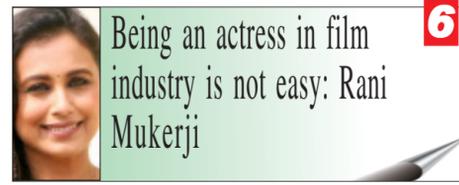


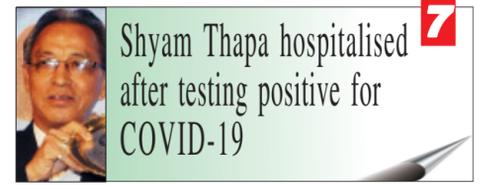
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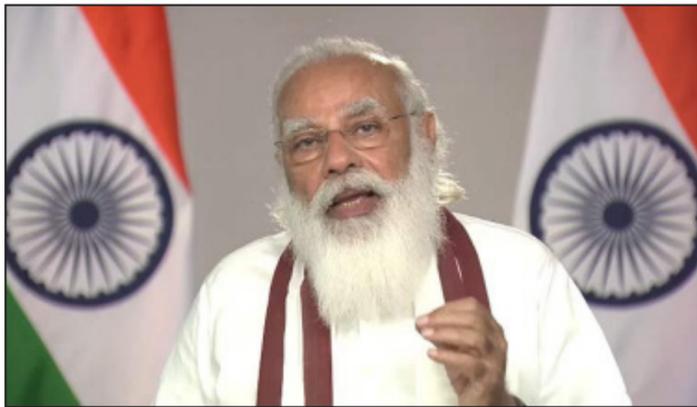


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Pariksha Par Charcha: PM Modi Says Exams Are Not Last Chance To Prove Yourself



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking on "Pariksha par Charcha" on Wednesday said that "Exams are not the last chance to prove yourself", but it is an opportunity to take your first steps towards your dreams. "Parents, relatives and teachers make a big deal of small exams. Exams are not the last chance to prove yourself, but it is an opportunity to take your first steps towards your dreams," he said. "We become conscious more than necessary and start over-thinking. I think this is not the end. Life is very long, this is just a small halt. We should not create pressure." "Liking and disliking things are part of human nature. But we have to learn to distribute our abilities equally. Distribute your time to each subject equally" he said to the students. "You knew of exams. They did not come suddenly. It means you are not scared of exams but of something else. But such atmosphere has been created around you that exams are everything. Sometimes schools, par-

ents, relatives create an atmosphere that you have to undergo a big event, a huge crisis," he said. The Prime Minister also responded to questions about how the food habits of children can be changed and how parents can help children to eat healthy food rather than junk food, and how to sharpen their memories. The PM interacted with students, parents and teachers regarding the upcoming Board exams virtually and shared tips on how to deal with academic stress. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced to conduct Class 10 and 12 Board Exams 2021 from May 4. 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' is an event where the Prime Minister responds to questions related to examination stress and related areas posed by students in his uniquely engaging style in a live programme. The first edition of the Prime Minister's interaction programme with school and college students 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 1.0' was held at Talkatora Stadium on February 16, 2018.

CM Naveen Patnaik Felicitated National Record Holder And Odisha's Cycling Sensation, Swasti Singh

Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: In a major development, Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik felicitated National record holder and Odisha's Cycling sensation, Swasti Singh for her outstanding achievements in Cycling, at Naveen Niwas today. Swasti is a rising star for Odisha Sports. She clinched two gold and one silver medal in Cycling in Khelo India Youth Games 2020, Guwahati. Recently, she won gold in the 3000 m Individual Pursuit category, setting a new national record of 4:05:547 seconds and another gold medal in the 60 km Road Mass Start at the 25th National Road Cycling Championship held in



Navi Mumbai. At the 72nd National Track Cycling Championship held at Osmania University, Hyderabad, Swasti bagged a silver medal each in the 10-kilometer Scratch Race and 20-kilometer

Point Race. Congratulating Swasti on her achievements, Chief Minister Shri Patnaik said, " Her achievement is an inspiration for many young and aspiring cyclists of our country, especially

women, who will emulate her path of strive and success. We are immensely proud of her. She has the potential to rise to be one of the Cycling superstars." Chief Minister also handed over a cheque

of Rs 2.0 lakhs as a financial incentive for her achievements. Swasti thanked the Chief Minister for the appreciation and support. She is currently training at the National Cycling Academy in New Delhi.

Odisha Running Out Of Vaccines, Requests Centre To Supply 25 Lakh Doses Immediately

Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: The total number of vaccination in the State came down to around 1.10 lakh on Thursday. The low rate of vaccination has been attributed to the shortage of vaccines in Odisha where more than 2.5 lakh persons were getting vaccinated daily.

Due to vaccine shortage, Odisha had to shut nearly 700 vaccination centres today. Out of the 1,400 functional sites, only 755 were active today, said Health and Family Welfare Department Ministry Naba Kisore Das in a letter to Union Health Ministry Dr Harsh



Vardhan today. Till 10 am on April 7, Odisha had 5.34 lakh doses of Covishield. By April 9,

Odisha will have no stock of Covishield vaccine, Das said. "This matter has been raised

by the Additional Chief Secretary (Health) with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare repeatedly," Das stated. In this perspective, Das urged Harsh Vardhan to facilitate the supply of 25 lakh doses or ten days stock of Covishield vaccine to Odisha immediately.

India Becomes Fastest Covid Vaccinating Country, Surpasses US

New Delhi, Apr 7: India has become the fastest Covid-19 vaccinating country in the world with a daily average of 30,93,861 vaccine doses, the Union Health Ministry said on Wednesday. With this, India has surpassed the US which is vaccinating 30.93 lakh people per day on an average. According to the ministry, the cumulative number of coronavirus vaccine doses administered in India so far has crossed 8.70 crore on Day 81 of the vaccination drive that was



launched on January 16, nearly a month after it was started in the US. Till April 6, India had administered 33,37,601 vaccine doses to the beneficiaries. A total of

8,70,77,474 vaccine doses have been administered so far in India through 13,32,130 sessions. These include 89,63,724 healthcare workers (HCWs)

who have taken the first dose and 53,94,913 HCWs who have taken the second dose. As many 97,36,629 frontline workers have taken the first dose, while

43,12,826 of them have been administered the second shot. On the flip side, new Covid cases continue to rise in India with the country recording over 1.15 lakh fresh cases in the last 24 hours, the biggest-ever single-day surge since the onset of the pandemic early last year, taking its overall tally to 12,801,785. The number of active cases in the country presently stands at 843,473. As per reports, India is the fourth most affected country in the world in terms of active cases.

Odisha Govt Restricts Entry Of Visitors To Its Offices

Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: With an aim to contain further spread of Covid-19, the Odisha government today restricted entry of visitors to State government offices in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack cities and District headquarters where infection rate is high. Additional Chief Secretary of General Administration and Public Grievance department, Sanjeev Chopra in an order stated there shall be restriction on public access to the Government Offices. Only in extremely urgent



cases, entry will be permitted in a government office based on approval of the senior-most official. The order further stated for redressal of public grievances, intensive use of e-Abhijog portal will be made. Physical meetings shall be discouraged, unless urgent and necessary.

Meetings should be held online, as far as possible, the Additional Chief Secretary stated. During physical meetings, minimum distance of two metres should be maintained. He further said the official works will be managed, as far as practical, by use of virtual means.

Govt To Allow Covid Vaccination At Workplaces From April 11

Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: The centre on Wednesday informed that it will soon allow vaccination sessions to be organised at workplaces (public and private offices) to ramp up the Covid-19 vaccination drive in the country. As per sources, vaccination sessions

can be organised at workplaces (public & pvt) having about 100 eligible & willing beneficiaries by tagging these workplaces with existing an COVID vaccination centre. Such work place vaccination centres may be launched across states/UTs from 11th April

2021. The decision is being aimed towards increasing access of vaccines to these populations (45 yrs & above) COVID19. The development comes as the new Corona cases hit a record daily high of over 1.15 lakh positives detected across the country in the space of



24 hours. India's total active caseload reached 8,43,473 today comprising 6.59% of the total positive cases. The daily positivity graph is on a steady incline and currently stands at 8.40%. But the Case Fatality Rate is on a continuous decline and currently stands at 1.30%,

the Health Ministry data stated. Meanwhile, India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 8.7 Crores and currently stands at 8,70,77,474 to be exact. While 630 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours, 8 states accounted for 84.44% of the new deaths.

