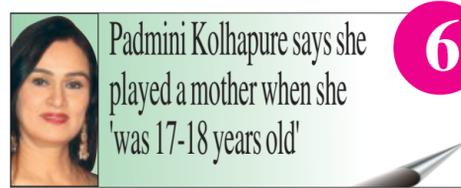


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## India and EU to resume negotiations for FTA after 8 yrs; Launch comprehensive connectivity partnership



New Delhi, May 8: India and the European Union have agreed to resume talks for a balanced, ambitious and comprehensive trade agreement and also launch negotiations for a stand-alone investment protection pact, the External Affairs Ministry said on Saturday. These decisions were taken during a virtual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the heads of state or government of all the 27-member states of the bloc with a focus on expanding overall cooperation in areas of trade, investment and connectivity. The two sides also launched a sustainable and comprehensive connectivity partnership, the

ministry said and described the summit as a "watershed" moment in the ties. The leaders also exchanged views on the COVID-19 pandemic and healthcare cooperation. The India-EU leaders' meeting is hosted by Prime Minister of Portugal Antonio Costa. Portugal currently holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. "We are opening a new chapter in #EUIndia strategic partnership at the meeting of EU Leaders with PM @narendramodi," tweeted Charles Michel, President of the European Council. Modi was scheduled to visit Portugal for the leaders' meeting but it was called off in view of the coronavirus crisis and both sides decided to hold the deliberations virtually. A strategically important grouping, the EU as a whole was India's largest trading partner in 2018. India's bilateral trade with the EU in 2018-19 stood at USD 115.6 billion with exports valued at USD 57.17 billion and imports worth USD 58.42 billion. In the 15th India-EU summit in July last year, Prime Minister Modi had pitched for bringing out an "action-oriented" agenda to further expand ties between the two sides.

## Odisha Govt Procured 1 Lakh Doses Of Covishield Vaccine Arrives

Bhubaneswar, May 8: The first consignment of Odisha Government procured Covishield vaccine for 18-44 age group vaccination has arrived. The consignment from Serum Institute of India (SII) was received at the Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) here at 2 PM, said an official communiqué. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on April 29 had announced free Covid vaccination for all above the age of 18. In the Phase III vaccination programme, which came into effect from May 1 population aged between 18 and 44



years are eligible to get vaccinated against Covid. Additional Chief Secretary (Health) PK Mohapatra had recently informed SII of the State's estimated target requirement of 220 lakh doses of Covishield Vaccine over the next four months. Mohapatra in his letter to SII had said that the State will be needing 40 lakh doses of Covishield in the month of May followed by 60 lakh doses per month during June, July and August. The third phase of Covid-19 vaccination for people in the 18-44 age group kicked off in the State on May 3, with beneficiaries being administered the first dose of Covaxin in the State Capital-Bhubaneswar.

## Covid-19 Second Wave In Odisha: Many Politicians Test Positive

Bhubaneswar, May 8: Several political leaders from Odisha including a minister, Leader of Opposition, two sitting MLAs, a sitting MP and a former minister have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last couple of days during the second wave of the pandemic. Former minister and senior Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader Bijoyshree Routray has tested positive for Covid-19. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has wished for his speedy recovery. Leader of Opposition in the Odisha Assembly, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Bhawanipatna MLA Pradipta Kumar Naik who was admitted to AIIMS-



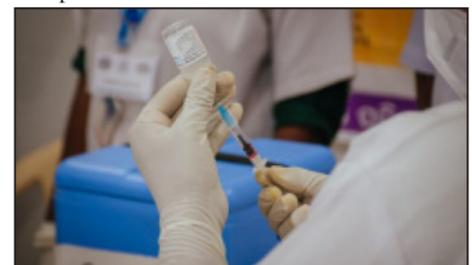
Bhubaneswar on April 20 after he tested positive for Covid-19. He shifted to the ICU on April 26 after his condition deteriorated. He has been put on ventilator support since May 5. Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, Law, Housing & Urban Development Minister Pratap Jena has tested positive for Covid-19. Jena on Friday took to Twitter to inform that he has tested positive for Covid-19. Two sitting BJD MLAs Prafulla Samal and Raghunath Gomango have tested positive for Covid-19.

## 18-44 Age Group To Be Given Covid Jab In Odisha's Five Municipal Corporations Initially

Bhubaneswar, May 8: The Odisha government today stated Covid vaccination of people in the age bracket of 18 and 44 years will be carried out in the five municipal corporation areas of the State initially. In a letter to the District Collectors, Municipal Commissioners, CDMOs and PHOs, Health and Family Welfare Department's Additional Chief Secretary PK Mohapatra stated as the vaccine manufacturers are able to supply low quantity of vaccines

currently, the government is starting vaccination of people aged between 18 and 44 years in five municipal corporations of the state, where the positivity rate of Covid-19 infection is very high. The letter further stated, however, as the vaccine supply improves, people from 18 to 44 years in other districts will provided with the vaccines. The State has five municipal corporations - Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Sambalpur Municipal Corporation and Rourkela Municipal Corporation. The

Berhampur Municipal Corporation, Sambalpur Municipal Corporation and Rourkela Municipal Corporation. The for 18 to 44 years from 8 AM to 1 PM and for 45 years and above from 3 PM to 6 PM. The letter also directed officials to



Covid vaccines will be given to the 18 and 44 years age group at government vaccination centres. The vaccination session will be planned

segregate the vaccine stock of central supply and state supply and its utilization and record the data on daily basis at all cold chain points and dis-

tribut level. As the State government approved to set up government sponsored vaccination centres in private hospitals, it can be used as an extension of government CVC for vaccination of 18-44 age group only, the letter read. The vaccines will be supplied to private hospitals free of cost. The private hospitals will be allowed to charge Rs 100 per dose as service charge for vaccination of beneficiaries in the age bracket of 18 to 44 years.

## Odisha urges Centre to reduce power transmission tariff

Bhubaneswar, May 8: Objecting to the steep hike in the inter-state power transmission charges by the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL), Odisha government has urged the Centre to issue advisory to the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) to revisit the transmission tariff on the basis of National Electricity Policy and Tariff Policy. In a letter to Union Power Minister RK Singh, Minister of State for Energy Dibya Shankar Mishra said, "National Electricity Policy and Tariff Policy mandate the transmission tariff mechanism to be sensitive to distance, direction and related to quantum of flow, which means the tariff to be based on actual utilisation of the transmis-



sion system." However, despite several amendments of CERC (Sharing of Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, there has been continuous and steep rise in transmission tariffs for states like Odisha, which has ironically got most of the generators inside the State. "Over the past decade, it is observed that the national average of PGCIL transmission charges, which was 24 paisa per

unit in 2011-12, had gone up to 85 paisa per unit in 2019-20 with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 17 per cent (pc)," Mishra said. After the grid disturbances on July 30 and 31, 2012, Mishra said huge number of transmission system assets was added to bring stability to the system, leading to a considerable percentage of transmission assets remaining idle and

underutilised and thus increasing the transmission charges. Further, cost of transmission assets discovered through competitive bidding are significantly lower than the cost determined under regulated (cost-plus) mechanism. As a combined effect of huge underutilised capacity addition and price determined through cost-plus method, the annual revenue requirement (ARR) of PGCIL for 2019-20

## New COVID Vaccination Centre Launched In Cuttack City

Cuttack, May 8: The Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) has declared the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium as the COVID-19 vaccination center for beneficiaries due for the second dose of the Covishield vaccine. The stadium has been declared as the vaccination centre for smooth management of the immunization drive in CMC area and greater benefit of the public, said the urban local body in an official statement. Vaccination of the second dose at the centre will begin from May 10. The following arrangements have been made for smooth management of the drive: CMC Joint Commissioner Sumita Sarkar will be In-Charge of session site CMC Deputy Commissioner Latashree Bag will ensure all logistics (IEC, drink-

ing facility and token) and also do necessary coordination with all line departments. She will also depute two DEOs and one MIS Official to support in data management. CMC Deputy Commissioner Sanjibeeta Ray

will ensure deployment of volunteers for crowd management inside the premises. The Mobile Health Team under NUHM is attached to the session site for management of anaphylaxis and other complication resulting from vaccination during observation Eight vac-



disinfection of the premises. Vaccine and logistic for vaccination are to be ensured by DVLM. CPMU will arrange sound system for announcement of COVID appropriate behaviour and any necessary message. A verifier will also be engaged at the session site.

# India's role as a global player will expand: PM Modi, Portuguese PM

New Delhi, May 8: In a joint op-ed piece in Politico, they said the India-EU leaders' meeting is an opportunity to expand cooperation in new areas of decisive importance for the development of contemporary societies and economies. India's role as a major regional and global player is set to expand over the coming years and its journey with the European Union in search of new routes of political, economic and technological cooperation will continue, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Portuguese counterpart Antonio Costa said on Saturday. In a joint op-ed piece in Politico, they said the India-EU leaders' meeting is an opportunity to expand cooperation in new areas of decisive importance for the development of contemporary societies and economies. "India's role as a major regional and global player is set to continue to expand over the coming years, and a strengthened partnership would offer Europe an opportunity to diversify relations in a strategic region of the



world," Modi and Costa said. In the virtual India-EU leaders' meeting on Saturday, the two sides are expected to announce the resumption of negotiations for a free trade agreement after a gap of eight years, besides resolving to further broaden their ties. "The journey together between the EU and India will be continued and advanced as of tomorrow in search of new routes of political, economic and technological cooperation, with enormous potential for mutual benefits," the two prime ministers said. Modi and Costa said the India-EU meeting will provide new impetus to the partnership that will have a positive effect on inter-

national trade and investment. "The meeting is a chance to expand cooperation between the EU and India in new areas of decisive importance for the development of contemporary societies and economies: the digital transition, connectivity, mobility, health, the energy transition and climate action," they said. The two leaders mentioned that the EU is India's biggest trading partner and the second-largest destination for Indian exports, adding the two-way trade has increased 72 percent in the last decade. "It is the right time to resume negotiations toward an ambitious and balanced trade agreement capable of acting as a key driver

for sustainable growth and jobs creation, both for India and Europe," they said. "Apart from everything else, an EU-India agreement would send a powerful signal to the world in support of the benefits of international trade cooperation," they added. The two prime ministers noted that a similar rationale applies to investment. "The negotiation of an EU-wide investment protection framework would provide greater stability and certainty to companies from India and EU to expand their presence in each other's markets," they added. Modi and Costa said India-EU relations have always been marked by mutual support and soli-

arity which was evident during the coronavirus pandemic when both have supported each other and the rest of the world. "India extended medical supplies to Europe earlier and now the EU has extended assistance to India as it experiences a second wave of COVID-19," they said. The two prime ministers also said that Portugal and India have always played a unique role in bringing the two continents together, both in the distant and recent past. Modi and Costa also said that Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore travelled extensively in Europe in different periods of his life. "The great poet was a staunch believer in the principles of mutual understanding between peoples and in India's mission to bring together the East and the West," they said. "He wrote frequently about the meeting of Europe and India, to which he attributed deep cultural, political and even personal significance: 'I have felt the meeting of the East and the West in my own individual life,'" they added.

