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Odisha Cabinet today approved decision to float global tender for COVID vaccine procurement

Bhubaneswar, May 10: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik presided over the State Cabinet meeting held today evening and appreciated the sincerity and dedication of Covid warriors in our fighting against Covid-19. State Cabinet has approved to issue global tender for procurement of Covid vaccine from different major companies in order to expedite the vaccination programme in the State. Odisha govt forms two committees— technical committee led by DMET & a managerial committee headed by MD, OSMCL to supervise floating of global tender for Covid vaccines &



smooth procurement. State Cabinet further expressed its gratitude to the people of the State for their cooperation in various Covid fighting measures such as testing,

tracing, vaccination and lockdown. Chief Minister emphasized on preparation of special scheme for the protection of children's health in Covid situation. In addition, spe-

cial nodal officers have been deployed with stock of Oxymetre, PPE kits for better health care in the Child Care Centers, he added. Chief Minister said that State Govern-

ment will set up 90 ICUs and 120 beds with oxygen facility in Sundargarh to further strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in Covid situation. In addition to this, State Government has decided to set up 30 ICU beds in Bargarh and RTPCR testing lab for the treatment of the infected, he added. Chief Minister said that three Covid hospitals have been made functional by District Administration, Koraput to treat serious COVID-19 patients in the district. These hospitals will treat patients from 14 blocks and four municipality areas of the district, he added.

Modi Government Replies To Supreme Court Over Vaccine

New Delhi, May 10: The Modi government at the Center has said in the Supreme Court that its strategy for Vaccination in India is to distribute the vaccine equally to all. In the Supreme Court, the Center said that at this time of the epidemic, the 'limit of judicial intervention' in these cases is limited. The Center said in an affidavit submitted on Sunday night on a petition regarding the same price of the vaccine that the vaccination campaign between 18 years and 44 years was approved after the states requested it. The Center persuaded vaccine



manufacturers to supply vaccines to the states at similar prices. The affidavit states, 'This policy is' equitable, non-discriminatory and based on two age groups (people above 45 and below)'. The Center said that there is no need to interfere in this policy by the court as the ex-

ecutive is dealing with it during the epidemic. It has a wide scope. The affidavit was filed last week after the Supreme Court directed the Center to reissue its COVID-19 vaccine pricing policy. The hearing in this case is to be held today i.e. on Monday.

Himanta Biswa Sarma takes oath as Assam chief minister, says Covid management first priority



Guwahati, May 10: Shortly after taking oath as the 15th chief minister of Assam on Monday, Himanta Biswa Sarma said the first duty of the new government would be to check the spread of the Covid pandemic in the state. Sarma also said the state Cabinet, which will hold its first meeting on

Tuesday, will announce fresh Covid-related measures. In his first press meet after becoming the chief minister, Sarma said it is his government's pledge to take Assam to "greater heights of prosperity" and propel it to be among the leading states in the country. "Covid situation in Assam is

alarming. We have seen that our daily cases have crossed almost 5,000. So, obviously, tomorrow when the cabinet meets for the first time, we will discuss Covid situation from all perspectives. We will take all the measures, whatever is required, to control this outbreak," Sarma said as the CM, he would work to fulfil all the promises the BJP has made in its election manifesto. "The promises we made during elections were not made just like that. These are promises made for implementation.

Supply of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) through Oxygen Express starts at Tata Steel Kalinganagar

(A.O. Bureau) Kalinganagar, May 10: The supply of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) from Tata Steel's Kalinganagar Plant through Indian Railways' Oxygen Express started today. The Oxygen Train with seven cryogenic containers, carried 132 tons of liquid medical oxygen from Kalinganagar in Jajpur district of Odisha to Delhi. This is the first Oxygen Express to carry LMO from the Kalinganagar Plant of Tata Steel. The train, with seven empty cryogenic containers had reached the Kalinganagar plant yes-



terday. Tata Steel's Kalinganagar Plant has already supplied 3630 tons of liquid oxygen by road to various states of India including Odisha. In view of the challenges for transportation of medical oxygen amidst the prevailing second wave of Covid-19 in the country, Indian

Railways has started the Oxygen Express initiative to ensure faster and timely supply of medical oxygen from one part of the country to another. Responding to the National urgency, Tata Steel is supplying Liquid Medical Oxygen daily to hospitals in various States (Uttar Pradesh,

Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Haryana and Delhi) through its manufacturing units in Jamshedpur, Kalinganagar and Dhenkanal. On May 8, 2021, the company had supplied more than 1300 tons of LMO from its various plants. In Odisha, under the guidance of both Central and State governments and support from respective district administrations, Tata Steel's Kalinganagar Plant in Jajpur district and Tata Steel BSL's Plant located in Dhenkanal are

actively engaged in the efforts and on a daily basis oxygen from these plants are being dispatched to the designated States. The well-equipped Tata Steel Medica Covid Hospital with ICU facility, located at Duburi in Jajpur district, is fully functional and is catering to patients of Jajpur and nearby districts. Funded by the company, the 200-bed Tata Covid Hospital in Sitalapalli of Ganjam with 55 ICU beds with ventilators has been handed over to the district administration to be run under their guidance by M/s Hi-Tech Hospitals.

Odia Community in Oman Celebrates Web Utkal Divas

New Delhi, May 10: Odia Community settled in Oman celebrated 85th Utkal Divas through online in a grand manner. Hosted by the Odia wing of Muscat based Indian Social Club (ISC), the glittering Internet ceremony witnessed congregation of the representatives of Odia Samaj from different Countries, prominent Non resident Odias and many distinguished Odisha Lovers from across the Globe. Addressing the Festival through Video conferencing the Chief Guest Revered Spiritual preacher Guruji Dr. Chandrabhanu Satpathy gave a clarion call to global community to collectively face the challenge posed by Corona Pandemic. Dr. Satpathy appealed to mankind to arouse the self strengths of Culture, Science,



Spiritualism and governance to fight against covid calamity. Delivering his speech The Honourable Guest, Chairman of Oman's chamber of commerce and Industry His Excellency Eng. Redha Bin Jumma Al Saleh emphasised that the traditional and economic relationship between Oman and India dates back to 1000 years old. Describing that there has been tremendous commonalities between oman and Odisha, H.E. Al Saleh proposed Bilateral

ties up between Odisha and Oman in agricultural, manufacturing, mining and services sectors. The Guest of Honour Indian Ambassador to Oman His Excellency Mr. Munu Mahawar appealed to the members of Odia wing of Indian Social Club to remain together, Cool, calm, composed and optimistic and spread positivity in society in this atmosphere of pessimism and negativity created by corona. Odisha's Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Welfare Ranendra Pratap

Swain informed that under the able leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Odisha has not only become Industrial and Educational hub but also has been receiving Excellence Award in Agriculture production from Govt. Of India continuously for last five years. Recently Odisha's exemplary humanitarian service in supplying Oxygen to other states and providing free covid treatment has been widely appreciated, shri Swain said. Speaking on the occasion former Special Secretary in Ministry of Finance of Government of India Prasanna kumar Dash declared that Odisha is not a state—a way of life dealing with humanity and an India in all its plurality. Shri Dash, branded the Odias settled in Oman as the fortune bearers for Odisha. The Chairman of

Indian Social Club Dr. Satish Nambiar lauded the outstanding social services being rendered by Odia wing during the pandemic. Delivering the welcome address the convener of the Odia wing Manoj Mohapatra observed that Odias have been earning World Wide recognition and reputation for their simplicity, generosity, honesty and loyalty. The celebration of Utkal Divas is solely meant to enhance the bilateral relationship between Oman and Odisha in the fields of Business, trade and job, shri Mohapatra pointed. Presenting vote of thanks co-convener of Odia Wing Gupta Prasad Dash elaborated on the philanthropic and charity initiatives of Odia wing which include running of two Orphanages in Odisha.