Pakistan issues visas to over 1,100 Indian pilgrims



New Delhi, Apr 7: Under the framework of the India-Pakistan Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines of 1974, a large number of Sikh pilgrims from India visit Pakistan to observe various religious festivals and occasions every year. Pakistan has issued visas to more than 1,100 Indian Sikh pilgrims to participate in the annual Baisakhi celebrations during April 12-22. The visas were issued as a special gesture by the Pakistan government in "view of the importance of Baisakhi for Punjabis and Sikhs marking the start of their new year", the Pakistan high com-

mission said on Wednesday. The move comes amid a perceived thaw in bilateral relations about the time that Indian and Pakistani militaries began adhering to the 2003 ceasefire on the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir in February. The Pakistan government recently deferred a move to import cotton and sugar from India in order to control prices and overcome a domestic shortage after facing opposition from some federal ministers. The Pakistan high commission extended special felicitations to those celebrating Baisakhi and hoped the visiting pil-

grims would have a "fulfilling yatra". Under the framework of the India-Pakistan Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines of 1974, a large number of Sikh pilgrims from India visit Pakistan to observe various religious festivals and occasions every year. The issuance of pilgrimage visas is part of the Pakistan government's efforts for facilitating visits to religious shrines, the high commission said. "This also reflects the commitment of the government of Pakistan to faithfully implement the bilateral Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines," it said.

UK to offer non-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine to under-30s over blood clot link

New Delhi, Apr 7: In its latest recommendation, the European Medicines Agency said that "unusual blood clots with low blood platelets should be listed as very rare side effects." The U.K. recommended not using AstraZeneca Plc's Covid-19 vaccine on those under the age of 30 after drug regulators there and in the European Union highlighted a possible link with a rare type of blood clot in the brain. The assessments follow an increasing number of reports of side effects in people who've received the Astra dose. Despite this, both the U.K. and EU agencies agreed that the benefits of the shot outweigh the risks. In its latest recommendation, the European Medicines Agency said that "unusual blood clots with low blood platelets should



be listed as very rare side effects." The U.K. is advising that those under 30 be offered an alternative to Astra if one is available. The latest assessments of the Astra vaccine, which was developed with the University of Oxford, comes amid increasing public wariness about the shot, with patients from Bucharest to Calais canceling scheduled appointments as they await more clarity. The warning could threaten the European

Union's vaccination campaign, which was just beginning to kick into a higher gear after a sluggish start. EU health ministers will meet this evening to discuss the path forward with Astra's Covid-19 is a very serious disease with high hospitalization and death rates," Cooke said at a press conference. "This vaccine has proven to be highly effective. It prevents severe disease and hospitalization and it is saving lives."

US military cites rising risk of Chinese move against Taiwan

New Delhi, Apr 7: The American military is warning that China is probably accelerating its timetable for capturing control of Taiwan, the island democracy that has been the chief source of tension between Washington and Beijing for decades and is widely seen as the most likely trigger for a potentially catastrophic U.S.-China war. The worry about Taiwan comes as China wields new strength from years of military buildup. It has become more aggressive with Taiwan and more assertive in sovereignty disputes in the South China Sea. Beijing also has become more confrontational with Washington; senior Chinese officials traded sharp and unusually public barbs with Secretary of State Antony Blinken in talks in Alaska last month. A military move against Taiwan, however, would be a test of U.S. support for the island that Beijing views as a breakaway province. For the Biden administration, it could present the choice of abandoning a friendly, democratic entity or risking what could become an all-out war over a cause that is not on the radar of most Americans. The United States has long pledged to help Taiwan defend itself, but it has deliberately left unclear how far it would go in response to a Chinese attack. This accumulation of concerns meshes

with the administration's view that China is a frontline challenge for the United States and that more must be done soon — militarily, diplomatically and by other means — to deter Beijing as it seeks to supplant the United States as the predominant power in Asia. Some American military leaders see Taiwan as potentially the most immediate flashpoint. "We have indications that the risks are actually going up," Adm. Philip Davidson, the most se-

think." Biden administration officials have spoken less pointedly but stress the intention to deepen ties with Taiwan, eliciting warnings from Beijing against outsider interference in what it considers a domestic matter. On Wednesday, Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said the military threat against his country is increasing, and while he said it was not yet "particularly alarming," the Chinese military in the last couple of years has been con-

ducting what he called "real combat-type" exercises closer to the island. "We are willing to defend ourselves, that's without any question," Wu told reporters. "We will fight a war if we need to fight a war, and if we need to defend ourselves to the very last day." Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin calls China the "pacing threat" for the United States, and the military services are adjusting accordingly. The Ma-

rine Corps, for example, is reshaping itself with China and Russia in mind after two decades of ground-focused combat against extremists in the Middle East. Hardly an aspect of China's military modernization has failed to rile the U.S. military. Adm. Charles Richard, who as head of U.S. Strategic Command is responsible for U.S. nuclear forces, wrote in a recent essay that China is on track to be a "strategic peer" of the United States. He said the island, are a near-daily occurrence, serving to advertise the threat, wear down Taiwanese pilots and aircraft and learn more about Taiwan's capabilities. Chinese officials have scoffed at Davidson's Taiwan comments. A Ministry of Defense spokesman, Col. Ren Guoqiang, urged Washington to "abandon zero-peace thinking" and do more to build mutual trust and stability. He said that "attempts by outside forces to use Taiwan to seek to restrain China, or the use by Taiwan independence forces to use military means to achieve independence, are all dead ends." The implications of a Chinese military move against Taiwan and its 23 million people are so profound and potentially grave that Beijing and Washington have long managed a fragile middle ground — Taiwanese political autonomy that precludes control by Beijing but stops short of formal independence. Predictions of when China might decide to try to compel Taiwan to reunite with the mainland have long varied, and there is no uniform view in the United States. Larry Diamond, a senior fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, said last week he doubts Chinese leaders are ready to force the issue. "I don't think it's coming soon," he said.



nior U.S. military commander in the Asia-Pacific region, told a Senate panel last month, referring to a Chinese military move on Taiwan. "The threat is manifest during this decade — in fact, in the next six years," Davidson said. Days later, Davidson's expected successor, Adm. John Aquilino, declined to back up the six-year timeframe but told senators at his confirmation hearing: "My opinion is, this problem is much closer to us than most

China's nuclear weapons stockpile is expected to double "if not triple or quadruple" in the next 10 years, although that goes beyond the Pentagon's official view that the stockpile will "at least double" in that period. Taiwan, however, is seen as the most pressing problem. U.S. officials have noted People's Liberation Army actions that seem designed to rattle Taiwan. For example, Chinese aerial incursions, including flying around

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Taiwan will fight "to the very last day" if China attacks

New Delhi, Apr 7: China does not recognize Taiwan's democratically elected government, and leader Xi Jinping has said "unification" between the sides cannot be put off indefinitely. Taiwan's foreign minister on Wednesday said the island will defend itself "to the very last day" if attacked by China. Joseph Wu said China's attempts at conciliation while engaging in military intimidation are

sending "mixed signals" to the island's residents. China claims Taiwan as its own territory to be won over peacefully or by force. Wu noted China flew 10 warplanes into Taiwan's air defense identification zone on Monday and deployed an aircraft carrier group for exercises near Taiwan. "We are willing to defend ourselves, that's without any question," Wu told reporters. "We will fight a



war if we need to fight a war, and if we need to defend ourselves to the very last day, then we will defend ourselves to the very last day." China

does not recognize Taiwan's democratically elected government, and leader Xi Jinping has said "unification" between the sides cannot be put off

indefinitely. "On the one hand they want to charm the Taiwanese people by sending their condolences, but at the same time they are also sending their military aircraft and military vessels closer to Taiwan aimed at intimidating Taiwan's people," Wu said at a ministry briefing. "The Chinese are sending very mixed signals to the Taiwanese people and I would characterize that as self-defeating," Wu said.

US disbursed over 150 million stimulus payments in Biden relief plan

New Delhi, Apr 7: This is the fourth block of relief checks the federal government has sent since the president signed the American Rescue Plan, and this one includes 25 million payments for a total value of \$36 billion. The Biden administration has officially distributed more than 150 million stimulus checks as of Wednesday from the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill, one of the key benchmarks the president had hoped to hit during his first 100 days in office. The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service

have sent out roughly 156 million payments to people, totaling roughly \$372 billion, according to the Treasury Department. The majority of these latest payments went to Social Security recipients and beneficiaries, providing a cash infusion more than a year into the pandemic. During the transition, Biden aides said the president's chief goals for his first 100 days in office included distributing relief checks, re-opening schools and heightening the pace of vaccinations. On Tuesday, the White House announced it had surpassed its goal of deliv-



delivering 150 million shots to Americans since he first took office. Originally, the White House had set a goal of delivering 100 million inoculations during the first

100 days. This is the fourth block of relief checks the federal government has sent since the president signed the American Rescue Plan, and this one includes 25

million payments for a total value of \$36 billion. The largest group of recipients in this batch is Social Security beneficiaries who did not file tax returns in 2019 or

2020; this includes people who receive Social Security retirement, survivor or disability benefits. Other payments went to Americans on Supplemental Security

Income and Railroad Retirement Board beneficiaries. The IRS sent the checks weeks after the agency first started to process payments for other Americans, a delay which annoyed Democrats on Capitol Hill. Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee have been urging the IRS to expedite the payments, arguing they unnecessary delays hurt vulnerable Americans. The delay in payments for about 30 million Social Security beneficiaries stemmed from the Social Security Administration not sending the IRS an updated

list of eligible people until March 25, according to House Democrats. The majority of people who receive their payments -- 25 million of them -- will do so through direct deposit, whereas more than 1 million people will receive paper checks. The Treasury Department and IRS started to process the payments on Friday, April 2, for an official payment date of April 7. Veterans Affairs beneficiaries are to receive their payments on April 14. The IRS has an online tool for people to check the status of their payment.

