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## Naveen Patnaik campaigns for Pipili bypoll in virtual mode, focuses on women vote bank

Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: Odisha Chief Minister and BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik, today addressed the people of Pipili-Delanga to vote for BJD. In his address, Naveen credited women of the state for their contribution in the development of the state through Mission Shakti program and appealed the women voters to bless him by voting for BJD candidate. Naveen expressed his disappointment of not being



able to meet the people of Pipili and

Delanga area in view of the Covid surge. "I

know you all love me very much. If I would

have gone to Pipili-Delanga, you would have gathered in large number to bless me. I thought it won't be wise to visit you during this period for which I am visiting you all through video conference today. Once the Covid pandemic is over I will go to visit you." This by poll has been necessitated due to untimely demise of your MLA Pradeep Maharathy. I appeal you all to cast your votes for the BJD candidate.

## Sushil Chandra Appointed New Chief Election Commissioner

New Delhi, Apr 12: President Ram Nath Kovind today appointed Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). Chandra replaces Sunil Arora who has retired. Chandra was appointed as the 24th Chief Election Commissioner will demit the office on May 14,



2022. As the CEC, Chandra will oversee the Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Uttarakhand and Manipur States.

## Establishment Of Cancer Hospital In Bhubaneswar Gets Cabinet Nod



Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: The Odisha Cabinet in its meeting chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today approved the establishment of a cancer hospital namely 'Bagchi-Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital & Research Institute' in Bhubaneswar. Sri Shankara Cancer Care Foundation as a charitable institute has volunteered to establish the hospital in the capital city. Subroto Bagchi,

Odisha Skill Development Authority Chairman, and his wife Susmita Bagchi have pledged Rs 210 crore for the cancer hospital. The Government of Odisha will provide 20 acres of land in Infocity-II, Bhubaneswar free of cost for establishment of the hospital. In the first phase, the hospital will be equipped with 250 beds and shall be operational by January, 2024. Later, it shall be

converted into a 500-bedded hospital. It shall provide advanced cutting-edge cancer care with evidence-based management of cancer cases. A total of 25% beds shall be set aside for free treatment, another 25% for patients supported under different Government health schemes and rest 50% patients will pay for the services. The revenue generated shall be utilized for expansion and

supporting the poor patients. It will be an oncology centre of excellence with academic and research facilities with major categories of services like surgical, medical and radiation oncology, imaging nuclear medicine, paediatric and haematology oncology, centre for lung disease, anaesthesia & intensive care, laboratory diagnostic services, blood bank and immuno-haematology services. With the approval of an

## Sputnik V – The Third COVID-19 Vaccine Gets Approval For Use In India

Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: Sputnik V, the Russian vaccine was approved for emergency use in India amid upsurge in COVID cases and erratic shortage of vaccines in the country. The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) gave its nod to the vaccine at a meeting today. Source said that the vaccine will be rolled out in India by Dr. Reddy's, a leading pharmaceutical firm. With the approval of an



application for emergency use authorization, India may get the vaccine soon. Currently, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has approved two vaccines — Covishield and Covaxin — for vaccination for the novel coronavirus. In the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic in India, the situation has worsened in a past few weeks with sharp increase in number of cases each day in many States. At a time, many States are running out of vaccine stocks, the third vaccine may bring a major relief for the union government.

## Dutee Chand Gears Up For World Relays As Indian Team Sets Sight On Tokyo

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: Dutee Chand, national record holder in women's 100 metres, will stay in quarantine for a week as well as train in isolation as she shifts her training base to Patiala's National Institute of Sports from

wake of spike in Covid-19 cases, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) issued fresh guidelines to avoid spread of contagious virus in SAI campuses across the country. It is mandatory for outstation athletes to furnish RT-PCR negative re-

the quarantine period Dutee can't use the main gymnasium hall, said the coach. "We can't go to the dining hall. The meals are being served in the room. We will train on a grassy ground that is far off from the main track used by other athletes for training," added the coach. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has shortlisted six top

sprinters including newly-crowned 100m national champion S Dhanalakshmi. "Since top two runners in the team have sub-11.50 seconds time for 100m, we stand a good chance to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics," explains AFI president Adille Sumariwalla. Since Hima Das's recurring back injury restrict her to compete in the longer sprint, she is also selected for the 4x100m relay. Das was part of the Jakarta Asian Games silver-medal winning team in 400 metres. Himashree Roy, Archana Suseendran and AT Daneshwari are the other sprinters selected by AFI for the 4x100m squad.

Bhubaneswar to prepare for next month's World Relays. The 25-year-old Odisha sprinter is one of the key runners in the national women's 4x100m relay squad shortlisted for next month's World Relays, an Olympic qualification competition, in Poland. To practice baton exchange and train with other members of the team, Dutee had reached Patiala from Bhubaneswar on Sunday. Last week, in the

ports issued not before 72 hours and stay in quarantine for a minimum of one week in a SAI campus before training in a group with other athletes, say SAI guidelines. "We have to stay indoors for a week. But we can go out to train at a particular time of the day. Since we are in quarantine for six-seven days we can't train on the main synthetic track and do collective training with other sprinters," Dutee's coach N. Ramesh said. During

Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: They have been asked to ensure social distancing to decongest hospital campuses and also see that health care personnel, as well as non-covid patient, do not get infected. As Odisha sees a rapid rise in new Covid-19 cases, the state government on Monday came up with a set of fresh guidelines to contain the spread of the virus at healthcare facilities. The Health and Family Welfare Department directed all Superintendents of Medical Colleges, Directors of Capital Hospital and Rourkela Government Hospital, and CDMOs of all districts to strictly maintain Covid protocols prescribed for healthcare

institutions. They have been asked to ensure social distancing to decongest hospital campuses and also see that health care personnel and non-covid patient do not get infected. As per the guidelines, all elective surgeries will be stopped and emergency surgeries will be taken up with universal precautions. The central registration will be suspended for the time being and manual registration will be taken up with due social distancing measures in OPDs to avoid the large gathering at central registration counters. The OPD medical officers have also been asked to avoid advising frequent re-visit of patients if not required. Restrictions

have also been imposed on the entry of journalists inside OPD and IPD. Covid appropriate behaviour will be strictly enforced in hospitals with infection control measures. Only one attendant will be allowed for the serious patients indoors while no attendant will be allowed inside the ward for ambulatory patients. The number of drug distribution counters will be increased, while dedicated fever clinics, isolation wards, and testing facilities will be set up as per the guidelines issued by the government. The Health Department has asked hospital authorities to remain prepared with facilities to deal with all types of emergency pro-

cedures including maternity and child care with Covid prevention protocol. "People are to be encouraged to utilise existing telemedicine services for their ailments," the guidelines issued by the Directorate of Health Services stated while suggesting that non-essential admission should be discouraged. "However, timely medical care to emergency cases must not be denied in the name of Covid," it stressed. The department asked chief district medical and public health officers and medical superintendents to enforce the safety protocols and guidelines in all health facilities including private health establishments. "If re-

## Plea in SC challenging Centre's decision on vaccination for all above 45 years



New Delhi, Apr 12: The petition has sought directions to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to make effective changes in its policy to ensure vaccination for COVID-19 to all citizens of the country. A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the Centre's decision on COVID-19 vaccination only to prioritized age groups? above 45 years and

sought doses for all citizens. The plea filed by political activist and columnist Tehseen Poonawalla said there has been a steep increase in daily COVID-19 cases in the country, with 1.31 lakh new cases as of April 9. This has necessitated an ever-increasing need to allow vaccination for COVID-19 to all age groups and especially to all persons with comorbidities such as respiratory illnesses and terminal illness, who, despite being vulnerable to the virus, have not been given the option to be protected by the vaccine. "This arbitrary bar on the age-groups coupled with the sudden rise in the number of infections due to COVID-19 disease...necessitates immediate steps to be taken to ensure that vaccination is not only available to persons

aged above 45 years but to all such persons, even below the age of 45-years, who are employed in work that requires them to go outside every day as well as all persons with any of the co-morbid conditions as vulnerable groups," the plea said. "The bar on availability of approved vaccines to persons below the age of 45 years, despite having co-morbid conditions, is arbitrary, unreasonable and ultra vires Article 21, which guarantees a right to life, not being a mere animal existence but including within it the right to dignity and appropriate healthcare as well as Article 14, which envisages a right to equality to all the citizens," it said. The petition has sought directions to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to make effective changes in its policy to ensure vaccination for COVID-19 to all citizens of the country. The Drugs Controller General of India had approved the use of two vaccines for immunization — Serum Institute of India's (SII) Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin. In a boost to India's vaccine drive, the Centre had eased the age limit on vaccination, allowing all those above 45 years in age to get the shots from April 1. The vaccination phases in India have so far covered all people above the age of 60, those above 45 with comorbidities, medical professionals and frontline workers.