Black Fungus Case Detected In Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, May 10: Following media reports on increased cases of mucormycosis or black fungus disease in Odisha, the Health and Family Welfare Department today accepted that one such patient has been undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar. In a statement, the Health department said condition of the 71-year-old man suffering from black fungus is stable. The department further stated no other cases of black fungus have been reported elsewhere in the state. The statement further said the man had tested positive for Covid-19 on April 20, 2021 and was under home isolation. After he com-

plained of swelling in eyes and blackish discharge from nose, a nasal endoscopy was carried out on him. The endoscopy showed black deposits on his turbinate.

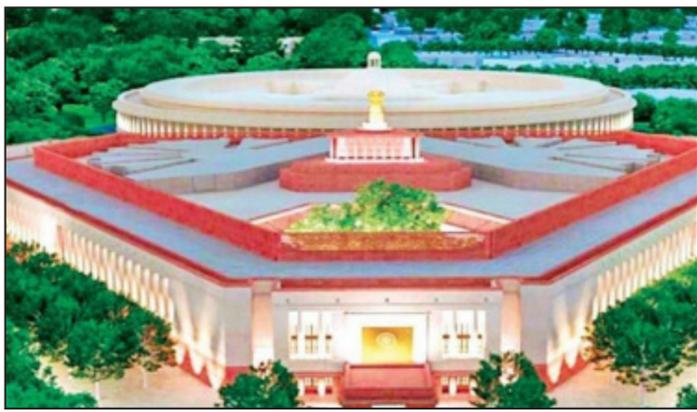


The man has also uncontrolled diabetes and is currently on antidiabetic and antifungal treatment at the private hospital, the statement added. "Since literature suggest increased incidence of Mucormy-

cosis in Covid because of increased steroid use, in absence of such history direct link cannot be established between Covid infection and Mucormycosis in instant case," the Health department stated. The statement added the man might be an isolated case who contracted the fungal disease during his home isolation by using old air cooler without water was changed.

Delhi HC Court To Take Important Decision On Central Vista Project

New Delhi, May 10: The Delhi High Court has taken an important decision regarding the ambitious Central Vista project of the Modi government. On Monday, the court agreed to hear the petition related to the interim stay on the project. The court will hear the matter tomorrow. The petition has requested an interim stay on the Central Vista project in view of the Corona epidemic. Earlier, the court had fixed the date of May 17 for hearing the matter. The petition was refused hearing in the Supreme Court last week, but the Supreme Court said that the petitioner can request the Delhi High Court for immediate hearing. The reason for the project being stopped on



the petitioner: In this case, Senior Advocate Siddharth Luthra this morning appealed before the bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jasmeet Singh. This petition has been filed in the High Court on behalf of translator Ananya Malhotra and historian and documentary film maker Sohail Hashmi. The petitioner has said in the petition that in the event that the epidemic has reached an

explosive situation, in that case the workers engaged in the Central Vista Project may be victims of infection. In such a situation, the government should stop this work. It has also been said by the petitioner that since this project does not come in compulsory service, and all the works are closed except compulsory service in Delhi, there is no justification to continue the work of this project.

Earlier, senior advocate Luthra told the bench that this matter is highly important as the country is facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. He said that he was concerned with the challenge of permission granted to continue the ongoing construction work at Rajpath, Central Vista Extension and in the park. Luthra said, "The laborers are being taken from Sarai Kale

area to Rajpath and Central Vista, where the construction work is going on. This increases the possibility of spreading of Covid infection among them. What is Central Vista Project: The new building of the Parliament House to be built under the Central Vista Pariona will be built in about 65,400 square meters and it will be full of magnificent artifacts. The building will have a triangular structure and its height will be the same as the old building. It will have a large constitution hall, a lounge for MPs, a library, several committee rooms, several compartments such as a dining area. The new Parliament House will have a seating capacity of 888 members in the Lok Sabha Chamber, while the Rajya Sabha will have 384 seats.

People Without Internet Will Suffer To Get Vaccinated: Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, May 10: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is constantly questioning the corona vaccination policy of the central government. Meanwhile, today, he tweeted and said that more than half of the country's population does not have internet facility, in such a way, the facility of offline booking should also be provided. Rahul Gandhi tweeted and said, "Message to the app-dependent Modi government." Un-



fortunately Corona is also happening to those who do not have internet facility—that is, more than half the

population of the country! App like 'Ajogya Setu and NoWin' will not save, but two jabs of vaccine.

Congress President Election On June 23



tion General Secretary KC Venugopal has announced the date of the election. In the CWC meeting, Sonia Gandhi said, "We have got a tremendous shock in these elections. The election results have been worse than disappointing. Sonia Gandhi talked about forming a small group to review every aspect of a defeat, which will give its report soon. Sonia Gandhi said in the meeting that the Modi government has failed to control the corona. In such a delicate time, he once again reiterated the demand to call an all-party meeting. Describing Corona as an unforeseen health crisis, Sonia Gandhi asked the party workers to come forward to help people in every possible way.

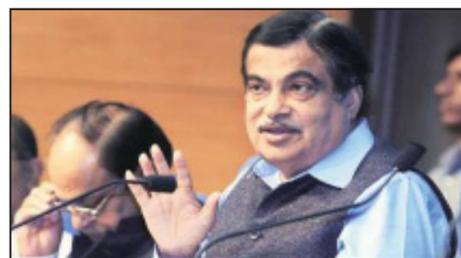
New Delhi, May 10: In the meeting of the Congress Working Committee convened to review the performance of the Congress in the elections of five states, Congress President Sonia Gandhi said that the party will have to review the results. Along with this, he indicated to conduct the election for the post of

president. It is being told that on 23 June, the country's oldest party can get a permanent president. Explain that an interim election has been announced in the Congress. Voting will be held on June 23 for the post of Congress President. In the meeting of the Congress Working Committee, Organiza-

No politics in social service, help all: Gadkari to BJP workers

Nagpur, May 10: Union minister and BJP MP Nitin Gadkari on Sunday appealed to BJP workers to not play politics while doing social service and asked them to reach out to people with all possible help in the time of the pandemic. Addressing the party workers virtually at the conclusion of the BJP Nagpur executive meeting, the senior BJP leader said no one

knows the post-COVID future, and one should "think for the best and prepare for the worst". He also asked the party workers to diligently follow the pandemic protocols, saying the BJP has lost many workers this time. "Don't do politics in social service as only the good work done by you will credit the workers as well as the BJP. Social work should be done in



the interest of the people. Politics does not only mean to be in power, but it is social work and nationalism. "We should

stand with society and the poor without thinking about caste, religion or party and help all, which will surely bear fruits for

the BJP in the future through this good work," he said. Gadkari said no one should step out of his or her house without any valid reason and always wear a face mask, maintain social distance and follow all protocols of the pandemic. "You should first start following these protocols before asking the people to do so through the word of mouth," he said.

Important Announcement For Delhi & Goa Bound Train Passengers



New Delhi, May 10: Delhi & Goa Government Issues Sop For Movement Of Passengers By Train. Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for movement of passengers by Train has been issued by Goa Government for out State passengers and by Delhi Government for passengers from Telengana & Andhra Pradesh. All passengers from anywhere of the country going to any Stations in Goa should have RTPCR Negative Test Report for Test done within 72 hours of entry in Goa State or

two doses Covid19 certificate. Following Passengers will be exempted from above condition. (a) residents of Goa State on production of proof of residence (b) Persons entering Goa on work on production of work ID proof/letter from employer (c) Persons entering Goa for medical emergency on production of proof. Similarly, passengers boarding trains originating from Telengana and Andhra Pradesh to Delhi area shall have to undergo mandatory Government institutional quarantine/

paid quarantine for 14 days at facilities established/identified by the concerned District Magistrate. Any person who has been successfully vaccinated (two doses) and produces certificate to the effect or having negative RT-PCR Report (not older than 72 hours prior to undertaking the journey) shall be allowed home quarantine for 7 days. If no suitable facility for home quarantine is available with the person, he/she may opt for institutional / paid quarantine in identified facilities for 7 days. In case of non-compliance of the protocol/guidelines/SOPs pertaining to home quarantine prescribed by MoHFW, GoI Department of H&FW, GNCTD, such persons shall be quarantined in Government institutional facilities for 7 days.

