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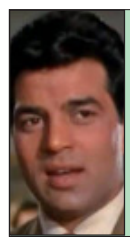
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inaugurated the Amrut Mahotsav in Gujarat to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence. He also visited a special exhibition near Abhay Ghat in Ahmedabad on Friday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav event on Friday by flagging off a 241-mile march from Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad to Dandi in

Gujarat's Navsari district. While addressing the media on Thursday, Union Minister Prahlaad Singh Patel said, "The government has decided to organize a series of events to mark 75 years of India's Independence as Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav from March 12 to August 15." In a tweet, PM Modi talked about how March 12 is a spe-

cial day in India's glorious history, as it was on this day in 1930 that the iconic Dandi march was led by Mahatma Gandhi. The government has decided to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Independence with the Amrut Mahotsav in which weekly events will be organized during the next 75 weeks till August 15 next year.

BJP MLA Attempts To Drink Sanitiser In Odisha Assembly Over Mandi Issue

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: The uproar over paddy procurement turned uglier as BJP MLA Subash Chandra Panigrahi reportedly attempted suicide in the House during Budget Session of Odisha Assembly today. The legislator from Deogarh Constituency tried to consume sanitizer to end life when Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare, Co-operation Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain was replying to the House in the afternoon. The members including BK Arukha and Pramila Mallick managed to prevent Panigrahi from taking extreme step in the House. "We should raise the farmers' issue in Assembly. But, such act in the House is not acceptable," said BJD MLA Ananta Das, who represents Bhograi Assembly

Constituency outside the Assembly. Reacting to the incident, Panigrahi said, "As I had threatened to immolate self earlier over the issue, I repeated it today too. I attempted suicide by drinking sanitizer in the House." "As the State Government is

well as the ruling by Speaker in the Holy House, everything seem to be meaningless. It is very difficult for us to face the farmers when we are visiting our constituencies as the people's representatives. The paddies are found lying in mandis. The au-

thorities have failed to procure the produces from the farmers. The debt-ridden farmers are dying everyday. It is better for us to die by suicide," he said revealing the reason behind taking extreme step. However, the legislator is stated to be in good condition following suicide attempt. "The doctor examined my health conditions and I am extremely well now," Panigrahi said. In the morning, the BJP members had stalled

and Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain was making his statement in the House, Panigrahi reportedly attempted to kill self by consuming hand sanitizer. Earlier in the morning, he had threatened self-immolation to mount pressure on the State Government. Reacting to pandemonium in the House over farmers' issue, senior Congress leader Narasingha Mishra termed the State Government's statement a 'farce'. In the House, he had staged protest during first session demanding the statement from the Government over the irregularities in paddy procurement. Earlier during first session of the Budget in February, the BJP MLA had threatened to immolate self over alleged irregularities in paddy procurement in the State.



not responding to opposition party's demands, I had no option to put forth the issues of farmers. Whatever the statements are being made by the ministers as

thorities have failed to procure the produces from the farmers. The debt-ridden farmers are dying everyday. It is better for us to die by suicide," he said revealing the reason

the House raising the mandi mismanagement issue following which the Speaker adjourned the House till 4.00 PM. As soon as the proceedings began in the afternoon

Hostel Fees Of Engineering Students Waived Off In Odisha

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: Hostel fees of students of engineering colleges, technical, and polytechnic institutes in Odisha have been waived off. The fees from April 2020 to December 2020 were waived off. It will benefit around 17000 hostel boarders. A decision in this regard was taken by the Skill Development and Technical

Education Department of the Odisha Government as the students were not staying in the hostels during the period due to the COVID-19 situation. Earlier, hostel fees of government ITI students of the state for nine months were waived off. Around 30,000 ITI students of the state were benefited with the move.



No Class Promotion Examination For Class 1 To 8 Students

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: This year, as in previous years, students in first to eighth grades will pass without exams. Students will be admitted to the upper classes without an annual examination. The Department of Mass Education is reportedly preparing for the outbreak. With just a month to go before the start of the new school year, students have not yet dropped out of school. The ninth and tenth grades have begun, but the first to eighth stu-

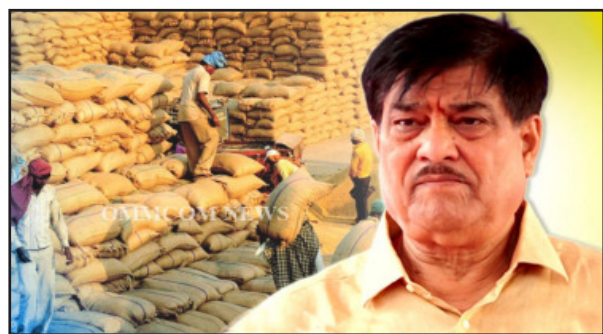


dents have not yet come to school. A special time period was set for the children to read. In some states, such as Maharashtra and Gujarat, there has been an increase in the incidence of coro-

nary heart disease, but no decision has been made at the government level. With no time to open the first to eighth grades, it has been reported that the new school year will begin at once.

Paddy Procurement: No Genuine Farmer Will Be Left Out, Says Minister

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: While maintaining that the government is taking all measures for smooth procurement of Kharif paddy, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain requested MLAs to provide a list if any eligible farmer has been deprived of selling his/her paddy at the mandi. And upon enquiry paddy will be procured in suitable cases, Swain added while making a statement in the Odisha Assembly over alleged Mandi mismanagement. The Minister informed that a slew of steps have been taken for procurement of paddy from genuine registered farmers and action against bogus farmers and



middlemen after the statement by Parliamentary Affairs Minister on February 26. Swain said that while on February 26 a total of 57.67 lakh metric ton paddy was procured from 10.53 lakh registered farmers, till date 60.40 lakh metric ton paddy has been procured from 11.25 lakh registered farmers, which means 2.73 lakh metric ton paddy has been procured from over 72,000 farmers. He said

officials of Cooperation and Food Supplies departments have been directed to identify genuine farmers and procure paddy from them. The Minister stated that field officials have been directed to take stringent action against bogus farmers and traders. Field officials have been directed to conduct enquiries into lapse of validity of tokens on the 2nd of this month, he added.

Ramachandra Nayak, Chandrasekhar Hota Win Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award 2020

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: Ramachandra Nayak and Chandrasekhar Hota from Odisha won Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award 2020, the organisation announced today.

Nayak was selected for Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2020 in stories genre for 'Bana Deula Re Suna Neula'. Similarly, Hota won Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2020 for 'Chetanara



Anwesana' in essays genre. The Bal Sahitya Puraskar and Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar comprise a casket containing an engraved copper plaque and a cheque of Rs 50,000.

Odisha Weather: Thunderstorm Likely In These Dists During Next 48 Hrs

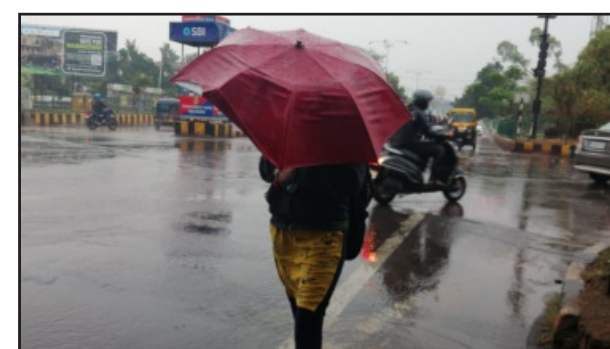
Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: Thunderstorm is likely to occur in many districts of Odisha during the next 48 hours, the Regional Meteorological Centre forecasted today and issued a Yellow Warning in this regard. Thunderstorm with lightning very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Bargarh, Sambalpur, Deogarh,

Angul, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj Nuapada, Bolangir, Sonepur, Jajpur, Bhadrak, and Balasore today, the Meteorological Centre predicted. Thunderstorm with lightning very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Sundargarh, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj,

Angul, and Dhenkanal tomorrow, it added. On the other hand, light thunderstorm with lightning and light rain likely to affect some parts of the districts of Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Sundargarh, Angul, Nuapada, Kandhamal, Ganjam, Gajapati, Jharsuguda, Deogarh, and Sambalpur between 3 pm and 6 pm today, the Meteorological Centre fore-

casted and advised people of the areas to keep a watch on the weather and

accordingly move to safer places to protect themselves from lightning strike.



Ponzi scam case: CBI summons West Bengal Minister Partha Chatterjee ‘Metroman’ Sreedharan says no point ‘shedding tears’ over Minister statement on Sabarimala issue



New Delhi, Mar 12: The CBI has summoned West Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee on March 15 in connection with a probe into a ponzi scam pertaining to ICore group of companies, officials said on Friday. Chatterjee, considered close to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has been asked to appear before a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) team on March 15, they said. The CBI had registered the case against ICore group which had allegedly raised over Rs 3,000 crore from people by offering high

returns on investments and diverted a portion of these funds, defaulting on promised returns, they said. The agency had taken over the probe into the matter in 2014 and registered an FIR ICore E-services under IPC sections related to criminal conspiracy and cheating. The case was registered on the basis of a Supreme Court order in 2014 directing the central probe agency to take over all cases related to chit fund companies that were being probed by the state police. Company directors Anukul Maity and his wife Kanika were arrested by the agency in

2017. Maiti, a prime accused in the ICore E-Services ponzi scam, died at a Bhubaneswar hospital while under judicial custody. Action by the CBI has picked up pace in poll-bound West Bengal. The BJP is leading a vigorous campaign to oust the ruling Trinamool which had secured consecutive wins in 2011 and 2016 under its leader Mamata Banerjee. The agency has already questioned the family members of TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee in connection with the illegal coal mining case and summoned two more relatives on March 15 in the case, they said.

Palakkad (Kerala), Mar 12: Sreedharan, who recently entered politics and joined the BJP, told reporters here the Left government in the state had hurt the sentiments of many people by their action. ‘Metroman’ E Sreedharan on Friday questioned Kerala Devaswom Minister K a d a k a m p a l l y Surendran virtually expressing regret over the entry of women in the traditionally barred age group into the Sabarimala shrine, saying there was no point in ‘shedding tears’ after everything is over. Sreedharan, who recently entered politics and joined the BJP, told reporters here the Left government in the state had hurt the sentiments of many people by their action. Surendran had

on Thursday virtually expressed regret for the incidents that had rocked the Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala in 2018 over the women entry issue and said it had “pained him” and “should never have happened”. “What’s the point of shedding tears after everything is over. We don’t know whether it is genuine or not. They deliberately took two women to the shrine with police escort. And one woman was not even a Hindu. Now they say it was a mistake. They have hurt the sentiments of many people,” Sreedharan said. The Supreme Court had on September 28, 2018, allowed women in the previously barred age group of 10-50 to enter the hilltop shrine and the Left government’s deci-

sion to implement the verdict triggered protests by large number of devotees, the BJP and right wing outfits.

