serum Institute of India, saying it produces the most number of vaccines in the world in a regular year and

has been manufacturing the COVID-19 vaccine doses that are delivered to COVAX and then distributed to countries around the world. "India has been at the forefront in fighting this pandemic," she said, noting that India has been providing vaccines through grants to several of its

neighbour countries, including Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar, and through commercial arrangements as well. The country has been playing a very important role in helping the world in the global health crisis through its vaccination policies, she said.



# Vision, Mission, and Action Need for a Better India: Governor JSPL observes Fitness Day on Naveen Jindal's Birthday



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Mar 9: The five-day MSME Trade Fair-2021 has been celebrated. On the last day, a workshop was held on how to improve the M7SME through clusters. The event was graced by Indian Administrative Officer, State Industries Director Mr. Reghu G. After presiding over the event, Rohit Sinhal, an industrialist from Bargarh Rice Mills, and Kashinath Jena, a cotton entrepreneur from Bargarh, shared his story on how to grow their business through clusters. "Speaking at

the inaugural function of the Barajya Mela held at the Idco Exhibition Grounds in the evening, His Excellency the Governor of Odisha, Prof. Ganeshi Lal, said, "Such a fair is a significant effort for development in the field of MSMEs. The mainstay of the Indian economy is micro, small and medium enterprises. Traditional knowledge retention, modernization, market connectivity, financial and technical incentives, and above all branding are key to successful businesses. The department has suffered the most during the epi-

demic, but fortunately the central and state governments have doubled their budget this year. The Hon'ble Prime Minister's Local for Vocal Challenge is sure to be successful through these micro, small and medium enterprises. "There is a lot of employment and employment opportunities that can take India's economy to a new level and we need vision, mission and action for the best of India." "The chief guests at the workshop were State Industries Director Mr. Reghu G, Bargarh Rice Entrepreneur Rohit

Sinhal, Puri Pipili Kata Entrepreneur Mr. Kashinath Jena, Corrosion Protection Pvt. Mr. Gyan Ranjan Mohanty, Managing Director, Ltd., Mr. J.M., Director, Mekam Pvt. K. Rath, b. Mr. Ranjan Padhi, Commercial Director, One Business House, MSME, Director, Cuttack Industries and Director P.S. K. Gupta, Director, State Enterprise, S.J. Mr. Hota, Mr. Binod Das, Vice President, Utkal Chamber of Commerce, was the chief guest and spoke on the role of the cluster and its

needs. "Professor Ganeshi Lal presented awards at the fair for encouraging young people, self-help groups, Mission Shakti, the most diverse and innovative entrepreneurs from all walks of life. Among them, especially those who excelled in the micro, small, medium and large scale industries, mission power, women, experts, industry and know-how, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, were awarded the SCG from Nabarangpur in the special category. "His Excellency the Governor of Odisha Prof. Ganeshi Lal was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function while the Speaker of the Assembly was Surya Narayan Patra, the Retired Indian Administrative Officer and the Chief Adviser to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. , Director of State Industries Mr. Reghu G. The chief attended that evening.

(A.O. Bureau) Angul, Ma 9: Employees of Jindal Steel & Power Ltd (JSPL) observed fitness day today (on 9th March, 2021) to mark birthday of JSPL's Chairman Shri Naveen Jindal, who is known for his fitness and patriotism, besides being an industrialist. On the occasion, JSPL and its social arm JSPL Foundation conducted various programmes to promote fitness among employees and local community as well as distributed O.P.

- Organises a various programmes to promote fitness among employees and community
- Distributes O.P. Jindal Scholarships and organises various other welfare activities

rector of JSPL Mr. Hrideshwar Jha presented the scholarship amount and certificate to eligible students from Chhendipada and Banarpal blocks. District Education Officer Smt. Kalpana Behera, HR & ES Head of JSPL Angul Mr. Ravi Shankar and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. As a part of

spectable persons like Village President Mr. Sanjeev Swain, Village Secretary Mr. Bapi Swain and others. A Yoga camp was also conducted in Jarasingha under the guidance of Yoga Guru Swami Satyabindu Saraswati ji. Local villagers and youths in large nos. attended the yoga camp as well as the open gym inau-



Jindal Scholarships among the eligible students in Angul. On the occasion, JSPL Foundation distributed O.P. Jindal Star and O.P. Jindal Jewel Scholarship to support local meritorious students from financially weaker section of the society to continue their higher education. Angul Collector and District Magistrate Mr. Siddharth Shankar Swain and Executive Di-

its Fitness Day celebration, JSPL Foundation opened an Open Gym at Jarasingha Village for health and wellbeing of local community. The Open Gym was inaugurated by Mr. Tapan Kumar Satapathy, ADM-Angul, in presence of Jarasingha village Sarpanch Mr. Milap Pradhan, GM-CSR of JSPL Mrs. Puspapala Satapathy and other re-

guration programme. Mr. Hrideshwar Jha also attended the cake-cutting ceremony held at the office premises with participation of senior officers including Mr. Damodar Mittal, President, Mr. Atul Dubey, EVP, Mr. Ashish Pandey, AVP and others. A special puja also conducted in the temple praying for good health and prosperity of Shri Jindal.

## Saumendra Priyadarshi Takes Charge As Twin City Police Commissioner



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Mar 9: IPS officer Saumendra Kumar Priyadarshi took charge as the Police Commissioner of Twin City Bhubaneswar and Cuttack here today.

After assuming office, the 1995-batch IPS officer said he will discharge his duties in the post with full honesty and dedication. "Maintaining law and order situation and crime

detection and control are the two main objectives of every police officer. And challenge increases when you become a successor of a successful officer. I seek your cooperation during my service," he said. Outgoing Police Commissioner Sudhanshu Sarangi has been transferred and posted as the CMD of Odisha Police Housing and Welfare Corporation (OPH&WC). Besides, 1988-batch IPS M Akhaya took charge as the DG of Fire Services, CG, Home Guards and Director of Civil Defence, Odisha.

## Good work done by RPF Staff of Puri on 08/09. regarding handed over of recovered left behind/missing laptop bag, containing one ASUS Laptop, charger etc.

(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Mar 9: On the evening of 08.03.train No.02876 [New Delhi-Puri] Nilachal Express arrived at Puri Railway Station on Platform No.05. On arrival of the said train, before locking of the coaches on duty RPF Officer ASI A.K Jena & Staff conducted safety checking to prevent and detect criminal activities if any. During checking, they noticed 01 black colour bag was hanging near berth no. 10 & 13 of Coach No.B-2 [AC-3 tire] in unclaimed condition. After adopting all the security related formalities the bag was brought to enquiry office Puri and continuous announcement was done



through Station PA system, but nobody came to claim the above retrieved bag. Hence, the recovered bag was brought to RPF Post Puri for further disposal to it's actual owner. After initial enquiry IIC

RPF Puri transmitted the matter to RPF Khurda & Bhubaneswar to verify whether any report regarding missing of Laptop has been given by any Passengers as the above seats in that compartment were

booked till BBSR & Khurda. During which it could be noticed that one bonafide passenger namely Amit Ku. Dash of Bhubaneswar, Dist- Khurda, [Odish], who was travelling with his family from Ghatsila-BBS, vide PNR No.28639227803, Berth No 10 & 13 of Coach No. B-2 of the said train had given an report regarding left behind/missing of his Laptop etc. Accordingly matter was informed to the concern Passenger through his contact Number and after getting information he attended RPF Post Puri on the late night of 09.03.2021. On arrival at RPF Post Puri he informed that, he is work-

ing in mining sector, on 08.03.2021 he boarded in that train with his family from Ghatsila to go his home. On arrival of said train at Bhubaneswar, they got down and after reaching at home they noticed that their laptop bag, which was containing with One ASUS Laptop, Valued Rs.60000/-Approx., Charger etc. Accordingly after verification the recovered laptop and other items handed over to the concern passenger. After received the same he appreciated the act of RPF Staff of Puri and stated that "this is the unbelievable event". Said that Mr. Anil ku singh IIC RPF PURI.