COVID positive Azam Khan, son shifted to Lucknow hospital from Sitapur jail: Officials

Lucknow, May 10: Senior Samajwadi Party leader Mohammad Azam Khan and his son Abdullah Khan have been shifted from the Sitapur jail to a private hospital in Lucknow for coronavirus treatment, officials said on Sunday. "Azam Khan has tested positive for COVID-19, and has moderate symptoms," Medanta Hospital (Lucknow) Director Dr Rakesh Kapoor told PTI. On May 2, the jail administration tried to convince

Azam Khan for treatment at Lucknow's King George's Medical University but the SP leader refused to move out of the jail. On Sunday, he was convinced and officials confirmed in the evening that he along with his son were headed to Lucknow's Medanta Hospital. "Azam Khan has fever, and has been kept on four litres of oxygen. His tests are being conducted, and accordingly, his treatment will be done. His son is



stable," Kapoor said. A team of doctors from the district hospital, including Sitapur CMO Madhu Garola, had examined Azam Khan on Sunday. Officials from the district administration explained to

Azam Khan for a long time the need to take him to Lucknow for better treatment, Deputy Jailor Onkar Pandey said. Azam Khan and Abdullah were confirmed COVID-19 positive

on April 30. Thirteen other inmates had also tested positive for COVID-19 after they complained of fever and cough on April 29, added the deputy jailor. Azam Khan, along with his son and wife Tazeen Fatma, was lodged in the jail in February last year in connection with various cases. The Allahabad High Court had in December granted bail to Tazeen Fatma in all 34 cases registered against her.

IAF steps up efforts to airlift oxygen containers

Pune, May: The IAF has stepped up its efforts to assist the civil administration by transporting oxygen containers and medical supplies required in the fight against the pandemic. An IAF C-17 airlifted Zeolite, a raw material required for the production of respiratory oxy-

gen raw material, from Frankfurt to Mumbai. Two other C-17s were in the process of bringing two Oxygen Generators from Bordeaux in France to Hindan Airbase and Oxygen Concentrators and Respirators from Israel to Hindan Airbase.

Suvenddu Adhikari Becomes The Leader Of Opposition In Bengal

Kolkatta, May 10: BJP has elected MLA from Nandigram and Suvenddu Adhikari, once close to Mamata Banerjee, as Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. Suvendu Adhikari defeated Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee from Nandigram seat by 1,956 votes in the assembly elections. Kailash Vijayvargiya, in-charge of West Bengal BJP, tweeted that today in the meeting of the newly elected BJP Legislature Party of West Bengal, Shubhendu



Adhikari, who won from Nandigram, was elected as the leader of the BJP Legislature Party by consensus. Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and General Minister Bhupendra Yadav were present on the occasion. Let us know that for the first time in the

West Bengal assembly elections, BJP has emerged as the main opposition party. Out of a total of 292 seats, TMC has won 213 seats. TMC won 211 seats in the 2016 election. The BJP has 77 seats in its account. At the same time, others have won two seats.

Maharashtra gets 6 lakh doses of Covishield, 36,000 of Covaxin

Pune, May 10: Maharashtra has received six lakh Covishield vaccine doses and 36,000 Covaxin doses, state Additional Chief Secretary Dr Pradeep Vyas told the Indian Express on Monday morning. Of the six lakh Covishield vaccine doses, a total of 2.5 lakh doses are

for the 45+ age group while 3.5 lakh doses will be allocated for the 18-44 age group. The state pays for the procurement of vaccine doses for the 18-44 age group while the Centre allocates vaccines procured from Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech for the 45 years and above



age group to the states. Till May 9, a total of 1.8 crore beneficiaries have been administered Covid-19 vaccine doses across the state. Of this, 4.36 lakh beneficiaries are among the 18-44 age group who have been administered the vaccine since the drive began on May 1.

3 More Drive-In COVID Vaccination Centres Launched In Capital



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 10: After successful operation of the first drive-in COVID-19 vaccination centre, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has set up three more similar facilities in the capital city. The three new drive-in vaccination centres are located at Utkal Kanika Galleria mall (parking lot) at Kalpana Square, Symphony mall (park-

ing lot) at Rudrapur and KIIT University Cricket Stadium at Patia. Informing this, BMC Commissioner Prem Chandra Chaudhary said citizens aged above 45 years, who have already taken the first dose, can book their slots for the second jab at these centres from 6 pm today. Total 300 slots per location will be available from May 11 to May 15. Without slot booking, no vehicle will

be allowed inside the centres for the vaccination. So far, 5 lakh people have been administered with both the jabs in the state capital, the official informed. Regarding vaccination at private hospitals, the Commissioner further said immunization of people aged between 18 and 44 years at private hospitals will begin once more number of state procured Covaxin reaches Odisha.

Naveen Patnaik sanctions Rs 60 lakh for feeding stray dogs, cattle during Covid lockdown

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 10: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Sunday sanctioned funds for feeding stray animals in all urban pockets during the 14-day coronavirus lockdown period. "The lockdown is now underway across the state to control the pandemic. Therefore,



stray dogs and cattle are deprived of food... The CM has approved sanction of Rs 60 lakh

from his relief fund," an official release said. The funds will be available in five municipal corporations, 48 municipalities and 61 notified area councils (NACs), it said, adding, the urban local bodies will provide food to stray animals through various voluntary organisations. A report from Jajpur dis-

trict said the local administration Sunday distributed food to monkeys, dogs and cows at the Mahavinayak temple in the Chandikhole area. The district administration has also appealed to people to feed stray animals during the lockdown phase that started from May 5.

Odisha Logs 10031 New COVID Cases; Khurda Reports 1329 Fresh Infections

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 10: COVID-19 tally in Odisha mounted to 544873 as the state reported 10031 new cases in the last 24 hours. Khurda registered highest 1329 fresh infections, followed by Sundargarh (824) and Cuttack (720). A total of 48377 samples were tested in the state, yesterday. With

this, the number of active cases in Odisha surged to 94760. The state also reported 17 COVID-related deaths in the last 24 hours as the toll rose to 2197. Below are district-wise figures of the new cases: 1. Angul: 456, 2. Balasore: 230, 3. Bargarh: 450, 4. Bhadrak: 248, 5. Balangir: 274, 6. Boudh: 183, 7. Cuttack: 720, 8.



Deogarh: 118, 9. Dhenkanal: 244, 10. Gajapati: 89, 11. Ganjam: 209, 12. Jagatsinghpur: 115, 13. Jajpur: 328, 14. Jharsuguda: 418, 15. Kalahandi: 433, 16. Kandhamal: 75, 17.

Kendrapara: 243, 18. Keonjhar: 166, 19. Khurda: 1329, 20. Koraput: 142, 21. Malkangiri: 62, 22. Mayurbhanj: 207, 23. Nabarangpur: 306, 24. Nayagarh: 269, 25. Nuapada: 311, 26. Puri: 708, 27. Rayagada: 132, 28. Sambalpur: 302, 29. Sonepur: 169, 30. Sundargarh: 824 and 31. State Pool: 271.

DRDO's COVID Drug: Know Contribution Of Odisha's Dhananjay Panigrahi

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 10: An anti-COVID-19 therapeutic application of the drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) developed by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a lab of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad has been approved by the Drugs Controller General of India's (DCGI). Dhananjay Panigrahi, a senior pharmaceutical professional from Odisha with an experience of over 15 years in the field, has played a major role in the formulation process. As many

as four researchers of Dr Reddy's Laboratories were given the task of preparation of the medicine while Panigrahi worked as the chief of the formulation work. Panigrahi is currently working as the Tech Lead at Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad. He is an alumnus of Roland Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Berhampur and Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi. Clinical trial results have shown that this molecule helps in faster recovery of hospitalised patients and reduces supplemental oxygen dependence. Higher proportion of patients treated with 2-



DG showed RT-PCR negative conversion in COVID patients. The drug will be of immense benefit to the people suffering from COVID-19. DRDO took the initiative of developing anti-COVID therapeutic application of 2-DG. In April 2020, during the

first wave of the pandemic, INMAS-DRDO scientists conducted laboratory experiments with the help of Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad and found that this molecule works effectively against SARS-CoV-2 virus and

inhibits the viral growth. Based on these results, Drugs Controller General of India's (DCGI) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) permitted Phase-II clinical trial of 2-DG in COVID-19 patients in May 2020. The DRDO, along with its industry partner DRL, Hyderabad, started the clinical trials to test the safety and efficacy of the drug in COVID-19 patients. In Phase-II trials (including dose ranging) conducted during May to October 2020, the drug was found to be safe in COVID-19 patients and showed significant improvement in their recovery.