Sreedharan said he expected the BJP to field him from Palakkad in the April 6 Assembly elections. The technocrat,

candidate for the Palakkad constituency is not out yet. I am yet to study the requirements of Palakkad but



Months after the apex court ruling, two women, in their 40s—Bindu Ammini and Kanakadurga—, had entered the Ayyappa temple in January 2019 and offered prayers scripting history.

credited with implementing large scale infrastructure projects including the Metro Rail, vowed to make Palakkad the best city in the state within two years if he was chosen. “The official notification as the

in general, within two years, the aim is to make Palakkad the best city in the state and within three to four years the best city in the country,” Sreedharan, who visited the BJP office here said.

Shocking : Honor Killing In Madhya Pradesh



Madhya Pradesh, Mar 12: A sensational incident has come to light in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. A new story has emerged in this case of honor killing. Brother-in-law accused brother-in-law Dheeraj has told the police the whole incident of vandalism. Dheeraj told the police that his brother-in-law used to harass his sister. Dheeraj cut the 40-year-old Vijet with a sharp smile. He attacked him after running about 500 meters.

Dheeraj told the police that as soon as Vijet fell on the ridge of the field, he inflicted 15 to 16 blows on it and stopped only after the head was separated. Dheeraj said- I was determined that today he is not or I am not. Please tell that 40-year-old Vijet was married to Pooja, 21 years younger than her. The Tilwara police have seized Hansian-sharp-edged weapon and its clothes etc. used in the murder in the spotlight of the accused Dheeraj. Accused Dheeraj Shukla said that his sister Pooja was shown a dream by Vijet and got married. Vijet also started beating her up. On Sunday, her sister left her and came to her maternal home. Despite this, Vijet had been roaming around the house for two days.

Don’t know any finer judge than Justice Indu Malhotra: CJI

New Delhi, Mar 12: “Don’t know any finer judge than Justice Indu Malhotra”, Chief Justice SA Bobde said on Friday as the first woman lawyer to be appointed directly as a judge of the Supreme Court sat on the bench along with him for the last time before her retirement. Showering all praises on Justice Malhotra, the CJI said that he does not wish to say anything about her judicial acumen as her judgements are filled with knowledge. Justice Malhotra, who is set to retire from judgeship on Saturday, was choked with emotion. She said though she has tenure of an apex court judge for less than three years but she is leaving with a great



sense of satisfaction. Justice Malhotra, thanked the CJI and the members of the bar and said “I am very blessed to be a part of the institution”. “I can understand the feeling which one goes through on the last day. We will hear her speech on some other day,” said the CJI,

praising Justice Malhotra. Senior advocate Vikas Singh, who is also the president of the Supreme Court Bar Association, agreed with Venugopal’s view and said judges of the apex court should not retire at the age of 65. “65 year is the age when you are at the peak. There is no reason why judges (of the apex court) should retire at 65 years,” Singh said. He said, “demand of the bar is that there should be an immediate replacement at the bench by a lady member”. “She (Justice Malhotra) is an icon and she is a motivation for young as well as lady members of the bar,” Singh said. Senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi, P S Narasimha, V

Mohana and other lawyers also praised Justice Malhotra for the grace, dignity and patience with which she did her work as a judge of the apex court and also as a member of the bar before being elevated to the bench. Malhotra, who was designated as a senior advocate in 2007, became the first woman lawyer to directly enter the top judiciary as a judge on April 26, 2018. With her retirement, Justice Indira Banerjee remains the only woman judge in the top court. The first woman to be appointed as a judge of the apex court was Justice M Fathima Beevi in 1989, 39 years after the Supreme Court was set up in 1950.

TamilNadu Election : Kamal Nath To Contest From Coimbatore

Chennai, Mar 12: In Tamil Nadu, Makkal Nidhi Mayyam (MNM) has announced that party founder Kamal Hassan will contest from Coimbatore. Haasan will try his luck from Coimbatore South. Earlier, his party released the first list of 70 candidates for the assembly elections to be held in Tamil Nadu on April 6. The party has also given tickets to a former aide of former President late APJ Abdul Kalam. Actor and leader Kamal Haasan’s party Makkal Needhi Mayyam



(MNM) is going to contest elections along with two of its allies. The

MNM will contest elections in 154 seats out of 234. The MNM has de-

cided to contest elections along with Sartakumar’s All India Samtuwa

Makkhal Kachi and India Jan Nayak Kachi. Performance in 2019 Lok Sabha elections. For the upcoming assembly elections, the Election Commission has given the ‘Torch’ election mark to Makkal Nidhi Mayyam Party. The party also contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections on the ‘flashlight’ symbol and received 3.77 percent of the votes. Kamal Haasan, the MNM chief, started his campaign in December and visited several areas of Tamil Nadu in the first phase of the campaign.

Setback For Upendra Kushwahas Ahead Of Merger With JD (U)



Patna, Mar 12: In Bihar politics, the Luv-Kush equation is going to come together once again. Actually, the script for the merger of Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) with Janata Dal-United (JDU) is ready. But before this script, RLSP Chief Upendra Kushwaha has received a big setback. Many leaders, including his state president, have joined the RJD. Upendra Kushwaha’s party RLSP state president Virendra Kushwaha, state general secretary Nirmal

Kushwaha, women cell chief Madhu Manjari have joined the RJD along with the workers. Actually, Nitish Kumar’s party of Upendra Kushwaha’s party RLSP is going to merge in JDU. Several rounds of meetings have also been held between the two leaders. It is believed that Upendra Kushwaha is going to take a final decision on this after the important meeting of his party on 14 March. But even before this decision is taken, the party seems to be broken. Even during the

assembly elections in Bihar, the then RLSP state president Bhudev Chaudhary had left Upendra Kushwaha. After the election results, National Treasurer Rajesh Yadav and National Spokesperson Prof. Subodh Mehta has also left the party and joined the lantern. There has been a tremendous breakdown in Upendra Kushwaha’s party in the last months, which is still going on. In such a situation, what is the effect of these shakes on the merger, it will be a matter to be seen.

BJP appoints Madan Kaushik its Uttarakhand unit chief

New Delhi, Mar 12: The BJP on Friday appointed MLA Madan Kaushik as its Uttarakhand state president, replacing Banshidhar Bhagat who may be inducted as a minister in the government headed by Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat. Kaushik is a fourth-term MLA



from Haridwar constituency, and is one of the senior most legislators of the party in the hilly state. With the party sticking to its choice of a Rajput chief minister in the state, it has again gone for a Brahmin face to head the organisation there. Rajputs and Brahmins are the two

most populous castes in Uttarakhand which will go for assembly polls early next year. Tirath Singh Rawat took oath as chief minister on Wednesday replacing Trivendra Singh Rawat who was removed by the BJP leadership due to growing discontent against his leadership.

KIIT Ranked in Times Higher Education Ranking

(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar has been ranked 251-300 in the Times Higher Education (THE) Emerging Economies University Rankings-2021 announced on Tuesday. The other higher education institutions getting a place in the rankings are NIT Rourkela (201-250) and IIT Bhubaneswar (301-350). This year KIIT moved up from 301-350 rank last year to 251-300 rank in the latest rankings. Times Higher Education World Higher Education and University Rankings are the only global performance tables that judge research-intensive universities across all their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international out-



look. The Emerging Economies University Rankings use the same 13 carefully calibrated performance indicators to provide the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons, trusted by students, academics, university leaders, industry and governments. But the weightings are specially recalibrated to reflect the characteristics of the emerging economy universities. Since its inception, KIIT has been according topmost priority to quality education and research. It has been encouraging and providing all types of support to its faculties and research scholars to conduct qualitative research work. It

has adopted new technologies and many innovations in teaching-learning process. Expressing his happiness over this achievement of KIIT, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, a few institutions and universities are being featured in World Rankings, which itself is a matter of pride for the state. "We are happy that KIIT Deemed to be University is among 251-300 rank in the Emerging Economies rankings of the Times Higher Education (THE), as it has tried to maintain excellence in academics, research, outreach, etc. KIIT will try to better its rank in world rankings in future", he stated.

Odisha Civil Services Exam Tentative Date Announced



(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar: The tentative date for Odisha Civil Services (OCS) Preliminary (Written) Exam has been an-

nounced by the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC). "It is for information of all concerned that the Commission has de-

cided to conduct the OCS preliminary (written) examination, 2020, pursuant to Advt. No. 07 of 2020-21, tentatively on 1st week of May, 2021. The details of the programme of the said examination shall be notified later, subject to other exigencies," a notice of the OPSC said. The candidates are advised to visit the website of the commission- opsc.gov.in for further information.

Paddy Procurement Issue Rocks Odisha Assembly

(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: The second phase of the Odisha Assembly started on a stormy note on Friday with the Opposition creating ruckus over the Mandi mismanagement. The issue of paddy procurement was raised by the Opposition leading to the repeated adjournment of the House. Opposition BJP

and Congress alleged that the state government has betrayed the House and the farmers. Congress legislature party leader Narasingha Mishra said the state government had assured the House that paddy would be procured from the genuine farmers and criminal action would be taken against the middle men. "But, after the as-

surance of Parliamentary Affairs Minister, paddy was not procured from the farmers. If tokens are lapsed, these can be regenerated. The state government has betrayed the House and the farmers. Why the House would function, if the decision taken here is not honoured?" asked Mishra. Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipati

said the House will not be allowed to function until paddy is procured from the farmers. Leader of Opposition Pradipta Kumar Naik said even after the assurance of the Minister, paddy is not procured from the farmers. He said the state government has fund to organise cricket matches at the panchayat level,

but it can't procure paddy from the farmers. BJP MLA Jayanarayan Mishra demanded regeneration of tokens for paddy procurement. Speaker Surya Narayan Patro ruled that the Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister should issue a statement over the issue by the end of the day. The House was adjourned till 4pm.