## Beautify Our Station & Women Empowerment: Mural & Paintings By Ficci & Hamara Bachpan At Bhubaneswar Station



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Mar 9: Recognising the women of all level and to beautify our Station concept, Women wing of FICCI & Hamara Bachpan Trust have made a mural on the theme "Power

to empower" at the old PRS Counter Building of Bhubaneswar Railway Station along with paintings. Jahnabi Phookan, National President of FLO (Women Wing of FICCI) along with Dharitri Pattnaik, chair-

person of FLO (Women Wing of FICCI)/ Bhubaneswar and the Founder and Mentor of Hamara Bachpan Trust unveiled the mural which is being prepared from waste materials like used plastic spoons, used

pipes, used water bottle caps, gravels etc. This beautiful mural was prepared by FLO team supported by the Hamara Bachpan Trust, who are taking care of the Child Help Desk at Bhubaneswar Railway

Station. FLO team also painted the shutters of the Old PRS building with purpose to beautify the Station area with some message for recognition of women of all levels. The capital city Bhubaneswar is one of the major cities of East Coast Railway which is going to be renovated as a World Class Station. Beautifying and painting the premises of Bhubaneswar Station will have a specific theme representing the cultural symbols, heritage places, places of interest and significance of the locality. Railways have been working towards beautification of Railway Stations as well as trains. Railway Stations are being beautified with wall painting and beautiful murals.

## Odisha-Born Girish Murmu Appointed Chairman Of UN Panel Of Auditors Again



Bhubaneswar, Mar 9: Odisha-born and Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Girish Chandra Murmu was appointed as the Chairman of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations for 2021 again. Murmu was elected as the Chairman of the panel last year also. The UN panel comprises of

India, Germany, Chile, China, United Kingdom, France, Philippines, Switzerland, Italy, Ghana, Indonesia, Canada and Russia. Murmu is at present the external auditor of the World Health Organization, Geneva (2020 – 2023) and Food & Agriculture Organization, Rome (2020 – 2025) and Inter Parliamentary

Union (2020-2022) as well. In 1959, the UN General Assembly established the Panel of External Auditors. Heads of the Comptroller and Auditors General of their respective countries are the members of the panel. Murmu was born on November 21, 1959, in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha.



# EDITORIAL

## Institutionalised racism

Let us make no bones about it; the interview that Prince Harry Windsor and Meghan Markle, the now effectively excommunicated members of the British Royal Family, gave American television personality Oprah Winfrey was a way for them to remain in the limelight. It shone brightly at them and it also reminded many of us who either watched the entire interview or even snatches of it on social media that Miss Winfrey remains a master at her art. It is extremely difficult to feel sorry for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. They are, and remain, extremely wealthy and privileged individuals, one by virtue of his birth and the other through the Hollywood hype machine. This interview is just a precursor to an upcoming series on streaming platform Netflix, which ironically also broadcasts a very lightly fictionalised story of Harry's grandmother's life, 'The Crown'. But it was difficult to not feel sorry when Meghan and Harry spoke about the racism that they faced when the potential skin tone of their then unborn child, a son now known as Archie, was brought up. Neither of them mentioned who it was that spoke to them about this, whether it was a family member or a member of the royal household bureaucracy, but this again highlights that even an evolved family or institution can remain horribly rooted in a racist past. The British Royal Family might reign over a realm that is uniquely multi-racial and multi-ethnic, but racist undertones still exist in Britain. Of course, this is not a problem unique to the country as the 'Black Lives Matter' that followed the brutal murders of black individuals by white members of the American police force highlighted that even eight years of having a black President hadn't changed the racist mindsets of many Americans. And while racist undertones in India seem to be more subdued, make no mistake because they do exist. The attitude of the average Indian to African students or even those from the North-East is downright racist and, worse, casteism is still widespread. Many of us might have evolved with regards to our views on matters such as race and caste, but the institutionalisation of those views over centuries will take much longer to eradicate, not just in the British Royal Family but across the world.

## Blasphemous

It is unbelievable and shocking at the same time: Average households waste 50 kg of food per person per year in India, where "Annapoorna" is considered the Hindu goddess of food and nourishment. Globally, according to the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Food Waste Index Report 2021, homes, institutions, retail outlets and restaurants wasted almost 931 million metric tonnes, or 17 per cent, of the food available for consumption in 2019. Besides, a significant quantity of food is lost on farms and in supply chains, indicating that overall a third of the food produced actually never gets eaten. But the maximum wastage is done at homes. Nearly 61 per cent of consumer-level food goes into waste bins each year at home, the report states. Although food waste is normally thought of as a problem mostly affecting rich countries, the report found that the levels of waste were surprisingly similar across nations, though it was somewhat handicapped in burrowing out more details due to the lack of data in poor countries. In South Asia, besides the 50 kg per person food wastage in India, 65 kg is wasted in Bangladesh, 74 kg in Pakistan, 76 kg in Sri Lanka, 79 kg in Nepal and 82 kg in Afghanistan. Especially in the context of India, the revelation is excruciating because food waste has serious social, environmental and economic impacts. As per the UN, 690 million people were impacted by hunger in 2019 and three billion couldn't afford a healthy diet. Closer home, just recall the plight of lakhs of migrant workers last year following the sudden announcement of the lockdown. Confused, angry and helpless, they then started the long trudge back home, with impoverished and famished families in tow. They had to be content with the barest minimum that came their way, which on most days comprised just a pack of biscuits and a couple of bananas. As per the Government's estimates, more than 1.06 crore migrant workers started for their homes; for at least 29,415, it was their last journey. Just imagine if they could get to eat what we throw away every day! Then, wasted food, upon reaching landfills, leads to major greenhouse gas emissions. So, next time, think twice before leaving behind that morsel on the plate after your hearty meal. Think about all the people who are forced to go hungry every night, and think about the damage your seemingly innocuous act is causing to the environment.