Quarantine Of These Odisha Govt Staff To Be Counted As Duty Period

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 10: The Odisha Health and Family Welfare Department today announced the period of treatment of State government employees for Covid-19 and their quarantine will be considered as duty period. Despite the adequate measures taken by the government offices as per the Covid protocol employees of some sectors have been at the risk of the Covid-19 infection, an order issued by the department stated. Employees of the following sectors will get the benefit as ordered by the department: 1. All staff engaged for treatment and health care of COVID patients in COVID Hospitals and



Government Hospitals. 2. All staff allotted with duties in the Containment Areas, 3. All staff engaged in COVID Health Facilities, 4. Employees under different Departments of the State Government and Urban & Rural Local Bodies, 5. Any person hired by Government/ its

authorized agencies on contract/ daily wage basis for management of COVID-19. The service provider will be paid full remuneration / wages/ honorarium / incentives for the period of treatment and quarantine as would have been due for active duty.

Cuttack Municipal Corporation frames SOP for handling bodies of Covid patients in Odisha

(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, May 10: After receiving severe criticism from different quarters over delay in shifting bodies of deceased Covid patients, the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) has come up with a standard operating procedure (SOP) for handling claimed and unclaimed bodies in the city.

designated Covid hospitals (DCHs) to crematorium in the city. As per the SOP, the nodal officers of DCH-1 and DCH-2 at SCB Medical College and Hospital will first upload the data of deceased patients along with the consent of family members in the dead body management WhatsApp group created by the civic

dants, necessary process for dead body identification and consent for cremation of body will be carried out. Following which, the CMC hearse van will lift the body to the designated crematorium in the city, he said. Similarly, the ward officer will inform about the death of positive and suspected Covid patients in home isolation in the WhatsApp group and inform the City Health Officer. The ward officer will also collect necessary documents of the deceased patient and obtain a death declaration certificate from the nearest UCHC or UPHC following which the hearse van will be arranged for shifting of the body to the designated crematorium. The doctors engaged in CCCs and nodal officers of all DCHs will have to follow the similar process after which the hearse van will be engaged for shifting of the bodies, said Mohapatra.



The move came after TNIE highlighted the gross irregularities and inordinate delay in shifting of bodies of Covid patients by the civic body on Sunday. The CMC has framed separate SOPs for shifting of bodies from SCB Covid hospital, home isolation, Covid care centres (CCCs) and

body's heath wing. "We have deployed two supervisors at SCB Covid hospital who will coordinate in preparing necessary documents/papers and contact the attendants of the deceased patients," said City Health Officer Satyabrata Mohapatra. After arrival of the atten-

COVID Lockdown: Bhubaneswar Unit-1 Haat Timings Changed To Reduce Crowding

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 10: The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) in consultation with the Commissionerate Police on Monday changed the timings for wholesalers and retailers to operate in the Capital city's largest market, Unit-I market. "The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) in consultation with the Commissionerate Police on Monday changed the timings for wholesalers and retailers to operate in the Capital city's largest



market, Unit-I market." As per the decision, from now on, the wholesalers coming to the market will be allowed to purchase goods from 3:30am till 6:30am. After that the

retailers will be allowed to shop in the market till 12 noon. The new arrangements will be applied on each weekday during the lockdown. No shopping will be allowed on weekend

shutdowns, sources said. The decision was taken in a joint meeting held on Monday by the Bhubaneswar municipal Corporation (BMC) officials, Commissionerate Po-

lice and representatives of various Market Committees. Another decision to open the Unit-I market in a zigzag format was also taken in the meeting. It is worthwhile to mention here that, while clamping a 14-day lockdown in Odisha, the State government had allowed shops at street corner, roadside shops, standalone shops dealing with food and essential items, vegetables, fish, meat and eggs and milk to operate on weekdays (Monday to Friday) between 6AM and 12 noon.

Chorus For COVID Warrior Status To Teachers In Odisha Grows Louder

(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, May 10: As Odisha's fight against the Coronavirus continues, demands to accord Covid frontline worker status to the teachers at par with the police, health workers and journalists, has

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Moo-t point

Walk into any ayurvedic store and you can easily buy a bottle of “gaumutra”; one need not have a medical prescription. The cow’s urine, or “gaumutra” as it is commonly known, has immense therapeutic value and is used in the treatment of various diseases in the traditional Indian medicinal system. Used in many formulations, it is considered the panacea for a host of ailments, ranging from constipation to cancer. Many, who believe in this curative system, have stood benefited. But still, the majority of people, particularly the urban class, has an obnoxious feeling about it and considers it sub-standard — something that belongs to the “uneducated” and “orthodox” class. But there are a lot many people who, in the face of these unsubstantiated critique and the wayward trolls, don’t take offence and stand their ground. They do have a reason, a valid one — we have failed to establish the medicinal properties of “gaumutra” as per the modern scientific parameters, thanks to our ignorance and carelessness towards our heritage. The country is facing an unprecedented crisis in the second wave of COVID-19; the impending third wave looms large. At a time when the scientists are struggling with the virus mutants, BJP MLA Surendra Singh from Uttar Pradesh comes up with a suggestion that seems bizarre, to put it mildly. He said that the spread of COVID-19 can be stopped by using “gaumutra” as he demonstrated that five bottle capfuls should be mixed in a glass of water and gulped down. He claimed that the secret of his health, “despite working for 18 hours a day”, was “gaumutra”. Well, in this hour of crisis, when everyone is anxiously waiting for his or her turn to get vaccinated, such out-of-the-box advice will hardly prompt anyone to walk into an ayurvedic pharmacy for “gaumutra”. When it’s about making choices in the face of an existential threat, most people will obviously go for a safer option, i.e. vaccination. The general populace is not at fault but only those who claim to serve the cause of ayurveda and other indigenous medicinal system. Well, the desired results have not been obtained but with the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy purposed with developing education, research and propagation of indigenous alternative medicine systems and the Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog formed in 2019, one can only hope that our indigenous medicinal system and traditional knowledge and breeds are not lost.

Fair deal?

When the BJP’s leadership didn’t outright project Sarbananda Sonowal as its chief ministerial face ahead of the Assam Assembly polls, it was clear to everyone that the issue will be decided after the polls — and Himanta Biswa Sarma was in with more than a strong chance. Sonowal ran a largely successful Government as the Chief Minister, ran a corruption-free Government and faced several tricky challenges without many slip-ups. When a man like him, who played a key role in the integration of the tribal votes with the BJP’s Hindutva support base, was not deemed fit to be projected as the CM, the writing seemed clear on the wall. The formality took nearly four days of negotiation and deliberation on the part of the central leadership before deciding to hand over the State’s reins to a man who, despite all his experience and financial muscle, carried the legacy of scams and corruption. After all, before Himanta switched over from the Congress in 2015, he was being probed by the CBI in more than one corruption scandal. That a party like the BJP, which places such high premium on probity and ideological mooring, would reward such a person with the chief ministerial office shows a major shift in the saffron outfit’s policy. No doubt, Sonowal is a non-controversial, popular figure who led the BJP’s poll campaign in 2016 and brought the party home by ousting the well-entrenched Congress regime. But Sonowal had to pay the price for not being as suave, politically crafty and a man of the masses as Himanta. Sonowal also lacked a godfather like Amit Shah in Delhi. The tribal leader also lacked influence outside Assam, whereas Himanta has played a key role in putting the BJP’s footprint in the entire Northeast. By hook or by crook, he ensured that the BJP emerged as the main player in the region. While Sonowal was undoubtedly a popular tribal leader, Himanta could wear many hats at the same time. Himanta was seen as the architect of the BJP’s impressive show in the Northeast in the last Lok Sabha elections and also hailed for his handling of the anti-CAA agitation and the pandemic. Meanwhile, Sonowal has been offered a Cabinet berth in the Modi Government but it’s not yet clear whether he wants to accept it. It’s known that he is very unhappy with the treatment meted out to him. His next move has to be watched carefully. If he chooses to return to the Centre where he held the Sports portfolio before becoming the Assam CM, then the BJP leadership could breathe freely. Otherwise, he would remain a serious challenge to Himanta with the backing of the various tribal outfits and legislators. The fact that someone like Himanta, who undoubtedly is a resourceful leader of the Northeast, had to leave the Congress after being “insulted and humiliated when Rahul Gandhi made him wait for hours”, shows that the current plight of the Congress is of the making of its own. Himanta’s elevation will no doubt hurt Sonowal, but it will hurt Rahul much more.