Yashwant Jethwa Gets Additional Charge As ADG Odisha Crime Branch



(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: Odisha Government appointed senior IPS Officer Yashwant Kumar Jethwa as the ADG of Crime Branch for a temporary period. The 1994 batch Odisha cadre IPS Officer Yashwant Jethwa, who is currently serving as the Additional DG (Law & Order) in Odisha Police, will remain in additional charge

Soumendra Priyadarshi assumed the charge as Police Commissioner of Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Commissionerate Police. Earlier, Jethwa was on central deputation. He returned to home cadre last year. Before he was recommended for a central deputation, he was posted as the Additional DG with the Special Protection Group.

Rs 6.26 L Cr Worth 286 Investment Proposals Received During 2016, 2018 Make In Odisha Conclaves

(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: The State Government received 286 investment intentions worth Rs 6,26,349.53 crores and promising 7,29,486 employment potential from the desirous industrial houses during the flagship initiative of Make In Odisha (MIO) Conclaves organized in 2016 and 2018. Responding to a question posed by Jaleswar BJD legislator Aswini Kumar Patra, Odisha Industries Minister Dibya Shankar Mishra informed the House today that 286 investment intentions have been received during the Make In Odisha (MIO) Conclaves organized in 2016 and 2018 with an investment amount of Rs 6,26,349.53 crores and 7,29,486 employment potential. While 84 investment

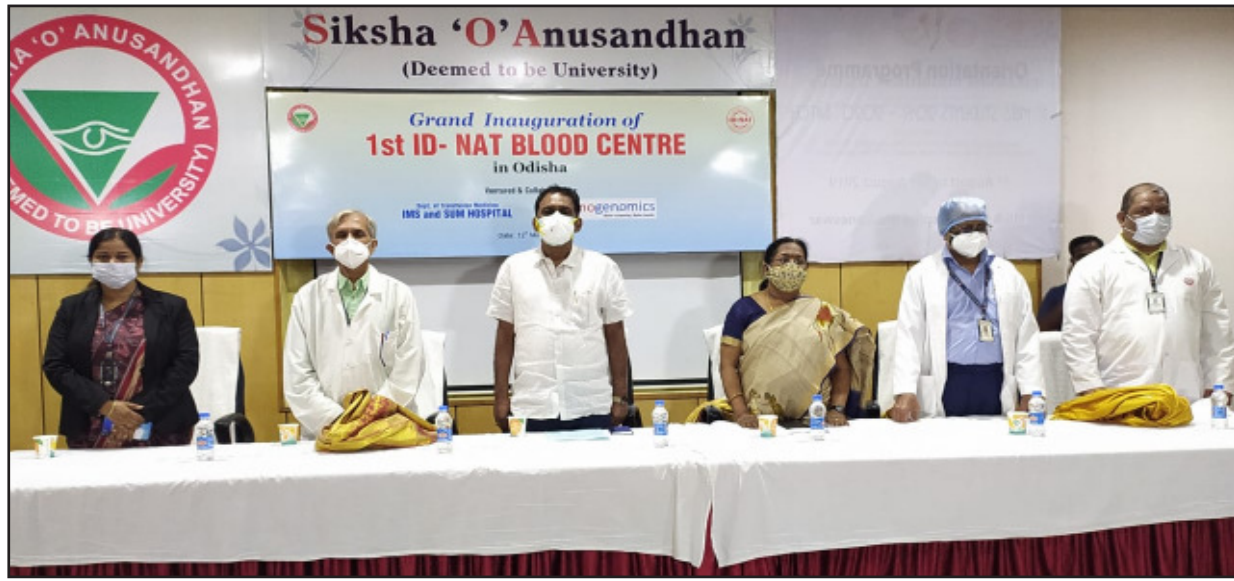


intentions were received during MIO 2016, the investment amount was Rs 2,03,235.00 crores with 1,37,634 employment potential, he added. Similarly, 202 investment intentions were received during MIO 2018 while the investment amount was Rs 4,23,114.53 crores with 5,91,847 employment potential, he further informed.

The Industries Minister also apprised the House that 154 big industries were accorded seal of approval by the State Government's Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) out of the 286 investment proposals. Out of the green-signalled big ticket industries, the works of 92 projects are underway at various stages, the Assembly was told today. Besides,

11 projects have already been commissioned and are either partly or fully functional, averred the Odisha Industries Minister adding that the 11 projects have 1368 employment potential. He further added that rest 81 big industrial projects are under implementation at various stages promising 2,24,741 employment potential.

IMS And SUM Hospital First In Odisha To Install ID-NAT Machine For Safe Blood Screening



(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: The Post-Graduate Department of Transfusion Medicine at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital here became the first medical institution in Odisha to introduce the most advanced ID-NAT Blood Screening System to ensure the safest possible blood transfusion. The

Individual Donor-Nucleic Acid Testing (ID-NAT) machine in the hospital was inaugurated on Friday by Odisha's minister for health and family welfare, Mr. Naba Kishore Das who described it as a highly sensitive method of blood screening which would ensure safety for the recipients of blood. "A new thing has hap-

pened by IMS and SUM Hospital acquiring this facility which means it is following the best practices. I am thankful to the hospital," he said at a function held after the inauguration. Dr. Urmila Mishra, Director, State Blood Transfusion Council, who also addressed the program, said five mandatory blood tests were done

by Blood Banks for HIV, Hepatitis-B, Hepatitis-C, Malaria and VDRL. "It is difficult to screen the virus in the absence of advanced systems as our focus is on blood safety," she said. The meeting was addressed by Prof. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, Vice-Chancellor of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan, who said

that the newly installed machine had tremendous potential and would benefit a large number of patients. But efforts have to be made for optimal utilisation of the facility, he said. Prof. Gangadhar Sahoo, Dean, IMS and SUM Hospital, Prof. Puspapraj Samantashinhar, Medical Superintendent of IMS and SUM Hospital, Prof. Bibhudendu Pati, Head of Department of Transfusion Medicine and Dr. Girija Nandini Kanungo, Associate Professor in the Department also spoke. ID-NAT can detect even the lowest traces of viruses like HIV, Hepatitis-B and Hepatitis-C if present in the blood, Mr. Sangeeth Gopala Kini, Vice-President of Hemogenomics Pvt. Ltd., supplier of the machine, said.

NALCO donates refrigerated truck for transportation of COVID-19 vaccines

(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: To strengthen the cold chain equipment logistics and to boost the COVID 19 vaccination drive, National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), donated a custom-made refrigerated truck to the State immunization cell, Govt of Odisha. The truck was handed over to the State immunization cell authorities at an event held today in the premises of Directorate of Health Services at

Bhubaneswar. Worth mentioning that the hi-end refrigerated truck can maintain a temperature ranging from 2 to 8 degree centigrade and has a capacity to carry 25,70,000 covid vaccine (in doses) to various parts of the State. Shri Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of Odisha and Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO formally flagged off the vaccine truck. The timely initiative of NALCO to provide this essential ve-

hicle has been well appreciated. Among others, Smt. Shalini Pandit, Mission Director, NHM, Odisha, Directors of NALCO including Shri R a d h a s h y a m Mahapatra, Director (HR), Shri Bijay Kumar Das, Director (Production & Commercial), Shri M.P. Mishra, Director (P&T and Finance), along with other senior officials of NALCO and State Health and Family welfare department were also present on the occasion.



Auto driver's honesty: Hands over passenger's bag with valuables to police

(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Mar 12: An auto driver in Bhubaneswar named Balakrishna Padhy has set an example for others. He surrendered a passenger's bag containing cash and valuable documents to Tamando police. Police sources said, Soumya Ranjan Mohapatra, a native of Sunabeda under Koraput district who serves as an engineer in Jharkhand had come to Bhubaneswar three days back for some official work. Subsequently, he rode on the auto of Balakrishna Padhi to meet his friend near Tamando. Meanwhile, Soumya forgot his bag to pick from the auto that contained the bank passbook, pan card, ATM card Aadhar with one thou-

sand rupees. Auto driver Balakrishna discovered the bag after Soumya got off from the auto. He tried to find Soumya for some time but in vain and surrendered the bag to Tamando police. Tamando police managed to find the contact details of Soumya from his bank account and contacted him about his missing bag. At this time Soumya had already left for Jharkhand. He assigned his friend Biswaranjan Pradhan to collect his bag from Tamando police station. Accordingly, Tamando police handed over the bag to Biswaranjan on the Thursday. Biswaranjan has done a commendable job. He will be felicitated by police, said the Inspector In-charge of Tamando police station Pramod Kumar Patnaik.

EDITORIAL

Master stroke?

The “daughter of West Bengal”, Mamata Banerjee, is injured. Whether it is a “planned attack” by the BJP, a “mishap” or she staged a high-voltage “drama” for garnering voters’ sympathy is a matter of investigation. Regardless of what the truth is, an astute politician like Didi who knows the tricks of the trade will not let go of this opportunity to play the victim card to win over the electorate. The incident took place after she had filed her nomination papers in Nandigram, where she is pitted against former confidant Suvendu Adhikari who recently defected to the BJP. The TMC claimed that she was inside her car and greeting people when four-five unidentified persons banged the car’s door. Abhishek Banerjee, her nephew and a TMC MP, shared the image of Didi lying on a hospital bed with one leg in a cast. “BJP, brace yourself to see the power of people of BENGAL on Sunday, May 2nd. Get ready,” he tweeted. The BJP leaders have termed it a “drama” and sought a CBI probe into her claims but they know well that the picture of an injured Mamata in hospital is by itself capable of voting the TMC back to power for a third term. Even if she campaigns with her injuries, which she has hinted at, there is no denying that her condition will move the voters. Even the thought of it must be giving nightmares to the BJP’s strategists, who have made every possible effort to oust Mamata from power. Whatever manoeuvre Mamata decides to employ to get the maximum out of the situation, the “attack” – which came a day after the Election Commission replaced the Director-General of Bengal Police amid allegations of violence by the BJP – must be thoroughly probed. The poll panel has asked the State administration for a report on the incident. Unless it was staged, there is definitely an angle of security lapse in it. The Chief Ministers usually have a high-security cover of several layers and Mamata had Z+ security. However, there is also no denying that our politicians resort to “saam, daam, dand, bhed” (every trick and possible means) to win elections which are no less interesting than a blockbuster with action-packed scenes, drama, comedy, thrill and all types of emotions. And what the audience is to a film in terms of reaching a decision on whether it is a hit or a flop, the voters are to elections as it is they who decide the fate of leaders. We must trust their sense of judgement.