Gratifying Tribute to Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra by Kasturi Pattanaik and her Disciples



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: The renowned Odissi Dance exponent, Kasturi Pattanaik and her senior disciples, paid accolade tribute to the legendary Odissi Dance pioneer, Padma Vibhushan Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra on his 17th death anniversary, with their mesmerising Odissi Dance performances

today evening at Art Vision's Auditorium at Bindusagar (West), Bhubaneswar. Kasturi Pattanaik, herself a senior most disciple of Guru Kelu Babu, captivated the audience with her enthralling solo Abhinaya on "Yahi Madhab Yahi Keshab Maa Bada Kaitaba Vadam", based on excerpts from Geeta Govinda and choreo-

graphed by Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra, with music composed by Pandit Bhubaneswar Mishra. Her Abhinaya, with subtle inner emotions and varied expressions, re-captured Guru Kelu Babu's Odissi dance craft. The senior disciples of Kasturi Pattanaik-Manikarnika, Bharati Mishra and Tejaswini Pallai performed Hansadhoni Pallavi superbly, epitomising the elegance of inner beauty and depth of Odissi dance. The Pallavi, based on Raag Hansadhoni and Taal Ektaali, has been choreographed by Kasturi Pattanaik, with music composition also by her. All the three young dancers were in their artistic best and provided the innovative excellence of Pallavi, created by their Guru. The programme, hosted by Art Vision, began with Mangalacharan - Saraswati Vandana "Manikya Veena..." by Ileana Citaristi, Kasturi Pattanaik and Meera Das.

Neglected a patients of Puri Hq Hospital



(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Apr 7: A lady of Parikud Narmada

Panda of Puri Dist, operated her eyes on March 23 at Puri Head

quarter Hospital It was done by eyes Specialist Dr, Mamata Mohapatra . After some days it is found that she is unable to see and showed to a private Dr, who told that the eye lense has been misplaced . Again she return to Hq Hospital puri for rechecking and reported to CdmO . Time and again she has been returned from Hospital some times without meeting the CDMO puri she was advised to visit a private Dr, and make re operation in this context many other time patients have been Misguided by the medical staff in this



panic situation of covid the Dr,s neglecting the patients which is a matter of concern on behalf of public mr, Debasis Daitapati , Ex General secretary of youth congress, Ex President

Ashutosh mishra with Bibhu rath met the collector puri Mr Samarth Barma and requested to take Action against the culprit in this connection CDMO didn't respond the call.

Awarding Four wards of Cuttack CMC as transparent ward by 'Jazba Hasim Abdullah Trust'

(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, Apr 7: Jazba Hasim Abdullah trust, a leading social organization in Bhubaneswar, declares four of the 59 wards of Cuttack CMC as clean wards and honored them with Northern, honorary and bouquets. On the occasion an award ceremony was held at the Urdu Training School in Sekh bazar, Cuttack. The events was attended by Film Star Sritam Das as Chief guest while Mr. Satyabrata Mohapatra, health officer CMC Cuttack, Basanta Kumar Mahanta, Dr. Kalimulla, social worker, Advocate Almas Yusuf were the



guest of honor. At the event Mr. Safdar Hasim chairman of Jazba Hasim Abdullah trust said that a survey was conducted by the trust for transparency in 59 wards of

CMC Cuttack, Of these four wards were found to be completely transparent, those wards were 14, 19, 20 and 22. So the four wards were declared

clean today and awarded. Also today, in Corona awareness on behalf of Mr. Safdar Hasim chairman of Jazba Hasim Abdullah trust masks were distributed

in CMC Cuttack areas like Sekh Bazar, Khatbin Sahi, Boxi Bazar and Big Bazar and the tow tracks were distributed to the rickshaw pullers informed.

Tehsildar Arrested For Misbehaving With Woman Cop

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: Based on allegations by the woman police official, the Infocity Police registered a case under sections 323, 332, 353 and 354 of IPC against the Barang Tehsildar Bichitrananda Nayak. According to reports, the OAS officer was intercepted by the officials of Vigilance, Cuttack Division, while he was on his way to his house on Tuesday. He was caught with

a sum of Rs 1.7 lakh at Raghunathpur area on outskirts of Bhubaneswar. When he was asked about the money recovered from his possession, the Vigilance officials could not get satisfactory answer from him. During frisking, the Barang Tehsildar allegedly misbehaved with the woman IIC, who was part of the Vigilance Team, and did not cooperate with the officials. Source said that the accused will be forwarded to a local court today.

Conferred On The 50th Convocation Ceremony Of Utkal University For Securing Highest Mark In Fmt Section In The Final Year Of MBBS At SCB Medical College, Cuttack



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: Hard work, dedication, devotion, determination and above all moving ahead with strong will power even in adverse situation will definitely move

towards success which is really proved by Dr. Bidisha Panda, the daughter of Veteran member of Niladrivihar Youth & Cultural Association (NYCA), working for the socio-cultural development for more than 25 years and an employee of KIIT University Shri Biswanath Panda and Smt. Manorama Panda. Born and brought up in a lower middle-class family

ing this success in spite of all odds and for her philanthropic concern also she has been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Sadhbhabana Samman, Mother terrace peace award, Vivekananda International Award and many more. She has also been privileged to be felicitated by the founder of KIIT & KIIS and the Hon'ble Member of Parliament Dr. Achyuta Samanta for this successful journey. Apart from study she has also keep a keen interest in Dance, Music, Art Quiz etc. The President Dr. Prakash Chandra Panigrahi and the Secretary Biswajit Pattanaik, all the members of the association, intellectuals and citizens of the locality congratulated Bidisha for this splendid success and wished her a bright future ahead.

Bidisha left no stone unturned to reach this pinnacle of success crossing all shortfalls and obstacles. Completing successfully the MBBS degree in 2019-20 from SCB Medical College, Cuttack Bidisha at present working as a house surgeon there itself. In the graceful presence of the Hon'ble Vice President of India at the 50th Convocation ceremony of the Utkal University Bidisha was honoured with Gold medal & citation from the Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education of the State Dr. Arun Sahoo. To mention here that, Bidisha passed her 10th class from DAV, Chandrasekharpur, completed +2 at KIIT International school and qualified for the SCB Medical college, Cuttack in the all India NIIT examination. Achiev-

ing this success in spite of all odds and for her philanthropic concern also she has been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Sadhbhabana Samman, Mother terrace peace award, Vivekananda International Award and many more. She has also been privileged to be felicitated by the founder of KIIT & KIIS and the Hon'ble Member of Parliament Dr. Achyuta Samanta for this successful journey. Apart from study she has also keep a keen interest in Dance, Music, Art Quiz etc. The President Dr. Prakash Chandra Panigrahi and the Secretary Biswajit Pattanaik, all the members of the association, intellectuals and citizens of the locality congratulated Bidisha for this splendid success and wished her a bright future ahead.

Revised Timings For Mumbai Csmt-bhubaneswar Konark Special Between Visakhapatnam And Bhubaneswar



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: It has been decided to revise the timings of Mumbai CSMT-Bhubaneswar Konark Special between Visakhapatnam and Bhubaneswar in East Coast Railway jurisdiction. 01019 Mumbai CSMT-Bhubaneswar Konark Special from

Mumbai w.e.f. 12th April, 2021 will arrive at Visakhapatnam at 1545hrs and will leave at 1605hrs instead of existing timings 1535hrs & 1555hrs, respectively. This train will also arrive at Bhubaneswar 2320hrs instead of the existing timings at 2315hrs. The timings for this train at

Vizianagaram, Srikakulam Road, Sompeta, Ichhapuram, Brahmapur, Chhatrapur and Balugaon have also been changed. The timings for this train at other scheduled Stations will remain unchanged. The timings of 01020 Bhubaneswar-Mumbai CSMT Konark Special will remain unchanged.

Physical Classes Of Standard IX, XI Students In Odisha Suspended

Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: In view of upsurge in Covid cases, the Odisha government today decided to suspend teaching of Class IX and XI students at all schools including private ones in the State.

The School and Mass Education Department's order comes into effect from April 8, 2021 and will remain in force till April 30, 2021. Secretary of the School and Mass Education Depart-



ment, Satyabrata Sahu in a letter to the Directors and District Education Officers stated schools can take up online classes of Standard IX and XI students. The students of these two

classes residing in hostels and residential schools are allowed to go back home immediately, the letter read. It further stated classes of Standard X and XII will continue as usual till April

25, 2021. The Covid appropriate behavior like use of mask, maintaining social distancing norms and hand hygiene must be ensured for the Class X and XII students staying in hostels, the letter stated.