## Hold elections to 3 Rajya Sabha seats before Assembly term expires: Kerala High Court

Thiruvananthapuram, Apr 12: The Kerala High Court on Monday said that elections to three Rajya Sabha seats in the state, which are falling vacant on April 21, should be held before the present legislative Assembly's term expires. Observing that the legislators of the outgoing Assembly have the right to cast their votes, the bench of Justice PV Asha, in an interim order, directed the Election Commission (EC) to com-

plete the process by May 2, the day results of the recently concluded Assembly elections would be announced. Last week, considering the petitions of CPI (M) legislator S Sharma and the state legislative Assembly secretariat, the EC had told the high court that it would be "just, fair and constitutional" to announce the election for the three seats after the new legislative Assembly is constituted. At the same time, the EC reiter-

ated that the schedule of the Upper House elections would be notified before the three incumbent members from Kerala retire. Sharma had moved the high court challenging the EC decision to keep in abeyance its earlier notification to conduct the Rajya Sabha elections before April 21, the day these three seats would fall vacant. The CPI (M) legislator was of the view that the EC move to delay the election process would

deny the sitting legislators of the current Assembly their right to vote. As per the original notification, the elections to the three Rajya Sabha seats should be held on April 12. The EC was of the view that as the voting for the Assembly elections ended on April 6, giving the outgoing Assembly members a chance to vote would not reflect the will of the people.



## Supreme Court dismisses Waseem Rizvi's plea seeking removal of some Quran verses

New Delhi, Apr 12: Syed Waseem Rizvi, in his PIL, alleged that the 26 verses "promote violence", and were not part of the original Quran, but were added in later revisions, and should hence be removed from the holy

the petitioner Syed Waseem Rizvi, a former chairperson of Shia Central Board of Waqf, Uttar Pradesh, the report further added. Rizvi, in his PIL, alleged that the 26 verses "promote violence", and

Pradesh. After the plea was filed on March 11, there have been protests against Rizvi in several cities, and police complaints — including one by a BJP leader in Jammu and Kashmir, and one in Bareilly in UP — have been lodged against him. While Rizvi often takes positions on contentious issues that align with the BJP, leaders from the ruling party, including former Union Minister Syed Shahnawaz Hussain, have condemned his latest move. "I strongly object to and condemn Wasim Rizvi's petition seeking removal of 26 verses from Quran. It is my party's stand that saying absurd things about any religious texts, including Quran, is a highly condemnable act," Hussain said.

were not part of the original Quran, but were added in later revisions, and should hence be removed from the holy book. Rizvi's move to file the petition in the top court drew a massive backlash from several Islamic clerics and organisations in Uttar



book. The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a PIL which sought deletion of 26 verses from the Quran alleging that they violate the law of the land and promote extremism, Bar & Bench reported. The bench also imposed costs of Rs. 50,000 on

way, the beginning of another major war against corona." The PM said that as part of the war against the virus, the country must keep four important issues in mind — "Each One-Vaccinate One, that is, help those who are less educated and elderly, who cannot go and get vaccinated themselves. Each One-Treat One, that is,

## Delhi HC grants time to Sonia, Rahul Gandhi and others to file replies on Swamy's plea in Herald case

New Delhi, Apr 12: BJP MP Subramanian Swamy has moved the High Court against a trial court order of February 11 declining his plea to lead evidence to prosecute the Gandhis and the other accused in the case. The Delhi High Court on Monday granted time to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, her son Rahul Gandhi and others accused in the National Herald case, to file replies on a plea by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy seeking to lead evidence before the trial court. Justice Suresh Kumar Kait listed the matter for further hearing on May 18. Senior advocate R S Cheema and Tarannum Cheema, representing the Congress leaders, told the court that they could not file replies as their office



was closed due to COVID-19 and sought more time. The High Court had on February 22 issued notices and sought responses of Gandhis, AICC general secretary Oscar Fernandes, Suman Dubey, Sam Pitroda and Young Indian (YI) on Swamy's plea and had stayed the trial court proceedings in the case till then. Swamy has moved the High Court

## Non-adherence to COVID-19 norms, virulent strains could be behind surge in infections: AIIMS chief

New Delhi, Apr 12: People not adhering to COVID-appropriate behaviour and the circulation of highly infectious strains of SARS-CoV-2 could be the primary reasons behind the surge in coronavirus infections in India, AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria said on Monday. He also warned that if the situation is not reversed, then the galloping infection rate will eventually cause a huge strain on the country's healthcare system. He sought stricter enforcement of COVID-appropriate behaviour on the ground level by the administration and authorities.

"Around February, when cases started to decrease, people became lax towards COVID-appropriate behaviour as they thought the virus had become ineffective. People are taking the disease lightly now. If you go out, you see that marketplaces, restaurants and shopping malls are crowded and full of people and these all are super-spreader events," Guleria said. Earlier, if one sick person was able to infect around 30 per cent of their contacts, this time those getting the disease are infecting a larger number of people, he said. "So,

the rate of spread of the infection is fast possibly due to the highly infectious and transmissible strains circulating," he added. Various strains of SARS-CoV-2, including the UK, South Africa and Brazil vari-

he stressed. The AIIMS chief also urged people to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Though the vaccine will not protect a person from contracting the infection, it will prevent its progression to a severe



ants, are circulating in India and have been termed as highly transmissible by experts. Guleria said the entire humanity is going through a difficult time and "unless it is important, people should not venture out. Also, it has to be ensured that there is no gathering and stricter enforcement of COVID-appropriate behaviour has to be ensured". "We may lose the gains we have made so far if we do not pay heed now," and the situation may completely get out of control, he said. "If the situation is not reversed, then the galloping infection rate will eventually cause a huge strain on the healthcare system also."

## Tika Utsav beginning of another major war against corona: PM

New Delhi, Apr 12: India on Day 1 of the 'Tika Utsav' administered 27.69 lakh doses of the Covid-19 vaccine till Sunday evening, the Health Ministry said, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi calling the drive the "beginning of another major war against corona". The special vaccination drive was launched after Modi had

said last week that over the four-day festival — from April 11, which is the birth anniversary of Jyotiba Phule, to April 14, the birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar — the country will try to achieve maximum vaccination coverage for the priority groups. On Sunday, before the launch of the vaccination drive, Modi, said, "This festival is, in a



people who do not have the means or do not know about the facilities available for vaccination. Each One-Save One, that is, emphasis should be that I should wear a mask and in this way I save myself and save the lives of others also. "The fourth important thing is that in the event of someone contracting corona, the people of the society

should lead in the creation of micro-containment zones. Family members and people of the society should create a 'micro-containment zone' whenever a Corona positive case has been reported," Modi said. In his message, the PM reiterated that in densely populated country like India, micro-containment zones is also an important way to fight corona. "In the event of detection of a single positive case, it is very important for all of us to be alert and to test the rest of the people. At the same time, the society and the administration have to make every effort to get the vaccine administered to the eligible people. We have to ensure that not a single vaccine is lost."

## Punjab National Bank celebrates 127th Foundation Day in Odisha



(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: Punjab National Bank, Bhubaneswar Zone celebrated its 127th Foundation Day in Odisha. In the morning, the CGM & Zonal Manager Ashwani Kumar garlanded the portrait of Late Lala Lajpat Rai,

the founder of the Bank in the Zonal Office Building and lighted the lamp. Addressing the employees of the Bank, Sri Kumar urged the staff members to follow the noble principles and spirit of the late founder for taking the Bank to new height. He also

urged the PNBians to dedicate towards the service and prompt delivery of banking requirement of our customers. On this occasion a Blood donation camp was organised with the help of Red Cross in the Zonal office where employees of

the Bank volunteered to donate Blood. Also one Health check-up camp was organized with the help of Amri Hospital, Bhubaneswar in its Pokhariput Branch for the customers and staff members of the Bank. Both the blood donation camp and Health check

up camp were inaugurated by Sri Ashwani Kumar, Zonal Manager. Bank also donated two numbers of computers to the school children of Grameswar High School, Panchapalli, Jagatsingpur under its CSR activity. Tree plantation activity was also undertaken to mark the occasion of 127th foundation day of the Bank. In the afternoon, customer meeting in small groups following all Corona Protocols were organized in Branch Premises and circle offices across the state. Sri Kumar also attended one such meeting at Circle Office, Bhubaneswar.

## TPCODL encourages Digital Payment through Pay & Win Scheme



### TATA POWER

(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: The ongoing spread of Covid 19 has become the biggest threat to the whole mankind. To restrict the spread of the pandemic different strategic measures have been taken by Govt in-

cluding lockdown, shutdown and night curfews to restrict movement of people. The importance is given on staying indoors which really helps in flattening the curve of Covid 19. This has enhanced the importance of digital mode of pay-

ment which actually helps people to limit their transport and they can get the convenience of their homes and use online channels for paying up their different dues. In line with this, TPCODL has also taken initiatives to encourage digital payment among its consumers and introduced the Pay & Win scheme for rewarding customers making regular payment of bills through digital mode. The scheme was applied to all 5 circles under TPCODL li-

censed area which entitled 3 prizes in each circle. The prizes were LED TV, Microwave oven and Mixer Grinder respectively for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes which was done through lucky draw. Commenting on the initiative Mr. M. Shenbagam, Chief Executive Officer, TPCentral Odisha Distribution Ltd said "The prime focus of TPCODL is always been Consumer Delight. We are taking up different initiatives to make the payment process easier and we are

also trying to instill a habit of paying bills regularly among the consumers. Looking to the surge in Covid 19 cases it becomes all the more important to make people adapt to digital payment which limits the in-person transactions. The Pay and Win Scheme for digital payment will definitely encourage our consumers to switch over to digital mode reducing the spread of Covid 19 which is the need of the hour in this Pandemic."