‘Thank you, India’

India, following the Puranic principle of ‘Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam’ (The world is one family), has been providing anti-COVID vaccines by way of grant assistance and commercial supplies to several countries under the “Vaccine Maitri” initiative along with keeping the inoculation of Indians on priority. The latest such beneficiary is Canada – on March 4, India dispatched 5,00,000 doses of Covishield there – and whose citizens have now expressed thankfulness and gratitude by mounting billboards in Canada’s Greater Toronto area with the pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The accompanying note reads: “Thank you India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for providing COVID vaccine to Canada. Long live India-Canada friendship.” Over the past few months, India’s vaccine diplomacy has been earning it many friends. That India’s gesture is genuine, heartfelt and aimed at protecting as many peoples as possible may be gauged from the fact that even though the relations between India and Pakistan remain far from hunky-dory, it is set to receive 45 million ‘Made in India’ doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Besides Pakistan, India – known as the “pharmacy of the world” for producing 60 per cent of the vaccines globally – has already sent anti-COVID dose consignments as gifts to neighbours such as Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, the Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and on commercial basis to several other countries. The country has provided more than 361.94 lakh doses of anti-COVID vaccines to countries, of which 67.5 lakh doses have been supplied as grant assistance and 294.44 lakh on commercial basis. However, it seems that not everybody is a big fan of the Government’s ongoing efforts to tame the virus, which is still mutating into more dangerous strains. The Delhi High Court, rather bizarrely it would seem, has told the Centre to “earn goodwill in the country first and then earn it outside” after observing that the Government is supplying the COVID-19 vaccine to even those countries which are on “not-so-friendly” terms with India. On March 4, the same Bench had made another observation: “We are not utilising it (here) fully. At the same time, we are donating or selling it to foreign countries. There has to be a sense of urgency.” However, it may be argued that since the virus doesn’t recognise or honour geographical boundaries or State borders, it is not unthinkable for it to cross over into Indian territory from the porous borders we share with certain countries even if we had the entire Indian citizenry inoculated against the virus. The situation in these turbulent times demands that all the countries and peoples stand together with the objective of saving humankind and defeating the accursed virus. The second phase of the world’s largest vaccination drive is already underway, so it isn’t as if the Government is twiddling its thumbs or not doing enough for the citizens. If the vaccine diplomacy helps our nation notch up a few friends more, especially among the neighbouring countries, there seems nothing wrong with it.

Opium with a pinch of salt?

The CPI(M)’s decision to ally with a Maulvi-led party in Bengal is ironic. Is the party trying to make Marx stand on his head? The Congress and the CPI(M)’s decision to ally with the Indian Secular Front (ISF) in West Bengal has scandalised many. Despite its paradoxical nomenclature, the ISF is headed by Pirzada Abbas Siddiqui, a cleric of the Furfura Sharif shrine in the State. It is, however, not a novel experiment for the Congress, which catapulted the Ulema into mass politics during the Khilafat movement in the 1920s. However, for the CPI(M), Siddiqui appears a strange bedfellow. The communists, in principle, abhor any transaction with religious groups. We have all grown up hearing the Marxist adage “religion is the opium of the people”. However, it is true that MN Roy formed the Communist Party of India (in exile) in Tashkent with a group of Mohajirs (those who tried to emigrate from India to Afghanistan, the nearest Dar-ul-Islam) at the onset of the Khilafat movement. “Most of them transferred their fanatical allegiance from Islam to communism,” Roy wrote. One doesn’t know how much of his claim was actually true. However, there was at least an attempt at communist conversion. The instant case is different, where the alliance partner could retain its essentially religious character. This brand of secularism might be tolerated by the Congress, which can form alliance with the Muslim League and the Shiv Sena with equal ease. While secularism for the Congress is only self-certification of non-communalism, for the CPI(M) it must also be strict non-religiosity. In this regard, one should recapitulate an episode in India’s parliamentary history.



Priyadarshi Dutta

It was the undivided CPI which had sought a ban on political influence of the Catholic Church in India. While one might expect such bravado from the BJP (or its predecessor Bharatiya Jana Sangh), they actually took no such step. It was actually the communists who seriously questioned the political role of the Church. On April 1, 1960, CPI leader T Nagi Reddy (Anantapur) introduced a private member’s Bill, viz; ‘Catholic Church Premises and Ecclesiastical Order (Restriction of Political Activity) Bill’, in the Lok Sabha. The Bill, originally registered in the name of his party colleague TB Vittal Rao, was an outspoken document. The statement of objects and reasons stated: “It has been noticed that the Catholic Church and its ecclesiastical personnel are engaging in political activities. This is contrary to the concepts of a secular State. It has become necessary to restrict such political activities in the paramount in-

terests of the secular State. Restriction of such political activities is also provided for by Article 25(2)(a) of the Constitution.” The Bill had its origin in the politico-spiritual power struggle between the Catholic Church and the CPI in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh in the 1950s. The Church was issuing edicts against communism as a political ideology and excommunicating those Christians who had joined the CPI or Revolutionary Socialist Party. Sadhan Gupta, a communist leader from Bengal, flagged the ex-communication threat as alarming. While speaking in the Lok Sabha on March 14, 1960, he did not contest the right of the clergies to dissuade people from voting for the communists. However, he rated the excommunication threat as dangerous to the morale of a Christian. Gupta observed: “To a devout Catholic, Hell means much more than to a devout Hindu. Among Hindus, there is a spirit of penal reforms in Hell; a term in

Hell is not indefinite; after five years, 10 years or 50 years or 100 years or even 1,000 years, he can have the life of a worm or a dog or, perhaps, a man and then go back to whatever he deserves.... That is not the Catholic doctrine. If a Catholic does not secure the aid of the Church in this life, he is condemned to be eternally in Hell. That is a very serious matter for a devout Catholic.” Neither Reddy nor Gupta was critical of Christianity in general. Yet, they showed the courage to take on an ecclesiastical institution which could issue a spiritual veto against an individual’s political conviction. The Gupta-Reddy episode has a special lesson for the present-day CPI(M). Can they accommodate a theology diametrically opposite to their godless ideal? The February 28 rally at Kolkata’s Brigade Parade Ground is already reminding some people of Comrade Jyoti Basu’s decision to be present at the Direct Action Day rally convened by the Muslim League on August 16, 1946. The end of the rally marked the beginning of the Great Calcutta Killing (August 16-18), 1946. Karl Marx, in his article titled ‘Declaration of War — On the History of Eastern Question’ (New York Daily Tribune; April 15, 1854), makes no bones of Islamic theology. He writes: “The Koran and the Mussulman legislation emanating from it reduce the geography and ethnography of the various people to the simple and convenient distinction of two nations and of two countries; those of the Faithful and of the Infidels. The Infidel is “harby,” i.e. the enemy. Islamism proscribes the nation of the Infidels, constituting a state of permanent hostility between the Mussulman and the unbeliever.” Will the CPI(M) “excommunicate” Marx to appease Siddiqui?

Get well soon- DRAMA is a Fiction or fact!



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Politics is not predictable now. TMC camp is trying for a sympathy wave on the last incident while BJP camp is checking them. Preliminary medical tests detected severe bone injuries in Mamata Banerjee’s left ankle and foot and in her right shoulder, forearm and neck, say hospital sources. But Didi is rulling Kolkata and her loyal obedient can report anything what she wants. She herself said, “It is true that I suffered serious injuries yesterday. There are injuries in my leg bone and ligament. I also felt pain in the head and chest. I appeal to everyone to maintain restraint. In the next two three days, I will be able to return to my field. May be, I will have to use a wheelchair for the next few days, but I will manage”. A day after she was hospitalised owing to injuries she sustained in Nandigram, on Thursday Didi released a video from the hospital urging her supporters to exercise restraint. She expressed the hope that she would return soon to her field” and the developments would not affect her political meeting. One hand she says her injury is serious but on the other hand she is confident to return in two or three days for campaign. One eye witness re-

vealed that Ms. Banerjee was greeting people when her foot was squeezed by her car door. The Trinamool Congress had to cancel the release of its manifesto and the leadership was not sure what will happen to her scheduled events in districts. Bengal BJP chief Dilip Ghosh and the party’s candidate for Nandigram Assembly seat, Mr Suvendu Adhikary during a roadshow in Kolkata declared in public that all are drama and ‘Attack’ on Mamata: Drama won’t yield results for TMC this time. Earlier in a day, on humanitarian ground State BJP leadership, led by Samik Bhattacharya and Tathagata Roy went to meet the Chief Minister at the SSKM hospital. Mr. Bhattacharya said the BJP would not indulge in any politics over the injuries to the Chief Minister. “We want her to recover from the injury,” the State BJP spokesperson said. But Mamata Didi will never let it go like this. It’s a chance to explore something out of this event. So, Ms. Banerjee on Wednesday called it a “conspiracy” of four to five people, who surrounded her car and “purposely pushed her”. Few close associates of Didi believe that they are all TMC workers and the event took place unknowingly. It is not at all intentional. State BJP president Dilip Ghosh is demanding that there should be a thorough probe into the incident to find out what tran-

spired. He said people should be cautious about attempts to divert their attention from real issues ahead of the poll. Earlier in the day, the District Magistrate of Purba Medinipur and the Superintendent of Police visited the Birulia market in Nandigram, where the incident occurred. Protests erupted in Nandigram, particularly the market, where supporters of the BJP and the Trinamool came face to face, tried to push each other and raised slogans. In other parts of the State, the supporters of the Trinamool organised protests against the “attack” on the Chief Minister. Hundreds of supporters scribbled “Get well soon” messages on posters outside the SSKM Hospital. Several people who claimed to have witnessed the incident said that Ms. Banerjee’s car hit a post on a road at the Birulia market. A reliable eyewitness source said, “The Chief Minister was standing on the footboard of her vehicle and waving at people when the door of the car hit the post and she suffered injuries.”. Videos of the incident aired by local television channels and that have gone viral on social media show people around Ms. Banerjee’s vehicle trying to take photographs and videos of the Chief Minister while she was in pain of bone injury. However, BJP’s West Bengal unit president Dilip Ghosh on Thursday demanded a CBI probe into the alleged attack on Chief Min-

ister Mamata Banerjee, saying that it needs to be seen whether the incident was a “well-scripted drama” to garner votes. Speaking to reporters, Mr. Ghosh said that the people of the state have seen such “drama” earlier as well. People have seen CBI drama too. In case this case will be shifted to CBI, entire Indians know well what will be the findings of this particular incident. Common voters are really confused and eager to know why they are doing like this! We expect our leaders should be ideal and peace loving like Gandhi but they are planning massacre and bloodshed of own people to create a havoc for winning elections. Always poor people are victim of any event of this kind in every election. For a meal or few hundreds of rupees they run behind leaders who motivate them towards crime and finally they end up behind bars. Leaders know the tactics to wash their mind and fill their heart with anger to act vibrantly without thinking past and future of their family members. These kinds of leaders are available in all parties, so no house is free of these unsocial elements. One and half months of time are still ahead to experience this battle in West Bengal and hopefully few will be scapegoats during this crucial time. Let us pray Maa Kali to bless and save all poor voters in the state having a safe election without damage of life and property.