## 100 days of revolt, & still raring to go



Indra Shekhar Singh

houses to meet death quickly. There is also a special class of bulls that is part of the artificial insemination industry; they are bred and dishonoured by sophisticated instruments, robbing them of their spermatozoa. Today the Indian bull, far from being Shiv's 'Nandi', is a pariah and first victim of industrial agriculture. With less than one per cent bulls working the farms, India flaunts a large dairy and cattle-rearing sector. The Indian species are so intermixed with foreign breeds, mainly Jersey and Holstein, that it's hard to tell what is indigenous anymore. Many farmers fear that the story of the Indian bull will be their story, too, if the three farm laws and a neo-company raj enter India. Only with minimal farmers and maximum fossil fuel-based machines will the fields be cultivated. The more immediate challenge to the revolution is, of course, the increasing heat — political and physical. Temperature variations have already started affecting people's health. With hotter days ahead, the

entire encampments are modifying their tents. Many farmers are now constructing high bamboo-and-canvas tents for better air circulation. The supply of drinking water and perishable items like milk is becoming slightly problematic. Food wastage may also increase due to insufficient refrigeration facility. Farmers have mobilised another round of fundraising for installing reverse osmosis (RO) plants within the encampments at Tikri border because the groundwater is highly contaminated with industrial effluents. The Ghazipur border is also going for a summer makeover. Much of the encampment at this border is on the Asian Highway 2 (AH2). Surrounding it are Ghazipur's garbage mountain, posh apartments and an open sewage canal that flows underneath it. The summer will bring mosquitoes and diseases. Both the sites will have to be prepared to combat vector and water-borne diseases. As these fears grow, a farmer from Jind died by sui-

cide at the Tikri border. An avoidable death! The farmers' revolution has transformed from an agrarian movement into a united opposition to the totalitarian Government. The BJP has suffered electorally in Punjab and Haryana and a strict boycott of the BJP and its leaders is in place in these States. While all eyes are on Bengal, the farmer leaders are expanding their base to the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The morale on the ground at the revolution sites has never been higher. Because the encampments have become a breeding ground for hope, camaraderie is the only cure for hate. Many of these farmers have stepped out of their region for the first time, yet they quickly learnt to work and endure suffering together. The movement is more disciplined than earlier and the farmers are ready to continue resisting. Penance has been the path to spiritual awakening — Jesus on the cross or Buddha starving under the Bodhi tree — and the farmers are also suffering for the sins of our world. A bullet may bring them death as a slaughter may begin any day but they hope their deaths will not be in vain and shall wake up a sleeping world. It will bring together farmers and citizens all over the world to rise against this evil. Despite the odds, the farmers are hopeful. Our world and democracy is at a dangerous crossroads — Earth and millions of farmers on one side and Big Ag and corporate tyranny on the other. If Indian farmers win, democracy of the world lives; otherwise, Aldous Huxley's 'Brave New World' awaits us all.

## The real victims of nativist labour laws? Low-income migrant workers



Chinmay Tumble

Factories Bill, 2019, reserving 75 per cent of jobs for locals. This law was soon challenged and the petition was accepted by the Andhra Pradesh High Court as a matter of public interest. Yet, the clamour for similar laws pervades across states including Madhya Pradesh and Goa. Most recently, in March, the Haryana government passed the Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Bill, 2020, reserving 75 per cent of jobs in the private sector for locals, when the monthly salary was under Rs 50,000 per month. Let us, for a moment, forget the apparent unconstitutionality of this law. Let us also ignore the hypocrisy that the BJP-led Haryana state government is attempting to curtail the employer's choice of recruiting labour from anywhere in the country at the same time that the BJP-led central government is pushing hard to give farmers the choice to sell their goods anywhere in the country. Let us brush aside the fact that most migration for work in India happens within state borders or that Census 2011 data revealed that in almost all Indian districts, less than 10 per cent of the urban

workforce comprised of inter-state migrants. The fundamental problem with this law is that low-income migrant workers will once again become the victims of India's public policies. Life is tough for low-income inter-state migrant workers in India, as was painfully illustrated by the migration crisis of 2020. To their long list of woes, ranging from precarious livelihoods to lack of access to portable social security, they now have an added source of concern — nativist laws. Sectors which do end up employing a large number of inter-state migrant workers — think of Surat's power loom industry which employs workers from Odisha — do so because the local workers do not aspire for those jobs. Migration for work represents a match between employers who are looking for certain skills at low rates and workers who want to earn much more than what they can make back home. The current premise of the nativist laws is that with adequate skill training given to locals, they can perform the same tasks as the migrants. But are they willing to? The law also appears to be

tough to implement on the ground and one can expect a parallel market to emerge on the ability to prove local residence, as it often happens in the case of ration cards. Further, the income cut-off in Haryana's law conveys that the rich can move anywhere in India and work as they please but those same opportunities are to be denied to poorer inter-state migrant workers. In the coming decades, internal migration is only going to continue to surge in India, as it did in China over the past three decades, and as it did in the developmental trajectory of practically every country on this planet. By restricting migration choices, the governments of Andhra Pradesh and Haryana send out bad signals in the labour market, especially when their own elites have benefited tremendously from internal and international migration. There used to be a time not so long ago that Indian elites would bemoan Donald Trump's immigration policies that restricted H1B visas, often the golden pathway to access the American dream. Trump's departure has led to a softening of the stance on immigration in America much to the delight of prospective Indian emigrants and employers in the US. Sadly, there is little to cheer for India's internal migrants as Trumpian avatars descend in India's state-level politics. Haryana's nativist law alas will not "Make Haryana Great Again". Instead, it sows the seeds of the balkanisation of our country. Such laws ought to be challenged in the courts.



## Paradip College Ncc Cadets Holds Awareness Rally On International Women's Day



(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Mar 9: Paradip College NCC cadets on Monday held a women's awareness rally in the Port City of Paradip on the occasion of Interna-

tional Women's Day. The show was led by Paradip College NCC officer Lt. Cdr. Akshay Chandra Mishra with the slogan "Let's all choose to Challenge". The women em-

ployees of the college also celebrated the said Day with holds meetings to create awareness among all for working towards Women Empowerment.

## Rayagada Police seized Contraband Ganja of 190 KG & 2 Arrested

(A.O. Bureau) Rayagada, Mar 9: On March 8th, 2021, based on information received, IIC and staff of Rayagada PS proceeded towards Majhigouri Temple Chhaka, Rayagada around 12:55 PM, during vehicle checking, police team intercepted one truck bearing Regd No JH-02-AS-6181 where they found 10 jerry bags of Contraband Ganja in the cabin of truck. A case has been registered under Rayagada P.S. Case No #60 Dated 08.03.2021 U/s - 20 (b) (ii) (C) NDPS Act. The Police Team has



seized 190 KG contraband ganja packed in 10 jerry bags. Also seized one truck bearing Reg No. JH-02-AS-6181, one mobile phone and cash worth

Rs 3,460/-. In this connection, police arrested two accused persons. Further investigation is in progress in context to the case registered, said Rayagada PS.

## Utkalmani Yubak Sangha is celebrating International Women's Day

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Mar 9: The International Women's Day has been observed by the Utkalmani Yubak Sangha, a leading voluntary organization in

the Pattamundai block. Bada Mohanpur Gram Panchayat Deuli under the priesthood of National Youth Volunteer Cum Utkalmani Yubak Sangha Presi-

dent shri Gouttam Behera and Secretary shri Baishnab Behera briefed us on the day. Joining national youth volunteer shri Saroj Nath as the chief guest, he explained

the goals of the day, the elimination of gender inequality, respect for women, and rights in various fields. Mrs. Suchitra Behera (Asha Didi), Mrs. Minati Sundar Roy

(Assistant Teachers) Sraban Behera inaugurated the event as distinguished guests. Harekrushna Behera, Shubhshree, BhagyaShri, AshaLata Lucy were the main contributors.