## New VCs Appointed For Two Odisha Universities



(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: Odisha Governor and Chancellor of Universities Professor Ganeshi Lal today appointed Prof. Umaballava Mohapatra and Prof. Sanjay Kumar Satapathy as Vice Chancellors of Rajendra University, Bolangir and Kalahandi University, Bhawanipatna, respectively for a period of four years with effect from the date they as-

sume office as such or until further orders,

whichever is earlier. Prof. Mohapatra, Re-

tired Professor of Botany, North Odisha

University has teaching experience of around 33 years. He has authored one book and successfully guided 14 Ph.D and 24 M.Phil scholars. Prof. Satapathy, Retired Professor of Commerce, Ravenshaw University has authored 24 books including 13 academic books. He has more than 36 years of teaching experience and has successfully guided 20 Ph.D scholars.

lier entry will now be the exit and the earlier exit will now be the entry. Entry to the platforms will be allowed only from the right hand side, i.e., the government car parking side or the Bus stand side or the RMS side. Exit from the platforms will be allowed only from the left hand side which is the ATM side or the Reliance side. This is being done

as the checking for the RTPCR reports and gate pass are being done from the ATM side only. Passengers will not be allowed to enter the station from the ATM side as it might bring them in contact with the exiting passengers. East Coast Railway urges all passengers to cooperate with the above arrangements at Railway Station during this pandemic time.

## Restrictions On Entry/Exit Of Passengers At Bhubaneswar Railway Station



(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: East Coast Railway (ECoR) has taken steps to prevent the spread of corona virus at the Bhubaneswar Railway Station as per the government direction. In order to ensure effective management of crowd and social distancing, entry to the station is allowed only through platform number 1. The ear-

## New Thinking Forum Demand Legal Action Taken Against TITE College Authority



(A.O. Bureau)

Khordha, Apr 12: Today New Thinking Forum submitted a memorandum before the Collector Khordha to take legal action against the TITE College Authority to illegally demolish the old DRDA building near Barunei Khordha and occupied Ac. 1.832 dec. land. The Honourable High Court of Odisha reference W. P. (C)No-8137 of 2012 & M. C. No-7125 of 2012 direct that there shall be stay operation of the order and status quo in the above building and land but the TITE college Authority contempt the court order and demolish the building. New Thinking Forum President Narendra Prusty, Former MLA, Khordha, Dr. Dillip Srichandan, Khordha District BAR, Association President Ajit Pattnaik, Senior Advocate Bichitra Kumar Badjena, Former President Khordha District BAR, Association, Sisir Kumar Parida, Bijaya Chhotray, Bijaya

Samantashwar, Bikram Champati, Hara Mohapatra, Swagatika Pattnaik, Pramod Pattnaik, Padma Charan Ray, Hari Hara Palei, Baikuntha Nath Rajguru, Itishree Sahoo, Subhra Ranjan Samantaray, Krushna Chandra Dash, Subash Samantaray, Gopal Krushna Das, Abani Jena, Dillip Dora, Madhu Sudan Das and others are submitted the memorandum to the Collector Khordha and demand legal action taken against the TITE College Authority.

## Commissionerate Police and Mahila Bikash Parishad holds Blood Donation Camp



(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: To meet the blood short during this Pandemic COVID-19, A Voluntary Blood Do-

nation Camp has been organised by Mahila Bikash parasad, Malihat, Gopinath Pur, Jagat Pur, Cuttack in association with Police

Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar - Cuttack at Gopinath Pur. Red Cross blood bank of Cuttack joined the camp and collected 31 units of blood. Sri Lalitendu Mohanty, ACP - CUM-Joint secretary IRCS Regional Branch P o l i c e Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack graced the occasion.

## Palliative Care Hospital In Odisha Capital To Provide Service Free Of Cost



(A.O. Bureau)

Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: The Odisha Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today approved the establishment of Bagchi-Karunashraya Palliative Care Centre in Bhubaneswar. Services will be provided free of cost at the healthcare facility. Karunashraya Hos-

pice Trusts, a charitable organization, has volunteered to establish the hospital. It will be first-of-its-kind in Odisha. Apart from Hospice based Palliative Care, it shall provide Home Based Palliative Care and take the responsibility to train local doctors, healthcare providers and caregivers in Palliative Care. Subroto Bagchi, Odisha Skill Development Authority Chairman, and his wife Susmita Bagchi have pledged Rs 130 crore for the Palliative Care Centre. Odisha govern-

undergoing treatment under the jail custody. As per a complaint filed by Jail Guard Md. Mousim at Mangalabag police station in Cuttack, Hyder's son, brother, nephew, brother-in-law and son-in-law used to visit the gangster at the Cabin no-5 frequently and talked to him follow-



ing his admission at the hospital. Mousim further stated at round 4:30 PM on April 10 when he was on the duty to guard Hyder, relatives of the life convict came closer to the complainant and threw a poisonous substance. Subsequently the complainant fell uncon-

scious. When Mousim regained consciousness, he along with other jail guards searched for Hyder. But the jail guards failed to locate the prisoner, the complainant stated. Apart from Mousim, five other jail guards were engaged by the complainant to keep a watch on Hyder. The complainant said the jail guards were working on rotation to guard the gangster. Worth mentioning, the Odisha Police has been a worried lot after the gangster and life convict Hyder escaped from the SCB hospital on April 10 afternoon.

## Odisha Cop Reveals How Gangster Hyder Gives Police A Slip

(A.O. Bureau)

Cuttack, Apr 12: Even after more than 48 hours, the Odisha Police is clueless about the whereabouts of gangster Sk Hyder who escaped from SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack on April 10 afternoon where he was

# EDITORIAL

## With law for healthcare workers, reforms continue unabated

The Act makes a significant shift from the doctor-led model to a more care-accessible and team-based model. It will transform the healthcare scenario. The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020 (NCAHP Act) has been passed by Parliament after a long and anxious wait, particularly by the health professionals. The Act provides for regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by allied and healthcare professionals, assessment of institutions, maintenance of a Central Register and State Register and creation of a system to improve access, research and development. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan explained the reasons and objects of the Bill: "I would say that most of you must have paid a visit to a hospital at some point of time in your life and I wish not, but you might have had to. Please recall those days and remember the people who took care of you and who brought you out of your illness. You may remember the name of the doctor. You may remember the name of the hospital. But do you also remember the name of the persons who took your blood samples, gave you physiotherapy, took your X-ray, advised you on what you should eat, checked your eyesight, assisted your doctor or surgeon, looked into microscopes and bid you a farewell with a smile. Who are these people?" They are varied health professionals — the lab technicians, physiotherapists, radiographers, dieticians, record keepers, optometrists, X-ray technicians, and many more, who are a critical part of the healthcare system and the foundation of the pyramid of the entire healthcare system. According to studies, the role of doctors, undoubtedly critical, varies between 25 to 50 per cent in the entire healthcare chain. A wag said "doctor is next to God, nurse is next to the doctor and the pharmacist is closest to the patient", but there are many others who are as vital and integral to this chain. In fact, these professionals are the bedrock of the complex healthcare system. After enacting the National Medical Commission Bill, 2019 — which was fiercely contested by a large body of medical practitioners, another transformative piece of legislation, the NCAHP Act, has been enacted which covers a wide range of healthcare professions which were unrecognised or unregulated to date. The Act is a paradigm shift in healthcare delivery as it recognises the specialised skills and contributions of more than 56 types of the allied and healthcare professionals. The nation, nay the world, has witnessed the invaluable contribution of these professionals during COVID-19 as the frontline health workers who risked their lives every day fighting the pandemic. The Act would regulate and leverage the qualified allied and healthcare workforce and ensure high-quality multidisciplinary care in line with the vision of the universal health coverage moving towards a more care-accessible and team-based model. The Act would reform and regulate this entire sector in order to give these professionals their due, increase their employment opportunities and, more importantly, enhance their dignity by recognising their true worth, within the country and globally. The Act envisages the establishment of a Central statutory body as the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions. The commission will frame policies and standards, regulate professional conduct and prescribe qualifications for all these professions. A National Allied and Healthcare Advisory Council to advise the national commission with representation from all the States is provided under the Act to enable adequate representation from all the States and Union Territories. Further, each State will have a separate State Council with four autonomous Boards pertaining to undergraduate education, post-graduate education, assessment, rating, ethics and registration. While doctors, nurses, dentists and pharmacists in India are regulated through their respective regulatory bodies, the allied and healthcare professions are still unstructured, and unregulated. Globally, most of the countries have a regulatory framework for standardised education and training. But in India, there was an absence of a regulatory framework and lack of standardised education curriculum as well as training for these allied and healthcare professionals, a void now removed. Also, the Act makes a significant shift from the doctor-led model to a more care-accessible and team-based model. The NCAHP Act, 2020, is a landmark legislation which will go down in the history of healthcare revolution in India. It will transform the healthcare scenario and make a paradigm shift in the ministration of the entire healthcare system and make it efficacious. Apparently, India is on the course of wholesale health sector reforms.