EDITORIAL

Veil of morality

It is difficult to believe that Anil Deshmukh discovered morality only after the HC order. Anil Deshmukh, who resigned as the Maharashtra Home Minister hours after the Bombay High Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to carry out a preliminary inquiry into the allegations of grave corruption against him, seems to be driven by compulsion rather than "moral obligation". Had it really been on "moral grounds" as proclaimed, the resignation would have come much sooner; also, the image of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government would not have then taken such a severe beating. However, instead of reprimanding Deshmukh over the serious charges, his mentor and NCP chief Sharad Pawar tried to shield his blue-eyed boy, saying that he need not step down. Moreover, he went to the extent of shamelessly asserting that he has proof of Deshmukh's "innocence". All along, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray chose to keep mum, which only shows the clout Pawar and the NCP enjoy in the MVA Government. It also reveals the Catch-22 situation the Shiv Sena chief was caught in — he couldn't seek Deshmukh's resignation as the NCP is the dominant partner, nor could he defend his Cabinet colleague as that would have meant openly compromising with corruption. However, the CM's silence has done more damage to the image of his Government than Deshmukh has repaired with his resignation. The resignation comes too late in the day to consider it based on "moral grounds". Even the Supreme Court, hearing former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh's plea seeking a CBI probe into the matter, termed it "quite serious" and asked Singh to approach the Bombay High Court. But Deshmukh still didn't feel any "moral obligation", the reason he now cites. Well, the ball is now in the CBI's court. The agency will now investigate the matter and conclude the preliminary inquiry within 15 days, after which the CBI director shall decide the course of action. With the latest development, Deshmukh now finds himself on the CBI's radar — the agency which, the Opposition alleges, follows the Centre's diktats; and an allegation that the Centre vociferously refutes. And if the agency functions independently, without any fear or favour to any interested party, it might translate into serious trouble brewing for the NCP, the MVA Government and, of course, for Deshmukh. However, it is also quite likely that for the larger cause of saving the State Government and keeping the party's interests alive while successfully saving face, the NCP itself decides to make Deshmukh the scapegoat, just the way he apparently treated Assistant Police Inspector Sachin Vaze and the former Mumbai Police Commissioner. Whether the CBI will tighten the noose on him or Deshmukh will win a clean chit and reprieve, only time will tell. However, on a separate note, in this age when corruption is at the centre of almost all administrative and executive functioning with hardly any morality truly left in political leaders, only the courts are a source of some relief for the harried and worried citizenry. Well, the ball is now in the CBI's court. The agency will now investigate the matter and conclude the preliminary inquiry within 15 days, after which the CBI director shall decide the course of action. With the latest development, Deshmukh now finds himself on the CBI's radar — the agency which, the Opposition alleges, follows the Centre's diktats; and an allegation that the Centre vociferously refutes. And if the agency functions independently, without any fear or favour to any interested party, it might translate into serious trouble brewing for the NCP, the MVA Government and, of course, for Deshmukh. However, it is also quite likely that for the larger cause of saving the State Government and keeping the party's interests alive while successfully saving face, the NCP itself decides to make Deshmukh the scapegoat, just the way he apparently treated Assistant Police Inspector Sachin Vaze and the former Mumbai Police Commissioner. Whether the CBI will tighten the noose on him or Deshmukh will win a clean chit and reprieve, only time will tell. However, on a separate note, in this age when corruption is at the centre of almost all administrative and executive functioning with hardly any morality truly left in political leaders, only the courts are a source of some relief for the harried and worried citizenry.

Myanmar coup cauldron simmers

The nation's under-20 youth and ethnic armed organisations are solidly backing the unarmed civil disobedience movement. In his book, *Coup d'Etat*, Edward Luttwak says that the coup is a more widespread way of changing governments than elections. In Myanmar, it is the coup-maker, the military itself, which has rubbished "rigged elections" pledging to hold fresh elections in its vision of transition to a disciplined democracy — probably rule by military in civilian clothes, somewhat like the Thailand model. The coup is being contested by the youth — Generation Z — who are below 20 years and have grown up under democratic rule since 2011. They are remote-controlled by a leaderless Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), linked closely to the Committee Representing National Parliament (CRPH) — the government-in-exile of recently-elected NLD lawmakers. Joining the alliance with fire power are at least eight Ethnic Armed Organisations (EAOs) who have broken the ceasefire. This combined resistance has forced the military to declare a unilateral month-long suspension of operations against the EAOs from April 1. Two months on, has the coup backfired? On March 27, the Generals celebrated the Armed Forces Day when the single biggest carnage killed 114 protestors across 44 townships in Myanmar. Attending the parade was Col Ketan Mohite, the Indian Defence Attaché, among officers from Russia, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. The incumbent Army chief, Gen MM Naravane, was a Defence Attaché more than a decade ago, such is the geostrategic significance of Myanmar for In-



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dia. Two days later, the Defence chiefs of Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Korea, the UK and the US issued a collective statement condemning the use of lethal force against unarmed people by the Myanmar Armed Forces. It urged the MAF to cease violence and work to restore the respect and credibility it has lost through its actions. India finds itself on the wrong side of the fence not for the first time though our diplomats are confident they can navigate the situation, thanks to the lessons learnt in the 1980s and 1990s. They are forgetting that Myanmar 2021 is very different from those days when people were poor and malnourished; today, they have a present and future from the gains of democracy between 2011-2020. The CDM believes it is succeeding in denying control of physical space and economy to the junta. In the forefront of street mobilisation are women, con-

fronting the police every day. The CDM is pitching a non-violent campaign that is being projected as a front-runner for the Nobel Peace Prize, 2022. It has attracted \$7 mn worth of support from well-wishers. If the fighting intensifies between the EAOs and junta, it would engage not only the military against unarmed internal resistance but also three main dissident armed groups in the border regions — Karens, Kachins and Arakanese (Brotherhood Alliance) besides possibly other EAOs. A multiple front engagement would stretch the military and lead to civil war. The UN special envoy on Myanmar, Christine Burgene, told the 15-member UNSC on March 31 that the military was not capable of managing the country and warned that the situation could worsen into a bloodbath. China's muted criticism of the coup has led to anti-Chinese sentiment, resulting in 32 Chinese-owned factories being gutted. Beijing's main concern is the security of the 770-

km-long gas and oil pipelines worth \$2.5 bn from the Yunnan province to the Rakhine State as well as 38 projects linked to the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor. Beijing is also the lead player in the recent diplomatic moves between the junta and Asean. Myanmar's economy will soon be in tatters. The US sanctions have resulted in the suspension of bilateral trade and investment agreement, prevented the Generals from withdrawing \$1 bn from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and targeted Generals and police chiefs and their businesses. Next could be the Generalised System of Preferences (GSPs) under which 5,000 products carry zero tariff. Japan, which provides the biggest development assistance — \$1.8 bn in 2019 — is transferring its business from military holdings to civilian companies. Whether combined resistance for the first time against the military results in the defeat of the junta is hard to tell. The Buddhist monks who led the saffron revolution in 2007 have not taken sides. India has taken a clear position: To not criticise the military for the coup but condemn violence against the CDM. This is not an ethical stance that India can sustain. But it has insurgency-related security interests along the border with Myanmar, strategic connectivity projects of its 'Act East' policy and Indo-Pacific strategy as well as concerns about China boosting its influence at India's cost, especially when the military looks towards India to balance China. Given these conflicting interests, New Delhi has to appear, and be even-handed, in reaching out to the CRPH and Myanmar people. The Generals require a face-saving exit, not a protracted urban conflict or civil war.