## Narrow Escape For Over 25 Bus Passengers In Odisha's Keonjhar

(A.O. Bureau) Hatadihi, Mar 9: More than 25 passengers had a narrow escape when a bus they were travelling in caught fire in Keonjhar district today forenoon. When the bus, 'Shree Laxmi', was on its way towards Khiching from Bhadrak, smoke billowed out of the vehicle near Hatadihi Tahasil Chhak. When smoke filled the bus, driver switched off the



ignition out of fear. Also, passengers alighted from the vehicle. Within few minutes, fire spread in the bus. Though the reason behind the fire is not known, the mishap could have occurred due to a short circuit, said a passenger. After being informed, Fire Service personnel of the Chhenapadi Fire Station reached the spot and brought the fire under control.

## Odisha Girl Gang-Raped, Runs Naked On Road To Save Life

(A.O. Bureau) Jajpur, Mar 9: Hours before the International Women's Day, a college girl belonging to tribal community fell prey to 'rapists' in Odisha's Jajpur district. And shockingly, a cook engaged in Odisha Industrial Security Force (OISF) under the Odisha police is allegedly involved in the incident. However, police have arrested all the four accused in this connection. Reportedly, the minor girl, a resident of Kalinga Nagar police station area had gone to Brahmanipal with her

male friend to collect scholarship money (Tata Steel Jyoti Fellowship). While returning, the two boarded a bus from Duburi to Kaliapani. After reaching at around 8 PM, the two were having food at a eatery in front of Tata Steel Main Gate and later walked around four km to Kalarangi village. The four culprits, who were following the two, waylaid them near the defunct OMC chromite mines. While two of them overpowered the girl's friend, two others took her to an isolated place. Santosh Prusty

(31), a cook at OISF Kaliapani unit, took the first turn to rape the girl followed by the rest three. Meanwhile, her friend approached a security guard of a private company for help, but to no avail. Later, the culprits made a plan to take the victim to a house at Malhara Sahi. Though she begged the miscreants to let her go, her cries fell on deaf ears only. Later, she managed to escape from their clutches leaving her mobile phone and vanity bag on the spot. She ran naked on the road to save her life from the



criminals. She barged into the house of a woman Home Guard and requested her to let her stay. The Home Guard called up police to inform about the incident. A police team immediately reached the spot and rescued her. On the direction of SP Rahul PR, police conducted raids throughout

the night and arrested the four accused under Sections 341, 363, 376 (D), 506/34 of IPC and Section 4 of POCSO Act. On Monday, the four were produced before Jajpur SDJM Court and later sent to custody after the court rejected their bail pleas. Besides, the victim was sent for a medical examination.

## Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Adviser Tours Sambalpur



(A.O. Bureau) Sambalpur, Mar 9: Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya (OAV) Adviser Bijay Sahoo and Project Director Lingaraj Panda toured Sambalpur recently and surveyed the on-going

OAV projects in the district. They visited the construction site of OAV Maneswar and Dhankaudak and OAVs at Rengali and Bamara. During the visit, Sahoo interacted with the principals, teachers and of-

ficials of the institutions. Their interactions with the staff at the institutions gave them deeper insight and understanding into the progress that has been made in Sambalpur under the Odisha Adarsha

Vidyalaya initiative and the problems that need to be resolved for their smooth functioning. They also visited the Rengali test centre and interacted with parents and students who came to appear for the en-

trance test for induction into OAVs. They connected with the young students and encouraged them to do well in the entrance test. Following the visit, Sahoo convened a meeting with Collector Subham Saxena, senior officials and all Principals of OAVs of Sambalpur. The overall review of the pace of establishing OAVs in the Sambalpur district was taken up at the meeting. "A discussion to upgrade educational infrastructure and sports facilities and the improvement of teaching and learning methods at the district's OAVs were also discussed," a senior OAV official said.

## Similipal Fire: Affected By Inferno, Deer Heads Towards Human Habitation



(A.O. Bureau) Baripada, Mar 9: Even as Odisha Forest & Environment Minister Bikram Keshari Arukha claimed that animals in the Similipal National Park are safe after the

wildfire, a deer affected by the inferno was spotted heading towards human habitation in Karanjia Forest Division. The homeless animal strayed into the house of a villager at

Brundeiposhi under the forest division, where the deer has now taken shelter. Incidents of other animals moving towards residential areas after the wildfire are also being reported in the area. The Odisha Government has formed a state-level task force in connection with the wildfire raging in several forests across the state. On the other hand, fresh fire points are being detected everyday, especially in the Similipal Tiger Reserve (SRT). However, PCCF in-charge Jitendra Kumar said forest fire incidents are in control. All fire incidents are ground fires and have not affected the large trees, he said.

## ODRAF Teams Arrive At Simlipal To Contain Forest Fire

(A.O. Bureau) Baripada: The State Government has initiated measures to check and contain the ongoing Forest fire in the State. As decided by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, to engage ODRAF team to render assistance to abate the Forest Fire all over the State, ODRAF teams have already reached Similipal Tiger Reserve, the Forest De-

partment informed. Chief Secretary Suresh Mahapatra reviewed the Forest Fire situation in the State with all the district Collectors, Superintendent of Police and Divisional Forest Officers to prevent its further proliferation by intensifying night patrolling, attending fire alerts received in quickest possible time, be more attentive to attend forest

fire noticed in hilly terrains, involve PRI institutions & local VSSs/EDCs to handle the situation. In order to tackle the situation in more effective way, the State Government has decided to engage more man power and equipment. It has been decided to put additional 100 squads, beyond 600 different squads. Each squad comprises



of 10 persons and a vehicle. Besides, additional 700 blowers are being procured to put in to work. Further, it has

been decided to incentivise 3000 Forest Fringe Villages to take action to prevent occurrence of Forest Fire and

prevent its proliferation in their Forests Fringe Village and involve the VSSs/EDCs to contain the ongoing Forest Fire menace. In addition to that the PRI institutions have been urged upon to mobilise their human resource to sensitise the forest fringe localities to prevent intentional and unintentional fire. In different areas action has already been initiated by

local DFOs to dissuade forest fringe locals to burn the agricultural wastes in open, which causes forest fire threat once left unattended and where ever feasible put water tankers in to use to abate the ongoing fire. Due to continuous and quick action of Field Staff, the nos of Fire points have shown considerable decrease as Fire Alerts to have come

down to 3258 on March 9 from 6,258 on March 9. More than 95% of Fire Points located has been abated/attended during last 24 hours of reporting. NO damage to Wild Life or human has been reported by the Field Staff. The State Government appeal to local public to cooperate with the Forest Staff to abate the Forest Fire.



## Khushi Kapoor Has the Sweetest Reply When Paps Asked Her to Pose Without Her Mask



New Delhi, Mar 9: Khushi's airport look was chic and casual. She opted for a mauve coloured boat shoulder sweater and teamed it

paparazzi in Mumbai. Khushi, who was flying to the US, greeted paparazzi waiting outside the airport. She waved at the shutterbugs that got busy clicking her exit from the city. A video has surfaced online where paparazzi are requesting her to remove her mask to click some pictures. However, her reaction takes the cake away. She politely informs the photo-journalists that she has a slight allergic reaction as a result her face got red. She said she cannot take off the face mask and was not comfortable getting snapped. Khushi's airport look was chic and casual. She opted for a mauve coloured boat shoulder sweater and teamed it with a pair of black bot-

toms. To accessorize, she matched her headband and footwear with her choice of top and went for a royal blue coloured tote bag to give some pop of hue to her look. Ahead of her Janhvi's birthday, Khushi was spotted at the Mumbai airport. Khushi has been pursuing higher studies at New York Film Academy. The daughter of Boney Kapoor and late Sridevi flew down to India, last year, ahead of the Coronavirus induced nationwide lockdown. As she reached the US, she united with her best friend Aaliyah, daughter of filmmaker Anurag Kashyap. An elated Aaliyah took to her social media to rejoice her BFF's homecoming. She could not contain

her excitement as Khushi visited her in the foreign land. She shared a picture on her Instagram stories where Khushi is seated outdoors posing and smiling for the camera. She is wearing a purple sweatshirt and a black coloured backpack. "My wife is here," announced Aaliyah with the picture. She further posted a boomerang clip of Khushi and their friend as they waited for their food to arrive at a restaurant. Meanwhile, Khushi will be making her film debut soon, according to father Boney Kapoor. In a recent interview, the film producer said that even though he will not launch Khushi, she will be launched by a team he trusts and respects.