The issues between Sri Lankan Tamils and the Sinhalas may be resolved if India concurs to transfer the former to the Andamans. Two communities not being able to coexist is a perennial problem in the Indian sub-continent. An old saying goes, "Ek myaan mein do talwarein nahi reh sakti", meaning two swords cannot fit into one scabbard. The problem began by being underscored in our own India, which was divided into Pakistan for Muslims and Hindustan for the rest. MA Jinnah argued that Hindus and Muslims were two separate nations and could not coexist. The first leader to push this two-nation thesis was Sir Syed Ahmad Khan of Aligarh fame. Some UP Muslims believed their new country, Pakistan, was a new Medina. Muslims in the western wing despised easterner Bengalis as inferior, short and dark. Their economy was exploited from day one. Jinnah visited Dacca early in 1948 and peremptorily told university students that Urdu alone would be Pakistan's national language. Bengali, which they are proud of, was not in the reckoning. The two wings were daggers drawn from 1948; the clash came in 1971, in less than 24 years of the new Medina's birth. In December that year, they separated; Bangladesh was born. Thus, India was divided into three. Now we hear that the people of Sindh wish to separate. This separatist movement is called "Jio Sindh". They are unable to exist under the yoke of the dominant Punjabis. Baluchistan is another unhappy province which was partly British India and partly the princely State of Kalat. It had an Embassy in Karachi until 1948



Prafull Goradia

when Pakistan forcibly took it over. The Pathans of the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) with their main city, Peshawar, have always wished to unite with all Pathans in Afghanistan, though this demand is dormant now. With Sri Lanka, it is an old problem. I visited my in-laws-to-be in Colombo in 1964 as they wanted to introduce me to their society in the city where they had lived and worked for 32 years. In the course of my four-day stay, there arose the question of who would be the next managing director of the British Ceylon Corporation, a British firm similar to the one we had in Kanpur, the British India Corporation, until the early 1960s. My father-in-law said that one Ramaswamy, a local Tamil, was the ablest choice but was unlikely to get the promotion. The prize was likely to go to DM Pereira as he was a Sinhala. The existing Board of directors was largely British, headed by a distinguished gentleman called Singleton-Salmon. There was no partiality in the company but the emerging milieu in Colombo was such. Ramaswamy was likely to emigrate to Australia. My father-in-law explained that the Sinhalas were an overwhelming majority, an easy-going, fun-loving Buddhist people. They were jealous of the Tamils who were serious at work, and more efficient. There had developed a wedge between the two groups as far back as then. Their differences were bound to explode sooner or later. The fact that the people of Tamil Nadu have a soft corner in their hearts for their Sri Lankan brethren is natural but that makes the Sinhalas suspect Indian intentions from time to time. When Rajiv Gandhi was India's Prime Minister and President JR Jayewardene headed Sri Lanka, we sent the IPKF military to help the Tamils. Instead of helping them, we only killed them and left the Sinhalas alone. This indicates that our Governments have mostly not understood Sri Lankan affairs. Colombo's rulers smile at New

Delhi and pretend to be friendly although they feel that the faraway yellow giant is less dangerous than the Indian giant, only 40 km to the north. They did appreciate the IPKF's help for some time; thereafter it became a distant memory. Lanka appears to have erred in owing China all the money for upgrading the Hambantota port as well as a highway from Colombo to Galle and further south. If Sri Lanka cannot repay the loan in time, these may be taken over as Chinese property. Yet Colombo would rather deal with Beijing than New Delhi. This mentality is likely to continue indefinitely until India takes a drastic step to relieve the Sinhalas of their Tamil suspicions. From the Indian point of view, there is the fear, however remote, that one day the Chinese may convert Sri Lanka into a yellow colony. What should New Delhi do? Consider whether we can offer a transfer of willing Sri Lankan Tamils to the Andaman Islands. They are a community of four million people, mainly in the Jaffna area in the northeast of Sri Lanka and some scattered across the east of the island. The Andamans occupy about 9,000 sq km with only about four lakh people. Not all Sri Lankan Tamils are likely to accept the transfer. For those willing, Sri Lanka should pay a total Rs 2 lakh per head towards resettlement, convenience costs and compensation. This means several billion rupees for Sri Lanka to borrow or somehow fork out, but a small cost for solving their greatest problem. India's advantage would be populating the Andaman Islands, which makes Tamils' survival safer, Tamil Nadu happier and the Indo-Sri Lankan relations permanently suspicion-free.

## China's game on North Korea

Makhan Saikia

Though the US and China both have voiced concern over North Korea's nuclear ambition, their approaches to the same goal are distinctly different. America wants China to use its economic leverage to pressure Kim to abandon nuclear ambitions. However, China under Xi, is willing to do only what suits its interests. China has spread its tentacles across almost all corners of the world. With North Korea, China has employed a unique strategy both to support stability and to have a grip over the nuclear gear of this mysterious land. Successive Chinese leaders have maintained three distinct strategies towards North Korea: first, not to provoke a war; second, to maintain the status quo; and finally, no to nuclear arsenal. Succinctly, China is North Korea's all-weather friend. Thus, though Beijing ostensibly condemns North Korea's nuclear developments, it avowedly opposes harsh global sanctions on that mysterious nation. And China's strategy is aimed at addressing two major critical concerns: to obviate massive refugee influx across 870-mile border area that it shares with North Korea and prevent an immediate collapse of the Kim rule. The relationship between China and North Korea can aptly be described through this Chinese proverb: "Chun wang chi han" (If the lips are gone, teeth will be cold). It rightly indicates that both the countries are intimately interdependent. Beijing's support for Pyongyang dates back to the historic 1950-53 Korean War. Those were the days, China under Chairman Mao, was more than eager to aid its northern Communistally North Korea, against the capitalist South Korea. Its support to North Korea continues irrespective of whoever comes to power in Pyongyang. Kim Il-sung from

1948-94, Kim Jon-il (1994-2011) and now Kim Jong-un since 2011 till date, China has been offering both political and economic support to various regimes of Kims. On record, China is North Korea's biggest trade partner till date. In fact, from 2000-2020, the bilateral trade between both the nations have increased almost ten-fold. Even amid tougher international trade sanctions against North Korea, the long China-North Korea border is still open for established trade routes in commodities such as mobile phones, silkworms, fuel, seafood, etc. Much beyond these regular economic activities, China has established a high-speed railway link between its border cities like Dandong and Shenyang so as to boost trade with North Korea. Both the nations have also opened a cargo and container shipping route to enhance the supply of coal from North Korea to China. China also offers aid to North Korea primarily in food and energy sectors. Besides China, the US, Japan and South Korea provided more than 75 per cent of the food aid to North Korea since 1995. The country's severe famine was caused by heavy floods and droughts that took lives of more than million people in the 1990s. Unfortunately, the country has not been able to come out of this prolonged food crisis till date. Thus, Pyongyang is fully dependent on China and its goodwill. As per the estimates revealed by the UN agencies, more than 43 per cent of the country's population is malnourished. Though Kim Jong-un is focusing on rapid economic development, the country has not been able to attract any foreign investment because of severe international sanctions. Its only hope is China and the

country is looking for robust economic ties with the former. However, China's continued support to Pyongyang came under severe strain when the latter tested a nuclear weapon in October 2006. Subsequently, Beijing had to back a UN Security Council Resolution No. 1718 that led to the imposition of severe sanctions against North Korea. And for the first time, the international community witnessed transition of China's tactics from sustained diplomatic support to outright punishment towards its Northern Communist neighbour. When in November 2017, Kim again tested a missile, Beijing called on Pyongyang to restrict all actions that create tensions in the Korean Peninsula. These all clearly demonstrate that China is wary of North Korea's belligerent moves that may militate against the mutual interests of both the countries. Beijing has played the role of a powerbroker during all high-profile global negotiations on North Korea. After two crucial summits between then US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, international policy makers have so far focused mainly on denuclearisation steps, immediate measures towards peace in the Korean peninsula and finally, corresponding sanctions relief. However, Pyongyang has been becoming an Asian tinder box. Kim's madness and clandestine nuclear programme could turn the entire Korean peninsula into a serious war zone of the continent. Probably, China knows best how to tackle Kim dynasty. But then at times some foundational questions arise as to whether North Korea is a strategic liability or an opportunity for China. The Communist leaders in

# Relief supports to fire victims by Adni Foundation



(A.O. Bureau)  
Dhamra, Apr 12: Adni Foundation, the CSR arm of Adani Dhamra Port is continuously

serving the society at grass root level at the time of need. Apart from Health, Education, SLD and Infrastructure, the

company also performs its social responsibility during the time of Natural Calamity and Disaster also. In this Journey,

Adani Foundation has extended its support to four fire victim families at Karanjmal GP. Four families namely, Mr.