# Over 160 injured in clash between Israeli police, Palestinians at Al-Aqsa mosque

Jerusalem, May 8: More than 160 people were wounded after Israeli riot police clashed with Palestinians at Jerusalem's flashpoint Al-Aqsa mosque compound late Friday, capping a week of violence in the Holy City and the occupied West Bank. Stones, bottles and fireworks were hurled at officers who fired rubber bullets and stun grenades at the crowds at Islam's third-holiest site, also revered by Jews as the location of two biblical-era temples. At least 163 Palestinians and six Israeli officers were reported wounded at Al-Aqsa and elsewhere in east Jerusalem, as the Palestinian Red Crescent said it had opened a field hospital because emergency rooms were full. Police said officers had restored order because of the "rioting of thousands of worshippers" after evening prayers. Tensions in Jerusalem have soared in recent weeks as Palestinians have protested against Israel's restrictions on access to parts of the Old City during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, and after au-

thorities ordered several Palestinian families to leave their homes to make way for Israeli settlers. The United States called for "de-escalation" and said the threatened evictions could worsen the situation in east Jerusalem, as the United Nations warned the forced evictions could amount to "war crimes". Friday's unrest came on Al-Quds (the Arabic name for Jerusalem) Day, an annual day of pro-Palestinian rallies held by Iran, the arch-enemy of Israel, which also saw many thousands march in majority-Muslim countries across the region and as far as Pakistan. Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas said that he held the Israeli government "responsible" for the unrest and voiced "full support for our heroes in Aqsa". International observers urged calm, with UNSpe-

cial Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland tweeted his concern, and urged all parties to "respect the status quo of holy sites in Jerusalem's Old City in the interest of peace & stability." The clashes erupted as Muslims packed the Al-Aqsa compound to pray on the last Friday of Ramadan. In 2000, the compound was where the second Palestinian intifada broke out after a visit there by former opposition and right-wing Israeli leader Ariel Sharon, seen as a painful provocation by Palestinians. Earlier on Friday, Israeli security forces killed two Palestinians and wounded a third after the trio opened fire on the Salem base in the occupied West Bank, police said, with the incident following days of bloody clashes and killings.



# DCGI Approved DRDO's Drug For Emergency Use Against Coronavirus



New Delhi, May 8: Another drug has been approved by the DCGI to fight the outbreak of the second wave of Corona virus. The Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences, a laboratory of DRDO, along with Dr. Reddy Labs, has developed an oral drug of corona. DCGI has approved this drug named 2-deoxy-D-glu-

cose for emergency use in India. If the clinical results of the medicine are to be believed, then this drug helps the corona patients admitted to the hospital to recover quickly. Along with this, it also reduces the oxygen requirement of the patients. It has been revealed in the results that the report of patients taking this drug

has come negative in the RT-PCR test. In such a situation, this medicine can prove to be very beneficial for the people of India who are facing the second wave of epidemic. In April 2020, the use of this drug of Covid-19 was started. Its initial results were very good, after which its clinical trials started in May 2020, which were completed in October 2020. In the third phase clinical trial, people were given doses of this drug, which saw very good results. DRDO scientists say that these drugs will soon be available in the market for the treatment of Covid patients.

# SC sets up 12-member national task force to allocate oxygen across India

New Delhi, May 8: The Supreme Court on Saturday formed a 12-member task force to ensure medical oxygen is delivered throughout the country in a streamlined manner. A bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud set up the task force to assess and recommend the need and distribution of oxygen throughout India. The court-appointed task force will also provide a public health response on the basis of a scientific approach on issues of essential drugs, manpower and medical care to rural areas. The task force consists of 10 doctors and the convener of the task force will be the cabinet secretary to the Centre. The secretary to the health

ministry is also part of the 12-member committee formed by the Supreme Court. The 12 member panel includes - Dr Bhabatosh Biswas, former vice-chancellor, West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Kolkata. Dr Devender Singh Rana, chairperson, board of management, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi. Dr Devi Prasad Shetty, chairperson and executive director, Narayana Healthcare, Bengaluru. Dr Gagandeep Kang, professor, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu. Dr JV Peter, director, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu. Dr Naresh Trehan, chairperson and managing director, Medanta Hospi-



tal and Heart Institute, Gurugram. Dr Rahul Pandit, director, critical care medicine and ICU, Fortis Hospital, Mulund (Mumbai, Maharashtra) and Kalyan (Maharashtra). Dr Saumitra Rawat, chairman and head, department of surgical gastroenterology and liver transplant, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi. Dr Shiv Kumar Sarin, senior professor and head of department of Hepatology,

Director, Institute of Liver and Biliary Science (ILBS), Delhi. Dr Zarir F Udhwadia, consultant chest physician, Hinduja Hospital, Breach Candy Hospital and Parsee General Hospital, Mumbai. Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (ex-officio member). The Convener of the National Task Force, who shall also be a member, will be the Cabinet Secretary to the

Union Government to the task force. The Supreme Court also allowed audit of medical oxygen to examine supply and efficacy of distribution of oxygen by the government of national capital territory of Delhi (GNCTD). Dr Randeep Guleria, Dr Sandeep Budhiraja and one IAS officer each from Centre and Delhi government, will comprise the audit group for Delhi. The country since the onset of the second wave saw hospitals in its major cities face severe oxygen shortage which led to deaths of hundreds of patients. Major hospitals in Delhi last month moved the Supreme Court and the Delhi high court citing lack of oxygen which led to deaths of patients.

# Sena says India surviving on system created by Nehru-Gandhi, slams govt's Central Vista project

Mumbai, May 8: The Shiv Sena on Saturday said that while smaller countries in the neighbourhood are offering help to India to tackle COVID-19, the Modi government is not even ready to stop the

Indira Gandhi and Manmohan Singh, has helped the country live through the tough times that it is facing today. "The UNICEF has expressed fear that there is a threat to the world from India due to the pace at



work of the multi-crore Central Vista project. The party also said that the system created in the past 70 years by previous prime ministers, including Pandit Nehru,

which coronavirus is spreading in the country. It has also made an appeal that maximum number of countries should help India in the fight against COVID-19.

# EU agrees potential 1.8 billion-dose purchase of Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine

(A.O. Bureau) New Delhi, May 8: The European Union cemented its support for Pfizer-BioNTech and its novel COVID-19 vaccine technology Saturday by agreeing to a massive contract extension for a potential 1.8 billion doses through 2023. EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen tweeted that her office "has just approved a contract for a guaranteed 900 million doses" with the same amount of doses as a future option. The new contract, which has the unanimous backing of the EU member states, will entail not only the production of the vaccines, but also making



sure that all the essential components should be sourced from the EU. The European Commission currently has a portfolio of 2.6 billion doses from half a dozen companies. "Other contracts and

other vaccine technologies will follow," von der Leyen said in a Twitter message. Pfizer-BioNTech had an initial contract of 600 million doses with the EU. Saturday's announcement also un-

derscores the confidence the EU has shown in the technology used for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, which is different from that behind the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine. The active ingredient in the Pfizer-BioNTech shot is messenger RNA, or mRNA, which contains the instructions for human cells to construct a harmless piece of the coronavirus called the spike protein. The human immune system recognizes the spike protein as foreign, allowing it to mount a response against the virus upon infection. The announcement of the huge contract extension comes as the European

Union is looking for ways to meet the challenges of necessary booster shots, possible new variants and a drive to vaccinate children and teenagers. America's Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech have already said that they would provide the EU with an extra 50 million doses in the 2nd quarter of this year, making up for faltering deliveries of AstraZeneca. In contrast to the oft-criticized Anglo-Swedish AstraZeneca, von der Leyen has said that Pfizer-BioNTech is a reliable partner that delivers on its commitments. Two weeks ago, the EU launched legal proceedings

against AstraZeneca for failing to respect the terms of its contract with the 27-nation bloc. The AstraZeneca vaccine had been central to Europe's immunization campaign, and a linchpin in the global strategy to get vaccines to poorer countries. But the slow pace of deliveries has frustrated the Europeans and they have held the company responsible for partly delaying their vaccine rollout. So far, von der Leyen said, the EU has made some 200 million doses available to its 450 million citizens while almost as many have been exported from the bloc.

# Red Cross Odisha Branch Observes World Red Cross Day Senior Journalist Succumbed to Covid-19



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 8: Indian Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch observed World Red Cross Day on a theme "Unstoppable". On the eve of World Red Cross Day, a two days programme has been organised under the

guidance of Honorary Secretary Indian Red Cross Society Odisha state Branch Miss CTM. Suguna. A meeting on webinar was presided over by the Honorary secretary on the first day of the programme. District Coordinators, Convenor

Secretaries of YRC, JRCOs, and District Secretaries JRC of all districts joined the meeting. In this meeting Youth Red Cross Officer Dr. Ajay Kumar Tripathy discussed different services like blood donation, mask & soap distribution, awareness on

social distancing, hand hygiene and use of mask, vaccination centre management, dead body management rendered by Red Cross volunteers in all over the state. Counsellors from different districts shared their experience at the time of working during this pandemic COVID-19. Secretary madam appealed all the members present on the webinar to focus on blood donation camps with obeying all covid guidelines to solve the blood dry situation in all blood banks, psychological care to the corona positive patients to keep them stress free, providing grocery, vegetables and other essential items if someone is in

emergency, to provide services to the migrant labours locked at the border, crowd management and social distancing awareness at vaccination centres. she suggested all to be in touch at least thirty people over phone to reduce their fear psychology at this pandemic covid-19. Junior Red Cross Officer thanked all members for their tireless service around the clock to the society. On the second day a blood donation camp at Red Cross Bhawan is organised. It is inaugurated by the Honorary Secretary. Twenty three units of blood are collected by the Central Red Cross Blood Bank from the camp.