Mahatma Gandhi: His Holy Living Andheroic Struggles

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The great Indian philosopher of the modern age late Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who began his life as an educationist and ultimately became the President of free India, reviewing the present day social order gave a solemn warning to mankind in one of his addresses delivered at the Oxford University on Mahatma Gandhi which could better be quoted here in his own inimitable language. Dr. Radhakrishna said: The greatest fact in the story of man on earth is not his material achievements, the empires he has built and broken, but the growth of his soul from age to age in its search for truth and goodness. Those who take part in this adventure of the soul secure an enduring place in the history of human culture. Time has discredited heroes as easily as it has forgotten everyone else; but the saint's remain. The Greatness of Gandhis more in his holy living than in his heroic struggles. In his insistence on the creative power of the soul and its life-giving quality at a time when the destructive forces seem to be in ascendant. Gandhi is known to the world as the one man more than any other who is mainly responsible for the mighty upheaval of the

Indian nation which has shaken and loosened its chain. Politicians are not generally reputed to take religion seriously, for the values to which they are committed, such as the political control of one people by another, the economic exploitation of the poorer and weaker human be-

politics; and I can say without the slightest hesitation and yet in all humility, that those who say that religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion means. Again I have no desire for the perishable kingdom of earth. I am striving for the kingdom of heaven, which is

Politics bereft of religion are a death-trap because they kill the soul. If man as a political being has not been much success, it is because he has kept religion and politics apart, thus misunderstanding both. For Gandhi there is no religion apart from human activity. Though in the present circumstances of India, Gandhi happens to be a political revolutionary who refuses to accept tyranny or acquiesce in slavery, he is far from the uncompromising type of revolutionary whose abstractions force men into unnatural and inhuman shapes. In the acid test of experience he remains not a politician or a reformer, not a philosopher or a moralist, but someone composed of them all, an essentially religious person endowed with the highest and most human qualities and made more lovable by the consciousness of his own limitations and by an unflinching sense of humour". While this oriental philosopher's exposition of the personality of Mahatma Gandhi was couched in these beautiful words, there was a great religious and spiritual leader in the most modern civilised country of the world- United States of America named Rev. Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Minister of the Community Church, New York City, whose projection of the personality of Mahatma Gandhi of India was not only unique but unsurpassed by any other writer or speaker or thinker of the world.



ings, are so clearly inconsistent with the values of religion that the latter could not be taken too seriously or interpreted too accurately. But for Gandhi, all life is one piece. To see the universal and all-pervading Spirit of Truth face to face one must be able to love the meanest of creation as oneself. And a man who aspires after that cannot afford to keep out of any field of life. That is why my devotion to Truth has drawn me in to the field of

spiritual deliverance. For me the road to salvation lies through incessant toil in the service of my country and of humanity. I want to identify myself with everything that lives. In the language of GITA, I want to live at peace with both friend and foe. So my patriotism is for me a stage on my journey to the land of eternal freedom and peace. Thus it will be seen that for me there are no politics devoid of religion. They sub serve religion.

Paradip Model Police Drives Strict Enforcement Of Covid-19 Protocols



(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Apr 7: The Odisha government on Tuesday directed

its police administration to conduct a 10 days drive for strict enforcement of

COVID-19 safety protocols, concerns over resurgence in COVID-19 virus.

Which was increasingly infecting people in Odisha in recent weeks. In the view of

this, Paradip Model Police have started a awareness drive on safety protocols of COVID-19 virus at here in the sensitive Port and industrial city on Wednesday. A police team and personnels led by IIC Rajani Kant Samal were checking of use mask and helmet at many traffic squires, petrol pumps, market places etc. Police aware shopkeepers not to sailed their goods anybody, who are not using mask.

PPT observed World Health Day

(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, Apr 7: The World Health Day was observed at PPT Hospital on 07.04.2021 with the theme "Building a fairer, healthier world for everyone".

flagged off the awareness walkathon, especially on COVID-19, in which the doctors, paramedical staff of the PPT Hospital along with HoDs of the PPT, CISF personnel and

neurology and urology were also conducted on the occasion. Later, a seminar was organised on cancer awareness at the Hospital Conference Hall under the supervision of



On this occasion, a walkathon was organised to create awareness about health problems among the denizens of the Port township. Shri A . K . B o s e , Dy.Chairman, PPT,

general public participated with enthusiasm. IEC activities and clinic for screening of cancer, diabetes, heart disease, Orthopaedics, Hypertension, Bone MINERAL Density, HbA1C, glaucoma,

Dr. Prahlad Panda, Chief Medical Officer, PPT, in association with Panda Curie HOSPITAL, Cuttack. 206 people were screened for different diseases and necessary advice given.

Awareness sessions by Tata Steel Foundation on 'World Health Day'

(A.O. Bureau) Joda, Apr 7: With an objective to create awareness regarding various aspects of health among the community, Tata Steel Foundation, the CSR wing of Tata Steel organised two awareness sessions at Joda on Wednesday marking 'World Health Day'. Organised under the banner of Regional Initiative for Safe Sexual Health by Today's Adolescents (RISHTA) Project, more than 60 participants including youths, members of various Self-Help Groups and students participated in the awareness sessions organised at Koila Hutting and Mukherjee Hutting under Joda municipal.



ity. The awareness sessions aimed to improve community awareness on seasonal health issues like heat stroke, dysentery & diarrhea, skin diseases etc. along with Covid-19. Addressing the participants, Dr Anmol Tigga, Tata Steel Foundation said, "COVID-19 is not over yet. The fight against the

pandemic is still on and the best way of defense is to abide by COVID protocol. It is the responsibility of the youth to not only follow the COVID guidelines but also to create awareness among the community regarding it." Urging the participants, Dr Tigga also requested the participants to create awareness among

people over the age of 45 in their community to register for COVID vaccination. A similar awareness session was also hosted at Khondbond and masks were also distributed among adolescents. It may be noted here that 'World Health day' is an international awareness day, marked every year on

April 7. From its inception at the First Health Assembly in 1948 and since taking effect in 1950, the celebration has aimed to create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a priority area of concern for the World Health Organization. This year's theme for 'World Health Day' is 'Building a fairer, healthier world for everyone', which highlights WHO's constitutional principle that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition."

Legal Awareness Camp organised by DLSA Malkangiri

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Apr 7: The District Legal Services Authority in Malkangiri, a legal awareness camp was organized by Malkangiri online. The legal services camp was organized on the basis of legality, bail, legal representation, and appeals. Secretary, Permanent and Permanent People's Court, Malkangiri Shri Amaresh Nayak and Malkangiri College Professor and Volunteer Dr Ranjan Kumar Swain were present at the online



camp and discussed various aspects and laws. College students, youth groups from Malkangiri, panel lawyers PLVs attended the event. FIR, however, shed light on the bail, and the legal representation of the people and the

appeal. He also discussed various schemes in legal services such as free law, people's courts, mediation, legal awareness and literacy, and 10 public welfare schemes provided by the National Legal Services Authority.

CG Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced financial assistance to the families of the martyred Javanese



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Apr 7: At least 22 Javanese were killed in a shootout between Javanese and Naxals in Sukma bijapur, Chhattisgarh, on the Malkangiri bor-

der. However, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced financial assistance to the families of Javanese who were martyred in Sukma. The family of the deceased

will receive up to Rs 80 lakh and one member of the family will be employed. According to the Chhattisgarh Information and Public Relations Department. A senior state information and public relations official said on Monday that a police officer and a Javanese family member who had been killed in a shootout between Javanese and the Naxals would be given at least Rs 80 lakh and a family member. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has ordered an end to the process. A total of Rs 80 lakh will be provided by the state government in the form of financial assistance, including special grants, collective alternative special grants, martyrs' honorary funds, group insurance and other financial assistance.

Bijapur Cruelty: Maoist organization releases recent photo of prisoners

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, Apr 7: Cobra Javanese Rajeshwar Singh Manhas was abducted by the Maoists. The incident has caused a stir

across the country. Even Union Home Minister Amit Shah was indirectly involved in the case. Finally, the Maoists have made it clear that Rajeshwar



Singh Manas is safe. The Special Zonal Maoist Committee has released a recent photo of the detainee. A two-page letter was also issued by the Maoist organization

yesterday. In the letter, the government announced the name of the mediator, stating that the Maoist organization would release the Javanese to the police through that mediator.

Minor Odisha Migrant Workers Thrashed By Middleman At Andhra Brick Kiln

(A.O. Bureau) Bolangir, Apr 7: A middleman from Kantabanji area in the district has been detained by the police for allegedly beating up two minor boys mercilessly at a brick kiln in Andhra Pradesh after the duo refused to work due to illness. The incident has sent shock waves in the district after a video went viral on social media, triggering massive public outcry. In the video, the middleman, identified as one Raja Khan is seen beating the

minor boys with a wooden plank while hurling abuses at them. According to reports, Khan had sent the minor boys to work at a brick kiln in Andhra Pradesh. However, they couldn't report to work some days back due to illness. The owner of the brick kiln then called Khan who reached the place and began torturing the boys on their refusal to work. Meanwhile, the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in Bolangir has demanded immediate action against



middleman Khan. "We saw the video in which Raja Khan was seen

beating a child mercilessly. It is absolutely inhuman. He needs to

be arrested immediately," demanded Yogeswar Mohanty, chairperson of Child Welfare Committee, Bolangir. Mohanty further added that he would write to the Superintendent of Police (SP) and concerned police station seeking his immediate arrest. The matter will also be taken up with the district Collector for further action, he said. As per reports, Khan has been detained for questioning and further investigations are on.

Rape Of Woman At Mahila Samiti: OSCPCR Chief Begins Probe

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Apr 7: Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) chairperson Sandhyabati Pradhan on Tuesday visited a Mahila Samiti in Kendrapara district and inquired into the sexual exploitation of



a woman worker. The woman worker, a house keeper, was allegedly repeatedly raped by a

relative of the president of the Lutheran Mahila Samiti at Patalipanka. The victim got pregnant

due to the sexual abuse and delivered a baby boy recently. OSCPCR chief visited a correctional home, a child care institute and an old age home run by the Mahila Samiti and inquired about the sexual exploitation case for about seven hours. She termed incident

shameful and unfortunate. "On the basis of the complaint, we inquired into the matter today. The allegations are highly sensitive and unfortunate. If such incident occurs in an institution, it is a matter of grave concern. We are inquiring it from all angles," Pradhan said.