Natabar Majhi, Mr. Shyam Sundar Majhi, Mr. Binod Majhi and Mr. Batakrushna Majhi lost all their property, assets and belongings due to breakage of fire on 4th midnight. Getting the news, the CSR team rushed to the spot and supported the families with relief packets consisting of rice, dal, dry rice, clothes, cooking utensils etc. PRI members, Opinion leaders and villagers of Karanjmal were present during the support and thanked Adani Foundation for its noble support during the time of need.

## Father & son Arrest, stabbed in connection with the stabbing of a chicken shopkeeper



(A.O. Bureau)  
Rengali, Apr 12: A father, son Girab and a son of a chicken shop owner were stabbed to death at Ganesh Nagar Chowk under Rengali police station in Sambalpur district at 7.00 pm yesterday. In

view of the previous feud, the silver chicken went to the shopkeeper's house and scolded him. The father-in-law's wife, who heard the boy's abuse, called her husband and called him out of the shop. As

soon as the chicken shop came to the silver house, the father quarreled and quarreled with his son, and Sachchidananda pulled a knife out of his pocket and stabbed him in the back, causing the silver to fall to the ground. Police, police in starch events have smuggled Court today to fathers and son. According to sources, Rajat Sahu, 47, ran a chicken shop at Ganesh Nagar Chowk on Saturday at 7.00 pm. "Rajat was rushed to Burla Hospital in critical condition as he was bleeding profusely.

## Cops Thrash Youth For Not Wearing Mask In Bhadrak

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhadrak, Apr 12: Several cops allegedly thrashed a youth at Aradi outpost in Odisha's Bhadrak district as he was not wearing mask. As per reports, one Subharanjan Mekap of Betali village had on April 10 visited a temple without wearing mask, for which he was detained by police. While his family members were having a discussion with the cops at



the outpost, Subharanjan started recording the video of the incident with his mobile phone, as a result of which the policemen got irked and beat the youth.

## District Administration Clamps Sec 144 At Temples Ahead Of 'Pana Sankranti'

(A.O. Bureau)  
Jagatsinghpur, Apr 12: Anticipating large congregations during forthcoming 'Pana Sankranti' and 'Jhamu Yatra', the Jagatsinghpur district administration clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144 at different places of worship in the district from April 13, 2021. Jagatsinghpur District Magistrate Sangram

Keshari Mohapatra stated in an order issued today that immediate prevention of Covid is desirable. If the situation is not properly checked immediately, it may lead to undesirable consequences, Mohapatra stated. As per the order, gathering of more than four persons in and around temples in the district are prohibited. The Sec 144 will remain

in force till April 14, 2021. Following are the temples in the district where the prohibitory orders will be

in force from tomorrow: Maa Sarala Temple, At-Kanakpur under Tirtol Tahasil, Grameswar

Temple, At-Panchapalli under Erasama Tahasil, Nilakantheswar Mahadev Temple, At-Korua, under Naugaon Tahasil, Maa Bhagabati Temple at Parahat, Maa Jagulai Temple at Nagapur, Nilakantheswar Mahadev Temple at Khaleri, Kanakeswar Mahadev Temple at Daagaon under

Balikuda Tahasil, Gateswar Mahadev Temple, at Bionla, Muchkunda Mahadev Temple at Somnath Hat, under Jagatsinghpur Tahasil, Sri Sri Gorekhnath Mahaprabhu Bije Kerekera under Raghunathpur Tahasil, Dhyankud Jagannath Temple under Biridi Tahasil.



## Quality Power Supply & Low Voltage problems solved by TPSODL

(A.O. Bureau)  
Berhampur, Apr 12: At Ralaba Road Haldiapadar there was long pending grivrance of villagers regarding quality power supply and low voltage problems. The Adarsh Shanti committee informed their grievances to office of the Hon'ble Energy Minister. The Hon'ble Energy Minister office communicated the matter to CEO TPSODL on 7/04/2021. CEO TPSODL directed his team to study the problem and sort it out immediately. One new 100kVA substation along with infrastructure installed and commissioned within 3 days ie on 10/04/2021. With this supply voltage improved from 168 volts



to 227volts. The villagers have extended their gratitude to Hon'ble Energy Minister and CEO TPSODL for providing reliable & quality power supply and resolving their long pending issues at the shortest possible time.

## Olive Ridley hatchlings die in Jahania hatchery

(A.O. Bureau)  
Kakatpur, Apr 12: A large number of Olive ridley hatchlings died at Jahania hatchery on Sunday. As many as hundred turtles died due to roasting sand after they were naturally incubated inside the hatchery. According to some native environmentalists, the hatchlings should be released in the sea as soon as they are hatched. But, there were no forest officials at the spot to pick up the newborn hatchlings and put

them in the sea. As a result, the hatchlings got roasted on the hot bed of sand and died. Astarang is one of the rookeries for marine Olive Ridley turtle breeding next to

Rusikulaya and Gahirmatha basin. The forest department has set up a dedicated hatchery at Pir Jahania under Astarang wildlife range.



## Fisherman drowns while fishing in Dhenkanal

Dhenkanal, Apr 12: A fisherman drowned while fishing in Brahmani River near Jaypur village under Bhuban block in the district today. The deceased has been identified as Nakula Tarei, a resident of the same village. According to the locals, Nakula along with two other friends went for fishing in Brahmani

River when Nakula lost his balance and slipped into the deep water. The villagers conducted a search operation and recovered Nakula's body from Malpura River ghat. Later, the police reached the spot and initiated a probe into the matter after sending the body to Bhuban hospital for post-mortem.

## Webinar on Institution Building: Role of Teachers

**CUO will be one of the best Universities: Prof. Hariharan**  
(A.O. Bureau)

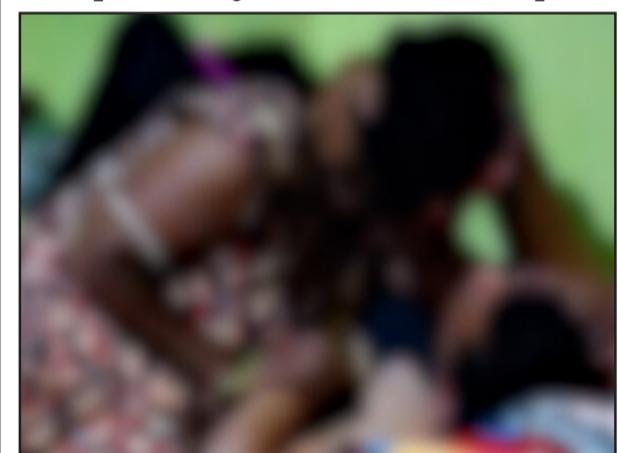
to University of Hyderabad, later became a number one University of the country. By citing her experience she said "Institution can't built in bricks or cement, it is built by the team of



fessor and Head, Health Psychology, University of Hyderabad and Member of the Executive Council of the Central University of Odisha delivered a lecture as a resource person. Prof. I.Ramabrahmam, Vice-Chancellor of the University conveyed his best wishes for a successful programme and hoped that the faculty members will be enriched with the rich inputs of Prof. Hariharan towards the building the Central University of Odisha is one of the best University of the country. Prof. Hariharan highlighted some of the key components of building the institution by giving live example of her effort during the journey which started from a small institution

teachers who are very passionate to care the students to make them grow and flourish for future". She advised teachers to follow three Cs in institution building i.e. control, challenges and commitment. She gave importance on innovation in teachings and urged all teachersto publish at least one research publication in one semester, and submit projects for funding. While interacting with the faculty members, Prof. Hariharan was quite confident that due to dedication and continuous effort of the faculty members, the University will be one of the best Universities in the World. Prof. Bhagabata Patra, Prof. Krishna Chandra Pradhan, Visiting Pro-

## Odisha Official Caught In Compromising Position At Workplace



(A.O. Bureau)  
Dhenkanal, Apr 12: As a video of Gadasila In-charge Revenue Inspector in Dhenkanal district, Ranjan Panigrahi in a compromising position with a woman at his office went viral, District Collector Bhumesh Chandra Behera placed him under suspension. Panigrahi, who works as an Additional Revenue Inspector, has been engaged as an In-Charge RI of Gadasila Circle office for past few months. The video, which went viral on social media, showed empty liquor bottles were lying at Panigrahi's office. Some outsiders were also found sleeping at the RI's office. Moreover, Panigrahi was seen in the video in a compromising position with a woman at his office. After the video was brought to the notice of the district administration, the Dhenkanal Collector suspended the In-charge RI for six months. Panigrahi was directed to report at the Sub Collector's office during the period of suspension. Taking a serious note of the matter, the Dhenkanal Collector directed the Odapada Tahsildar to enquire and submit a report to the district administration. Further action will be taken on basis of the enquiry report, the Collector informed.