(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, May 8: Senior Journalist Pradeep Kumar Sahoo lost his life from corona virus. All the Journalists of Khordha pay tributes to this unique personality. In the memories of Pradeep Sahoo a Condolence meeting was organized at Sambadika Bhawan, Khordha. District Information and Public Relation Officer (DIPRO) Khordha, Manash Ranjan Biswal, Journalist Niranjana

Dora, Prakash Kumar Hati, Prasanna Kumar Paikaraya, Dillip Kumar Pattnaik condoled his sudden demise and stated that Pradeep Sahoo will always be remembered for his significant contributions to the field of journalism. Sri. Sahoo has been Representative of Baripada, Khordha and Puri district for about 14 years in the daily Odia Newspaper Dharitri. For the past two years he has been working

as the District Representatives of daily Odia Newspaper Sambad in the district of Ganjam. He had been infected with corona virus for past few days. In this Condolence meeting, Journalist Jitendra Bhanja, Ranjit Samantaray, Tapan Mohanty, Santosh Kumar Barik, Narayan Mohanty, Ranjit Patsani, Govinda Panda, Praveen Kumar Bhanja, Prasanta Kumar Sahoo, Manoj Sahoo and others give their deep Condolence to his family.

## Odisha government to equip all COVID facilities with oxygen cylinders

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 8: With a rise in requirement of oxygen for treatment of Covid-19 patients following the surge in new cases, the State government has decided to equip all Covid care facilities with adequate oxygen cylinders. While the State has a capacity of around 12,000 cylinders with a filling capacity of 130 tonne of oxygen per day, production of liquid medical oxygen is around 375 tonne. The Odisha State Medical Corporation (OSMC)

adult and 5,000 paediatric masks besides 5,000 oxygen concentrators. Although arrangements have been made in all districts for oxygen cylinders and each health institution has been tagged to one or more cylinder refilling centres, the Health department has directed districts to ensure the number of vehicles engaged for transportation of cylinders to and from refilling centres is increased from time to time. Additional Chief Secretary of Health PK Mohapatra said it is

fitted with GPS tracking system and the contact details be shared with the IT Secretary along with a copy to Drugs Controller," he directed. The department has also issued a standard operating procedure (SOP) for requisition of Tocilizumab and other drugs for treating Covid-19 patients. As per the SOP, Tocilizumab may be used in patients with moderate disease with progressively increasing oxygen requirement and in mechanically ventilated patients not improving despite the use



has floated tenders for procurement of 18,000 more cylinders to ensure that the Covid care centres in rural areas also have oxygen support. The government has also urged the Centre to supply 10,000 jumbo oxygen cylinders, 20,000 B-type cylinders, five cryogenic oxygen tanks of 10,000 litre each, 30,000 flow meters and 25,000

necessary to increase the frequency and number of vehicles being sent for refilling of oxygen cylinders in order to maintain continuity of supply. "At any given point of time, at least one vehicle should be available as reserve as stand-by for meeting any eventuality on account of vehicle breakdown or staff absence. All vehicles have to be

of steroid. "But after receiving Tocilizumab through government supply, some hospitals were found to have not used the drugs on some patients for whom requisitions were filed," Mohapatra said and asked officials to initiate measures to rationalise the supply of Tocilizumab or other drugs for appropriate use by needy patients.

## Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates 100-bed ICU facility



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 8: Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday inaugurated a 100-bed ICU ventilator facility at Vikash multi-speciality hospital at Bargarh. Inaugurating the hospital

developed by Dasari Veer Raju and Gunnam Ram Chandra Rao Memorial Trust in association with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), Pradhan said this facility will meet the healthcare need of the people of 10 western Odisha districts which

are entering an explosive phase with test positivity rate (TPR) shooting up. The IOCL has contributed Rs 11.5 crore from its corporate social responsibility (CSR) fund for augmenting the hospital. Under this project, 70 ventilators, 50 monitors and 200 syringe pumps have been provided by the PSU for establishing the ICU ventilator facility for treatment of critical Covid patients. "I am happy that Bargarh district has been included in vacci-

nation process by the help of corporates. I am hopeful that apart from government initiative, corporates will come forward for I+1 vaccination drive. While vaccinating their own employee, they will help the needy persons in getting the jobs," Pradhan said. Stating that the TPR in some western Odisha districts is alarmingly high and the number of patients requiring ICU ventilators is rising sharply, he said this CSR intervention by IOCL will fur-

ther supplement the efforts of government in providing timely treatment to Covid patients in Bargarh and surrounding districts. He said corporates are also working earnestly to meet the nation's liquid medical oxygen requirements in this hour of need. Members of Parliament Suresh Pujari and Prasanna Acharya, legislators Debesh Acharya, Snehangini Chhuria and Rita Sahu, and Chairman of Vikash Group D Murali Krishna were present.

## Sabyasachi Mishra's volunteer network reaches out to needy across nation

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 8: SmileForce, a network of over 12,000 volunteers formed by Ollywood actor and philanthropist Sabyasachi Mishra, is extending 24X7 assistance to people in distress across the country and abroad. "I received a request from an Odia woman staying near Surat in Gujarat, who said she and her child needed food as her husband was admitted to a hospital for Covid-19 treatment. The woman was not able to provide accurate details of her address but Smile Force volunteers managed to deliver food at her residence," said Mishra. Similarly, an Odia couple staying in New Delhi,

which is infected and has a 10-year-old child, was on lookout for cooked food. The couple which has isolated itself, approached Smile Force, whose volunteers arranged food for the family in the national capital. The group's volunteers also delivered oxygen cylinders to Covid-19 patients at odd hours in remote villages of western Odisha recently. As Mishra is flooded with requests from various parts of the country and in order to ensure timely intervention, he has recently uploaded a Google form on his Twitter handle and has appealed people to join Smile Force as volunteers. In the last four days, 16,000 to 18,000 volun-



teers, mostly Odias, have filled the form but around 6,000 of them were not selected keeping in mind their safety as they are less than 18 years of age. "There are two options for volunteering- one can either stay at home and attend distress calls and managing the database, or provide services on the

ground. It was very encouraging to find out that over 80 per cent volunteers opted to help the needy by attending to them in person," said Mishra. Odias in the United States and United Kingdom have welcomed the Smile Force volunteers' initiative and have extended their support to the group. On

an average, Mishra is receiving around 300 requests on his various social media accounts. "The situation is very critical this time unlike last year when many people wanted to return home. This year people are making desperate attempts to admit their loved ones to hospitals or arrange medicines for them. Though we are making all efforts to provide assistance, the success rate is low as hospital beds are full and it is very difficult to arrange certain medicines," the actor pointed out. Apart from receiving SOS for medical needs, the group is also filled with requests for ration, cooked food, demand for jobs among others.

## Submit List Of Employees Commuting To Office During Lockdown: CP

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 8: Intensifying enforcement to curb congregation and unnecessary movement of vehicles as well public during COVID lockdown and weekend shutdown in Twin City Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, the Commissionerate Police today directed organisations in emergency and essential services sectors to submit list of their employees. "Many people with their identity cards are found moving on roads unne-

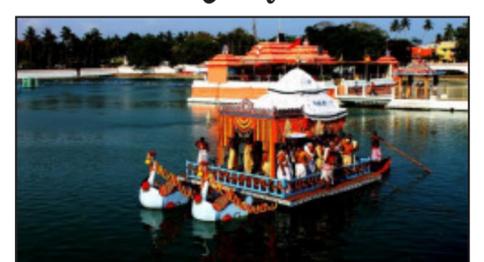
cessarily on pretext of visiting their workplaces during lockdown and shutdown. To restrict unnecessary movement of people of essential services sectors, we have asked the companies/organisations exempted from lockdown restrictions to submit the list of their employees engaged during lockdown to DCPs and issue an authorisation letter to those employees clearly mentioning particular dates of their duty," said Police Commissioner Saumendra



Priyadarsi today. The office goers will be allowed on showing of their identity cards and authorisation letter at police check posts in Twin City Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. He made it clear that no special pass has been issued for any person/organisation for movement on roads during lockdown and weekend shutdown. However, there are no restrictions on persons visiting the hospitals or COVID vaccination centres for inoculation and testing.

## Chandan Jatra Of Lord Lingaraj To Be Held

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 8: The Chandan Jatra of Lord Lingaraj will be held this year but without devotees, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) made it clear while giving nod to the annual festival scheduled to begin from May 15. In this regard, the BMC Commissioner Prem Chandra Chaudhary has written to the Lingaraj Temple Administration about the COVID SOP for conduct of the 22-day-long Chandan Jatra of Lord



Lingaraj. As per the guidelines, Chandan Jatra that begins on Akshaya Tritiya will be held amid COVID restrictions. No devotee will be allowed to visit the Bindusagar pond to witness the festival. The rituals will be held by

only 15 servitors. A list of servitors who will perform the Chandan Jatra rituals will be handed over to the temple administration. However, the COVID negative report is mandatory for those selected servitors, the BMC said.