Wildlife protection & Fire prevention Awareness Meeting at Mundaguda



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Mar 12: The Mathili Forest department has organised an awareness campaign in Mundaguda of Mathili section on the issue of forest protec-

tion and wild animals life saving Not to set fire in forest. Generally from Feb to April last Forest fires and forest hunting were occurred during the dry season. Mathili Forest Range

Officer Sri parsuram Bhumiya presided the meeting Miss Lily amanatya ACF MalKangiri joined as the chief guest and urged the people not to set fire in the forest. The

Mathili Fire station Fire officer was the keynote speaker at the event, and he said every part of the tree is dedicated to human service. He advise forest protection, planting

fruit trees on sticks, and not setting fires in the forest. The deputy Range Officer Sri Ramesh Rout also gave a speech how to control fire and protect forest and not to hunt in forest Other , including Sri Balaraj kope Zilla Parishad member, Kutnipalli, Forester Debasish Pradhan Forester Sadasiba chinara Hrusikesh panda Team Leader ,Banshidhar Anugulia Development Officer of AJY, self-help groups, VSS committees and Srusti NGO staffs, were present.

The diesel drums were carrying cannabis, and huge quantities of cannabis were seized

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Mar 12: Huge quantities of Cannabis was being smuggled in an innovative way. Cannabis smuggling has been going on all year round,

Seeing this, some locals rushed to the spot, saw the villagers, took the keys from the vehicle, and fled. Locals immediately reported the incident to Oracle police. Upon hearing the news,

Station with the help of another vehicle. Of the diesel drums, 579 kilograms and 600 grams of cannabis were seized. The vehicle belonged to Banchhanidhi Sahu of



claiming to be taking diesel on drums. A similar incident took place on the Chitapari-Old Orkel road under the Malkangiri District Orkel Police Station. Earlier in the day, some people parked a pick-up truck (OR-10J-2355) on the road and clashed.

police officer Soumendu Tripathi arrived at the spot with a team. After inspecting the vehicle, the bottom of the diesel drum was cut and the nut was tightened and the top of the drum was found to be diesel. The vehicle was later towed to Oracle Police

Kakarigumma area under Koraput police station. Koraput police have arrested the accused Sahu and taken him to court, police official Soumendu Tripathi said. Police are investigating as more people were involved in the incident.

Aditya Aluminum celebrates World Women's Day



(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, Mar 12: World Women's Day has been observed by Aditya Aluminum in Lapanga, Rengali Block, Sambalpur District. On Friday, Aditya Aluminum Environmental Development Department celebrated World Women's Day at the playground in Maliatikra, Lapanga Panchayat. The event was attended by District Social Welfare Officer Gitanjali Mohapatra, who spoke on the overall development of women and the government's programs. Mis-

sion Shakti District Coordinator Minati Panigrahi, Niranjanpanda joined in and gave a detailed account of various development schemes for self-help groups. The company's human resources. The head of the department, Dr. Vivekananda discussed the role of the company in the employment of mixed women. Rengali Video Shankar Prasad Sahu, Manaswini Ranasinghe, Satyanarayana Agrawal, Seshadev Padhan, Sudhanshu Vala Muduli, among others, were the prominent participants.

VIMSAR: 2nd Year Students Accuse Seniors Of Ragging Them

(A.O. Bureau) Sambalpur, Mar 12: Several second year students of VIMSAR, Burla have alleged that they were ragged by students of fourth year on March 10 night. VIMSAR Dean Jayashree Dora said a 3-member committee was formed to probe into the allegation while a preliminary investigation report in this regard

has been submitted to the VIMSAR Anti Ragging Committee. As per reports, the fourth year students had asked the second year students of the Boys Hostel to visit them during late night, during which they ragged the complainants. Till last reports came in, no action was taken against the accused students by the VIMSAR authorities.

Odisha: 2-Year-Old Rourkela Girl Enters India Book Of Records

(A.O. Bureau) Rourkela, Mar 12: Wishes poured in for the parents of two-year-old Priyanshi Pattanayak of Chhend Colony in Odisha's Rourkela city as the girl got her name registered in the India Book of Records. Born to Prafulla Kumar Pattanayak and Padmini Pattanayak, the child prodigy entered the India Book of Records for "identifying eight planets, 11 leaders of India, 14



shapes, 14 sports, 14 internal body parts, 16 musical instruments, 9 great women of India, 20 fruits, 22 animals, 14 birds, 14 types of transport, 10 flowers, reciting alphabet A to Z, numbers from 1 to 20, and Gayatri Mantra at the age of 2 years and 3 months". Priyanshi's mother attributed the achievement to the devotional ambience in their house and Lord Jagannath's blessings.

Bhushan celebrates its 50th security week



(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, Mar 12: Bhushan Plant in Thelkoi, Sambalpur district has celebrated its 50th security week. Security evenings were held during the celebrations. The event was held under the supervision of Dinesh Yadav, Director,

Bhushan Plant. It was attended by Umkant Samantaraya, Assistant Director, Factory and Boiler. Ashok Bishwal, Chief of Fire and Safety of Plant, delivered the welcome address while Unit Chief P.S. Shashindram discussed the importance of security in the fac-

tory. The assistant director of Factory and Boiler was pleased to see the company's security arrangements. The winners of the various competitions held this week were awarded prizes. Finally, Plant Manager Niranjan Mohapatra offered his thanks.

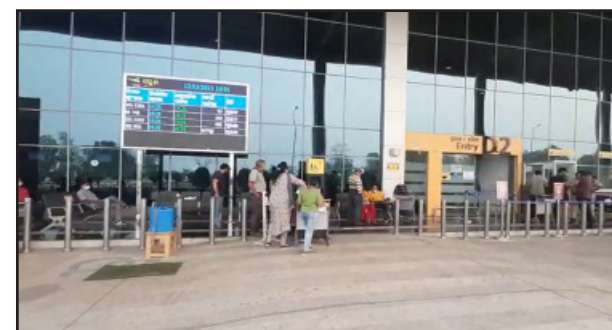
Cyber Fraud: Rs 27,000 Emptied From Retired Odisha Officer's SBI Account

(A.O. Bureau) Jagatsinghpur, Mar 12: Beware! You may lose your hard-earned money even without sharing bank account details and other credentials to anyone. A retired employee of the National Aluminium Company Limited (Nalco) in Jagatsinghpur became the latest victim of cyber fraud in the State by losing Rs 27,000 from his SBI account to fraudsters. The victim, Debabrata Sahu of Khera village of in the district has lodged a complaint with the cyber police station in this regard. Sahu, who has a bank account with SBI main branch

Jagatsinghpur, claimed that he had not shared any credentials with the fraudster. The conman already knew his account and PAN card details, he said. "I was watering the plants in my garden when my phone rang. When my wife brought the phone to me, the caller said cash is being deducted regularly from my bank account. He offered help to block it if I give my consent. He also read out my bank account number and PAN card number. Though both numbers were correct, I denied suspecting it to be a proxy call," Sahu said.

Jharsuguda-Chennai SpiceJet Flights From March 28, Ticket Booking Begins

(A.O. Bureau) Jharsuguda, Mar 12: SpiceJet is all set to commence flight services between Jharsuguda and Chennai from March 28. Veer Surendra Sai Airport, Jharsuguda, director Kishore Senapati informed that the SpiceJet flights between the said destinations will be available all seven days a week. SpiceJet flight will leave Chennai at 1:10 PM and reach Jharsuguda airport at 3 PM. Similarly, the flight



will take up at 3:30 PM from the VSS airport in Jharsuguda and reach Chennai airport at 5 PM. Senapati said that, if possible, the airport may see flights to places like Pune, Nagpur,

Ahmedabad and Guwahati in future. "Our efforts are on to ensure people can travel to different places of the country from Jharsuguda," added the VSS Airport director.

Chaitra Mela Of Tara Tarini: Ganjam District Authority Releases Guidelines

(A.O. Bureau) Berhampur, Mar 12: The district administration of Ganjam on Friday issued a slew of do's and don'ts for devotees during the upcoming Chaitra Mela at Tara Tarini temple, one of the most famous Shakti peeths in the country which is located around 35 kms from here. Thousands of people from the State and outside visit the

17th-century shrine every year during this month-long weekly festival to seek blessings of the presiding Goddess of Tara Tarini. Devotees visit the temple every Tuesday (during mid-March to mid-April according to the English calendar) braving scorching sun and climbing hundreds of steps above the hill to participate in a special ritual to tonsure their babies and

offer hair to the Goddess. This year, the district administration has announced to conduct the festival in a subdued manner under strict observance of Covid protocols. In a detailed letter mentioning the SOPs, the district authority has urged people to take caution while visiting the mela. Residents of the district will only be allowed to visit the shrine during the period of



mela while restrictions have been enforced on people coming from

other districts and States. People will be allowed for darshan in

before the mela every Tuesday. Devotees will not be allowed to sit and

queue system and after undergoing the mela screening, oxymeter, and if necessary antigen test. Servitors of the temple will undergo Covid test

congregate at any place in the shrine. Distribution and partaking of food has been banned in the outer bedha of the temple. People who will offer hair to the Goddess must not be aged above 60 years of age. They will be allowed for the ritual only after Covid test. People will not be allowed to go to the shrine on foot through the valley but special buses have been ar-

ranged for the same which the tourists can avail by paying specific charges. Devotees can use the ropeway or the stairs to reach the shrine. The administration has made adequate arrangements like mattresses and shed along with drinking water facilities to save people from scorching heat. Use of plastic has been banned in and outside the shrine.