## Neelima Azeem on her failed marriages with Pankaj Kapur and Rajesh Khattar



New Delhi, Apr 12: Neelima Azeem has opened up about her failed marriages with her ex-husbands Pankaj Kapur and Rajesh Khattar. Neelima Azeem has opened up about her failed marriages. The actor was first married to Pankaj Kapur, with whom she had Shahid Kapoor, and then married to Rajesh Khattar, with whom she had Ishaan Khatter. In a new interview, Neelima said that the failure of her first marriage hit her hard. Whereas, she felt that the second marriage could have worked had there been more control. "I had this wonderful friend who I got married to, everything was just la-la-la-da-di-da, my parents were wonderful, I had a great crowd around me, toh mujhe ye pata hi nahi tha ke kuch zindagi mein aisa bhi ho saktा hai jisme pav phisal jaye aur hum dup kar ke ghir jaaye (I wasn't aware that one could slip in life and fall flat). Aur rejection ka koi sawaal hi nahi hai (there was no question of rejection) because everybody

used to love me and adore me and follow me around. So it was, in that way, when you're young and full of beans, it was the first time when I actually experienced grief, sorrow, rejection, anxiety, pain and fear of the unknown and a whole lot of insecurity," she said, speaking with Bollywood Bubble. She said that the idea of living with her parents and raising a child by herself felt claustrophobic. "This was the first time when I slipped and fell on my face so to say. But I don't see it as a terrible thing that happened to me in life. I just simply think that I needed that bump. We all must understand that we are not extraordinary or entitled, we are simply human beings that can be rejected. It took me a year-and-a-half after that to put myself together," she added. As for her marriage with Rajesh, Neelima said, "The second marriage would have lasted if certain things didn't happen which were difficult to encounter... It was difficult, it was an impossible feat. I think it

would have worked out if there was more control and more logic and sense in it. But it went, it flew out. And it happens in Bombay with all the struggle and with all the pressures, sometimes people succumb to it. But I have the ability to get up and start walking again, and I have these lovely boys in my life, my sons (Shahid and Ishaan), they were a great inspiration for me and a source of so much happiness and encouragement." Today, Neelima is on cordial terms with Rajesh. She said that she shares a friendly bond with him and credited his wife Vandana Sajnani. "I'd like to give Vandana the credit here because Vandana is somebody who has always sought me and I would say she has taken the initiative to be a friend of mine. And she respects me like as I am an elder in a family. She's just always respected me and admired me and encouraged me to be there for her. I feel comfortable with Rajesh because of that," she said.

## Krishna Shroff gives it back to troll who called her 'bekaar' compared to Tiger

Mumbai, Apr 12: Jackie Shroff's daughter, Krishna Shroff, shut down a troll who asked if she has no shame for posing in bikinis, and said that she was 'bekaar' as compared to her brother, Tiger Shroff. Actor Jackie Shroff's daughter, Krishna, on Monday reacted to a troll who compared her unfavourably to her brother, actor Tiger Shroff. Krishna dismissed the troll, who had asked if she has no shame for posting pictures of herself in swimwear. Krishna post had four pictures of her, captioned, "Wild child." The troll commented, "Madam

aapka bhai tiger kitna acha h aur aap utne hi bekar apko shram nhi aati ye pic aapke papa mammi nhi dekhte kya (Madam, you are as worthless as your brother is amazing. Do you have no shame? Don't your parents see your pictures?)" Krishna replied, "Sir, thank you so much for your concern, but you can kindly f\*\*\*k off. Thank you." She added, "Someone translate my message for the dude. Thanks." Krishna's mother, Ayesha Shroff, did, in fact, see the picture, and reacted to it with heart emojis. Actors Huma Qureshi and Disha Patani were among those who reacted to

Krishna's post with fire emojis. Siddhant Kapoor, son of Shakti Kapoor, wrote, "Me - hey kishu how are you ? Whahs are you upto these days ?Kishu - oh hey bullzz , not much just shooting for the next BOND film playing the lead. Haha joking , miss you." Around the same time, Krishna had also shared a short video on Instagram Stories, which showed her and Jackie in the pool. Jackie was recently seen in the Amazon Prime Video film, Hello Charlie, in which he played an on-the-run business tycoon who disguises himself as a chimpanzee. The film also featured Aadar



Jain. Before that, Jackie was seen in the Disney+ Hotstar series OK Computer, in which he played a cult leader. The show starred Vijay Varma and Radhika Apte. Ti-

ger, meanwhile, has several projects in the pipeline, including the fourth Baaghi film, the franchise-starter Ganapath, the Rambo remake, and the second Heropanti.

## Kajol, Ajay Devgn's daughter Nysa dances to their hit tracks at school event



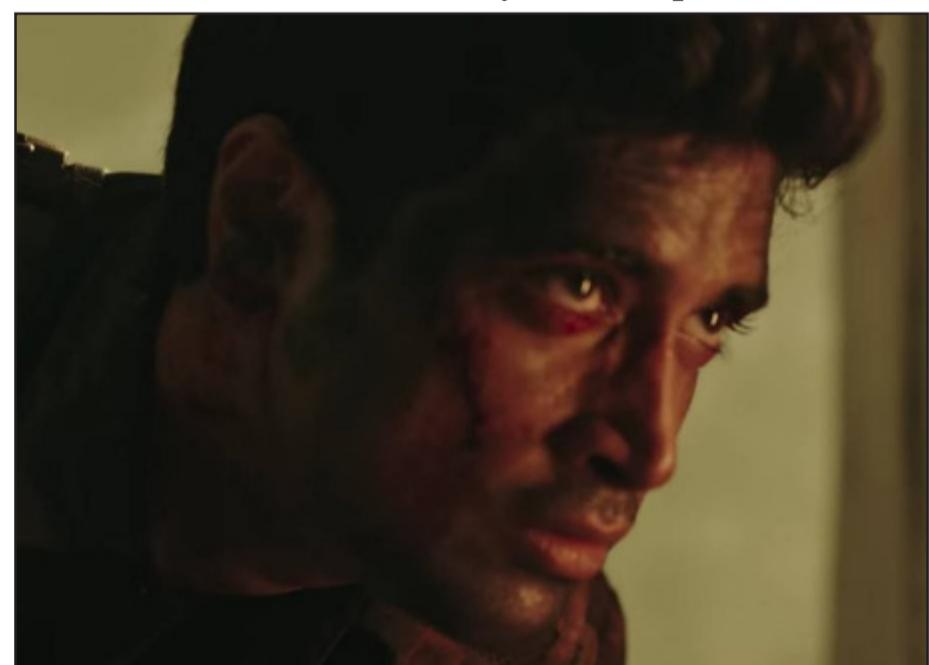
New Delhi, Apr 12: A fan page shared a video of Nysa Devgn performing on mother Kajol's popular tracks such as 'Bole Chudiyan', 'Sajda' and others. The video is now viral with fans showering praise on Nysa. It seems Kajol and Ajay Devgn's

daughter Nysa is Bollywood ready. A fan page recently dropped a video in which Nysa can be seen performing on Kajol's popular tracks with her school-mates. In the video, Nysa, along with other students, is seen grooving to "Bole Chudiyan", "Sajda"

and "Tere Naina." She ended her performance with Kareena Kapoor's famous song "Nagada" from Jab We Met. The video received immense love from Kajol fans. While one of the Instagram user wrote, "So talented," another praised her performance and wrote,

"Nice performance, keep it up." Some of the users had kind words to share for Nysa. "I bet Nysa would still have as many fans as she has now even if her parents weren't famous actors because baby girl is talented herself. She's got the looks and the potential," wrote one of the

## Adivi Sesh transforms into Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, promises a sleekly packed 26/11 movie



Bengaluru, Apr 12: Major teaser: The film is a passionate project of Adivi Sesh who plays the decorated NSG commando and has also written the film. The teaser was launched by Mahesh Babu, Salman Khan and Prithviraj. Major teaser was unveiled on Monday by Tollywood superstar Mahesh Babu, actor Salman Khan and Malayalam actor-director Prithviraj Sukumaran. The film is produced by Mahesh and has Adivi Sesh playing the braveheart Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan. The 1.3-minute teaser tries to answer the question: 'What does it mean to be a soldier?' Adivi Sesh, who plays Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan in the movie explains: "Everyone's a patriot. And the one who protects these patriots is a soldier." Major teaser refreshes our memories of the horrific Mumbai

terrorist attacks in 2008, including the iconic Taj Mahal Hotel in flames. "An attempt to honour the legacy of an unsung hero... The start of a MAJOR journey!! Hope you all like it!(sic)," tweeted Mahesh Babu, while sharing the teaser. Salman wrote, "Isse kehte hain dhamakedaar teaser! Really happy and proud to launch this. Congratulations to the team.. and salute to

Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan during the 26/11 attacks. But, it chronicles his life and his impressive stint in the Indian defence force. "The world only knows how heroic he was and how he died in his final moments. But, everything I loved about him was the way he lived. 26/11 was not the chapter that defined him. Yes, it was an important chapter. But, he was a captain in 7th Bihar when he fought in Kargil. He served in

Hyderabad. He went to the National Defence Academy. He was a training officer in the National Security Guard. I was interested in how beautifully he lived his life. That's what I wanted to make a movie about," Adivi Sesh told. Who was Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan?

"I don't want to die an ordinary death. When I go, the whole nation will remember me." This is what Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan to his father when he had just joined the NSG. The 26/11 hero died after rescuing the injured commando and then rushed up the stairs deciding to take on the terrorists alone. He was awarded the Ashoka Chakra posthumously. Major also stars Saiee Manjrekar, Sobhita Dhulipala, Prakash Raj, Revathi, Murali Sharma. And it is due in cinemas on July 2.