## EDITORIAL

## Touching base

When the Coronavirus pandemic broke out last year, no one had imagined that one day it would spread to one of the highest and most difficult-to-access places on the planet, the Mt Everest Base Camp. However, now a whopping 17 climbers have tested positive and more are suspected to be infected. The blame for this Himalayan disaster lies at the door of Nepalese Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli. Just like India, Nepal is in the grip of a major Coronavirus outbreak with the national positivity rate at a staggering 47 per cent, and the nation battling a shortage of vaccines, hospital beds and oxygen. Meanwhile, Oli, in the middle of a political crisis too, is facing stringent criticism for his mishandling of the health emergency. The beleaguered Oli has now appealed for international aid to help the Himalayan country tide over this crisis. Though the help will not be long in coming, Oli and the Government have a lot to answer for. Despite the raging pandemic, his Government did not think twice before opening the doors to foreign climbers who wanted to make the most of the spring climbing season. In fact, Nepal gave nearly 400 permits to foreign climbers by April end, almost the same number as in 2019, before the pandemic hit the world. Many experts had warned then that it was only a matter of time before the Coronavirus made its way to the world's highest peak, and their worst fears have come true. Now, Nepal is sitting on a super-spreader, not just because of the crowded camps and the rotating crew of porters and yak drivers but also due to the fact that it does not have the wherewithal to handle the spread of the virus at that altitude. Besides, the fact that the High-Altitude Pulmonary Edema — which a lot of mountaineers face — resembles the COVID-19 symptoms makes it more difficult for the disease to be diagnosed correctly and contained. It is evident that the Nepal Government's reliance on Mt Everest as a source of revenue overruled better judgement; it has already collected more than \$3.8 million in fees from climbing permits this year, and the amount that climbers spend in the country typically accounts for over \$300 million. Though the Government is trying to deny the Base Camp outbreak, it is again being forced to close its doors to the world. One wonders if the revenue earned from the climbers and tourism was worth it.

## Cryptic message

Swamy's suggestion to Modi on empowering Gadkari has deeper political connotations. He is a rare breed of politicians, among those very few leaders who don't mince words and generally render stinging advice to their own party bosses that often leaves the leadership uncomfortable and red-faced. The BJP's Subramanian Swamy is not exactly famous for toeing the party's line and, true to his image of taking on even the Government if needed, he has recently stated that the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) cannot be relied upon in the war on the pandemic. Going a step further, he also requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make Union Minister Nitin Gadkari the incharge of COVID-19 management. The decision, of course, rests with the Government but Swamy's statements have deeper political connotation. Though the Centre is now seen making all-out efforts to rein in the pandemic, it cannot be denied that the contagion is far from tamed and that the country was caught totally unprepared when the second wave of COVID-19, far more virulent and ferocious than the first, hit us. Our healthcare and related infrastructure is creaking under its killing weight due to the acute shortage of medical oxygen, hospital beds, essential medicines and so on. No doubt, the image of the Government and the Prime Minister has taken a beating among the masses. With Modi being the sole face the BJP banks upon, the party doesn't want to run the risk of the citizenry relating his persona to their plight in the ensuing polls. Being a seasoned politician, Swamy seems to feel that under the persisting circumstances Modi's face might not augur well for the party's poll prospects, as has been proved by the recent Assembly poll results, and hence it's necessary to project someone else with an independent face value and credibility, such as Gadkari. Obviously, the innate message Swamy wants to project is that the BJP is not only about Modi and that there are others who can be relied upon in this hour of crisis. The veteran leader wants to convey that the party is bigger than the PM or the PMO. The assertion that the PMO is "useless" also indicates that Modi is listening too much to the advice of his close courtiers, including top bureaucrats, which might not always be sane and in the larger interest of the party. Perhaps, Swamy wants Modi to rely more on his own wisdom and that of the party stalwarts during these trying times rather than depending upon the bureaucrats and other yes-men who dare not differ with him. The utterances might be a signal to the Prime Minister that it's time to revisit the strategies for tackling the pandemic and give more responsibility to leaders like Gadkari, who are good in management and planning. The nation has expressed confidence in Modi's leadership for two consecutive terms and we expect him to do whatever is imperative to save us from the raging contagion. As of now, successfully defeating the accursed virus is about the only thing that will brighten his prospects and that of the BJP's for a third term.

## A Temple Too Far &amp; My Belief In Divinity:

It has been a natural sequence of my visits to Odisha, during which I am perpetually drawn to the Shri.Mandir of Lord.Jagannath at Puri. I just end up there to seek the blessings of our Isthia Debata, Shri.Jagannath Mahaprabhu without making any conscious effort to do so. It seems to me like a divine perception of going to get his darshan as if he is calling me. It is very personal experience with me and I can notcomprehend it fully what it means ,he just calls and I am there. It gives me immense pleasure,lot of peace,serenity,a sense of spirituality and engulfs me within a devotional envelope when I am doing his darshan. I feel a sense of happiness and rejuvenation every time after my holy visits. Legend says that King. Indradumnawho was a great devotee of Lord Vishnu was informed that Lord Vishnu came in the form Nila Madhava as was being worshipped by a sabara chief called Vishvasava. As instructed by Lord Jagannath in his dream,the king found the fragrant tree and made idols of Jagannath,Balabhadra and Subhadra and installed them in the temple .The current temple was constructed by King Chodaganga Dev of the Eastern Ganga dynasty with the assembly hall and the Vimana or the chariot.LaterAnangabhima Dev completed the temple in 1174 AD. The temple has withstood the ravages of time and 18 inva-



sions from the Delhi sultanate of Mohamad Shah Tughlak and the forces of Karim khan,theNawab of Bengal lead by his general,KalaPahara, but is still standing rock steady both physicallyinspite of the severe damages to it's main structure and in the emotions of all the devotees. I have been moved by the piety of the hinducommunities in Ireland and yet we have no green site temple here. What a glorious thing it would be for us to have the privilege to seek the blessings Shri.Jagannath in the Emerald Isle. I have been strongly motivated to have a temple in Ireland, so thatthesanatana dharm flourishes outside india in the land of saints and apricots,where the hindu community has grown expo-

entially over the years, with hardly any place to observe our religious rituals and our customs from the cradle to the grave. Whenever,whenwe do spiritual work for other people,there is a blessing that will always come back to us.So,it was decided that we form a working group in Ireland and use around 10 acres of my estate and another 12 acres lake for this purpose. We are working on the project for the last 1 year and during my visit to Bhubaneswar in February 2020,I could gather some like minded people to support us in this holy work. Thus was born, Shri jagannathChetna Ireland project to work and complete this glorious task dedicated to



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Shri.Jagannath. The main problem seems to be to get a full permission from the local council to construct the temple, a shop, accommodation for the priest, overnight guest accommodation,a convent i o n centre,templegardens,meditation park and recreational facilities around the lake. This will take lots of determination and effort to bring this to a satisfactory conclusion.However,with the blessings of shri.Jagannath,it is doable. Let us hope for the best. Truly,ifShri.Jagannath desires that the hindu community here be a temple motivated people,then it would be the deepest desire of my heart to have every member to be temple worthy and visit the temple according to their convenience. To have the temple indeed be a symbol unto us,we must desire it to be so.We must be worthy to enter the temple. Whether at home or in the shopping malls, whether at school or long after school is behind us,whether we are totally alone or in a gathering with a host of other people, our course will be clear as we look for the blessings of Shri.JagannathMahaprabhu. The ability to sustain ourselves and to stand by one's principles, to live with integrity and faith according to one's belief is what matters. True devotion in our lives requires commitment, a pious soul, deeply held and eternally cherished. Jai Jagannath. Jai Utkal Janani.

## The creator of living creatures

She is the creator of living creatures. Her heart is larger than the sky and mind is like heaven. Her arms are always open to protect her child. Elixir seeps from her chest. Her eyes move around the child. She wakes her child up in morning and sleeps with her child at night after whole day of caring. The caring includes child's education, health, recreation and many more. It's astonishing that she never tied to serve because she is a Mother. She may be in various social positions like; sister, daughter, aunt etc but she felt glorious when she became a mother. First she likes to be a mother who has no primary interest for self intention, self benefit, self respect rather to serve her child's best interest sincerely. Though she is staying within a family as like other family members but she is most tolerant like earth and lap children like nature. She feels proud to perform her duty as mother. She never wants to share it. She has confident to manage it alone at every situation without help of others. Since ancient, there are so many instances that mother makes her child stronger and builds as good person. It is her achievement. Now days, some children are forgetting the great contribution of mother in their life. When the children became adult they neglect, misbehaves their mother. But they should remember that mother is mother. She is children's fate builder. At any negative state, she never hesitates to bless her son or daughter whether they care or not. This is her dedication. She sticks upon her promise to never hurt her children till the end of life. But sometimes the children cannot understand her. A story depicts about a mother Asha and her

Down syndrome son. There is no cure for Down syndrome as a genetic disorder. Still mother Asha never losses hope. It takes a lot of dedication and care to bring up a child with Down syndrome. In his early years, some didn't respond to things that most other babies did. His behavior wasn't normal. When she consulted with doctors to find out what ailed her son. Doctor said that son have the less mental capacity. He will be physically able, but won't be able to go about his daily activities on his own. In adverse situation like non supportive family, financial instability, Asha



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kept faith in God and with positive energy she provided constant care, support, and education which were required in such situations. Thereafter he started improving which gives a lot of relief to Asha. This is self satisfaction of a mother. Nobody can bring such improvement except mother. The data reveals that Down syndrome affects nearly to 30,000 children every year in India alone. It causes growth delays, characteristic facial features, and mild to moderate intellectual disability. Another story behind the sacrifice of a mother says that there was a mother with one eye. Other was lost. She goes through poverty. But admit her son in a renowned school for his better and quality education. She wears slit saree and working as daily labour. The child always asks her mother since childhood that mom, why don't you have the other eye? Why you make me laughing-stock. Why don't you just die? But Mother never responds. The child felt a little bad, but son wanted to say that all time. However mother

hadn't punished, so the child never felt that he hurts her. Later on mother aim fulfilled. Her son became a doctor. He found a letter of his mother. Mother wrote that I think my life has been long enough now. I won't visit there anymore. I miss you so much. And I was so glad when I heard you became a doctor. I decided not to go with you to your institution. I'm sorry that I only have one eye, and I was an embarrassment for you. Are you know, when you were very little, you got into an accident, and lost your eye. As a mother, I couldn't stand watching you having to grow up with only one eye. So I gave you mine. I was so proud of my son that was seeing a whole new world for me, in my place, with that eye. I was never upset at you for anything you did. The couple times that you were angry with me. I thought to myself, 'it's because he loves me.' I miss the times when you were still young around me. I miss you so much. I love you. Son realized for his worst deeds but he has not got her mother. Not only doing household chores but also mother performs duty at hospital, school, office, brick kiln, agriculture field, forest and on daily wage. It reveals that their contributions not limited for house but also in various institutions, fields and society. They contribute nurturing children as well as development of economy, politics and social status of nation. It proves mother can do everything for her child. She can fight and she is only able to ensure child rights. The rights of children to survive, develop-

ment, protection and participation can be ensured only by the mother. For that reason Juvenile Justice says family is the best place for the child. She listens from child, she finds better for development, she is the protection of her child and she can fight for survival of the child. It is not only the responsibility of a mother that she is only for caring for her son or daughter. But the son or daughter has reciprocal responsibility to taking care of their mother till the old age. Mother is precious. Those people have mother they are fortunate. Those who recognize it they blessed always by their mother. Mother is the living God. In spiritualism, clearly depicts that Goddesses in our culture are our mother. We pray when we are in trouble. Presently, COVID pandemic is creating a terrific world, where more than 14000 people dies daily. Meanwhile the news came that 3rd wave will be more dangerous and which will affect our children more. Though mother like; nurses, doctor, police etc are serving and saving our life leaving their child in their homes. That loyalty of a mother never ever measure. So in forthcoming days we all should perform our duties to support such mothers who are working for us to save us from COVID pandemic. All should join hands to protect their children from the dangerous virus Corona. Mother has not slept in days and nights when watching over her sick child. She believes that her caring can protect her child. It's true. Without child mother's life meaningless and without mother life of child is hopeless. Long live such a beautiful creation where mother and her child live together forever.