IPS Officer Sagarika Nath Tests COVID +Ve

(A.O. Bureau) Sundargarh, Apr 7: IPS officer and Sundargarh SP Sagarika Nath has tested positive for COVID-19, sources said today. Nath has been placed under home isolation at her official quarters for the last two days, sources added.



Notably, Sundargarh district today reported 147 COVID-19 cases, highest in the state dur-

ing the last 24 hours. A total of 791 cases were detected in Odisha in the last 24 hours.

Being an actress in film industry is not easy: Rani Mukerji



Mumbai, Apr 7: Actress Rani Mukerji, who has worked in Bollywood for 25 years now, says it is challenging to be a part of showbiz. She says her advice to newcomers would be to understand that there are a lot of expectations in this industry. "My only advice would be that being an actress in the film industry is not easy. It's a very, very difficult profession to be in, as there are a lot of expectations that the audi-

ence has from you once you become an established star. Also, to be able to work in different conditions is not easy," she says. "Of course, on screen it all looks glamorous and easy and nice. It looks serene and beautiful, especially the locations where we shoot at times, but actually working in the industry is very very hard," she adds. She urges people to only join the profession only if they are passionate about their

craft. "So, if you are ready to work really hard and you really love the craft of acting then you should be here, not for any other reason because success, glamour, name and fame come only when the audience loves you. The first and foremost thing is to work sincerely so you gain loyal fans for life," she says. The actress will be seen in the upcoming films "Bunty Aur Babli 2" and "Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway".

Cruella trailer: It's Emma Stone vs Emma Thompson in this Disney movie



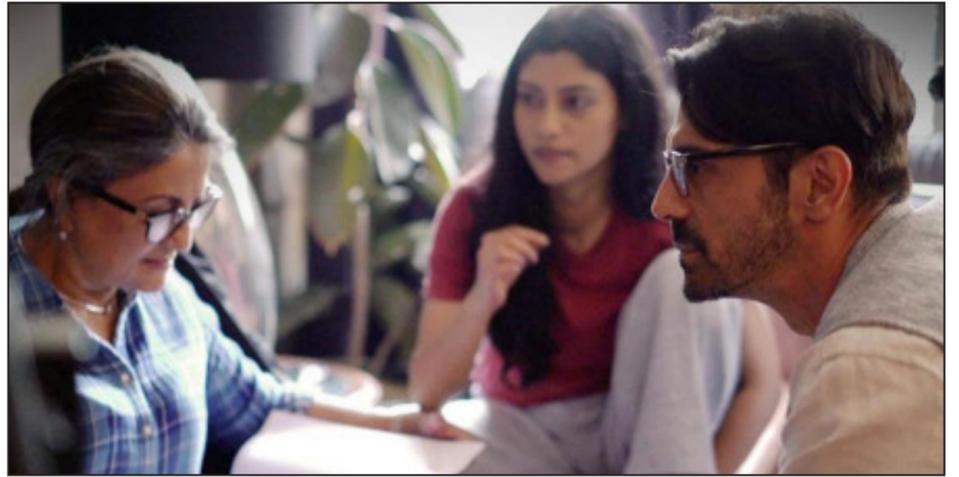
New Delhi, Apr 7: Cruella trailer Emma Stone and Emma Thompson are warring each other in Cruella. The new trailer of Emma Stone starrer Cruella is out and it looks like a mean mix of The Devil Wears Prada and reality show Project Runway. The latest trailer expands on Cruella's journey from being a struggling dress designer to a supervillain as she challenges Emma

Thompson's Baroness von Hellman. This trailer gives an ominous feel to the film, especially with the way the makers have used Doris Day's "Perhaps Perhaps Perhaps" in the clip. Cruella is set in 1970s London when Emma Stone's Estella is trying to create a name for herself in the world of fashion. When Emma Thompson's Baroness von Hellman spots her flaming attire, it creates friction between the

two. Talking about Cruella's comparisons to Joker, Stone told Total Film, "It's very different from Joker in many ways... I would never even remotely compare myself to Joaquin Phoenix. I wish I was more like him." Previously, the character of Cruella has been played by Glenn Close in the 1996 film 101 Dalmatians. The film was a massive hit and even got a sequel titled 102 Dalmatians. The Dalmatians can be seen in this trailer as well but the story here seems to be quite different from what we have seen before. Cruella has been directed by Craig Gillespie, of I Tonya fame, and is scheduled to release on May 28.

Konkona Sen Sharma, Arjun Rampal-starrer 'The Rapist' wrap up shooting

Mumbai, Apr 7: 'The Rapist' deals with sexual violence and restorative justice, while exploring the aftermath of a 'dark, violent night on the victims as well as the perpetrators of the crime'. Filmmaker Aparna Sen has finished shooting for her upcoming feature "The Rapist", starring actors Konkona Sen Sharma, Arjun Rampal and Tanmay Dhanania. The film, backed by Applause Entertainment in collaboration with Quest Films, went on floors in March with the filming taking place in New Delhi. "It's a wrap! Filming concludes for our first feature film, 'The Rapist', produced by Applause



Entertainment in collaboration with #QuestFilms and directed by the incredible @senaparna. This sensitive, unflinching drama stars the impeccable @konkonas @rampalarjun and

@tanmaydhanania," the official Twitter account of Applause Entertainment wrote. According to the makers, "The Rapist" deals with sexual violence and restorative justice, while exploring the aftermath

of a "dark, violent night on the victims as well as the perpetrators of the crime". The film marks a reunion between the mother-daughter duo of Aparna Sen and Konkona Sen Sharma as they previ-

ously worked on critically-acclaimed films like "Mr and Mrs Iyer" (2002), "15 Park Avenue" (2005) and horror-comedy "Goynar Baksho" (2013). "The Rapist" is currently in post-production.

Karthi credits Rashmika Mandanna's fan base for Sulthan's big opening

New Delhi, Apr 7: Karthi and Rashmika Mandanna's latest release Sulthan is receiving a lot of love from the audience. The makers hosted a Thank You meet for fans on Wednesday. Karthi, along with the makers of Sulthan, celebrated the positive response the film received at a Thank You meet held on Wednesday. Karthi credited Rashmika Mandanna for Sulthan's big opening at the theatres. Addressing his fans and media, the actor said Rashmika's "huge fan

base is one of the reasons for the big opening." Karthi also expressed that he "felt really happy when audiences were clapping for me and Gada in the climax of Sulthan." He also shared how his brother Suriya told him to believe in hardwork. "Anna (referring to Suriya) keeps telling me that our hardwork for one particular film needn't always materialize and work out immediately. It's like a savings bank account which will definitely benefit us later one day," the actor said.



Kriti Sanon: Hoping things normalise soon, so many films are pending to release



New Delhi, Apr 7: Actor Kriti Sanon talks about her film Mimi, which is waiting to get a release date, and her take on the constant debate between OTT vs theatres. Shooting, travelling, and shooting again- Kriti Sanon's life currently is all about that. With a host of biggies such as Bachchan Pandey, Bhediya and Ganpath in her kitty, she is of course excited. And on top of that, it was also

recently announced that she will be joining Prabhas and Saif Ali Khan in Adipurush. Even though Covid cases continue to rise, the film industry has got back on its feet, and been making announcements for new films. Shoots are going on in full swing. A lot of films made their way onto OTT platforms. Sanon says she would prefer theatrical releases for all her films. "Obviously, as an actor you want

the film to reach more number of audiences, and beyond just the audience of OTT. Of course, they are great platforms, and everyone is hooked on to it, they have got great content. As an actor you want it to reach the masses, even the ones who don't really go on these platforms," says the 30-year-old, whose film Mimi, in which she plays a surrogate mother, is also waiting for a release.