Recognising the Armenian pogrom

The US has formally acknowledged the 1915 genocide but, for obvious reasons, Turkish President Erdogan isn’t happy about it. Belatedly but formally, the US has recognised the Armenian Genocide (1915-17). President Joe Biden, on April 24, 2021, recalled how “one-and-a-half million Armenians were deported, massacred or marched to their deaths in campaigns of extermination” in Ottoman Turkey. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, along expected lines, has deplored the American stand. Calling it “opening a wound that’s hard to fix in our relations”, Erdogan has appealed for reversal of the genocide recognition. Turkey, an important NATO member, has always been dismissive of the Armenian genocide allegation. In the past, the US had refrained from antagonising its stalwart ally. On February 28, 1990 — in the face of a vigorous opposition by Turkey — the Senate blocked a resolution proposed by Senator Bob Dole calling upon the US Government to commemorate the mass death of Armenian civilians during World War I. The demand resurfaced six years later when a group of 100 prominent American scholars and writers signed a petition dated February 2, 1996, that dubbed the “denial of genocide as the final stage of genocide”. This petition resulted in a hearing on the “History of Armenian Genocide” before the Committee on International Relations, the House of Representatives. Levon Marshalian, a professor of history at the Glendale Community College, California, appearing as a witness before the Committee, reminded it how the genocide was acknowledged in con-



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temporaneous Turkey. In 1919, the National Congress of Turkey had accepted overwhelming evidence provided by the US on the genocide. It had declared that the “guilt” of the Turkish officials who “conceived and deliberately carried out the infernal policy of extermination and robbery is patent”. The official Turkish gazette, *Takvimi Vekayi*, published the verdict of post-war Ottoman trials of those officials. The Turkish court ruled that the intention of the Ottoman leaders was “organisation and execution” of the “crime of massacre”. In 1951, Turkish poet Nazim Hikmet had described those incidents as a “black stain on the forehead of the Turkish people”. In 1933, Austrian-Bohemian writer Franz Werfel wrote *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh* (originally in German) which focuses on self-defence measures taken by a small community of Armenians living in Musa Dagh, a mountain vilayat (province) of Aleppo, southern Turkey, against the Young Turk Government’s marauders. It was

adapted into a film in 1982. America’s insular character in the pre-World War I era notwithstanding, Americans have been vocal about the ordeal of Armenian population in the Ottoman Empire even in the 19th century. In 1896, Reverend AW Williams of Chicago, in collaboration with MS Gabriel of the Armenian Patriotic Alliance in New York, produced a tome *Bleeding Armenia: Its History and Horrors under of Curse of Islam*. The same year, Frederick Davis Green conjured up the horrors inflicted on Armenians in Armenian Massacres of the Sword of Mohammed. But such “thrilling accounts of terrible atrocities and wholesale murders committed by Mohammedan fanatics” were demonstratively coloured by religious prejudices. The authors were no less actuated by the desire of quick sale of those titles than by Christian piety. However, Ambassador Morgenthau’s *Story* (1918) by Henry Morgenthau, the US Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire (1913-1916), is considered as the

first definitive report on the Armenian genocide. Morgenthau was Jewish who could not be suspected of Christian susceptibilities. In earlier times, the Christian subjects of the Ottoman Empire were not allowed to bear arms. They were easy targets of butchery, rapine and rape by the Turks. However, the Young Turk Movement (July 1908) that liberalised the Ottoman Government also gave the Christians the right to bear arms. Every Turkish city contained thousands of Armenians, trained as soldiers and possessing weapons. Therefore, the massacres during World War I attained a character of warfare than wholesale butcheries of defenceless men and women. The Armenian genocide tells more about Turks than about Armenians. It reveals how the transformation of a Caliphate into a ‘secular’ republic in Turkey promoted racial exclusiveness rather than fostering tolerance, inclusivity and the rule of law. While secularism stripped the Christian subjects of the autonomy of millat, enjoyed under the Ottoman emperors, it failed to accommodate them as equal citizens. While it is still possible to speak of “Arab Christians” (despite the ordeal of Christians in Arab States), it is never possible to speak of “Christian Turks” even though Kemal Ataturk founded the nation-State of Turkey on the ideals of secularism. The extermination of the ancient Greek community in Smyrna by the Young Turks in September 1922 — described by George Horton in *The Blight of Asia* (1926) — was another tragedy comparable to the Armenian genocide. The foundational legacy of the modern republic often returns to haunt Turkey. No wonder, Erdogan wants to shelve the debate on Armenian genocide.

The Pandemics & The Epidemics

Starting from bubonic plague, there has been a series of pandemics. Corona is only the 12th to have hit the human race so severely. We all know that Corona is not the first pandemic to attack almost the entire world. One can only hope that it neither conquers countries nor changes the course of their history. The key to overturning a pandemic appears to discovering the heart of it; what precisely sets it off. What to destroy at the core of the disease and then how to destroy. While medical scientists and experts try to find a way out, the disease runs riot. A consolation is that Corona is by no means the first pandemic. There have been 11 predecessors and Corona is the 12th. As far as the recorded history tells us, the first calamity was caused by bubonic plague which suddenly sprouted into an Egyptian port in the sixth century. On record, it has been called a pestilence; the word pandemic is a recent innovation. The plague spread far and wide and, on the way, it went to Constantinople across the Adriatic Sea, then Rome, from the Eastern to the Western Roman Empire. From early years, plague was nicknamed “Black Death”. It then spread across Western Europe, including Britain. Incidentally, at Constantinople at the time, ruled the Emperor Justinian. I remember him in history for building the Hagia Sophia, the architectural icon of the city and, for centuries, of an empire. The Turkic conquerors built four minarets and converted it into a mosque. Kamal Mustafa Ataturk in the early 1920s changed it to a museum



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which, very recently, President Erdogan has reconverted it into a mosque. Incidentally, in parts of the German-speaking areas, Jews were accused of poisoning the wells’ mud, and hence the drinking water. As a punishment, the Jews were given the choice of either converting to Christianity or face death. Those who did not convert were taken to Jewish cemeteries and collectively on fire. Some historians believe that the plague was a very big blow or setback to the Eastern Roman Empire, which became weaker with time. No wonder that its successor, the Byzantium, failed to stand up to the Central Asian Turks who invaded first Anatolia and eventually also Constantinople and changed its name to Istanbul. This shows how a pandemic can affect the destiny of a civilisation. Christianity in the avatar of the Eastern Roman empire did not decline, but the Empire did. The Church is still headquartered at Istanbul with only about two to three per cent Christians. Smallpox

was the next epidemic that came from time to time and place to place. But regardless, it was a disease which was generally feared as an endemic; it continued to frighten people until some decades ago. So much so that, in most parts of Asia, every infant was compulsorily vaccinated against it. Out of fear, in India the disease was worshiped as Sitala Devi and there were temples dedicated to her. Experts suspect that it began as a virus carried by cows, camels or monkeys. These useful animals might have passed on their virus when their domestication began. The disease began, it is conjectured, about 1,100 years BC because it was detected in some Egyptian mummies of the time. One or two Roman emperors were recorded to have died of smallpox at the turn of the millennia. The pox did not spare Western Europe, especially Spain, from where it reached Latin America by the early years of the 16th century. A reported

Spanish solution was; to the whole family or household being infected, demolish the whole building. So that so many burials were avoided! Cholera was another menace that spread mainly through water or any liquid. It is believed to have begun in the Ganga delta. From there, it travelled far and wide, including Russia, on to places in Europe early in the 19th century. The bug then crossed the Atlantic Ocean America and spread for a while in the US as well as to Latin. As was often the case, the source of the epidemic of cholera was discovered by the German scientists in the late 19th century. Despite this discovery, cholera also travelled east to Indonesia and south-west to some African countries. To prevent the menace of cholera, all that was needed was for people to keep away from drinking doubtful water. In the West, it was nicknamed as “Blue Death” though in Kolkata, the first symptom the doctors looked for was the colour of the excreta. If it was not white, it was not cholera. Diphtheria, typhoid, polio, measles, influenza and yellow fever are some other endemics. Typhoid, like cholera, was a water or liquid-borne disease. Polio, measles and influenza are air-borne. All these are different bugs. Influenza played havoc after the World War I in most parts of the world. Malaria is unique. In India, it had been virtually eradicated but has come back. Evidently, in India, we have allowed that particular breed of mosquito to be reborn. Incidentally, while studying modern European history, I had come across a reference to Napoleon Bonaparte having lost thousands of soldiers upon the altar of ‘yellow fever’.