## Deepika Padukone resigns as MAMI chairperson: 'Unable to give the undivided focus it requires'

New Delhi, Apr 12: Actor Deepika Padukone has decided to 'depart' from the duties as chairperson of Mumbai Academy of the Moving Image (MAMI). The actor, who took over the position in 2019, stated her "slate of work" is the reason why she took the step. Deepika, calling the experience as 'enriching', stated that her bond with MAMI 'will last a lifetime'. On Monday, the actor took to her social media platforms to share the news.

"Being on the board of MAMI and serving as chairperson has been a deeply enriching experience. As an artist, it was invigorating to bring together cinema and talent from all over the world to Mumbai, my second home." I have come to realise however, that with my current slate of work, I will be unable to give MAMI the undivided focus and attention it



requires. I depart knowing that MAMI is in the best hands possible and that my bond and connection with the academy is one that will last a lifetime," she wrote in a note. During her opening statement, she said, "Cinema has the power

portantly without fear. As

an artiste who truly believes in the power of cinema, I say we need this

more than ever before."

On the work front,

Deepika will be seen in a

special role in Ranveer

Singh's 83. She is cur-

rently shooting for

Shakun Batra's untitled project, which also stars Ananya Pandey and Siddhant Chaturvedi. Deepika also announced The Intern's official Hindi remake in which she will star opposite Amitabh Bachchan. The two had earlier worked in Piku.

# Confident Padikkal wants to take domestic form into IPL 2021

Chennai, Apr 12: The "setback" called COVID-19 behind him, Royal Challengers Bangalore opener Devdutt Padikkal says he is now completely ready to play his part in the IPL and confident of replicating his stupendous domestic form in the ongoing league. Padikkal contracted the deadly virus on March 22 and was in isolation, but has since completely recovered and resumed practice with his RCB teammates. "COVID was a setback. I wish that it didn't happen but that's something I couldn't control...I had to accept the way it was and just make sure that I kept myself fit so that when I comeback I can be ready for the game," he said in a video posted on RCB's Twitter handle. "Right now I am completely fine, most importantly I am able to move around well, I am able to react to balls and that's the most important part...In IPL you always have to



be ready, you always have to be 100 per cent in every situation. Unless you are 100 per cent, you can't really push yourself." The 20-year-old Karnataka left-hander was RCB's highest run-getter in IPL 2020 with 473 runs from 15 matches, in-

cluding five half-centuries in what was his debut season. Padikkal continued rich form in the last Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (218 runs at an average of 43.60 in six matches) and Vijay Hazare Trophy (737 runs in seven matches). "...Last IPL was amaz-

ing for me. It was such a great experience and exposure for me, the opportunities I got and the fact that I was able to contribute to the side is all that matters in the end. "Mushtaq Ali was decent, not up to what I was expecting and in Vijay Hazare I was just looking to get back into my rhythm and focus on what I am doing and really improve my game every time I went out to bat. "It was really great to have the runs behind me, so coming into IPL, I know that I am confident," Padikkal said. Having missed RCB's two-wicket win over Mumbai Indians in this year's IPL opener, Padikkal is expected to feature in his side's second game against Kolkata Knight Riders here on April 18. And the young batsman can't wait to open alongside skipper Virat Kohli when the opportunity comes. "Definitely, it's something new...I am definitely looking forward to that," he said. Besides Kohli, the

# We failed to execute plans while bowling: Warner

Chennai, Apr 12: Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) captain David Warner said that the team failed to execute their plans while bowling and ended up conceding too many runs towards the end of the Kolkata Knight Riders (SRH) innings on Sunday. SRH lost to KKR by 10 runs in their first Indian Premier League (IPL) match of the season. KKR scored 187/6 batting first and Warner said that he was surprised by the amount of runs they managed to get considering the conditions at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium. "I didn't think there were that many runs on



# Gabbar Shawdown

Mumbai, Apr 12: Dhawan, Prithvi's 138 run opening stand scripts 7 wicket win for Delhi. Openers Shikhar Dhawan and Prithvi Shaw pummelled Chennai Super Kings into submission with their explosive batting as Delhi Capitals romped to a seven-wicket victory in their Indian Premier League opener here on Saturday. Dhawan smashed 85 off 54 balls and Shaw amassed 72 in just 38 deliveries as DC chased down a target of 189 comfortably with 1.2 overs to spare. New skipper Rishabh Pant hit the winning runs. With Shaw and Dhawan in rollicking form, Delhi Capitals



started on a rousing note and were sitting pretty at 65 for no loss at the end of the Powerplay overs. The two openers went for their big shots with impunity, and on all sides of the Wankhede Stadium, as Delhi Capitals raced past 100 in quick time. Needing 90 runs in the last 10 overs and with all wickets in hand, DC could afford to dictate terms and put pressure on CSK. And Shardul Thakur and Sam Curran were sent for a leather hunt put CSK completely out of contest. For Shaw, the innings was an extension of his Vijay

Hazare Trophy form and the slight tweak in his technique and a straight backlift is working wonders for Shaw. "I worked on the back-and-across (movement), I focused with Pravin sir as well. I think it's working quite well," Shaw said. The fours and sixes continued to rain as DC inched closer to the target with consummate ease. While the CSK bowling attack had no answer to the strokes played by the DC openers, what added to their misery were two dropped catches of Shaw on 38 and 47, with Moeen Ali being the unfortunate bowler on both occasions. Making full use of

overs yielded 52 runs for CSK, thanks to Curran's power-packed innings. Asked to bat first by Rishabh Pant, Ruturaj Gaikwad got CSK off the mark with a pleasing drive through the off side between point and cover, two deliveries after being beaten all ends up by a Chris Woakes outswinger. Last season's runners-up DC didn't have to wait long for their first breakthrough as Avesh Khan (2/23 in 4 overs) had Faf du Plessis trapped in front of the wicket in the second over. In the first ball of the third over, Woakes had Gaikwad caught in the slip cordon as CSK slipped to seven for two. In came Raina — he had missed the last IPL owing to personal reasons — and in the company of Moeen Ali, the seasoned campaigner revived CSK's innings and looked to put up a challenging total against a strong DC batting line-up at the Wankhede Stadium. During his 24-ball 36, Moeen struck four boundaries and two sixes, playing a fine helping hand to Raina. Experienced off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin cut short Moeen's innings when the all-rounder got himself into an uncomfortable position while going for a reverse sweep, the ensuing top-edge ending in a good catch by Shikhar Dhawan, who ran backwards from short third man to hold on to the ball. Ambati Rayudu came in and straightaway got into the act, hitting a couple of sixes and a four to race away to 23 off 16 balls before Tom Curran ended his stay in the middle.

# MSD inspiration behind emergence of keeper-captains in IPL: Buttler

New Delhi, Apr 12: Rajasthan Royals' English recruit Jos Buttler believes the legendary Mahendra Singh Dhoni is the inspiration behind emergence of wicketkeeper-captains in the world's biggest T20 league, the IPL. In the ongoing IPL, four out of eight franchises will be captained by wicket-keepers and Buttler feels the credit should go to Dhoni for setting the trend. Besides Dhoni, who has been Chennai Super Kings' skipper since the inaugural edition in 2008, three more glovesmen — KL Rahul (Punjab Kings), Sanju Samson (Rajasthan Royals) and Rishabh Pant (Delhi Capitals) will lead their respective sides in the ongoing IPL. "I am sure MSD (Dhoni) has something to do with the sixth sense and breeding of wicketkeepers who can captain. He obviously has been a fantastic cap-

tain and there are lots of players who want to follow his footsteps," Buttler told PTI Bhasha in an exclusive interview. Buttler himself a wicketkeeper, feels stumpers enjoy an advantage as captains as they get a 360 degree view of the proceedings. "I think a wicketkeeper has a brilliant view of the game. That can add to your decision making as you

can see first-hand how the wicket is behaving and the way bowlers are bowling," he said. The 30-year-old Englishman expects Samson to deliver the goods as skipper and termed compatriot Ben Stokes as the X-factor for Rajasthan. "We have lots of variety in the team this season with some world-class all rounders like Ben Stokes and Chris Morris and a new cap-



tain Sanju (Samson) is very exciting player and has a long affiliation with the franchise. He is a very calm person and likes to have fun. I am sure he would try and get across that to the team. There will be a lot of passion in his leadership. "I strongly believe Ben Stokes will be the X-factor for our team in this season," said Buttler, who has played 50 Tests, 148 ODIs and

79 T20 matches for England. The presence a legend like Kumar Sangakkara as the team's Director of Cricket will be beneficial for RR, said the cricketer.

"He (Sangakkara) is a legend and has so much knowledge to share. He has vast experience of international cricket and has played the IPL too. He knows what to expect and it's a big plus for everyone to have him around," said Buttler. Buttler, who captained England in the final two ODIs of the three-match series in India recently in the absence of an injured regular skipper Eoin Morgan, said that outing was a valuable learning experience for him. "Playing against some young Indian players was a great experience. I have enjoyed playing and captaining against India. I have learnt a lot about myself from that experience," he said.