Katrina Kaif Shares Secret to Happiness in New Instagram Post



New Delhi, Mar 12: Katrina Kaif posted a stunning picture of herself on Instagram and doled out words of wisdom on how to attain happiness. Want to know how to be happy? Check out actress Katrina Kaif's Instagram account! The actress posted a stunning picture of herself and doled out words of wisdom on how to attain happiness. In the

picture, the actress looks beautiful in a white sweater. She has teamed this up with blue jeans, minimal make-up and open hair. "If u want to be happy, ... be . Leo Tolstoy," she captions the post. Meanwhile, Katrina was recently spotted shooting alongside actor Salman Khan in Mumbai. This led to fans speculating whether the two were filming for Tiger 3. Be-

sides this, Katrina has two film releases lined up for the year. She will be seen in Sooryavanshi and Phone Bhoot. She shares the screen with Akshay Kumar in Sooryavanshi. The film has been directed by Rohit Shetty. Phone Booth has been directed by Gurmmeet Singh and also stars Ishaan Khatter and Siddhant Chaturvedi.

Roohi Box Office Day 1: Janhvi Kapoor and Rajkummar Rao Starrer Earns Rs 3.06 Cr

New Delhi, Mar 12: Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, Roohi has posted decent box office figures on Day 1 of its release. The horror comedy earned Rs 3.06 crore at the ticket window. Taran Adarsh wrote about the film's box office collection, "#Roohi springs a pleasant surprise on Day 1, despite #Covid pandemic... #MahaShivratri holiday proves advantageous... National multiplexes contribute maximum [approx ? 1.89 cr], while Tier-2 cities show decent footfalls... Thu ? 3.06 cr. #India biz. #Roohi springs a pleasant surprise on Day 1, despite #Covid pandemic... #MahaShivratri holiday proves advantageous... National multiplexes contribute maximum [approx ? 1.89 cr], while



Tier-2 cities show decent footfalls... Thu ? 3.06 cr. #India biz. pic.twitter.com/udH2i0ZGpR— taran adarsh (@taran_adarsh)

March 12, 2021 In his review for News18, Rohit Vats wrote about Roohi, "The movie is totally about spontaneity and a solid beginning.

Though both Rajkummar Rao and Varun Sharma are in their favourite zone, their back and forth and punchlines evoke

laughs." Roohi is directed by Hardik Mehta. It is part of the horror comedy universe which is presented and produced by Maddock Films.

This Heartfelt Note from Chunky Panday's Diehard Fan Grabs Ananya Panday's Attention Online

New Delhi, Mar 12: The tweet shared a pre-internet version of how stars expressed their love for their fans when social media did not exist. In the tweet, Aditi shared how Chunky had sent her his autographed picture along with a typed letter. Bollywood actor Ananya Panday was in for a nostalgic surprise from a fan on Twitter. A die-hard fan of her father and actor Chunky Panday named Aditi Ray posted on Twitter. The tweet shared a pre-internet version of how stars expressed their love for their fans when social media did not exist. In the tweet, Aditi shared how Chunky had sent her his autographed picture along with a typed letter. The letter had a personalised message for Aditi from

Chunky that read, "Thanks for the letter appreciating my acting. My forthcoming films are, Zakhm, Zahreelay, Tadap, Ghar-ka-Chirag, Insaniyat and more." The letter came with Chunky's snap that captured the actor's blooming youth at the time. Aditi had pasted the letter and the picture in a scrap book and posted the picture on Twitter where she tagged Ananya Panday and Chunky Panday. Aditi asked Ananya to check out the tweet and mentioned how big a fan she was of her father. The tweet certainly caught Ananya's attention, who quote tweeted Aditi and wrote that it was lovely. The 22-year-old actress further mentioned that she will soon be showing this to



her father right away, in case he had missed it. This is lovely @aditi_bose. Showing this to dad right away, incase he has missed it. https://t.co/IaxUH3AFcm — Ananya Panday (@ananyapanday) March 11, 2021 The tweet certainly took fans

to the good old days and one fan even pointed out how one of the mentioned forthcoming films Insaniyat was released the same day in the year 1994. While another user commented that Chunky is indeed handsome and used to be even more in earlier days. Meanwhile, Ananya is preparing for

her upcoming multilingual movie Liger, in which she will be starring opposite Telugu actor Vijay Deverakonda. Co-Produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions, Liger will be released on September 9, 2021 in five languages: Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi.

Alia Bhatt looks gorgeous in red as she visits temple on Maha Shivratri, says 'Prayed for something special'

Mumbai, mar 12: Alia Bhatt, who tested negative for COVID-19 on Thursday, was spotted at a Shiva temple on the occasion of Maha Shivratri. On being asked if she prayed for something special, she told the paparazzi that she did, but cannot reveal it. Alia Bhatt visited the Mukteshwar Temple in Juhu, Mumbai, on the occasion of Maha Shivratri along with good friend, director Ayan Mukerji. The actor had confirmed that she has tested negative for COVID-19 on Thursday, even as boyfriend, actor Ranbir Kapoor, and her Gangubai Kathiawadi director Sanjay Leela Bhansali tested positive for the coronavirus. Alia, looking gorgeous in a red traditional ensemble, was spotted by paparazzi as she stepped out of the temple. As paparazzi asked her, "Kuch khaas maanga (Did you pray for something special)?" the actor replied, "Haan maanga par bata nahi sakti (I did, but I cannot

tell you what I prayed for)." Ayan is directing Alia and Ranbir's long-awaited Brahmastra. The shooting of the film was halted after Ranbir tested positive for the coronavirus on Tuesday, and Alia had self-quarantined herself. On Thursday, she took to Instagram to share that she has tested negative for the virus. She wrote, "I've been reading all your messages of con-

Thank you all for all your good wishes! I am taking care and staying safe. You please do the same. Love to you all!" Alia's Gangubai Kathiawadi shooting in Mumbai also had to be stopped after the film's director Sanjay Leela Bhansali and a few of his close associates tested positive for COVID-19 earlier this week. Alia, who will turn 28 next week, has some great projects in her kitty,

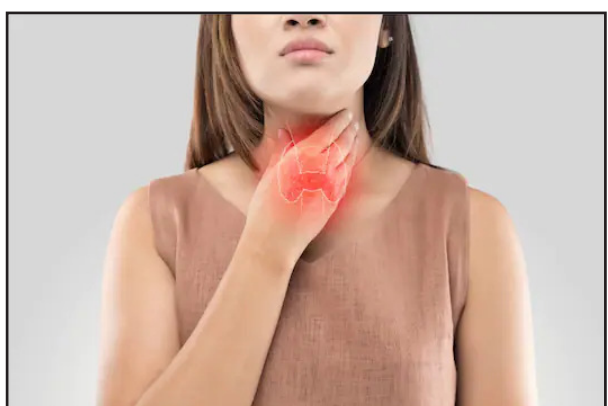


cern and care. I have tested negative for COVID-19 and after isolating and speaking with my doctors, I am back to work from today.

Along with Gangubai Kathiawadi and Brahmastra, she will also be seen in SS Rajamouli's RRR which is currently on the floors.

What Does Too Little Thyroid Secretion Say About Your Fertility Health

New Delhi, Mar 12: Thyroid disorders refer to a group of disarrays which cause dysregulated functioning of the thyroid gland. The thyroid gland is a butterfly-shaped organ in the front of our neck that produces hormones in order to regulate metabolism and thus, it affects vital functions. Whereas fertility refers to the ability to conceive and bring a baby to term. Therefore, the inter-link between your thyroid health and fertility is an important and complex part of conception, says Dr. Hima Deepthi, Fertility Consultant, Nova IVF Fertility, Hyderabad. How can Hypothyroidism effect your fertility? Hypothyroidism can have negative impact on fertility – both in the ability to conceive and the ability to carry a fetus to term. According to a study in the Journal of Applied and Basic Medical Research, 2 to 4 percent women of child bearing age have low thyroid hormone levels, which



shows prevalence of fertility issues caused by hypothyroidism. This thyroid disorder can affect fertility due to an ovulatory cycles, luteal phase defects, hyperprolactinemia, and sex hormone imbalance. Therefore, normal thyroid levels are vital for your fertility health, pregnancy, and to sustain a healthy pregnancy, even in the earliest days post conception. Abnormal TSH levels can interfere with ovulation and when one has any type of undiagnosed or mismanaged thyroid disorder, there is a possibility of luteal phase disruption. This is arbitrated by progesterone levels. If a thyroid disorder

is unregulated, a patient could have difficulty getting pregnant because of low implantation chances. In few cases experiencing miscarriages because of incomplete implantations is also a prospect. Signs of low levels or malfunctioning of progesterone can include a shorter or longer cycle than your typical menstrual cycle and one can experience lighter or heavier bleeding in comparison to the regular one. This also mean, longer or shorter windows for bleeding than the typical ones. Hypothyroidism and Fertility: Furthermore, fertility is not a female-only concern, but usually more prevalent

in women. Thyroid disorders in men can also affect a couple's overall fertility health. Dysregulated thyroid function can damage sperm quality and motility, making it challenging for the sperm to enter the egg for implantation. A few concerns which can be caused due to underproduction of Thyroid hormone: Disruption of the menstrual cycle, owing to a difficult conception, Interference with ovulation, Intensified risk of miscarriage, Increased possibility of premature birth Awareness & Symptoms: Recent studies show that approximately 1 in 10 Indian adults suffer from hypothyroidism, a condition in which the thyroid gland does not produce enough thyroid hormones to meet basic requirements of the body to ensure smooth functioning. This condition proved to be twice as prevalent in women as in men and is common amongst women of child-bearing age. This can often

be detected with a simple blood test of thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH). Yet many women remain undiagnosed, especially women with ill-defined, subclinical hypothyroidism. Common symptoms of hypothyroidism include the following: Frequent and heavy menstrual cycles, Fatigue, Muscle soreness, Forgetfulness, Dry skin and hair, Weight gain, Intolerance to cold. Therefore, one should keep a regular check on the thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) and T4 levels, specifically prior to becoming pregnant. This is especially essential if someone has been diagnosed with low thyroid hormones already or have had a miscarriage. Amongst high risk factors include a family history of thyroid problems or any other autoimmune disease. Tackling hypothyroid symptoms early in the pregnancy planning stages eases the treatment process, which can lead to a more successful outcome.