### The main grocery store in Rengali was sealed off



(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, May 8: The main grocery store near Rengali Daily Bazaar in Sambalpur district on Saturday was sealed by Rengali police for seven days and fined Rs 2,000. The state government has announced

a lockdown from the 5th to the 19th of this month to allow the sale of essential goods from 6am to 12pm on Saturdays and Sundays of the week. However, some amateurs are opening shops without regard to anyone. Bhisma dev

Pradhan's main grocery store near Rengali Daily Bazaar violated the rules and opened a grocery store. Rengali police officer Dhabelaeswar Sahu went to Sadalbal and sealed the shop for 7 days and fined Rs 2,000.

### The Korana test begins in Rengali

(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, May 8: For the first time since Saturday, covid testing has started at Rengali

PHC, Sambalpur district's industrial district. It is learned that Rengali MLA Nauri Nayak had demanded

the district magistrate on 29/4/21 to set up a cow test center at Rengali PHC in the industrial area.

### Two KKD officials have called for a cease-fire

(A.O. Bureau) Kukudakhandi, May 8: Kukudakhandi Tahsildar kalyani Sanghamitra and BDO

Gadadhar Patra supervised the second phase of Covid vaccination at Jagdalpur Primary Health Center. In addition

tion RRT went to the homes of many patients in Nimkhandi and Lochapada area, along with RRT to inquire

### Blood donation camp on the occasion of the wedding

(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, May 8: A blood donation camp was held at Rengali Old Basti in Sambalpur district. A total of 10 units of blood were collected at the blood donation camp. The marriage ended in a Vedic ceremony between Padmanabh Vhoi of the old slum and Mansi Badei of Kadelpita. A blood donation camp was held at the wedding. The blood donation



camp was inaugurated by the newlyweds, and the groom, Padmanabh Vhoi, was the first to donate blood. Dr. Durga Prasad Sahu of Burla Blood Bank and the team collected blood. Independent Ekta Sangh president Rajiv Mishra, Rajinikanth Sharma, Srikant Pristi, Tapan Bishwal, Divyakishore Sarfa, Harish Shah, Jitendra Tripathi and Sripati Shandha were present and assisted.

### Journalists of Malkangiri District are Covid vaccinated

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 8: The Malkangiri district journalists vaccinated today. A special immunization of journalists was arranged by District administration today and the vaccination Program was held at the District Headquarter Hospital on 08.05.21. The pro-

gram was held from 3 pm to 6 pm. About more than 80 journalists vaccinated The Utkal journalist Association thanked the Chief Minister of Odisha for announcing frontline Covid warrior to the journalists and for giving instruction to District administration for this useful immunization to



the journalists as journalist are also daily

providing news of each area so that

people getting awareness on Covid.



### World Redcross day celebrated by Malkangiri College



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 8: Malkangiri College celebrated World Red Cross Day Today on 08.05.21 in premises of Malkangiri College. The Program of World Red Cross Day celebrated with great care with following Covid rules. The Malkangiri college principal Mr

Ashok Kumar sarangi was the chief guest in the event He emphasised on the principle moral and laws of the father of Red cross sir Henry Durant. The event was moderated by Dr. Ranjan Kumar Swain, District Red Cross Con- vener. The college's non-supervisory staff,

such as Manoranjan Parida Sujit Kumar Panigrahi, Rabindra Kumar Sodi Kalimela College's Head Clerk Jagabandhu Sahu, were present. All the members present took an oath to abide by the ideals and rules of Sir Henry. Finally, Mr. Ranjan Kumar Swain thanked everyone.

### A corona awareness meeting was held in Sithalo panchayat

(A.O. Bureau) Niali, May 8: Awareness meeting for the second wave of Kovid-16 has been held at Sithalo Panchayat under Niali block. The meeting was held at the Panchayat office under the chairmanship of the

Panchayat Sarpanch Antaryami Badu. The meeting focused on providing the latest information on the arrival of migrants to the panchayat, vaccination priority, corona identification at health sub-centers, and the transfer of

critically ill patients to Covid Hospital at Amrapalli Resort. Sarpanch Shri Badu stressed the importance of advising people not to leave their homes, especially if they have no mask, sanitizer and social distance and no work.

### EBSB Club, Paradip College Conducted webinar on "Catch the Rain"

(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, May 8: Ekbharat & Sresthabharat Club of Paradip College, Paradip organised one day webinar on 07.05.2021 on the theme of "Catch the Rain" by inviting Dr Sibani Basumatari, Asst. Prof, PG Dept. of Geography, Bodoland University, Assam. Dr S. Kanungo, Principal delivered her welcome address. Sri G. Patra, Coordinator, EBSB Club introduced guests. Ms Saswati Pattnaik, lect in English read out the report of the club highlighting all the activities of the club. The resource person Dr Sibani delivered her presentation on PPT. mode. She emphasised on the

club to create awareness about rain water harvesting structures at different places to conserve water so as to overcome water crisis. About 100 participants had participated in the webinar from across the state. Question & queries session was conducted by Ms Abhilipsa Das, Member EBSB. At last Sri B. N Biswal, HoD, Philosophy & Member EBSB extended vote of thanks to all. The complete session was moderated by Mrs Saswati Swagatika, lect. in Economics & member EBSB, Club, Paradip College. All most all the employees of the College were invited to this virtual platform.

### The torrential downpour of Baishakhi, the flying roof, the broken trees and the power poles

(A.O. Bureau) Niali, May 8: Beshakhir Tandab Lila flew off the roof, shattered trees and power poles. In the Niali block Ekberua panchayat, a riot broke out at around 2 pm. As a result, many trees collapsed and power poles

collapsed and fell on the road. Some have blown up roofs and tins. Traffic was light at this time of night, and traffic was light at this time of night. Electricity supply has been disrupted due to the large number of poles being uprooted.

The family farm has water land. Similarly, in Sithalo panchayat and Shagdilo panchayat in the adjoining areas, some houses have been blown up due to the effects of the monsoon, while the banana sajna tree has been demolished.

### PPT SC/ST Association expressed deep sorrow and grief on the sad demise of Antaryami Pradhan

(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, May 8: PPT SC/ST Association pays tribute to PPT employee died PPT SC/ST Association expressed deep sorrow and grief on the sad demise of Antaryami Pradhan, employee of PPT Estate wing. Condoling his death, President of the Association Dhuna Chandra Tarai, Joint Secretary Ajaya Kumar Behera, Vice President Maheswar



Soren and Treasurers expressed grief and said that Antaryami will

be remembered forever for his services in the Estate wing.

### D.G.P. Abhaya reviews Covid situation of ground zero in Ganjam District

(A.O. Bureau) Brahmpur, May 8: Police DG Abhay reviewed the coating management in Berhampur. And says "I am just happy to be free. Many thanks to the police and the people of Ganjam for

their cooperation. Do not leave the house as before Wear a mask and go outside if necessary. Try break the infection chain of covid as much as possible. The police department is doing a good job here at Berhampur

DGP Abhay informed to the media. He also discussed the situation of Covid in the sothern DIG's conference room. The review meeting was attended by many senior police officers including DIG Satyabrata Vhoi,



Berhampur SP Pinak Mishra, Ganjam SP Brijesh Kumar Ray. Then D.G.P. inspected the situation in Girishola gate checkpoint on the Odisha-Andhra border also a casual visit to Golanthara PS and Gosaaninugaon PS .

Than DGP review the temporary immigration center has seen how the check system is being done. The police chief said the check system was satisfactory and Appeal to all Berahampur and Ganjam general public to co-operate to

the police obey all the guidelines which introduce for public welfare such a keep supporting shutdown and lockdown wear mask properly time to time sanitize himself be healthy keep the nation to live happily.

## Sameera Reddy opens up about her relationship with mother-in-law Manjri



New Delhi, May 8: Sameera Reddy has spoken about her relationship with her mother-in-law Manjri Varde in a new interview. She often posts fun videos with her on Instagram. Actor Sameera Reddy has opened up about her relationship with her mother-in-law Manjri Varde, with whom she often posts fun videos on Instagram. Ahead of

Mother's Day, Sameera has also spoken about her mother Nakshatra Reddy and how her mom has inspired her. She often shares posts speaking on women empowerment, self-love, and her struggles on body image issues. Sameera has said that she and Manjri have worked on their relationship and they don't agree on everything. However, their inten-

tions are right. She also said that they don't give in to negativity. "My mother-in-law and I have really worked on our relationship. It did not happen out of the blue. What works for us is that both of us are very strong women, we walk the line and come to a meeting point. We do not necessarily agree on everything but the one thing we agree on is the fact that we love

each other and our intentions are right. And when you come from that space, negativity is something that we do not indulge in at all. We have a great relationship and we will constantly work on it to make sure we keep it that way," she told a leading daily. Speaking on her mother she said she wanted to be at least half of what her mother is 'today, at her age'. "My mother

does not give up and she never has on anything. I love her zest for life. She has never ever let me accept defeat when it comes to goals that I've had or even if it is just making sure that I never lose my zest for life. My mom is a power to reckon with; I have always wanted to be at least 50 per cent of what she is today, at her age," she added. Manjri is often seen lauding and encouraging Sameera on her Instagram posts. When Sameera opened about how she has embraced the imperfections and channelled them towards body positivity and self-love, Manjri had said, "Imperfectly Perfect, is every one of us But we are also Perfectly Imperfect for a reason.....! How else would we grow, evolve, overcome, move on, walk away, stand up and fight!!! Our inner selves and the opinions of Others! So, let's all be Imperfectly Perfect, together."