1.48 crore Olive Ridley turtles hatch in Odisha's Gahirmatha beach

(A.O. Bureau) Gahirmatha, May 10: Around 1.48 crore baby Olive Ridley turtles hatched at Gahirmatha beach in Odisha, officials told news agency PTI on May 8. The uninhabited island was witness to a rare natural occurrence — the birth of baby turtles without their mothers. Several pictures and videos of the baby turtles breaking out of their eggshells and making their way into the sea are now widely shared on social media. "A total of 1.48 crore of baby turtles have broken out of eggshells to mingle in the Gahirmatha seawaters



till Thursday, marking the grand culmination of the annual sojourn of Olive Ridley sea turtles to this unmanned Gahirmatha Island," Bikash Ranjan Dash, the Divisional Forest Officer of Bhitarkanika Mangrove (Wildlife) told the news agency.

Around 2.98 lakh nests were dug by female turtles to lay eggs at the Nasi-ii Island, close to defence installation at the Wheelers' Island, Dash said, adding that round-the-clock vigil is being maintained to ensure the safety of the newborns. The turtles

reportedly began hatching on April 25 and the process has now almost come to an end. After emerging from the nests, the baby turtles loiter on the beach for an hour or so before starting their journey towards the sea, he added. Ac-

ording to PTI, the Gahirmatha beach is regarded as one of the largest breeding grounds for the turtle species, which is listed as endangered. This year, around 3.49 lakh female turtles turned up for mass nesting, which is also called 'arribada'. Olive Ridley sea turtle also, commonly known as the Pacific Ridley sea turtle are the second-smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world. They are primarily found in warm and tropical waters, in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and also in the warm waters of the Atlantic Ocean

Covid Awareness chariot rolled in Balimela town on behalf of the district administration & UJA

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 10: In the Malkangiri district, the Karona epidemic is spreading, and many people are being affected by it. With this in mind, the district is shutting down, locking down and raising awareness. An awareness program has been organized by the district administration, the Balimela Merchants Association and the Utkal Journalists Association in Balimela town of Malkangiri district today to make people more aware of the corona and to observe the covid cut. Chitrakonda SDPO Sunaram Hemram inaugurated the event while Malkangiri CDMO Pratul



Kumar Nanda was the chief guest. On the occasion, an awareness chariot toured all the wards and surrounding areas of the Balimela NAC and alerted the people about the cochlear implants. And distributed masks and soaps to many. The function was attended by, among others, Krishna Chandra Rath, Executive Officer, Balimela NAC, Pradeep Kumar Nayak, President, Balimela Nagar Merchants Association, Duryodhan Patra, Dis-

trict Utkal Journalists Association President, Duryodhan Patra, secretary, Satyanarayana Das, Journalist sivadutta sahu, Bidesi Gouda, Ashok Mishra, Sudhanshu Shekhar Mohanty, Abinash Behera, Kshirodha Behera, Niranjan Mall, Debashis Patra, Vikram Keshari Swain, Chandan Panda, Rahul Golari, Ravi Rashmi Guru, Seema Bishwal, Anun Patra Debashis Kar were present.

Sarkhel Appealed Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan For Opening 500 Bedded Covid Hospital In Paradip



(A.O. Bureau) Paradip, May 10: In Jagatsinghpur district, including the country and the state, the number of Corona cases and deaths are on the rise. But due to the non availability of hi tech medical facilities in the district, the COVID-19 patients are bound to shift Cuttack and Bhubaneswar for the treatment. On the other hand, despite the fact that there are various industrial factories in the Paradip area of the district, it has been seen that no one is cooperating in this direction. However, in view of the recent oxygen crisis in the country, the IFFCO and PPL, two fertilizer factories, in cooperation

with the district administration, are soon going to set up a medical oxygen plant in Paradip. The oxygen produced here will be provided free of cost to various hospitals in the state of Odisha. The two factories set an example for other industries in times of crisis. On the other hand, Paradip has a mega-industrial enterprise like the IOCL Paradip Refinery, but its co-operation in its surrounding districts and regions does not show any cooperation during the Covid epidemic. At the same time, the district is treating the victims. Bapi Sarkhel, a prominent union leader and politician, has written letter to Union Oil

Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to open a 500-bedded hospital on behalf of IOCL Paradip Refinery. It is learned that in cooperation with Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Madhya Pradesh has set up a 1,000-bed temporary covid hospital and 10 tonnes of oxygen and 4 lakh liters of drinking water facilities. Similarly, 100 ICU (ventilator) beds have been provided in Bargarh in the state of Odisha. Similarly, 600 beds have been provided in Rourkela, 500 beds in Sundargarh, 150 beds in Jharsuguda with oxygen facilities and 100 beds in Sambalpur. In this regard, Mr. Sarkhel demanded the immediate opening of a 500-bed temporary hospital in Paradip with oxygen facilities and urged Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to co-operate in this regard. It's mentioned that Mr. Sarkhel had recently demanded industrial administration in Paradip to provide free ancillary facilities, including corona testing and vaccination, to workers working in various industries.

Motu Police seized 52 liter Foreign liquor from Kotaguda 2 arrested

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 10: Yesterday evening from a secrete information the Motu police raided at katapali chowk and seized 52 liter FL from Kotaguda chowk along with many seizure items and arrested 2 person at the spot. The Motu PS registered a Case NO-46 Dtd . 09.05.2021 US - 52 (a) Odisha Excise Act . The Name of accused persons are 1. Santosh Motum (35), S / o - Suba Motum PS . Motu Dist - Malkangiri (2) Abhisek Kumar (19), S / O - Rama Pukar

Yadav , At - Pandaria . Ps - Sunnria Dist - Aurangabad State - Bihar , At / Po - Motu (3) Ashok Jadav Not arrested The Total quantity of F / L - 52 litres and the Seizure Items - (1) One Hero Honda M / C bearing regd . No OD - 30-9112 (2) 23 Nos Super grain Whisky bottle containing 750 ml each (3) 24 nos of loose plastic bottles F / L without seal containing 1 litres each , (4) 42 nos Mansion House French brandy containing 180 ml each (5) 03 nos of imperial blue finest grain



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Place of occurrence At Kataguda Chhaka the Name of Detection Party- Insp SK Sahoo ASI Banamali Pradhan , Hav / 69 Prasant Kumar Khosla C / 333 Sarat

Kumar Bastia , 6.HG / 305 L. Ch Rao of Motu PS 7. Name of the Informant - Dy SP Ansuran Dwibedi and the Name of the inspecting officer is Si Limain Charan Panda.

BDO instructed to set up a market complex at the place of post office

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 10: The Kalimela sub-post office on the Jaipur-Motu main road on National Highway 324 on the Malkangiri district's Kalimela headquarters has been demolished by the Kalimela block administration, the Block development officer said. A confrontation has erupted between the postal department and the block administration. According to reports, the block administration had issued a notice in

the name of the two postmaster, Bani gopal Biswas, a retired postmaster of Kalimela, and Chandra Shekhar Sahu, a retired postmaster, on april by office leller no 1434 and dated 13, 04.21, he fined Rs 10 lakh.44 thousand So the question arises as to why the block administration issued the fine to the two men by notifying them. According to the Postal Department, the postal department has a residence in Kalimela Khata No.