50 years of Anand: When Dharmendra was upset with Hrishikesh Mukherjee for casting Rajesh Khanna, drunk dialled him all night

New Delhi, Mar 12: This memorable dialogue from Hrishikesh Mukherjee's classic Anand could be true for the film itself. Anand completes 50 years today but for cinephiles, the film is a timeless classic. A tour de force that celebrates life, and death. The film brought the superstar of that time, Rajesh Khanna, and the actor who would soon inhabit that stratosphere of popularity, Amitabh Bachchan. Their on-screen camaraderie made us smile, even when it brought us to tears. 50 years on, Anand's music, dialogues and casting



seems like perfection. However, a frequent collaborator of Hrishida, as the director was popularly called, actor Dharmendra, was of a different opinion. In 2019, while promoting his grandson's film on The Kapil Sharma Show, Dharmendra shared that he was really upset when

he found out that the director was making Anand with Rajesh Khanna, and not him. "Hrishida had told me a story on a flight, Anand. While coming from Bangalore, he said to me that 'we were going to do this' and 'we were going to do that'. And later, I found out that the movie had started rolling with Rajesh Khanna in the lead role," shared Dharmendra. By this time, Dharmendra and Hrishikesh Mukherjee had already collaborated on Satyakam, which is still considered as one of his best films.

Punam Raut hits successive fifty as India post 248/5 in 3rd women's ODI against SA

Lucknow, Mar 12: Punam Raut hit a second consecutive half-century as India produced a solid batting effort to post a challenging 248 for five against South Africa in the third women's ODI here on Friday. Raut, who made 62 in a winning cause in the last match, continued her good form and scored 77 off 108 balls to anchor India's innings after the hosts were put in to bat. She struck 11 boundaries during her knock. India, however, did not have the best of starts as they lost big-hitting opener Jemimah Rodrigues (0) in the second delivery of the innings when she nicked an away-swinging one to Sinalo Jafta off Shabnim Ismail (2/46). But then Raut joined



Smriti Mandhana (25 off 27) at the crease and the duo once again came to India's rescue, sharing 64 runs off 70 balls for the second wicket to take the team forward.

Mandhana, however, couldn't convert her start into a big score. But skipper Mithali Raj, who became the first Indian woman to score 10,000 interna-

tional runs on Friday, steadied the ship in Raut's company as the duo stitched 77 runs for the third wicket. Mithali, only the second internationally to

complete 10,000 runs across all formats, departed soon after reaching the major milestone, flicking a Anne Bosch delivery straight to Mignon du Preez at mid-wicket. She made 36 runs off 50 balls and hit five boundaries in the process. Raut also fell soon after and Harmanpreet Kaur (36 off 46) played a quick knock before becoming Ismail's second victim as India reached 221 for five in the 45th over. Towards the end, Deepti Sharma (36 not out) and Sushma Verma (14 not out) remained unbeaten and shared 27 runs for the sixth wicket to take India close to the 250-run mark. The five-match series is currently poised at 1-1.

Mithali becomes 1st Indian woman cricketer to score 10,000 international runs

Lucknow, Mar 12: Veteran batter Mithali Raj on Friday became the first Indian woman cricketer and second internationally to complete 10,000 runs across all formats. The 38-year-old Mithali, who leads the Indian ODI team, joins England's Charlotte Edwards in the elite club. Mithali achieved the feat with a boundary off Anne Bosch in the 28th over of India's innings during the ongoing third ODI against South Africa here. "What a champion cricketer! First Indian woman batter to score 10K in-

ternational runs. Take a bow, @M_Raj03," the BCCI tweeted. But after reaching the milestone, Mitahli departed in the next ball, flicking a Bosch delivery straight to Mignon du Preez at midwicket. She

made 36 runs off 50 balls and hit five boundaries in the process. Mithali has amassed 663 runs in 10 Test matches with a best score of 214, while she has 6938 and 2364 runs from 212 ODIs and 89 T20 Internationals respectively.



Online chess has a problem: AI flags Black vs White as hate speech

New Delhi, Mar 12: Indian scientist has discovered that the possible reason for the 24-hour shutdown could be the fallibility of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems used by tech giants to monitor hate speech. Last year, Agadmator, a popular YouTube chess channel with over a million subscribers, got blocked for not adhering to 'Community Guidelines'. Now, an Indian scientist has discov-

This is what we tried to show through the chess example, which is easy to understand for everyone. Agadmator is very popular, so the channel getting blocked creates lots of news, but suppose it is a guy with say 10 subscribers, nobody will ever know what is happening," Ashique told The Indian Express. Host Antonio Radic was talking to Grandmaster Hikaru

flagged as hate speech, over 80 per cent of comments were innocent chess discussions. System is just noticing black, white, attack, kill, capture, and it triggers those hate speech filters," he said. After a Master's in Computer Science in Vancouver, Ashique worked with Microsoft as a Software Developer in Seattle for a year, before obtaining a PhD at Carnegie Mellon Univer-



ered that the possible reason for the 24-hour shutdown could be the fallibility of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems used by tech giants to monitor hate speech. Ashique KhudaBukhsh, an avid chess player with a highly-creditable peak blitz rating of 2,100 and a PhD in machine learning, says his six-week experiment showed that words like 'black', 'white', 'attack' — common to those commenting on the battle on the 64 squares — can possibly fool an AI system into flagging certain chess conversations as racist. The 38-year-old from Kalyani — it's an hour's drive from Kolkata — who conducted his research at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University says the findings are an eye-opener to the possible pitfalls of social media companies solely depending on AI to identify and shut down sources of hate speech. "If we try to monitor speech, just using AI, without any human moderation, these are some of the potential risks that might happen.

Nakamura when YouTube took down the Agadmator channel. For their experiment, Ashique and a student, Rupak Sarkar, pored over 6.8 lakh comments by 1.7 lakh unique users from 8,818 videos on five popular chess channels, including Agadmator, MatoJelic and Chess.com. They then trained AI systems via machine learning algorithms with hate speech and non-hate speech data from a far-right website Stormfront and microblogging platform Twitter. When these AI systems filtered the chess comments, about 1 per cent (approximately 6,800) were flagged as hate speech. Of these, 1,000 were manually checked and 82.4 per cent were 'false positives', confirming Ashique's theory that chess conversations are being misread by AI designed to flag hate speech. "Just innocent chess discussions like 'White's attack on Black is brutal' or 'Black should be able to block White's advance' were flagged as hate speech. When we manually checked comments

sity. His paper titled, 'Are chess discussions racist? An adversarial hate speech data set', was presented last month at the annual conference of Association for the Advancement of AI. Since then there has been a great deal of interest in the experiment, especially from Russia, the long-time global chess centre. Ashique says that if tech companies don't use 'diverse training data' and human moderation, then AI won't be accurate as it won't pick up the context of the use of certain words. "Again, we don't know what exactly happened inside YouTube. YouTube restored the channel in 24 hours. We just wanted to reconstruct the situation. We released a data set of 1000 chess comments, which the AI system by mistake flagged as hate speech. In the future, if someone wants to do research, they can try their system on the data set. If a lot of comments are flagged as hate speech, you know something is wrong with the system," he said.

ISL 2020/21 Final: Mumbai City, ATK Mohun Bagan face off in summit clash

Margao, Mar 12: Sergio Lobera's Mumbai City will hope to take the trophy home in their first-ever ISL final after piping two-time winner Antonio Habas' ATK Mohun Bagan to the League Winners Shield last month. As many as 114 games, 295 goals, 87,811 passes and 7307 tackles later, the Indian Super League 7 will culminate with a heavyweight summit showdown between Mumbai City FC and ATK Mohun Bagan here on Saturday. The match that lends meaning to every single touch taken so far, in what has been an exciting Hero ISL season, will be played at the Fatorda Stadium. When Mumbai City FC take on ATK Mohun Bagan in the summit clash, there will be no more complex equations in play. The winner takes home the trophy. It's as simple as that. Few would argue that there is a better candidate for the final than these two — both Bagan and Mumbai have been head and shoulders above the rest throughout the season. Both the teams come into the final with identi-



cal records, 12 wins and just 4 defeats in the league stage. Despite a nervy penalty-shootout win over FC Goa in the semifinal, it will be Mumbai who head into the final full of confidence. They did the double over Bagan in the league stage, the latter of those victories handing them the League Winners Shield. For Mumbai, this will be a first-ever final, but coach Sergio Lobera and a handful of his players have been here before when FC Goa lost to Bengaluru FC in 2018-19. The team though has looked confident under Lobera.

"They (ATK Mohun Bagan) are a very good team with good players and have the momentum. But the most important thing now is to put the focus on ourselves and try to do our best. "We have no specific plan, only small details about the opponent. We need to work 100 per cent on our style of play," said Lobera. There will be few selection dilemmas for Lobera, with the exception of figuring out Mandar Rao Dessai's replacement. The Goan will miss the final due to suspension. In the other corner, there is Bagan, buoyed by Antonio Habas' almost superhu-

man record in knockout games. He has already tasted glory twice and has a chance to create history by winning his second straight title and third overall. On the eve of the final, the Spaniard sounded as focused as ever. "We have to compete and our idea is to win against our opponents. My team is prepared for winning," he said. Habas dismissed that previous results had no bearing on the match but that his side was braced for a tough test. "We have to analyse the match and control (our chances of) victory than (try to) control the way they play. The opponent

will play and maybe, we have will difficulties." The match will also decide the fate of the golden boot and golden glove winners. While Bagan striker Roy Krishna and Goa's Igor Angulo are tied on 14 goals for the golden boot, a goal on Saturday will hand the award to the Fijian, who has played more minutes than the Spaniard. The race for the golden glove award is between Mumbai custodian Amrinder Singh and ATKMB's Arindam Bhattacharja. Both the players have 10 clean sheets to their name. At the moment, Arindam is in pole position, having conceded fewer goals.