# Cuttack Premier League Cricket Tournament-2021



(A.O. Bureau)  
Cuttack, Apr 12: The Closing Ceremony of 3rd Premier League Cricket Tournament-2021, Cuttack organized by Team Magic XI has been done successfully with the solitary presence of Sj. Susanta Kumar Panda, Managing Director, Bharat Masala, as Chief Guest and Sj. Subhaprakash Das, Rtd. Professor, Dept of English, Ravenshaw University as guest of honour. Apart from that senior members of the Organizing Team,

Mr. Debasis Rout, Mr. Niraj Mohapatra, Mr. Srikant Bhuyan, Mr. Garuda Nayak, Mr. Deepthi Sahoo, Mr. Malay Jena, Mr. Jyoti Prakash Biswal, Mr.

Ashutosh Parida, Mr. Jayram Rath, Mr. Soubhagya Das, Mr. Debasish Samantaray, Mr. Malay Jena, Mr. Jyoti Prakash Biswal, Mr. Deepak Mullia as well as the Junior players were present in the ceremony. The prizes felicitated to Bluemoon as champion with trophy & cash prize

of 1,00,000/- and Sikharup Legends as runners up with trophy & cash prize of 60,000/-. The tournament started on 26th of March at Nimpur Ground comprising of 16 teams and concluded on 11th of April at BOSE Ground, Cuttack. The Club's Secretary Gyana Ranjan Parida officiated over the meeting and Mr. Pradipta Lenka orated thanks to the sponsors - BHARAT MASALA, GUPTA SPORTS, volunteers of the club as well as all the pertaked agencies.

## Odia Cultural Association, London celebrates Utkal Divas

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Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: London based Odia Cultural Association celebrated 85th Utkal Divas through online recently in collaboration with Odisha Society of U.K. Participating in the internet meeting organized during the occasion, Distinguished guests dwelled on the relevance of observing Odisha's Foundation Day and the significance of sensitizing the younger generation about the essence of Odisha. Referring to the existence of immense natural bounties, huge mineral resources, large industrial infrastructure, trained human capital, vast coastline, unlimited tourism potentials and above all the spiritual bliss being showered by Lord Jagannath, the eminent speakers observed that Odisha has all the calibre, capabilities and parameters to

achieve the Zenith of Progress and Prosperity. Remembering the maritime rich history of Odisha, the mighty rule of Kalinga Empire from the river Ganga to Godavari and the mesmerizing sculptor and artisan works at the Sun temple, the speakers predicted the return of the Golden era to Odisha very soon. The honourable guests graced the virtual event include State's higher education Minister Dr. Arun Sahoo, Culture and Tourism Minister Sumant Mansingh. The ace organisers of OCAL and OSUK like Santosh Sahu, Umakant Rout, Archana Mansingh, Rina Meher, Prangya Arihan, Suchintita Pujary, Priyanka Sahu, Debasish Mishra, Amulya Jena and Debi Patnaik contributed a lot for the success of the celebration. The master anchor Biswajit Baliarsingh co-ordinated the entire programme very efficiently.



## Awareness session on National Safe Motherhood Day

(A.O. Bureau)  
Joda, Apr 12: With an objective to create awareness among women regarding effects of early marriage, pregnancy, immunization, institutional delivery and precautions to be taken during COVID-19, Tata Steel Foundation organised an awareness session on Sunday commemorating 'National Safe Motherhood Day' at Birikala village under Joda block of Keonjhar district. More than 30 women participated in the awareness session where the Tata Steel Foundation officials were informed about various important issues

like effects of early marriage and pregnancy, immunization, balanced diet, preparation before & after delivery and institutional delivery using training aids like flip charts and narrating case studies. Apart from this, the officials also informed the participants regarding various precautions to be taken to stay safe during the pandemic in line with this year's theme which is 'Stay at home during coronavirus, keep mother and newborn safe from coronavirus'. It is worth mentioning here that National Safe Motherhood Day is observed annually on 11 April to raise



Maternal and Newborn Survival Initiative (MANI) that aims to reduce infant and maternal mortality rates. It may be noted here that National Safe Motherhood Day is observed annually on 11 April to raise

awareness about the proper healthcare of women and maternity facilities to pregnant and lactating women. This day also focuses on reducing anemia among women, institutional delivery, for better pre-natal and post-natal health care etc. which are necessary for mothers. In addition to this, it also raises awareness for the prevention of child marriages because we can say that child marriage may be an indirect cause of maternal deaths.

## Discussion held in U.S.A. on Business Opportunities in Odisha

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: A digital discussion was held recently on the topic of "Explore the attractive incentives potential of odisha for your Business." Hosted jointly by Indian Consulate in New York, Milan Cultural Association and Odisha Society of New England, the online meeting was attended by several Distinguished Guests across the Globe. The Brainstorming video conferencing session was meant to promote

Odisha as the hub for doing easy business. The Eminent Speakers highlighted on the bilateral business opportunities and proposals for mutual benefits for both U.S.A. and Odisha. They invited entrepreneurs for estab-

lishing startups as well as small and large enterprises taking advantage of the business friendly atmosphere and investments delight policies. The Speakers pointed out that Odisha is fast emerging as a mineral



## Vedanta signs MoU with research institutes for value-creation from bauxite residue

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhubaneswar, Apr 12: Vedanta, India's largest producer of aluminium and its value-added products, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for value-creation from bauxite residue (red mud), which is a by-product generated during processing of bauxite into alumina using the Bayer process. Bauxite is the primary ore for aluminium, that undergoes an intermediate refining stage to produce alumina, which then undergoes electrolysis for producing aluminium. Abundantly available on earth's crust, mining of bauxite is one of the most inherently sustainable mining processes. Approximately three tonnes of bauxite produce one tonne of alumina, and around two tonnes of alumina are required to produce one tonne of aluminium. Bauxite residue has many metal values like Iron, Alumina, Rare Earth Elements (REE) and Titanium Dioxide. Creating indigenous capabilities for extraction of REEs from bauxite residue has been the brainchild of NITI Aayog, given the importance of Scandium for defence and its

scarce availability in India which resulted in import dependency. As it is a voluminous by-product, bauxite residue requires scientific ways of managing it, and even more advanced methodologies to extract commercial value from it. Along with peer aluminium producers, Vedanta has entered into the partnership with three research institutes namely CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory (NML), Jamshedpur, Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT), Bhubaneswar, and Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research, Development & Design Centre (JNARDDC), Nagpur. As part of this, all three research institutes shall work together to develop technologies for bauxite residue utilization, like red mud beneficiation for REE enrichment, recovery of alumina values, recovery of iron values and process for extraction and separation of Titanium and REEs (La, Ce, Y, Sc). Once established, the processes will be validated through an integrated facility. Speaking about Vedanta's partnership in the project, Mr. Rahul Sharma, Dy. CEO –

Aluminium, Vedanta Ltd said, "Our world-class operations are guided by the sustainability tenets of 'Zero Harm, Zero Waste and Zero Discharge'. Implementing new age solutions for efficient waste management and creation of circular economy is ingrained in our decision-making process. In addition to the initiatives already being taken towards ensuring a healthy environment through sustainable ways of working, Vedanta's robust waste management system and zero discharge mechanisms have set benchmarks in the global alumina refining sector. Under this MoU, we aim to maximize value-extraction from bauxite residue for further usage downstream." Globally, as the quest for value-creation from by-products for a circular economy picks momentum, Vedanta has emerged as a trend-setter in the field of alumina refining in terms of by-product reduction and utilization. Innovation has been one of the key pillars in the success of Vedanta Aluminium's growth story in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi district, Odisha). Since the commencement of operations in the Indian

aluminium sector, Vedanta's Lanjigarh refinery has rapidly evolved technologically into becoming one of the world's most advanced alumina refineries. In 2013, Vedanta had put in place Red Mud Filtration, a first-of-its-kind process for dry handling of bauxite residue in the alumina refining industry. In 2020, the company piloted the Wick Drain project, a new-age waste management system, for even better handling of residue and efficient land usage. Parallelly, it is also working on other avenues to best utilize bauxite residue like cement and brick manufacturing, road con-



## Senco Gold & Diamonds rolls out 'Bangle Utsav 2021'



(A.O. Bureau)  
Kolkata, Apr 12: Senco Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest jewellery retail chains of Eastern India today announced the commencement of the 'Bangle Utsav 2021'. As part of this offer, customers can choose from more than 200 exclusive designs in Gold, Diamond, Platinum and Silver. These are latest collection of bangles are beautifully crafted by the famous karigars of Senco Gold & Diamonds. Announcing the launch of the 'Bangle Utsav 2021', Mr. Suvankar Sen, CEO, Senco Gold & Diamonds,

said: "Bangle Utsav for us is a celebration of womanhood. It's a tribute to the Indian women of today who take on multiple responsibilities and play a crucial role in shaping our society. Our endeavor is to adorn



their beautiful hands with attractive bangles since these are the hands that care, indulge, decide and be-



weakness. The company is also offering lucrative discounts on bangles in Gold, Diamond, Platinum and Silver. The discount scheme is also available on Gossip item and Gem stone. Customers can avail of this offer by visiting its stores or online through its e-commerce platform <https://sencogoldanddiamonds.com>.