Study suggests risk of leukemia higher in children with Down syndrome

New Delhi, Apr 7: A new study highlighted the risks of leukemia in children with Down syndrome. It pointed to stronger than expected associations between Down syndrome and acute myeloid leukemia (AML), one type of blood cancer. Down syndrome is one of the most common genetic conditions in the US and Canada. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 6,000 babies with Down syndrome are born in the United States each year. That is approximately one in every 700 babies born in the US and one in 750 newborns in Canada. Children with Down syndrome have a substantially increased risk of multiple health conditions compared to the general

population. They have a particularly elevated risk (estimated 150-fold) of developing AML before age of five. The study confirmed that Down syndrome is a strong risk factor for childhood leukemia. Study findings on leukemia in children with Down syndrome The researchers examined medical data of more than 3.9 million children born 1996-2016 in seven US healthcare systems or in Ontario, Canada. The data included the children's health information from birth to cancer diagnosis, death, age of 15 years, disenrollment, or December 30, 2016. "One main strength of this study is its large cohort with more leukemia cases in children with Down syndrome than most pre-



vious studies," said Emily Marlow, first author and a recent graduate from UC Davis Department of Public Health Sciences and Graduate Group in Epidemiology. "This allowed more precise risk estimation, especially for rare leukemia types such as AML-7, previously estimated from small case

reports," added Marlow. The study estimated the incidence and hazard ratios of leukemia for children with Down syndrome and other children, adjusting for the health system, child's age at diagnosis, birth year and sex. It found that 2.8 per cent of children with Down syndrome were diagnosed

with leukemia, compared to 0.05 per cent of other children. Compared to other children, kids with Down syndrome had a higher risk of AML before the age of five and a higher risk of acute lymphoid leukemia (ALL) regardless of age. In children with Down syndrome, ALL was more common be-

tween ages two-four years, while AML was more common in younger kids - the highest incidence during the first year of life. For other children, AML incidence remained very low through age 14 years, whereas ALL peaked at the age of three years and steadily declined until the age of eight years. The study also found that males and Hispanic children were more likely to be diagnosed with Down syndrome and more likely to develop leukemia than their counterparts. White children have a higher incidence rate of ALL and more likely to have Down syndrome than Black children. Catching leukemia in kids: The researchers urged parents with kids

with Down syndrome to keep an eye for signs of leukemia. Common symptoms include fatigue or pale skin, infections or fever, easy bleeding or bruising, shortness of breath and coughing. Parents are advised to talk to the pediatrician if their children exhibit any of these symptoms. "The good news is that childhood leukemia can be very treatable if caught early," said co-senior author Diana L. Miglioretti, professor and division chief of biostatistics at the UC Davis Department of Public Health Sciences and affiliate investigator with Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research. Imaging technologies and leukemia: A steep

rise in medical imaging over the past two decades, particularly in computed tomography (CT) exams, increased children's exposure to higher levels of radiation. Previous studies have shown that CT scanning increases leukemia risk. "Given the potential for ionizing radiation to increase leukemia risk in children with Down syndrome, other non-ionizing radiation modes of imaging, such as ultrasound and MRI, should be used as the first line image tests," said co-senior author Rebecca Smith-Bindman, a UCSF School of Medicine professor with the Departments of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging and of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

IPL 2021: Axar Patel, Devdutt Padikkal in headlines as COVID-19 threat looms large



New Delhi, Apr 7: Apart from the multiple ground staff at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium, several IPL 2021 players like Axar Patel and Devdutt Padikkal have been afflicted by COVID-19 too. Ahead of the start of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 with a clash between defending champions Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore in Chennai on Friday, the cash-rich league has found itself in a spot because of multiple positive COVID-19 tests in different franchises' camps. Apart from the ground staff and event managers at

Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium, several players like Axar Patel and Devdutt Padikkal have been afflicted too. Nitish Rana (Kolkata Knight Riders): Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) batsman Nitish Rana had tested positive for COVID-19 on March 22 after joining the squad in the team hotel in Mumbai the previous day. As per IPL protocol, he was tested for the virus last month, during his quarantine and the report showed that he was asymptomatic. On April 1, the 27-year-old lefthander tested negative and KKR confirmed that "he would be fully fit well before the

start of the season." Devdutt Padikkal (Royal Challengers Bangalore): Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) opener Devdutt Padikkal tested positive for COVID-19 on March 22 and according to a franchise statement on April 7, he came out negative in the latest round of testing. After quarantining himself for around two weeks at his home in Bengaluru, the 20-year-old rejoined the team on Wednesday. "The RCB medical team was in constant touch with Devdutt to ensure his safety and well-being," the franchise stated in a release.

Axar Patel (Delhi Capitals): Delhi Capitals (DC) all-rounder Axar Patel tested positive for COVID-19 on April 3, six days before the start of the new edition of the tournament. Confirming the news, Delhi Capitals said in a statement, "He had checked into the team hotel in Mumbai on March 28, 2021, with a negative report. His report from the second COVID test came positive." The left-arm spinner is currently in isolation at a "designated medical care facility" and as per the BCCI's protocols, he will only be allowed to rejoin his teammates after he tests negative for the infection.

Daniel Sams (Royal Challengers Bangalore): Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) bowling all-rounder Daniel Sams, who made his IPL debut last season for Delhi Capitals, tested positive for COVID-19 on April 7. "Daniel Sams checked into the team hotel in Chennai on April 3 with a negative COVID report on arrival. His report from the second test on April 7 came positive," RCB said in a statement. The franchise also said that it will continue to monitor Sams' health during his isolation as per BCCI's protocols. Earlier on April 6, Mumbai Indians' wicket-keeping consultant and talent scout Kiran More had also tested positive for the virus, but all other members of the defending champions' squad returned negative reports. Because of the recent COVID-19 spike in India, the BCCI has decided to test everyone in the IPL bio-bubble on a daily basis instead of every third day, as was the case last year. There is now a separate bio-bubble for ground staff and curators.

Of all the people to pick on for her agenda, I can't believe she has chosen my son: Moeen Ali's father

New Delhi, Apr 7: Moeen's father Munir Ali speaks about the hurt Taslima Nasreen's tweet has caused. I am hurt and shocked to read Taslima Nasreen's vile remark against my son Moeen. In her "clarifying" tweet, where she described her original remark as sarcasm, she also says she stands against fundamentalism. If she looks into a mirror, she will know what she tweeted is what is fundamentalist—a vicious stereotype against a Muslim person, a clearly Islamophobic statement. Someone who doesn't have self-respect and respect for others can only stoop to this level. Truth be told, I am really angry, but I know I would be playing into the hands of people like her if I let my rage get out of control. If I get to meet her someday, I will tell what I really think of her on her face. For now, I would ask her to pick a dictionary and see the meaning of sarcasm. It's not what she thinks it is. It's not spewing vile poisonous stuff against someone you don't even know and then retracting it by saying it was sarcasm. Of all the people to pick on for her agenda, I can't believe she has chosen my son. Everyone in the cricketing world knows the person he is. Let me reiterate for those who don't. My father came to the UK from Mirpur in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and my mother is English. I loved the game of cricket but couldn't pursue my dream but did all I could to help my sons become professional players. Over the years, I have come across people like Nasreen who have railed against Moeen; the only difference is they were from England. I remember sitting at the ground at Worcester years ago when Moeen walked out to bat. A loud voice

shouted, "shave off the beard!". I had already been hearing some murmurs in the cricketing world about Moeen's faith. "Even some coaches. They would gently tell you, 'look, this is England, think about that beard'". I was worried and went to Moeen, who told me in a clear voice that this was him. That he wasn't going to bother about the criticism. That's his strong character. It wasn't easy, of course. Once on a developmental tour to India, a coach, who will go unnamed, told him to trim the beard. Moeen told him, "I will leave cricket today but will not leave my belief, and this is my belief. If I play, I will play with what I am. He didn't play a single match there, I think, and when



they asked him at the end of the tour about his learnings, he said, "nothing, just net practice, I could have done it in England." Everyone else played but he wasn't played, and he knew it was because of beard. I was worried about his immediate future, but he piled on the performances in county cricket and progressed. That's the kind of strong character he is. He will shrug this off as well but that doesn't mean anyone can take a pop at him like this. England cricket has changed for good over the years and everyone loves and respects Moeen.

Shyam Thapa hospitalised after testing positive for COVID-19



Kolkata, Apr 7: The 73-year-old Thapa, who is the chairman of the AIFF technical committee, got himself admitted to a private hospital in Kolkata on Tuesday evening after his test report came positive on Monday. "I was feeling tasteless and there was a loss of appetite. My test report came positive and as a precautionary measure I got myself admitted. Now, I'm feeling stable and much better," Thapa, who helped India bag a bronze medal in the Merdeka Tournament and the

73-year-old got himself admitted to a private hospital here on Tuesday evening after his test report came positive on Monday. "I was feeling tasteless and there was a loss of appetite. My test report came positive and as a precautionary measure I got myself admitted. Now, I'm feeling stable and much better," Thapa, who helped India bag a bronze medal in the Merdeka Tournament and the

Bangkok Asian Games in 1970, told PTI. Thapa was administered the first shot of COVID-19 vaccine on March 20. "The second shot was due yesterday but now it has been postponed," he added. Famous for his bicycle kick and back volleys, Thapa made his name for East Bengal in the mid-1960s and early 70s before joining Mohun Bagan in 1977 during an illustrious career.