655, Plot No. 1299, Area - 0.0250, while the post office has a residence, said the Kalimela Post Master. The block administration did not inform the postal department even when the quarter was broken. Kalimela postmaster

Golak Kumar Kar, however, was reluctant to order the central government's postal department to demolish the gates and quarter while he was a responsible officer in charge of the Block development officer Mr Umashankar

Dalei. "How he instructed to break the quarter she told the Associated Press. However, in accordance with Order No. 1598, dated 29.4.21 of the Block Development Officer, the post office vacated by Praveen Suren JE and a layout map prepared for Market complex. It remains to be seen how the block administration will allow the market to be integrated into the post office space.

Two youth from Hinjilicut sharing awareness in a different jonnors

(A.O. Bureau) Hinjilicut, May 10: The second wave of the corna pandemic has swept across India. Arun Kumar Sahu of Kanteikoli village in Hinjili block of Ganjam district has made a name for himself in Odisha as well as in India by making various wooden sculptures also included himself in the india book of record. Arun and his accomplice Suman are going to do something nifty at this time to make people aware of corana epidemic. They make a sculpture of waste news paper and with



the help of iron rods with some wood, they are making a 4-by-4- corona cell aware. Suman wearing

ing that cell and going from village to village to make people aware. Suman Senapati age 26, of

the same village, who is being ridiculed by a comedian very funny guy himself. He wearing corona

sculpture. Suman with a slogan of caution to his village. "Mun Corona kahaku darena , mo tharu durei rahiba pain mask pindhantu prasasan niyam manantu samajik durata rakhya karantu mun corona kahaku chadena". He has been widely praised for his work in the area, including Kanchuru. According to Arun, he will travel to many other villages to raise awareness. "We will continue our efforts until our Ganjam corna situation still not in a sustainable position said Arun and Suman.

In Malkangiri Covid Hospital being fed patients, which is not edible

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 10: 'People don't think human beings here. It's okay to eat, it's better not to eat. Giving unboiled food. What we eat and live, doctors also eat and serve patients. "It's better not to talk about our situation here." A young journalist with a covid has made a video saying this. The hospital in Malkangiri district has not been able to provide adequate medical and nutritious food for patients with COVID. Jayanti Buruda, a young journalist suffering from COVID, sent the video to the media in a cohesive voice. She com-

plained that poor quality food was being provided at the Covid Center. Earlier, in Malkangiri district, a corona patient was reported to have died due to medical negligence. We have already seen the Covid Care Center, where it is neglected and where no good food is given. How the issue's will end .How Covid Hospital will managed properly



the the District administration should look into the matter so that patient will get good food and soonly get recovered.

Time to Heal Naturally

New Delhi, May 10: Dr HP Bharathi is Deputy Chief Medical Officer at Jindal Naturecure Institute. One of the most common chronic diseases of the respiratory system, asthma affects more than 300 million people across the world with around one-tenth of them in India. While the prevalence of asthma is higher in developed countries, the burden of asthma-related deaths is much higher in developing countries like India. In fact, according to a report published by the World Health Organisation (WHO), over 80 per cent of asthma deaths take place in developing countries. While environmental allergens like dust, pollen, insects and domesticated animals are the leading triggers of asthma, outdoor air pollution has also emerged as a problematic trigger. Researchers from the French Institute of Health and Medical Research found that high traffic in-

tensity and ozone exposure has increased the risk factors in individuals living with asthma. With rising environmental pollution, the incidence of respiratory disease is increasing in India, particularly among children. It is important therefore to introduce a holistic approach towards the management of this condition through the use of naturopathy and yoga. Evidence suggests that a naturopathic approach can offer long-term health benefits to people with asthma by reducing the intensity of the disease, improving symptoms and lung function while significantly reducing drug requirement. Modern medicine relies heavily on the use of steroid inhalation and anti-inflammatory drugs to manage the condition. These drugs work by reducing inflammation and mucus production in the airways, thereby improving symptoms and controlling the condition. However, the



high cost of drugs and their potential side effects remain a cause of concern. A naturopathy based treatment, on the other hand, uses a drugless approach which is much safer and sustainable. Naturopathy is holistic rather than a compartmental way of treating and managing a condition. While modern medicine works in a reactive approach to manage symptoms when they arise, naturopathy works to eliminate the cause and reduce the severity of the disease. The Alternative system of medicine believes that all diseases are caused due to an accumulation of toxins or morbid matter in the body

and negative vibrations in the mind. The therapeutic plan in naturopathy is executed in three phases — the eliminative phase, which focuses on cleansing the body of accumulated toxins, the soothing phase, which focuses on rejuvenating the body and supplying the necessary nourishment, and the constructive phase, in which the body's metabolic activity is regulated. The treatment is divided into three therapy sections — Nature cure therapy, Diet therapy and Yoga therapy. Nature Cure therapy consisted of chest pack applied from 30 minutes to an hour once or twice a day depending upon the clinical

condition of the patient. This was accompanied by a combination of hot foot and arm bath, partial massage therapy to upper back and chest, fomentation, Asthma Bath, Oxygen Bath, Steam and Sauna Bath, Enema, Steam Inhalation and Drainage therapy. Under the diet therapy, patients were prescribed nutritionally calcium-rich, non-mucus and non-acid generating food-items along with herbs and lots of water. Yogic kriya, Yogasana, Pranayama and Yoganidra spanning into a three-week programme with a gradual gradation in the severity of the practices was the third pillar of the treatment approach. The study combined with a year follow up of patients had shown highly promising results. The naturopathy approach helped these patients to improve their lung function and symptoms while reducing the requirement of drugs in most patients.

Kangana Is Waiting To Be Banned From Instagram

Mumbai, May 10: Kangana Ranaut is deeply involved in controversies. She is often in the headlines for her rhetoric. After the results of the Bengal assembly elections, Twitter suspended her account for-

ever due to the strong reaction to the Bengal violence. Now Kangana has started being active on Instagram. Recently, he shared the news of himself being positive with the fans, while challenging Corona.

Kangana's post has been deleted by Instagram. After the post is deleted, Kangana has provoked the anger there. Kangana Ranaut wrote on Instagram Stories on Monday, 'Everyone is a victim of capitalism on Instagram. Capitalism is eating consumers completely like termites. The crisis of indifference and contempt of youth towards the nation is frightening. Lack of human values, sympathy and nationalism make them ugly and useless. I am eagerly waiting to be banned here, it will be an honor for me.'



Amitabh Bachchan Donates 2 crore To Set Up 300 Covid Beds



New Delhi, May 10: The Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee has prepared the Guru Tegh Bahadur Covid Care Center of 300 beds, which is starting from today. Not only this, 100 beds will be increased in the coming days in this Covid Cen-

ter, then there will be oxygen facility on all the beds. It is clear that this Covid Care Center will provide a big relief to Delhi battling the Corona epidemic. Whereas, Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan has been a big help in starting Guru Tegh Bahadur Covid

Care Center. He has given two crore rupees for the Covid Care Center. Apart from this, Vikram Singh Sahni of World Punjabi Organization has given two hundred oxygen concentrators. President of Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee, Manjinder Singh Sirsa (President Manjinder Singh Sirsa) has thanked Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan for the assistance of two crores in the Covid Care Center. At the same time, he has told that the Bollywood great has called Sikhs a legend.