## Alison Brie, Alessandro Nivola and Aubrey Plaza to lead comedy Spin Me Round

New Delhi, May 8: Spin Me Round, starring Alison Brie, Alessandro Nivola and Aubrey Plaza among others, will start filming in June in Italy. Actors Alison Brie, Alessandro Nivola and Aubrey Plaza are part of an ensemble cast for upcoming independent comedy, Spin Me Round. Brie has penned the script along with Jeff Baena, who will be directing the movie, reported Deadline. Popular actor-comedians Molly Shannon and Lil

Rel Howery are also going to feature in pivotal roles. Tim Heidecker, Ben Sinclair, Fred Armisen, Ayden Mayeri, Debby Ryan, Zach Woods, Ego Nwodim, Lauren Weedman, and Jake Picking round out the cast. The story follows Amber (Brie), the manager of the Bakersfield, California franchise of the Italian eatery chain Tuscan Grove. "She wins an all-expenses trip to the company's gorgeous 'institute' out-

side of Florence, Italy, and the chance to meet the restaurant chain's wealthy and charismatic owner (Nivola). "Along with a mismatched group of local American franchise managers, Amber finds a far different adventure than the romantic fantasy she had imagined," read the official plotline. Spin Me Round will be produced by Duplass Brothers Productions in collaboration with Limelight Pictures. The movie will start filming in June in Italy.



## Padmini Kolhapure says she played a mother when she 'was 17-18 years old'

Mumbai, May 8: Padmini Kolhapure has spoken about portrayal of mothers in movies and it has changed over the years. She also spoke about playing a mom on-screen when she was just a teenager. Actor Padmini Kolhapure has spoken about the portrayal of mothers onscreen and how it has evolved over the years. She also spoke about playing a mom on-screen as a teenager. Padmini has also said that the portrayals have changed as women are more liberal and thinking differently compared to earlier times. Padmini has played the role of

Shahid Kapoor's mother in the 2013 movie Phata Poster Nikhla Hero. She was also seen in the Marathi movie, Prawaas in 2020. Recently, the real-life mother celebrated the wedding of her son Priyaank Sharma with Shaza Morani, daughter of film producer Karim Morani. In an interview with Pinkvilla, Padmini said, "You know you are saying

I did films like Pyar Ke Kabil where I played a mother, in Pyar Jhukta Nahin also I played a mother. Of course, the kids were younger, but I did play a mother. You know then I didn't know what motherhood was, I didn't know what it felt like being a mother. Not that it made me sort of perform any differently when I was in Phata Poster...., but you see the portrayal of a mother has definitely evolved. Women are thinking differently, women are much more liberal, much more open-minded, much more broad-minded. So you have all kinds of mothers being played on the OTT or in movies and television." Speaking on how filmmakers these days portray a mother's journey, she said, "It's no more that typical olden days how a mother was portrayed, or even a mother-in-law for that matter. So they are bringing much more life to the characters, and much more realism so you are able to justify more what a mother is all about. Today's woman is multifaceted, she is truly a woman of substance," said Padmini. Recently, in an interview with a leading daily, Padmini had said that she rejected films that eventually went to Sridevi, Rekha, and Rati Agnihotri. She had said that she has some regrets about turning down Raj Kapoor's Ram Teri Ganga Maili, which starred late Rajiv Kapoor in the lead role



## Neliima Azeem talks about her divorce when son Shahid Kapoor was 3.5 years old

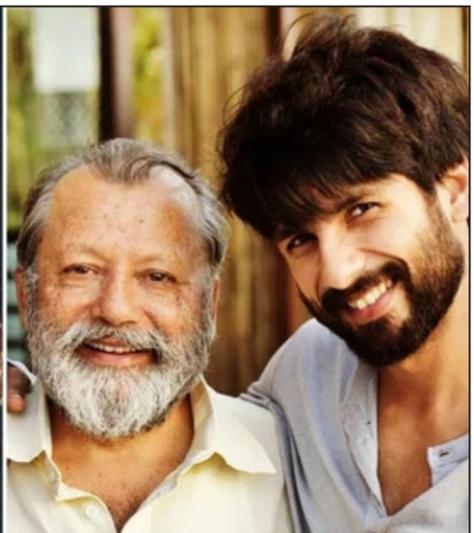
New Delhi, May 8: Neliima Azeem talked about her divorce from Pankaj Kapur and how it impacted their son,

Neliima said that it was not a major change in ambience for Shahid, as he was born and spent the early years of

ready left much earlier. At the time when I had conceived, before we knew, he had already shifted to Bombay and

brother throughout my pregnancy. Later also, when Shahid was born, we were with my parents in their home," she

he always was in, from the time he was born. It didn't make such a huge difference to him but of course, separation and divorce make a difference. He was very young and secondly, he was in the same ambience and family structure as he used to be," she added. Neliima raised Shahid as a single parent after her divorce from Pankaj in 1984. She has another son, Ishaan Khatter, with her ex-husband Rajesh Khattar. Shahid made his Bollywood debut with Ishq Vishk in 2003 and has since starred in several successful films such as Jab We Met, Kaminey, Uda Punjab, Padmaavat, and Kabir Singh. He will be seen next in the sports drama Jersey, a remake of the Telugu film of the same name, which also stars Pankaj. It is slated for a theatrical release this November.



Shahid Kapoor, who was three-and-a-half years old at the time. Neliima Azeem talked about her divorce from her first husband, Pankaj Kapur, when their son Shahid Kapoor was just three-and-a-half years old.

his life at her parents' house in Delhi. Pankaj moved to Mumbai even before their son's birth, to try his luck in the entertainment industry. "Shahid was born in Delhi, while I was staying with my parents, because Pankaj had al-

he wanted to try his luck in films and television. I had supported him because I thought he was a very talented young man who deserves to explore his full potential. I was actually taken care of by my parents and my

told Bollywood Bubble in an interview. "Pankaj and I never had a home together. Shahid was used to staying with us there in Delhi. It wasn't as if he stayed with his father and then he had to shift out. He was in the same surroundings

## Study reveals some meat eaters disgusted by meat

Exeter, England, May 8: According to the findings of a new study, some meat-eaters feel disgusted by meat. University of Exeter scientists showed food pictures to more than 700 people, including omnivores (who eat meat and other foods), flexitarians (who try to eat less meat) and vegetarians. About 7 per cent of meat-eaters (15 per cent of flexitarians and 3% of omnivores) had a "fairly strong disgust response" to images of meat dishes commonly eaten in the UK, like roast chicken

or bacon. As a group, omnivores rated meat images about twice as disgusting on average as pictures of carbohydrate-rich foods like bread, chips and rice. Based on the findings, the researchers say harnessing the "yuk factor" may be more effective than relying on will-power for anyone who wants to eat less meat. "We were surprised to find that so many people are grossed out by meat -- even people who eat meat all the time," said Elisa Becker, of the University of Exeter. "Our results



don't explain why these people eat meat, but it's possible that habits, family and cultural traditions all play a part. "If you're trying to cut down your meat intake, sheer will-power may not be enough -- but harnessing the 'yuk factor' could be the way to go." The study's 711 participants

-- 402 omnivores, 203 flexitarians and 106 vegetarians -- each completed a survey and took a rapid-response task (measuring instinctive reactions) to test their levels of "meat disgust." "Meat liking" was also measured. About 75 per cent of omnivores -- and more than

20 per cent of vegetarians -- showed a fairly strong liking for meat. To be classified as having "fairly strong" meat disgust, participants had to rate six meat images closer to "very much" than "not at all" on a sliding scale of disgust, and also had to show evidence of meat disgust on the rapid-response task. Among flexitarians -- the only group attempting to reduce their meat intake -- meat disgust was a better predictor than self-control (measured in a separate questionnaire) of reduced meat-eating).

# NZ's Seifert tests positive for COVID-19, will receive treatment in Chennai

Christchurch, May 8: New Zealand's wicketkeeper-batsman Tim Seifert, who represented Kolkata Knight Riders in the postponed 2021 edition of IPL, has tested positive for COVID-19 and will not be on the charter flight back home with other players and support staff. He will, instead, stay in isolation in Ahmedabad before returning to Chennai, where he will be treated at a private hospital. Seifert failed both his pre-departure RT-PCR tests and "is experiencing moderate symptoms." New Zealand Cricket (NZC) chief executive David White said Seifert had returned seven negative tests in the 10 days leading up to his pre-departure protocols, and was confident he would be



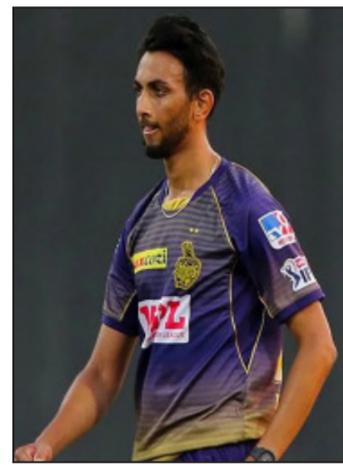
receiving the best of care from his franchise. "It's really unfortunate for Tim and we'll do everything for him that we can from this end, and hopefully he will be able to test negative, and be cleared and approved for discharge as soon as he's well again. "Since receiving the news, we've organised support for Tim and have also, via the players association, been in contact with his family to ensure they're kept fully informed and updated on developments," White said in a release. Once Seifert serves the statutory period of isolation and tests negative for COVID-19, he will be transferred back to New Zealand where he will serve the mandatory 14-day period of managed isolation. One of the two charter flights transporting New Zealand's IPL contingent back home has already

departed India, and the other will leave this evening (NZ time) after being delayed for logistical reasons. All those on the flights have been, and will be, observing prescribed pre-departure and in-flight protocols, including COVID-19 tests, social distancing, mask wearing and best-practice hygiene, and will again be assessed on arrival in Auckland. Seifert is currently awaiting transfer to Chennai, where he will be treated in the same private hospital in which former Australia player Michael Hussey has been staying since testing positive for the virus earlier in the week. White said he was grateful to the BCCI and the IPL franchises for organising the charter flights and medical assistance. There have also

been changes to the arrangements for New Zealand's UK-bound Test contingent, with Kane Williamson, Mitchell Santner, Kyle Jamieson, and physio Tommy Simsek, travelling to the Maldives (rather than staying in New Delhi) ahead of leaving for England. New Zealand trainer Chris Donaldson, who initially signalled his intention to return home on one of the NZ-bound charter flights before returning to England, has instead opted to remain with the UK-bound players and is also in the Maldives. The decision for this group was taken after advice that their entry into the UK, initially thought to be about May 11, was likely to be delayed further by a week.