Vijender Singh to take on Artysh Lopsan in comeback fight on March 19

New Delhi, Mar 12: India's professional boxing star Vijender Singh will fight Russia's Artysh Lopsan in his return to the ring after over a year disrupted by COVID-19 during which he relied on his amateur contemporary and former Commonwealth Games bronze-medallist Jai Bhagwan for training assistance. Vijender and Losan will square off on March 19 in a super middle-weight (76kg) showdown on the rooftop deck of the Majestic Pride Casino Ship in Panaji, Goa. Lopsan's name was revealed at a press conference here. "It wasn't the easiest year and initially it took a while for



the body to respond. But the last two months have been fabulous for me. Jai Bhagwan (2010 CWG bronze-medallist) helped me with my training here in Gurgaon," Vijender told PTI on how he geared up for his return. "I was also in touch with (my Manchester-based British trainer) Lee Beard for some online help," he added. The 26-

year-old Losan has fought six probouts, claiming four victories, including two knockouts. His last contest was in December 2020 against compatriot Yusup Magomedbekov, which he won via Technical Knockout. Vijender, on the other hand, is unbeaten throughout his professional career. His record of 12-0 includes eight knockouts. The 2008

Beijing Olympics bronze-medallist defeated Ghana's former Commonwealth champion Charles Adamu in Dubai to claim his 12th successive win in November 2019. "Lee couldn't be here because of COVID restrictions but he has been supportive and has been there online whenever I have needed advice. Jai, you can say, is my coach right now," Vijender said about his longtime friend with whom he competed in the 2010 CWG in Delhi. Lee has been Vijender's trainer ever since he took the professional plunge in 2015. Jai is a serving police officer in Haryana and took leave to assist

Vijender. He is a two-time Asian championship bronze-winner and has competed alongside Vijender in several international and national amateur events. Vijender said the lockdown posed a few challenges with regards to finding sparring partners but in the last few months, he has got what he needed to be ready for the comeback. He is eyeing another knockout against the less experienced Russian. "I didn't face any trouble finding sparring partners to prepare myself. The facilities were also very accessible thanks to my promoters (IOS Boxing Promotions).

Signing of Land Lease Agreement for Crude Oil Import Terminal Plot between NRL and PPT



(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Mar 12: Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) has entered into a Land Lease Agreement for its 234.14 acres of land

earmarked for Crude Oil Import Terminal Plot with Paradip Port Trust (PPT). The agreement was signed to this effect today at Paradip between Shri Biswajit

Mishra, Sr.Asst.Estate Manager, on behalf of PPT Board and Shri Prabir Kumar Talukdar, CGM (HR), on behalf of NRL in presence of Shri Vinit Kumar, Chair-

man, PPT, Shri A . K . B o s e , Dy.Chairman, PPT. Shri Manoj Kumar Pegu, Head Project, Pipeline DGM (Projects Pipeline) NRL - Shri A J

Phukan, Shri Bikas Kumar Das, Manager, Projects and other senior officials from both the organizations were also present on the occasion. The Terminal is being set up as part of NRL's integrated Refinery Expansion project that is being implemented at an estimated cost of more than Rs. 22 thousand Crore. The mega project envisages amongst others, import of Crude Oil at Paradip port and transport of the same by way of laying pipeline from Paradip, Odisha to Numaligarh, Assam.

Adani Foundation organized capacity building programme for farmers

(A.O. Bureau) Dhamra, Mar 12: Adani Foundation the CSR arm of Adani Dhamra Port has been undertaking different developmental initiatives for the upliftment of farmers and their income. To introduce double cropping both in Rabi and Kharif as well as the farmers depending on livestock for their livelihood, the foundation has been working very closely with different government departments and non-government organisations. Doing so it has been working in collaboration with Directorate of Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, Fishery department as well as the non-government organisation like Bharatiya Agro Industries Foundation (BAIF). As part of its support Adani Foundation provides technical expertise and

also facilitates in bringing farmers, all line departments and organization to a common platform so as to improve the knowledge and skill of the farmers in adopting the technology based agriculture and animal

subsidy and exposure to the Integrated Farming System, Adani Foundation has organized a day long inter-departmental unfolding meeting and capacity building workshop for 60 potential farmers of 5

tem developed by Mr. Suresh Kumar Mahunta of Jagula and then attend the meeting-cum-capacity building sessions on Government schemes and subsidy therein pertaining to Agriculture, Horticulture, Ani-

Nalinikanta Das, Asst Fishery Officer, Dhamra Fishing Harbour and Dr. Santosh Kumar, Area Head BAIF. Mr. Kartik Khilaar, Entrepreneur from Jagula village was felicitated by the officials and



husbandry practices for an improved production and better financial income. As the part of the initiative, to make the farmers aware about the Government schemes, applicable scheme wise

port periphery GPs such as Dosinga, Jagula, Karanjmal, Karanpali and Balimunda). In the beginning the participating farmers were exposed to the Integrated Farming Sys-

mal Husbandry, Fishery taken by Mr. Bairaghi Charan Sethi, Block Agriculture Officer, Dr. Rashmirekha Sethi, VS, Karanjmal, Ms. Sushree Sangita Nayak, Asst. Engineer Agriculture, Shri

guests in the programme which was organized and moderated jointly by Baba Nilakantheswar Farmers Club, Jagula and officials of Adani Foundation, Adani Dhamra Port.

The people of West Bengal have already made up their minds to fight decisively against fear, corruption and cut Money - Dharmendra Pradhan



(A.O. Bureau) Kolkata, Mar 12: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who is on a three-day visit to West Bengal, today started campaigning from the Nandigram and Haldia assembly constituencies. On the occasion, Subhendu, a candidate for the Nandigram Assembly constituency, attended a large-scale rally ahead of the submission of his candidature. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Pradhan said the Government of India wants the transformation of West Bengal to start from Haldia, Nandigram and East Medinapur. Union Minister Smriti Irani was also present at the nomination meeting. "Addressing a massive public rally for the BJP's Nandigram Assembly constituency candidate in Haldia, Subhendu Adhikari and Haldia Assembly constituency candidate Tapashi Mandal, Mr. Pradhan said that 71 years ago, Mahatma Gandhi In commemoration of this historic day, the Prime Minister of

- Subhendu Adhikari, a candidate for the Nandigram Assembly constituency and a candidate for the Yellow Assembly constituency, campaigned for the Tapashi constituency.
- The changes in West Bengal will start from Haldia, Nandigram and East Medinapur
- Mamata Didi deprives farmers and the people of West Bengal of various public welfare schemes of the Modi government
- At Tamluk, a memorial service was held at the memorial site of Matangini Hajjura, the immortal heroine of the freedom struggle.

India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Amrit Mahotsav. The journey of change has also begun in West Bengal today. The people of West Bengal are already determined to fight decisively against fear, corruption, mismanagement, cutthroats, tolls and thugs. "The Modi government launched the Ayushman Bharat scheme but the people of West Bengal are not benefiting from it. Similarly, under the PM Kisan Yojana, the Modi government is providing Rs 6,000 per annum to every eligible farmer. But Mamata Didi has deprived farmers and the people of West Bengal

Now You Can Earn Money From Facebook



(A.O. Bureau) New Delhi, Mar 12: If you want to earn money from social media, then there is good news for you. The world's largest social media platform Facebook is giving people a chance to earn money. Facebook Inc on Thursday said that it will allow content creators on its platform to monetize short-form videos through advertisements. The company has announced this through a blog. It has been told in the company's blog that Facebook will now help

the creators to make more money. Where creators will be able to make money through advertising by making short videos. The company is planning for this. Apart from this, Facebook has also told that in which ways people can earn on Facebook. Let's know in detail what Facebook said- The company is now increasing the demonetization option for content creators on social networks. According to the company, users on Facebook will be able

to earn money by making videos up to one minute. However, the condition is that this one minute video must play at least 30 seconds of advertising. At the same time, for a video of three minutes or longer, a 45-second ad should be shown. This means that your favorite creators will get more money from their videos. Let me tell you that earlier on videos of only three minutes or longer, people could earn with advertisements, in which no advertisement was shown before one minute.

The newly constructed academic block of the Vikash Degree College has been inaugurated

(A.O. Bureau) Bargarh, Mar 12: The visit of Hon'ble Chancellor of Sambalpur University, Prof. Sanjeev Mittal, has been successfully completed. Mr. D. Murali Krishna, Chairman, Vikash Group, Mr. G. Vaskar Rao, Managing Director, Mr. D. Nageshwar Rao, Executive Director and Administrator Mr. G. Ramakrishna, all the chairpersons of the Bargarh branch In the presence of Mr. Ashwini Kumar Sahu, Member of the Sambalpur University Syndicate and Vikash Authority, the newly inaugurated Academic Block of the Development Degree College was inaugurated at Karkamal by His Excellency the Chancellor and his

wife, Mrs. Sunita Mittal. In this regard, Mr. Mittal is an ITI led by Vikas. He personally interacted with the students and praised his technical and practical skills with education. In the presence of Vikash Chairman, the Hon'ble Chancellor visited various departments of the Vikash Bargarh branch and lauded the sensitivity of development to society and the environment. Director Dr. Samrendra Nath Panda welcomed the Chancellor and introduced the guests at an exchange of views with the Chancellor's students at the Vikash Auditorium. The Chancellor held talks with more than 300 students from Vikas Degree College,

Vikas School of Business Management and Vikas Law School. In this long 45-minute essay, the students discussed the essentials for building a strong future for students. "Knowledge, strategy and positive thinking are the keys to success and communication skills are the key to a brighter future,"

he said. The chancellor was able to win the hearts and minds of the students by answering various questions asked by the students at the event. The Chancellor was felicitated by the Development Authority in the presence of the students. Mr. D. Murali presented information on the future activities and

plans of the Krishna Development Group, and the Chancellor praised the role of the Vikash Group in the development of social and development initiatives and in building a healthy and educated society. Finally, Dr. Kshirod Pradhan, President, Vikash School of Business Management, thanked the participants.