## Kajol Shares Her Hilarious Skincare Routine, Singing Sia's Song Unstoppable

New Delhi, Mar 9: Kajol has shared a video of her skincare routine, right after she moisturises, lip-syncing to Sia's Unstoppable. Actress Kajol posted a video showcasing her skincare routine, and it is hilarious. Kajol posted a video on Instagram where she is seen makeup-free, lip-syncing and dancing to Sia's Unstoppable. "My

Instagram post was an example of that. The 46-year-old actress shared a screengrab of a scene from her 1998 movie Pyaar To Hona Hi Tha where she is engrossed in some serious reading. However, it was the caption of her latest post that might intrigue you. Kajol revealed that one of her favourite words ever happens to be "supercalifragilistic

ticated. But in reality, the word is a complex way of describing something that is 'extremely good', according to Cambridge Dictionary. The actress was last seen in the recently-released OTT film, Tribhanga. The Renuka Shahane directorial also features Tanvi Azmi and Mithila Palkar. The film narrates the story of three generations of



skincare routine, goes on straight after my moisturiser #instanteffect #twoweekstoanewyou #tryittoday," Kajol wrote. The actress is known for her witty humour and another

expalidocious". She further clarified that the word was not in the particular book she was reading in the photograph. Now, the meaning of this unusually long word might seem to be something very sophis-

women. Kajol plays an actress-dancer who shares a strained relationship with her mother (Tanvi Azmi), a noted author. The film also stars Mithila Palkar as Kajol's on-screen daughter.

## Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar trailer: Will Arjun Kapoor kill Parineeti Chopra or save her?



New Delhi, Mar 9: Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar's new trailer brings back Arjun Kapoor and Parineeti Chopra as they are on the run. The Dibakar Banerjee directorial is set to have a theatrical release on March 19. Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar new trailer arjun kapoor parineeti chopraSandeep Aur Pinky Faraar also stars Jaideep Ahlawat, Raghubir Yadav and Neena Gupta. Actors Arjun Kapoor and Parineeti Chopra are at loggerheads in Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar. If it

feels like deja vu then you have to thank their debut film, Ishaqzaade, for it. In the new trailer of Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar, we have Arjun and Parineeti on the run, and they break some bones in the process. The makers of Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar on Tuesday dropped the second trailer, much to the happiness of fans, who've been awaiting its release for a year now. The Dibakar Banerjee directorial, which was gearing up for release on March 20, 2020, got postponed due the the outbreak of coronavirus

pandemic in the same month. It has been re-announced and will now arrive in theatres on March 19. The film's second trailer further builds upon what we saw in the first one last year. Parineeti Chopra's Sandeep Kaur needs to flee Delhi. She hops on the car of Arjun Kapoor's cop Pinky Dahiya, who helps her cross the India-Nepal border. And all this, as the cops, headed by actor Jaideep Ahlawat's character, are on their scent, one clue at a time. The best moments in the trailer come when Arjun

and Parineeti take shelter at a couple's house, played by seasoned actors Raghubir Yadav and Neena Gupta. Their banter with the elders continue while they hide their identity. Viewers are thoroughly intrigued about the ulterior motive of both Sandeep and Pinky, which is kept a secret in the trailer. Will Pinky help Sandeep or kill her? Speaking about Arjun and Parineeti's onscreen love-hate relationship, director Dibakar Banerjee said, "It was Arjun vs Parineeti on the sets of SAPF for most of the

days. SAPF wasn't choreographed. We rehearsed the basic moves and then just went for it... We wanted the violence between them to be real which meant that they really had to hit each other which became a big problem because they are old buddies and the fact that Arjun is really very gentle. He's double Pari's size and has hands like sledgehammers. By the time the shooting ended, we stopped counting the bruises on Pari. So did she. But I love the shot where she slaps Arjun back. I wouldn't want to be on the receiving end of that one." Arjun Kapoor had earlier told, "There is a dilemma that our country is facing nowadays—Bharat v/s India. These are two types of thought processes which have emerged over the last 8-10 years. The film deals with the psychology of people who are influenced by the changes in society, and how they are going through their ups and downs because of the changes. It's a unique, interesting story. When it unfolds in front of you, you'll love it."

## Rubina Dilaik and Abhinav Shukla to feature in Neha Kakkar's music video Marjaneya, see first look

Mumbai, Mar 9: Rubina Dilaik and Abhinav Shukla's music video "Marjaneya" will drop on March 18 on Desi Music Factory's YouTube page. The song's first look has been released. Bigg Boss 14's favourite couple Rubina Dilaik and Abhinav Shukla are set to star in a music video together. Titled "Marjaneya", the song has been crooned by popular pop star Neha Kakkar. The music video will drop on March 18 on Desi Music Factory's YouTube page. On Tuesday, the social

swimming pool and has a vacation feel to it. Sharing the poster, Dilaik wrote, "Super excited to announce our #first feat ??." Talking about "Marjaneya", a source told indianexpress.com that the song would be a typical peppy Neha Kakkar song. The team flew down to Chandigarh to shoot it. Apart from Rubina and Abhinav, the music video will also feature Neha, who is currently a part of Indian Idol 12. Abhinav Shukla and Rubina Dilaik entered Bigg Boss 14 together, and

decided to give their relationship another chance in the reality show. And as it would have it, the two emerged stronger together. Speaking about strengthening their bond while competing together, Dilaik shared that saving her relationship was more important than winning the title for her. She said, "For me, my relationship is the most precious thing, and thus achieving it was more special. This (showing her trophy) I don't take it for granted but I have always believed that success is all about pro-



media page of the music label shared the first look of the upcoming project. While Abhinav Shukla flaunts a relaxed printed shirt with shorts, Rubina Dilaik looks glamorous in her orange bikini top and matching sarong skirt. The song seems to have been shot near a

looked like a perfect couple. While initially the two kept to themselves, they eventually found their individual connections. However, the two shocked the world when Rubina mentioned their marriage was troubled and they have even contemplated divorce. However, the couple

fessional and personal life together. And now, towards the end of the journey, I can probably say that I have been able to achieve that." Apart from "Marjaneya", Rubina Dilaik has also shot for another music video with Paras Chhabra that has been sung by Asees Kaur.