# Prasidh Krishna tests positive for coronavirus

Bengaluru, May 8: Kolkata Knight Riders pacer Prasidh Krishna has tested positive for coronavirus and is in quarantine in his home town Bengaluru, a BCCI source said on Saturday. The 25-year-old Krishna, who was named in the Indian squad for the England tour as a stand-by on Friday, is the fourth KKR player to have contracted the dreaded virus. "Prasidh is COVID positive and currently in home isolation in Bengaluru," a BCCI source told PTI. Varun Chakravarthy, Sandeep Warrier and Tim Seifert are the other KKR players, who tested positive earlier. According to the BCCI source, both Krishna and Warrier contracted the virus from Chakravarthy during one of the training sessions. He said Krishna is Chakravarthy's close friend. "Prasidh like all India players left bubble on May 3 after getting two negative results. However on reaching Bengaluru he tested positive," the source said. The BCCI is hoping that by the time the UK-bound players enter the bio-bubble in India on May 25, Krishna will test negative. New



Zealand's wicketkeeper-batsman Seifert is also in isolation in Ahmedabad from where he will go to Chennai for treatment at a private hospital. Seifert failed both his pre-departure RT-PCR tests and "is experiencing moderate symptoms." The IPL was postponed indefinitely after the virus breached the bio-bubble and infected a number of players and support staff members.

# Real Madrid, Barcelona, Juventus cling onto Super League, denounce UEFA

Madrid, May 8: The three remaining European Super League rebels stepped up their criticism of UEFA on Saturday, with Barcelona, Real Madrid and Juventus denouncing intolerable threats for their refusal to back down on the prospect of a breakaway competition. The other nine clubs who formed the ill-fated Super League three weeks ago accepted a settlement on Friday to be fined by UEFA and stay within the open Champions League structure. "We regret to see that our friends and founding partners of the Super League project have now found themselves in such inconsistent and contradictory position when signing a number of commit-

ments to UEFA yesterday," Barcelona, Madrid and Juventus said in a joint statement. "We have the duty to act in a responsible manner and persevere in the pursuit of adequate solutions, despite the unacceptable and ongoing pressures and threats received from UEFA." The trio risks being banned from the Champions League as UEFA pursues a disciplinary process against them for not disavowing the Super League and being reintegrated into the existing system. "The founding clubs have suffered, and continue to suffer, unacceptable third-party pressures, threats, and offenses to abandon the project and therefore desist from their

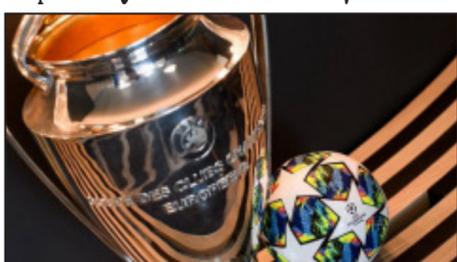


right and duty to provide solutions to the football ecosystem via concrete proposals and constructive dialogue," Barcelona, Madrid and Juventus said. "This is intolerable under the rule of law." The Super League project imploded after the English clubs—Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester United, Manchester City and Tottenham—backed out inside 48 hours last month after a backlash from the fans and British government. The Premier League clubs along with Atletico Madrid, AC Milan and Inter Milan have officially signed up to a settlement with UEFA to participate only in the existing open European com-

petitions and accepted giving up 5% of revenue for one season playing in Europe. "We are fully aware of the diversity of reactions to the Super League initiative and, consequently, of the need to reflect on the reasons for some of them," the remaining Super League clubs said. "We are ready to reconsider the proposed approach, as necessary. However, we would be highly irresponsible if, being aware of the needs and systemic crisis in the football sector, which led us to announce the Super League, we abandoned such mission to provide effective and sustainable answers to the existential questions that threaten the football industry."

# England could host UEFA Champions League final due to new Turkey travel curbs

London, May 8: The all-English Champions League final could be played at home after Turkey was added to England's "red list" of countries where all but essential travel is banned due to severe coronavirus outbreaks. Chelsea and Manchester City are due to meet on May 29 in Istanbul and UEFA was hoping to allow around 10,000 fans into the biggest club

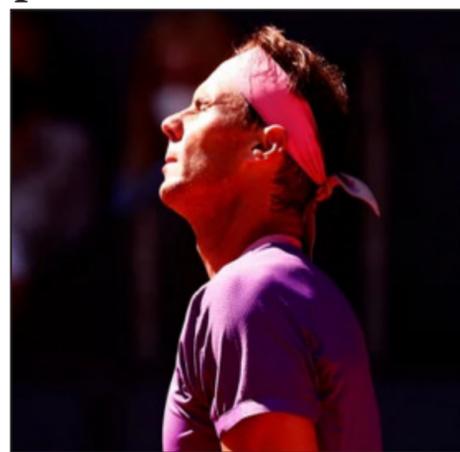


game of the European football season. But the British government on Friday warned supporters not to travel to Turkey after imposing the new travel restrictions, and said the English Football Association was in talks with Champions League organizer UEFA about staging the game in Britain, instead.

# Nadal: Madrid loss a step backward ahead of French Open

Madrid, May 8: Rafael Nadal's good run preparing for the French Open has suddenly hit a speed bump. Nadal's quarterfinal loss to Alexander Zverev at the Madrid Open on Friday came as an unexpected setback in a week in which the king of clay said he was feeling good about his game. "Negative feelings because this was an important week for me," Nadal said. "I had been progressing, but sometimes when you are going up the stairs you may take a step backward, and that's what happened today." Nadal lost to No 6-ranked Zverev 6-4 6-4 after comfortable wins against up-and-comers

Carlos Alcaraz and Alexei Popyrin. "The entire week I did things well, both in training and in the matches," Nadal said. "Today again, but when it counted, in the decisive moments, I did everything wrong." Nadal has been trying to regain his best form after not playing much because of the coronavirus pandemic. He got off to a slow start on clay by his standards, being eliminated by Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals in Monte Carlo then won the Barcelona Open after dropping multiple sets through that week. At the start of the year at the Australian Open, he lost in the quarterfinals.



He will attempt to win a 10th Italian Open next week to complete his buildup for a 14th French Open trophy. He said he was frustrated on Friday because he felt like he played better than

Zverev at times but could not take advantage of his chances. He felt like he let the quarterfinal slip away by making "too many unjustified mistakes." "It was a different match than the one against

Rublev (in Monte Carlo), when the conditions favored me. Here there was a sensation that I was not in control of things, so when you lose it feels like things are worse than they really are." Nadal said he doesn't enjoy the faster pace in Madrid, prompted by the high altitude in the Spanish capital, even though he's won the tournament five times. Nadal still tried to look on the bright side. "It was a week with many positive things. I did a lot of things well in training," he said. "I leave Madrid with good sensations in general, but with a bad sensation of having played a match like today."

# Croatia is safer than India currently for individual training: Anjum Moudgil

New Delhi, May 8: Olympic-bound rifle shooter Anjum Moudgil does not mind being away from home till the end of the Tokyo Games as she feels training in Croatia will be safer than in a coronavirus-ravaged India. The Olympic-bound 15-member Indian team will depart for Zagreb on May 11 for a training-cum-competition tour in that country and from there it will directly fly to Tokyo for the Olympics, which opens on July 23. In Croatia, the shooters will take part in the European Championships in Osijek (May 20 to June 6) and the combined ISSF World Cup (June 22 to July 3) in the same city. "It is not all right for us to train here in India. I don't have a private training range for 50m rifle three positions. I have to either travel to Delhi or Pune which is not safe under this pandemic conditions," she said at a virtual press conference arranged by the Sports Authority of India. "I think Croatia must be better than India currently (in terms of COVID-19

situation) and being with the team also gives you confidence. I don't see any problem from being away from home for three months." She said the Indian team will undergo a seven-day quarantine after reaching Croatia. They will fly to Tokyo on July 17. "SAI has arranged a chartered flight for us and making a sort of bio-bubble also there in Croatia," said the 25-year-old from Chandigarh. Moudgil was picked in the Indian team for the 50m rifle three positions and 10m air rifle mixed team but missed out on 10m air rifle in which she won a silver in the 2018 World Championships. She said she has taken it in her stride. Moudgil won a gold in 50m rifle 3 positions in the 2018 Commonwealth Games. "I respect the decision of NRAI. I still have two events in the Olympics. I am ready for the 50m 3 positions. "I will spend more time on 50m 3 positions now and cut down on 10m air rifle. My coach has made the changes in training time."



On the mixed team event with Deepak Kumar, she said, "I will have 30 shots in 30 minutes and then he will have the same. After that their will be rankings of the teams. In the finals, there will be 20 shots each in 20 minutes. "The first two in the rankings will go for the gold medal round where we will get one shot each and so on." She said training as a team, after the long coronavirus-forced break, gives more confidence to the shooters and builds positive environment. A Masters degree holder in Sports Psychology, Moudgil said there is more pressure in the Olympics, though competition is equally tough in

events like the World Championships. "I don't want to be under pressure thinking that I am going for Olympics. I will go there with a mindset that I am competing in an event like World Cup or World Championships. I will go with the flow. "I have worked on my mental aspect also. I have spoken to senior shooters also." Moudgil has received both doses of COVID-19 vaccine and she urged people to do the same. "I took the first shot on March 31 which was arranged by Punjab police. I had my second dose on Thursday arranged by the NRAI. "Everything was safely done. I would want to

encourage people to vaccinate. I have been working on social media to help COVID-19 affected people like donation etc." Moudgil loves to do painting if she is not shooting, and several members of the Indian contingent are wearing face masks, which she has customised with her brush. "I got plenty of orders (for face masks) and I have given them to coaches and players. I have painted more than 50 masks," she said. "I think I can connect my painting with my calmness. I am a person with a straight face who can control emotions," she said when asked about her calm demeanour.