Won't hold Bihar Cricket League without BCCI okay: BCA

New Delhi, Apr 7: The Bihar Cricket League (BCL) was held from March 20 to 26 in Patna. The state association had written to the BCCI about plans to conduct the league in December and followed it up with letters in January and February. The Bihar Cricket Association (BCA), which conducted a T20 league without the approval of the Indian cricket board has assured the governing body of compliance in the future and issued an 'unconditional apology'. The Bihar Cricket League (BCL) was held from March 20 to 26 in Patna. The state association had written to the BCCI about plans to conduct the league in December and followed it up with letters in January and February. However, the BCCI informed the BCA that no approval was being given for the tournament only on March 24. The BCCI also issued a notice to the BCA to stop conducting the league. In an email reply to BCCI secretary Jay Shah, BCA president Rakesh Tiwary asked the cricket board to look at the matter keeping the interest of Bihar cricketers in mind. "As BCA is a newly formed asso-

ciation and have comeback under BCCI's umbrella after nearly gap decades, I, on behalf of Bihar Cricket Association assure you that in future the same shall not be repeated. If needed, I shall be very much thankful and obliged to you if you kindly give me precious time to explain the matter in person," Tiwary wrote in an email. All state associations need the approval of the BCCI to run franchise-based T20 leagues. In February, the anti-corruption unit (ACU) had asked the BCCI to crack down on franchise-based T20 leagues being run in states to curb corruption because of dubious backgrounds of owners. Chargesheets had also been filed against a few players and some of the owners earlier related to corruption in some of the state association leagues. Tiwary in his email wrote that BCCI did not respond to BCA's emails sent in December, January or February. "Again an email dated 22.1.2021 was sent to the C.E.O. of BCCI by the C.E.O. Bihar Cricket Association wherein he has mentioned the dates for organising the Bihar Cricket League, 2021, but no re-

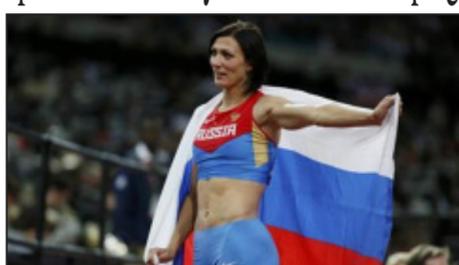


support. That thereafter the BCCI did not respond or has given any sort of direction to the Bihar Cricket Association for not conducting the Bihar Cricket League, 2021. So we proceeded with the tournament." The BCA president mentioned that state association officials did not have time to go through the email of the BCCI (dated March 24) which asked them to stop the tournament as everyone was busy. "As the entire Bihar Cricket Association were busy in their hectic schedule in making a tournament a grand success, in which we are successful and it is for the time in Bihar when the people of Bihar have witnessed such a glamorous tournament, so we could not go through the said email of BCCI dated 24.3.2021. We only pursue it on 26.3.2021. Thereafter the C.E.O of the Bihar Cricket Association vide his email dated 26.3.2021 responded to the aforesaid email of the BCCI and requested to reconsider their decision in light of the discussions mentioned in this letter but till date we have not received any response from BCCI," the letter reads.

February 17. "The C.E.O. of Bihar Cricket Association vide his Email date 17.2.2021 had requested the BCCI to kindly grant the approval as the dates and preparation for conducting the BCL were already at its fag end and for organizing the said BCL information was already sent to the BCCI prior to 45 days and has also requested for ACU to

Russian Olympic champions Silnov, Antyukh banned for doping

New Delhi, Apr 7: Russian Olympic champions Andrei Silnov and Natalya Antyukh have each been banned for four years for doping offenses, the Court of Arbitration for Sport said Wednesday. Silnov and Antyukh were both charged last year with using or attempting to use a prohibited substance or method. The charges stemmed from a World Anti-Doping Agency



investigation into Russian doping in 2016. Silnov won gold in the high jump at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Antyukh won the title in the 400-meter hurdles

at the 2012 London Games. She also won bronze in the 400 and silver in the 4x400 relay in 2004. They will keep their Olympic medals.

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Vedanta organizes free health camp for local community on World Health Day

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium and value-added products, observed World Health Day at its alumina refinery at Lanjigarh, and aluminium & power operations at Jharsuguda, in Odisha on 7th April 2021.



Observing this day with the theme 'Building a fairer, healthier world', the alumina refinery unit organized a multi-specialty free health camp at Vedanta Hospital, Lanjigarh to reach the unreached. In collaboration with the District Health Department - Kalahandi and Punaruthan Voluntary Organization (PVO), around 500 villagers from across 25 villages in Kalahandi availed medical services on a single day.

programmes in the regions where we operate, bringing quality healthcare services to the doorsteps of thousands of people in rural hinterlands. Acknowledging Vedanta's efforts, Mr. Kamalakant Barik, Chairman-Punaruthan Voluntary Organization, Vedanta's healthcare partner in Lanjigarh, said, "Vedanta has always been in the forefront in ensuring the health and wellbeing of the members of the community residing in its periphery. We are proud to be a partner in this effort of Vedanta, which serves the poor people with utmost sincerity.

The company also organized knowledge-sharing and sensitization sessions covering 50 Nand Ghars (anganwadis modernized by Vedanta) of Kalahandi and Rayagada districts. In 10 Nand Ghar, (5 in Kalahandi and 5 in Rayagada) awareness sessions on precautionary measures along with vital information were conducted in strict adherence to COVID guidelines. Total 168 members were sensitized in 10 centres. The members and beneficiaries of the remaining 40 Nand Ghars (20 in Kalahandi and 20 in Rayagada) 65 members participated virtually.

gram such as malaria, dengue, diarrhea and various viral diseases, nutrition for child development and pregnant women. Vedanta is also supporting a hospital in the remote area of Bankakunduru - Maa Santoshi Jankalyan Hospital, catering to about 27000 people in 200 villages of the region. Vedanta's social interventions in the domains of sustainable livelihood, women empowerment, quality education, health, water and sanitation, bio-investment and community infrastructure reach out to over 140 villages in Lanjigarh and nearby areas, benefiting about 2 lakh people in a year. It empowers more than 7000 women from over 600 self-help groups (SHGs), provides healthcare services to about 60,000 people annually, gives educational support to more than 9000 students, has planted more than 6.8 lakh trees in the community, and built 1000 plus infrastructural projects at community level. Vedanta Aluminium & Power, a part of Vedanta Limited, is India's largest producer of aluminium, producing almost half of India's aluminium or 1.9 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) in FY20, and is also one of the largest private power producers in the country. It is a leader in value-added aluminium products that find critical applications in core industries. With its world-class smelters, power plants and alumina refinery spread across India, the company fulfils its mission of spurring emerging applications of aluminium as the 'Metal of the Future' for a greener tomorrow.

PM To Release Hindi Version Of 'Odisha Itihaas' By Dr Harekrushna Mahatab On April 9

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the Hindi translation of the book

MP(LS), Cuttack will also be present on the occasion. The event marking the release of the Hindi version has been organised by



'Odisha Itihaas' written by 'Utkal Keshari' Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab on 9th April 2021 at 12 noon from Ambedkar International Center, Janpath, New Delhi. The book, available in Odia and English so far, has been translated into Hindi by Shri. Shankarlal Purohit, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Bhartruhari Mahtab

Harekrushna Mahtab Foundation. Dr Mahatab was a notable figure in the Indian Independence Movement. He also served as Chief Minister of Odisha from 1946 to 1950 and from 1956 to 1961. He wrote the book 'Odisha Itihaas' in Ahmednagar Fort Jail, where he was imprisoned for more than two years during 1942-1945.

Odisha Doctor Latest Victim Of ATM Fraud, Loses Rs 9.66 Lakh

(A.O. Bureau) Kendrapara, Apr 7: In a case of bank fraud, a Veterinarian from Kendrapara district and his wife lost Rs 9.66 lakh in phases. To their utter surprise, the money were withdrawn from their bank account through ATMs without their knowledge. As per reports, Veterinarian Jitanshu Sekhar Mohanty and wife, a resident of Kuhudiha Nayanavihar in Kendrapara, received money withdrawal message on their mobile phone on April 3 night. After getting such messages within few hours, the couple's suspicion



grew. Subsequently, Jitanshu blocked the ATM card through customer care. The money was withdrawn from the couple's joint account at Bank of India, Mahanadi Vihar branch in Cuttack, said Jitanshu. Based on a complaint filed by the Veterinarian, the Cyber Cell registered a case and launched an investigation. An official of the Cyber Cell said a

total of Rs 9.66 lakh were withdrawn in phases from the couple's bank account in between January and March. Preliminary probe shows the money were withdrawn at ATMs located in Delhi, the official added. The couple asked how the money was withdrawn from the joint bank account without one-time password (OTP).

Over 1 Quintal Ganja Seized From House; 3 Women Among 5 Held

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Apr 7: Ahuge cache of ganja was seized from a house in Bhubaneswar and five persons including three women were arrested in this connection. The accused persons have been identified as Kamlesh

Yadav, Sushilen Lima, Sushilan Lima—all three residents of Bihar—and Sugyani Behera and Kumani Behera of Ganjam district. The accused persons were peddling the ganja from a rented house at Ghatikia area under Bharatpur police limits.