## 5 Ways To Add Grapes To Your Meal For a Nutrient-rich Palate

New Delhi, Mar 9: Be it black, green or red, grapes are an interesting addition to a healthy, nutrient-rich meal plan. Let's spruce up our meals by including grapes in our diet in the following fun ways. Sweet, juicy, crunchy-grapes are amazingly palatable. What makes these bulbous, luscious fruits an indispensable part of our diet is their high nutrient-rich profile. Loaded with anthocyanins – an antioxidant, carotenoids, vitamin C, A, D, potassium, and calcium – grapes are one of the most delicious and versatile snacks that boost immunity, delay



ageing, and can be found all year round. So, why must not you make it a point to have a handful of grapes, every day! Be it black, green or red, grapes are an interesting addition to a healthy, nutrient-rich meal plan. Let's spruce up our meals by including grapes in our diet in the

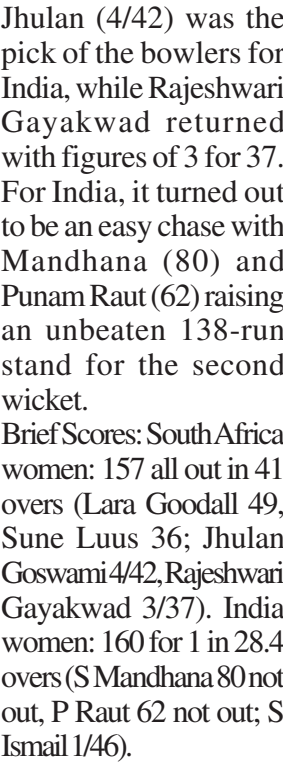
following fun ways: Smoothies: Frothy, creamy grapes smoothies are simply delightful. What could be better than a cool, refreshing, green grapes smoothie to satiate your taste buds. Also, grapes being versatile, you can add them with other fruits like banana, strawberry,

watermelon and enjoy the smoothie. Salads: Make healthy, nutrient-dense salads with grapes and relish your food. There are some amazing recipes that will leave you craving for more owing to their palatable taste. You can have grilled chicken and grape salad with lemon dressing, or cucumber-grape salad or grape-avocado salad with pumpkin seeds. Breakfast recipes with grapes: Cereals: There's nothing like kick-starting your mornings with a delectable bowl of cereals loaded with a generous serving of grapes. They keep you full for a

longer period; keep hunger pangs, irritability at bay, provide healthy bones. a. Quinoa with grapes, pistachios, b. Avocado toast with grapes, radishes, c. Tart recipes with grapes. Grape muffins: Give an interesting twist to your baked foods by trying grape muffin with peanut butter, or by baking cranberry-grape-cinnamon bread. Grape juice: Have homemade grape juice, throw in some ice cubes if you like it chilled and you are good to go. It is one of the simplest and best ways to incorporate grapes in your diet.



With help from Ali and Rocky, Manish Kaushik defeats fear, wins gold



in the second ODI of the five-match series here on Tuesday. Lara Goodall top-scored for South Africa women with a 77-ball 49, while skipper Sane Luus made 36. Veteran pacer

## A full-body photograph of Novak Djokovic on a clay tennis court. He is wearing a red Lacoste polo shirt with white stripes on the sleeves and white shorts. He is holding a black tennis racket with a white grip in his right hand and pointing his left index finger upwards. He has a white wristband on his right wrist and a red wristband on his left wrist. The background is a reddish-brown clay court with a white line.

Sampras held the total weeks record of 286 until Federer surpassed him in July 2012. Ivan Lendl stands fourth with 270, and Jimmy Connors is next at 268. The ATP introduced its computer rankings in 1973. Djokovic's championship at Melbourne Park last month assured him of staying No. 1 at least until this week and reclaiming sole possession of the record from Federer. Djokovic called reaching that milestone a "relief" and said it would allow him to "focus all my attention on Slams, mostly." "When you are going for No. 1 rankings, you kind of have to be playing the

entire season, and you have to be playing well; you have to play all the tournaments,” Djokovic said. “My goals will adapt and will shift a little bit.” Federer most recently spent a week at No. 1 in June 2018. He was 36 at the time and that allows him to still hold the record for oldest man to hold that top place. His 40th birthday is Aug. 8. After two operations on his right knee in 2020, Federer has gone more than a year without competing. He is scheduled to return to tour action at the Qatar Open on Wednesday. With so much inactivity, Federer slipped to No. 6 in Monday’s rankings, swapping spots with Stefanos Tsitsipas.

coronavirus. Japan's government has decided to stage this summer's Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics without overseas spectators due to concern among the Japa-

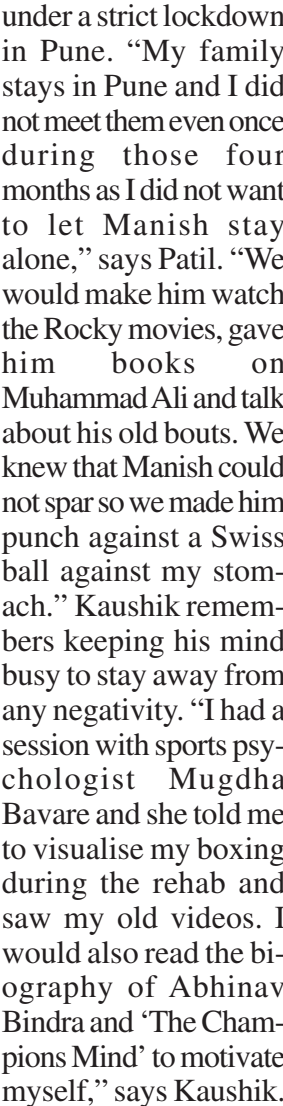
Chandigarh, Mar 9: By last December, Manish Kaushik was physically ready to rejoin the camp after the surgery on his right bicep. But there was a mental block, and coaches CA Kuttappa and Santiago Nieva could sense the fear. The coaches had a sit-down with the 25-year-old, who opened up over the next few sparring sessions. "The injury meant that I had a mental block in terms of international competition as well as fear of injuring the bicep again initially," says the 25-year-old. "But once the coaches and I realised that I was playing without the fear, it was about executing the plans in Spain." The plans paid off as the lightweight boxer struck gold at the Boxam International Tournament in Spain in his return to competition in over a year. "To have wins against boxers like world number four Safiullin Zakir and other European boxers in Spain has put me in a perfect mental shape ahead of the Olympics," Kaushik said. In March last year, the Worlds bronze medallist had become the ninth Indian boxer to secure an Olympic quota at Jordan, where he scored a 4:1 win over CWG champion Harrison Garside of Australia. During the bout, the Haryana boxer suffered a right bicep injury after a hit from Garside's elbow. A week after the contingent's return to India, the nation-wide lockdown due to Covid-19 meant that

Kaushik remained confined to his home at Devsar village near Bhiwani. "Initially, I thought it was just swelling and played the bout against Garside with it as it was my chance to qualify for the Olympics. Under the lockdown, I could only do shadow boxing and fitness drills at home and when the swelling and pain did not subside, I informed the coaches and the bicep tear was diagnosed," says Kaushik. After three months at home, Kaushik's injury was diagnosed in Mumbai by Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala, who recommended immediate surgery. Weeks later, Kaushik shifted base to Army Sports Institute (ASI) at Pune, where he underwent rehabilitation under ASI staff, Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ) and Sports Authority of India. "Like any athlete, I faced some fear of operation and whether I will be able to make a comeback or not. Dr Pardiwala made sure that he had regular sessions with me and my physio Aalaap would regularly update him and coaches about the rehab process," says Kaushik. It was only in September that the boxer could return to training under national coach Subedar Jai Singh Patil. "The lockdown meant that Manish remained at home for more than three months and his weight increased from 62-63 Kg to close to 75 Kgs. During rehab, the focus was to let his body recover but once that happened, we reduced his

fat intake," says Patil. Manish Kaushik with coach Jai Singh Patil at Army Sports Institute, Pune, post rehab training. While the fellow boxers and national coaches would train in Patiala or Bellary, coach Patil made sure that his ward remained positive