# KISS Gets New Chancellor & Vice-Chancellor

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 8: Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) is the only university in the world exclusively for the tribal students. Founded by eminent educationist and social activist Dr. Achyuta Samanta, KISS is one-of-its-kind fully-free and fully-residential institution, imparting education from KG to PG as well as doctoral programme to the tribal students. KISS, as a whole, is a home for 60000 tribal children (30000 existing and 30000 passed out students). Eminent personalities from Odisha, who have brought pride to the State at national and international stage, have joined in different top positions as the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Director General of KISS Deemed to be University. Mr. Satya S. Tripathi, a former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations



(UN), has taken over as the Chancellor of KISS Deemed to be University. Mr. Tripathi, who hails from Cuttack district of Odisha, has 40 years of rich and varied experience, which includes key positions in the UN around the world. He is also Secretary-General of the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet. Dr. Upendra Tripathy, IAS (Retd.), who has served with the Govt. of India as the Secretary in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, has joined as the Pro-

Chancellor. Dr. Tripathy, who belongs to Ganjam district of Odisha, had also been the first Director-General of the International Solar Alliance, the first treaty-based International Organisation headquartered in India. Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, from Sambalpur district and an internationally acclaimed anthropologist, has taken charge as the Vice-Chancellor. Prior to joining KISS, he has served as the Vice-Chancellor of Sambalpur University,

Berhampur University, and Rajendra University, Balangir. Prof. Behera has the distinction of being the only anthropologist in India to become the Vice-Chancellor of three different universities. He was a Fulbright Visiting Professor at California State University. Prof. Pitabasa Sahoo, Dean, Department of Development Studies at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Tamil Nadu has joined as the Pro-Vice Chancellor on deputation. Hailing from Keonjhar district of Odisha, he has 20 years of research experience in the domain of Tribal Development, Regional Studies, Rural Development, Sustainable Development and Social Sector Development with agencies like UNDP, WFP, NORAD, Norwegian Aid, World Bank, DFID, etc. Similarly, an IPS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, Dr. Kanhu

Charan Mahali has joined as the Director-General. KISS Deemed to be University after his retirement as Additional Director General. A tribal from Mayurbhanj district, he is an efficient administrator with over 34 years of experience in various capacities. KISS Alumni Association, KISS Students' Association and KISS Adivasi Parents' Association have welcomed and congratulated them for joining such a world-class institution like KISS. They thanked Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS who has been making continuous efforts to make KISS a top institute in the world. With the appointment of experienced senior administrators and academicians at the helm of affairs at KISS Deemed to be University, it would become a center of excellence in tribal studies shortly, they expressed confidence.

# 1st Dose of Vaccination of journalists done by the Kukudakhandi administration

(A.O. Bureau) Kukudakhandi, May 8: More than fifteen journalists vaccinated their first dose those are working in Kukudakhandi block area. Under the supervision of Kukudakhandi Block Development Officer Shri Gadadhar Patra have been vaccinated at Kukudakhandi Panchayat meeting Hall today. However, Mr. Manoj Patra the senior most journalist from Kukudakhandi, was first vaccinated at 10 a.m. today, followed by Sanyasi Maharana, Managing Director of Isha News Odia P Krishnamurthy of, Anupam Bharat along with Prashant Rana of Dharitri, Nageshu Patra of Nirbhaya, Iswar sethi from Sarbasadharan E Ranjan, Rabindra Nath Sahu, Uma Shankar Panigrahi, Pradeep Kumar Behera, Sanjay Kumar Sahu, Durga Madhav Behera was



took the first dose of covisield vaccine for fighting against corona. According to the order of the Odisha state government declared journalists as corona warriors. The Ganjam district administration's proposal to vaccinate all media friends performing their duties in the district was vaccinated by first dose of covid vaccine. Kukudakhandi administration officials today done by his behalf as honour to vaccinate all media person.

Journalists in Kukudakhandi thanked to Tahsildar Kalyani Sanghamitra Devi BDO Gadadhar Patro and Sadar P.S. IIC Mahendra Sahu for such a pious move. Mr Gadhadhar Patra, the block development officer appeal to all journalists to be careful at the time of covering the news and to wear masks in proper way at all times regularly sanitize himself to protect themselves and their families from corona.

# Two-month-old baby girl rescued with woman's body from locked room



(A.O. Bureau) Aska, May 8: The body of a dead woman was recovered from a locked room in Golapalli area of college chaka under Ganjam district's Aska block and a two-month-old baby girl was rescued from her lap. Neighbors have not been able to reach the dead woman's house due to the recent covid situation. Asika police station IIC Prashant Sahu, Bargaon Samiti

member Shiv Nahak along some volunteers, assisted the administration in the rescued the dead body of the lady. When the neighbors hearing the baby girl's cry and informed the child line and police. Jhili Sethi, aged about 30, dead body was rushed to Asika Sub-District Hospital for autopsy, while the baby girl was rushed to the Berhampur MKCG Hospital for treatment. According to sources,

the deceased Jhilli was from Paniband village, while he was married to Sanjay Sahu of Mamudhia village a few years ago. After the outing the two lived in a rented house in the Golapalli area of college Square. Sanjay Sahu went to Surat to support his family while his daughter was born. While Sanjay is currently in Surat. A two-month-old baby girl is now an orphan after Jhilli's death.

# E-meeting centre established at Malkangiri for Corona patients

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 8: The number of infections with corona disease is on the rise. The corners are being treated at various Covid hospitals, but have no contact with the patient's family. The family does not know the patient's condition. An innovative approach has been devised by the Malakangiri district administration to address

this problem. Patients with coronary artery disease can talk directly through e-video conferencing to understand their pros and cons. For the first time, Malkangiri district commissioner Dr Yadula Bijay has arranged for her family to speak to Corona patients at Kovid Hospital through e-interview video conferencing. The main



control room of the E-Meeting Corona Patient and Relationship Telephone Center has been set up near the CDMO office square. The ar-

range ment has been made by the Malkangiri District Head quarter Covid Hospital, Covid Care center The victim, who is being treated at

the hospital, is as to thought to have survived an earlier attempt to oust him following intervention. "Through this e-meeting, we have been able to talk to his family directly through video chatting," said Dr. Yedula Bijay, the district commissioner. The Malkangiri district administration has welcomed the innovative solutions

# Honorary Doctorate to Achyuta Samanta

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 8: Eminent educationist and philanthropist Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS was conferred with the prestigious Honorary D.Litt. Degree by the Sikkim Professional University for his relentless contribution to social service and education at the 5th Convocation of the University on 8th May 2021. This is the 46th Honorary Doctorate for Dr. Samanta. Earlier, he has been awarded Honorary Doctorate Degrees from many reputed institutions for his contributions in the fields of education and social work. The virtual convocation was graced by Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Honble Minister of



State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India as Chief Guest, while Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha, Honble Minister, Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Education Department, Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department & Law Department, Government of Sikkim; Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim; Mr.

Hemant Kumar Goyal, Chairman, Sikkim Professional University, and Prof. Syed Shamimul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor were present as guests of eminence. Dr. Samanta has expressed heartfelt thanks to the Sikkim Professional University for recognizing his work in the field of social service and education for the last thirty years. Addressing the students of the university, Dr. Samanta said, it is very important for the youth to learn kindness, empathy and become good human beings. They should be willing to give back to society and act as responsible citizens. Live each moment and give back to society whenever possible, he told students.

# Pakistan imposes 10-day countrywide lockdown from May 8 to tackle Covid-19

(A.O. Bureau) Islamabad, May 8: There will be a complete ban on unnecessary movement of people and gathering of any kind at any place during these 10 days of lockdown. In order to curb the rising number of coronavirus infections, authorities in Pakistan are imposing complete countrywide lockdown from May 8 for the next 10 days, Gulf News reported. The Pakistan government has al-

ready declared May 8 to 15 as Eid holidays and now there will be a complete ban on unnecessary movement of people and gathering of any kind at any place during these 10 days of lockdown. Pakistan reported 120 more deaths from coronavirus, taking the national death toll to 18,797 on Saturday, Geo News reported citing the National Command and Operation Centre (NCO). About



4,109 more people contracted the infection, increasing the total caseload to 854,240 nationwide. Pakistan's Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan has cautioned

that Covid-19 cases might rise again if precautions are not taken during "this 'critical period' when we are seeing the last days of the month of Ramadan while Eid is fast approaching," reported

Gulf News. He also said that there were some 'initial signs of stability' in the third wave of Covid-19 in Pakistan. However, he emphasised it was also a 'very risky period' as we see during this period a kind of shopping frenzy. "We are today in the midst of the third wave of Covid-19 pandemic," he said adding the public alone could make the battle against the virus successful by strictly following Covid-19 SOPs.

# Army inducts first batch of women in military police

New Delhi, May 8: The Indian Army inducted its first batch of 83 women soldiers as part of its military police on Saturday. A low-key attestation parade for the soldiers took place at the Dronacharya Parade Ground in Bengaluru. The soldiers went through an "intense 61 weeks of training on aspects related to Basic Military training, Provost training to include all forms



of policing duties and management of prisoners of war, ceremonial duties and skill development to include driving and main-

tenance of all vehicles and signal communications". The Corps of Military Police Centre & School (CMP C & S) at

#Bengaluru held the attestation parade of the first batch of 83 #Women soldiers at the #Dronacharya Parade Ground. We wel-

come these valiant Soldiers to the #Indian Army. #Indian Army #Strong And Capable pic.twitter.com/jEZbhhR072—ADGPI - INDIAN ARMY (@adgpi) May 8, 2021. The government had approved the induction of women in military police in January 2019, and plans to have 1700 women soldiers by 2036, in batches of 100 recruits per year.