And when Kaushik returned to the national camp, Kuttappa and high-performance director Nieva made him spar with lower weight boxers like Sachin Siwach and Kavinder Bisht and gradually against heavier boxers including Duryodhan Negi prior to

glad about his progress. The win against Kazakh boxer, who was trying to impose himself, showed that Manish's movement and long-distance punches were back to best. In the past, Manish has faced some problem in facing counter punch boxers like himself and



the trip to Spain. In Spain, Kaushik scored wins over the likes of world number four Kazakh Safiullin Zakir in the second round and later scoring a win over Nikolai Terteryan of Denmark in the final. Prior to the injury, Kaushik had faced the likes of two-time world champion Andy Cruz — whom he lost to in the semifinals of the world championships — 2018 Asian Championship silver medallist Baatarsukh Chinzorig — defeated at worlds and lost to in the Olympic qualifier — and two-time European medallist Enrico Lacruz. Nieva rates Kaushik wins over Zakir and Terteryan highly and believes that Kaushik needs to work on some areas to have a better shot at the Olympics. “Manish reminded his old self in Spain and I am

the Danish boxer was of the same. But Manish matched him tactically and his combinations of punches helped him in the third round. A boxer like Cruz is a counter-puncher boxer with more agility in the ring and Manish did match him in world championships. He needs to add some more variations to have success against boxers like Cruz or Bachkov and also to land more punches when they are in close range. The main challenge is to lead them to catch Manish instead of Manish catching them," shares Nieva. As for Manish, he still has to wait to enjoy the food as he did in lockdown. "I enjoyed some dishes but then I am sure my family has to make more dishes for me once I win an Olympic medal," says Kaushik.

Milan, Mar 9: Defender Milan Škriniar scored early in the second half and boosted Inter's chances of winning its first Italian league title in more than a decade. Inter Milan moved six points clear at the top of Serie A after a 1-0 win at home against high-scoring Atalanta on Monday. Defender Milan Škriniar scored early in the second half and boosted Inter's chances of winning its first Italian league title in more than a decade. Inter's seventh successive win saw it restore its healthy advantage over second-placed AC Milan. It is also 10 points clear of third-placed Juventus, which has played a match less. "Our rivals had won and closed the gap, so it was inevitable that we felt a certain pressure, which will

keep on increasing," Inter coach Antonio Conte said. "Moreover, we were facing an Atalanta side which takes points off all the big teams. We've taken home a really important win against a team which could have disrupted our title bid but which is now 13 points behind us." It was the first time Atalanta failed to score away from home in Serie A.

since 2019, and Gian Piero Gasperini's side remained fifth, a point behind Roma. "We had a good match, we're satisfied but we're angry because of the result," Gasperini said. "For the game that we had we feel we deserved more than a defeat. "But we were playing against Inter, which is first in the standings and on course for the title: it's their

year. We'll come out of this match stronger, with more belief." Atalanta scored 11 goals in its past three matches and came closest to taking the lead at the end of a tense first half as first Inter goalkeeper Samir Handanovic pulled off a fantastic save to deny Duván Zapata, then Marcelo Brozovic had to clear from

practically on the line from the ensuing corner. Inter broke the deadlock nine minutes after the break when Atalanta failed to properly clear a corner and Škriniar fired the loose ball into the bottom left corner. Inter held on for its seventh clean sheet in its past nine league matches. It has conceded only two goals in that run.



## SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant organises splendid function to mark International Women's Day



(A.O. Bureau) Rourkela, Mar 9: "Dare to dream, strive to pursue it and unleash your potential," stressed Mr. Dipak Chattaraj, CEO, SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant in a function organised by RSP at Civic Centre on 8th March to mark the International Women's Day. Ms. Kavita Jalan, IG, Western Range, Rourkela, Ms. Aboli Sunil Naravane, ADM, Rourkela, Mr. Pankaj Kumar, ED(Works), RSP graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. The special invitee of the event was Padamshree Aruna Mohanty, a renowned Odissi exponent, chore-

ographer and Guru. The other dignitaries present on the occasion were Mrs. Raka Chattaraj, President Deepika Mahila Sanghati, Mrs. Kiran Sinha, Vice President (DMS), Chief General Managers, Heads of Departments and members of the Governing Body of Deepika Mahila Sanghati. The function was witnessed by large number of employees, both men and women, from across RSP. In his address Mr. Chattaraj, applauded the significant contributions made by women employees in the growth and progress of RSP making it the best performing plant in SAIL.

The CEO emphasised upon the need of tapping the untapped reservoir of women potential who constitute half of the world's population. Mr. Chattaraj urged all to rethink and revisit the thoughts and strategies to frame gender sensitive plans and policies. Recognising the contributions made by women in a family, workplace and society the CEO said that even after a century of celebration of Women's Day the gap still persists and there lies a need to bridge the gap. He called upon all to work toward bridging the gap to bring about perceptible change and inclusive

growth. Ms. Jalan highlighted the importance of equal partnership between men and women as bestowed by nature with due acknowledgment and acceptance of the biological differences and working for fulfilling the basic needs and rights at all levels. Ms. Aboli made people rethink the necessity of celebrating Women's Day. She stressed upon the need of greater gender sensitivity by citing examples from common conversational languages across the globe which downplays the role of both men and women in a patriarchal governed society. Mrs. Aruna Mohanty brought to forefront the trails and tribulations of women in a society by narrating experiences of rape victims, unwed mothers, transitioning transgender and common women. Reposing faith in people establishes justice which calls for raising voices, she urged all to challenge the way the world perceives the strength of women and bring in the desired attitudinal change. Mr. Pankaj Kumar emphasised upon the need to challenge the status quo for greater justice. "Challenge brings about change and the change

can starts with any one of us which in turn helps bring about a gradual cultural shift in the society," he said. The mesmerising dance performance 'Naari' presented by Ms. Mohanty and her troupe showcased the love, agony and hatred being faced by a woman while upholding justice through the epic characters of Sita, Draupadi and the contemporary Nirbhaya case. The superlative quality of the recital left the audience spell bound. The CEO felicitated Ms. Jalan, Ms. Narvane and Padmashri Aruna Mohanty on the occasion. The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries. During the function the CEO felicitated the guests. He also awarded the winners of various competitions organised by RSP to mark the occasion and felicitated the jury members. At the outset Ms. Atasi Pramanik, CGM (A, I and C&IT) delivered the welcome address while Ms. Rajashree Banerjee, CGM (HRD) proposed a formal vote of thanks. Ms. Ankita Bilung, Manager, CP- II and Mr. G Shams, Assistant Manager (SPP) were the masters of ceremony of the function.

## International Women's Day in Vikash

(A.O. Bureau) Bargarh, Mar 9: International Women's Day is celebrated at the Vikash Technical Campus. On the occasion, students alerted about 500 women on the development campus through the butterfly batch. Ms. Rajshree Bhanj, Professor, Meher University, Gangadhar, was the chief guest at the event, detailing the history of women's participation in nation-building and discussing women's empowerment in today's society. Mr. D. Murali Krishna, Chairman, Vikash Group, congratulated all the women,

respective roles in society. Mr. D. Nageshwar Rao, Executive Director, Vikash Group, said that the role of women in the development of the country is very important and the contribution of women to society as a whole is unparalleled. Dr. Samarendra Nath Panda, Director, Vikash Group, lauded the potential of women and said that women's contribution to the prosperity of development institutions is unparalleled. The event featured a student show and dance competition. The competition was attended by students from Vikas De-

Pragya second, Sonalika Nath third, and M. Sonali and Anwesha Abhishekta in group dance and Abhishek Patnaik in solo dance. Mr. G. Ramakrishna, Administrative Director, Vikash Group, Mr. Ajay Mohapatra, President, Vikash Institute of Technology, Dr. Kshirod Pradhan, President, Development School, School of Business Management, Dr. Bikram Kumar, President, Vikash School, Dr. Bikram Kumar and Shishir Prasad Raul and Vice President, Shri Pradeep Sahu, Administrator of Vikash High



teachers and students present on the occasion of International Women's Day and highly appreciated the role, power, capacity and sense of duty of women in the society. Ms. G. Vaskar Rao, Managing Director, Vikash Group, opined that women are the greatest creation of God and that they play their

greek College, School of Business Management, Institute of Technology, Polytechnic, Law School and Nursing College hostels. Professor Swagatika Nand, Snigdha Priyambada and Natasha Priyadarshini, judges of Vikas Technical Campus, attended the event as judges. Ayesha Panda came first,

School Shri S.Kanta Rao were present on the occasion. Eng. Purnendu Mishra, Administrator, Vikash Institute of Technology, Shri R.R.S.V.V., Vice-Chancellor, Vikash Degree College. The program was coordinated under the supervision of Krishna, while Professor Richa Bishwal, Saraswati Das, Tanaya Priyadarshini and other faculty assisted.

## Women Are The Sutradhar At Vedanta, Says Chairman Anil Agarwal As Company Celebrates International Women's Day

(A.O. Bureau) Mumbai, Mar 9: Women are the 'sutradhar' that keeps the one lakh-strong Vedanta family together, Chairman Anil Agarwal said while addressing a virtual town hall meeting with employees and their families to celebrate International Women's Day. "If a woman is convinced and she puts her mind into a task, she can deliver 110% results," the Vedanta chairman said, while urging women to believe in themselves. "Choose an

idea and put your heart and mind into it. Do something only when you are convinced about it, not because you have to do it or you have been asked to do it," he said. Mr. Agarwal encouraged women to pick up an activity outside their daily lives, be it a full-time or a part-time engagement and contribute to society. "There is nothing a woman cannot do. You only have to develop a mindset of being able to achieve it," he added. There are nearly two crore women

in India who can contribute to the society in a significant way, provided they get the right opportunity, he pointed out. Mr. Agarwal was joined by Priya Agarwal Hebbur, a director on the company's board, who felt the biggest challenge women in India face is in developing their mindset. She also felt women need to embody the values they set to inculcate in their children. She also sought Mr. Agarwal's views on how women can achieve and maintain a fine bal-

ance between tradition and their newer, more demanding professional roles. Vedanta is ranked among the top global companies where women feel comfortable to work and the company takes a lot of pride in it, Mr. Agarwal said adding that the company will increase women representation in operational roles to 50 per cent from 22 per cent currently. Appreciating women professionals' contribution at Vedanta's diversified business units, he also

thanked the women across the Vedanta family who have always stood by their husbands and supported them allowing the latter to concentrate fully on work. His hour-long interaction drew a lot of questions. Responding to a query from the audience, he also encouraged wives of Vedanta employees to channelise their energy and entrepreneurial spirit to contribute to Vedanta in some meaningful way—be it through technology enablement or services.

## ED raids Punjab MLA Khaira, others in money-laundering case

(A.O. Bureau) New Delhi, Mar 9: The ED raided the premises of Punjab MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira and a few others on Tuesday in connection with a money-laundering case linked to narcotics trafficking and the creation of an alleged fake passport, officials



said. They said the searches are being carried out at Khaira's residence in Chandigarh, five other locations in Haryana and Punjab and two places in

Delhi. Khaira (56) is a legislator of the Punjab Ekta Party, which he founded in 2019. He is an MLA from Bholath in Kapurthala district. The investigation, under money-laundering charges, is related to alleged drugs trafficking and a fake passport case, they said.

## Distribution of clothes by NTPC Talcher Kaniha



(A.O. Bureau) Talcher, Mar 9: NTPC Talcher Kaniha conducted the 'Old Clothes Distribution' of the clothes previously collected in the NTPC Township as part of NTPC CSR policy. The distribution was carried

out in the nearby Hutting labour colony where the residents were in dire need of new clothing. The distribution happened through 'VOICE Roshni' who actively participated in the planning and execution of the event. The

Roshni Secretary and Treasurer were present on the occasion along with other members of Roshni and the NTPC CSR team. More than 200 items of clothing were distributed and 100+ people directly benefited from them.

## On-site Mock Drill Conducted At IFFCO, Paradeep Plant Premises

(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Mar 9: IFFCO Paradeep Unit conducted a Full Scale Mock Drill, as pursuant to Rule-9 (g) "The Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996 an On-Site Mock Drill. The scenario was "Ammonia pressure developed (in Ammonia Storage Tank-A) due to power failure at Ammonia Storage Tank area" On dtd.08.03.2021 at about 16.24 Hrs. All the precautionary measures and controlled the leakage by spraying water and providing water curtain. In the wake of this pandemic, an On-Site

Mock drill was conducted abiding by certain preventive measures such as maintaining social distancing, wearing of mask, proper sanitization, avoiding large congregations, protecting vulnerable persons etc. and following all guidelines related to COVID-19 issued by Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. On this On-Site Mock Drill, Chief Guest Sh. G.K. Gautam, Director (Technical) IFFCO and Sri Chandrakant Dalai, (Assistant Director of Factories & Boilers Paradeep Zone), Sri K.J. Patel, Unit Head of IFFCO Paradeep Unit,

Sri R.K. Pandey, JGM (Prod., E&S), Sri S.K. Kamble, Sr. Manager (Fire & Safety), Shri P. Gopinath Addl. Asst. Director Dock Safety, Shri R.K. Samal, IIC Paradeep P.S., Asish Gokhle, CM(HSE) IOCL Pipeline Division, Shri A.K. Singh, Dy. Commandant Fire (CISF), Shri Narendra Kumar (Inspector NDRF 3rd Bn Cuttack), Shri P.K. Kar, (Safety Officer, PPT), Shri S.K. Muduli, Safety Officer (AMNippon Steel), Officers from mutual-aid industries, terminals & Safety Buddy (IOCL Refinery, PPL, PPT, BPCL, HPCL, IOCL Terminal,



Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel, ABInBev, Suryo Udyog Ltd.), CISF-PPT, Health Officer P a r a d e e p Municipality, Smt Babita Sethy, Sarapanch Nuagarh G.P., Sh A y a s a k a n t a Ray, Paradeep Nagarika Mancha, Dr Debadutta Samanataray. All the senior officials along

with Fire & Safety officers with fire crew and other Safety Officers were present during the mock drill. All key personnel gave their valuable observations / suggestions as well as took part in post mock drill discussions in detailed with the key personnel at the emergency control centre.