Disha recalls being 'intimidated' by Salman in the initial days of Radhe shoot

Mumbai, May 10: Despite having worked with Salman Khan in Bharat, Disha Patani was intimidated by him before Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai's

daily, Disha revealed, "At first I was intimidated by him, I was working with the biggest star of the country but, as shoot started and we were on the sets for

well. Talking about working with Salman on the song, Disha said, "Once he is there in the frame, nobody wants to watch anyone else. His star power is so huge, his swag is too cool. But I tried my best, I don't know if I did justice though (laughs). It is also fun dancing with him because he adds such small comical things here and there, he has great ideas. One can learn a lot from him, he is an improviser." Disha and Salman have an age difference of 27 years. However, the 55-year-old star recently joked that the two stars look the same age in the movie. In a new making-of video, Salman praised Disha for her work. He said that she's done a wonderful job and looks beautiful as well. "We look to be of the same age too. No, she did not look my age, I looked like hers," he said in Hindi.



shoot began. The actor, in a recent interview, noted that she was aware of the fact that Salman is one of the biggest stars of the country. In Radhe, Disha plays a headstrong girl with a 'soft heart'. Over the past few days, the makers have released the trailer and a few songs from the movie, teasing the romance between Radhe and Diya. Speaking with a leading

Sambhavna turns Saviour

Mumbai, May 10: Sambhavna Seth, who was last seen in Gudiya Hamari Sabhi Pe Bhari, is now playing the role of a saviour, not on TV but in real life. She speaks with MUSBA HASHMI about how she is busy arranging oxygen cylinders and also highlights a case of black marketing of essentials

What made you work so actively to help people by going out of the way? The realisation that how serious COVID is. Like many, I too wasn't taking COVID seriously until my whole family in Delhi contracted the virus. That was an eye opener. Things turned bad when my father, who is 80, wasn't getting a bed. I took to my social media and posted for help. Immediately, my inbox was flooded with leads, people stood up to help.

I would also want to thank Manoj Tiwari and his wife Surbhi for helping me. Thankfully, with all the help, I was able to arrange a bed for my father. He is recovering, but has suffered memory loss. All this coupled with an urge to give back to everyone who needs it made me take this route. I now try and help people from all over the country with oxygen supply, beds and ventilators.

Your efforts paid off and you

were able to save many lives. How did that feel? The feeling is amazing. It is not as if I am doing it for appreciation, but when people actually call me to inform that they have got all the essentials and thank me, it feels good. Every life is precious and every human being is priority. Being able to save someone's life is a different feeling. Both my husband Avinash (Dwivedi) and I want to do our bit and do what best is possible. I do all this for my happiness. Do you also receive backlash from people? There are times when families abuse me when I am unable to help them. It does demotivate me, but I understand their situation and what they are going through. Recently, I reached out to a family who was in need of oxygen cylinders. I called them up to inform where they can get them

but the man on the phone told me: We don't know who you are, but how do you expect me to leave my father alone and go. I told him that he needs oxygen and I am trying to help him, but he was so upset and for all the right reasons, that he didn't listen. It felt bad, of course. But then I heard his father gasping for air, I took his address and got the cylinder delivered to his place.

You recently posted a video about a black marketer of oxygen. How saddening is it to see such cases?

It's bad. More so, when a person who calls someone his sister does it for the sake of money. If you see the video, you will get to know about the whole case. To cut it short, a 29-year-old girl was in dire need of oxygen in Delhi. Her 50-year-old mother reached out to me for help. She stays in Mumbai. I arranged everything for free, but the person who went to pick up the oxygen cylinder took money from both sides, from the one who needed it and the one who was giving. And then to take everything a notch higher he told the girl's mother that he didn't get it. I called him and gave him a reality check. It's saddening to see such people who are making money even at such a scenario. The good thing is, on the other hand, we do have people like Sonu Sood. He is like a God for many today. A lesson that you learnt during the pandemic. Help people as much as you can and don't expect

anything in return, not even a thank you. Keep doing good and karma will come back to you. People loved you in your last show. Can we expect you back on TV anytime soon?

I did get an offer for a Colors' show sometime back, but they were shooting in Gujarat and I can't travel. I have three dogs, one of which is 17 and he can't see or hear. It is impossible to leave my babies back home and travel. But, having said that, I would love to be back on TV with a dance reality show. If got a chance, I will definitely grab the opportunity.

Your YouTube channel is about to hit 2 million subscribers. What has been your success mantra?

I never ran behind numbers. For me, what matters is the love of people which I am getting in abundance. As for my vlogs, I just take up my camera and start shooting. Both Avinash and I are humorous people and that is what is evident in our vlogs too. The audience loves it. I don't prepare a master plan for content, it is all natural. I have always wanted to make people happy and show my unedited self and that is what I am doing on my channel. This can be our success mantra.

What is keeping you busy during the lockdown?

This time, the situation is so bad that we are just trying to stay positive. As compared to last year, I am not making any dishes, just don't feel like also because we are on a strict diet. So the recipes have to wait, but our vlogs and laugh will continue.



West Indies players in IPL are back home: CWI CEO Johnny Grave

Kingston, May 10: All the Caribbean players, who participated in the currently postponed Indian Premier League, have reached home following concerted efforts by the BCCI and their respective franchises, Cricket West Indies CEO Johnny Grave has said. The IPL had to be postponed on May 4 after multiple COVID-19 cases came to light inside the tournament's bio-bubble which wasn't as foolproof as the last edition in the UAE. Top West Indies players like their white-ball captain Kieron Pollard, Jason Holder, Sunil



Narine, Andre Russell, Dwayne Bravo, Nicholas Pooran, Shimron Hetmyer, and Fabien Allen were a part of the league. In all, nine West Indies cricket-

ers competed in the event. "Our IPL players, along with the West Indians who were part of the TV production, are now safely back in the Caribbean. We are

grateful to the BCCI and IPL Franchises for arranging their safe travel back to the Caribbean so quickly," Cricket West Indies tweeted. Save for COVID-19

affected duo of CSK batting coach Michael Hussey and Kolkata Knight Riders' New Zealand batsman Tim Seifert, all the foreign players and support staff have left the Indian shores. All the Australians, along with a few New Zealanders, are currently in Maldives waiting for their onward journey after serving out quarantine. Australia has imposed a ban on flights from India till May 15 because of the COVID case surge there. This was the reason why players from Down Under had to fly to Maldives for their quarantine instead of heading home directly.

Veteran spinner Piyush Chawla loses father to COVID-19

Mumbai, May 10: Experienced India leg-spinner Piyush Chawla's father Pramod Kumar Chawla on Monday died after battling COVID-19. He was around 60 years old. "With deepest grief, we announce that my beloved father, Mr Pramod Kumar Chawla, left for the heavenly abode on 10th May 2021. He was suffering from covid and post covid complications," Chawla wrote on his Instagram account. "We invite your kind thoughts and prayers in this difficult times. May his noble soul rest in peace." Chawla's latest IPL team Mumbai Indians too offered their condolences. "Our thoughts go out to Piyush Chawla who lost his father, Mr. Pramod Kumar Chawla this morning. We are with you and your family in this difficult time. Stay strong," tweeted Mumbai Indians. Chawla, 32, has played three Tests, 25 ODIs and 7 T20s for India. He represents Gujarat in the domestic circuit and has so far played 136



first-class matches, taking 445 wickets in it. The Aligarh-born spinner was fetched by Mumbai Indians in the IPL auction this year but he did not play a single game in the 2021 edition of the lucrative league, which was indefinitely suspended due to COVID-19 outbreak in its bio-bubble. Former India pacer Irfan Pathan also condoled the demise. "My dear brother Piyush Chawla's father, Pramod uncle is no more. My deepest condolences to you and your family. I pray that you go thru this difficult time with patience. Uncle was a great soul and full of life. COVID has taken one more life!," tweeted Pathan.

Varun Chakravarthy, Sandeep Warrier back home after completing mandatory isolation



New Delhi, May 10: Kolkata Knight Riders' leg-spinner Varun Chakravarthy and pacer Sandeep Warrier, who were the first to test positive for COVID-19 in the currently-suspended IPL's bio-bubble, have returned to their respective home cities after completing 10 days of mandatory isolation. Tamil Nadu's Chakravarthy was officially the first player in this edition of the IPL, who contracted the infection

after going for some medical scans. Subsequently, two of his teammates, Warrier and Prasidh Krishna, were also infected by the virus. The Kerala-based Warrier's interaction with Delhi Capitals veteran Amit Mishra led to the veteran being found positive as well, causing ultimately the league's suspension. "Yes, Chakravarthy and Sandeep have gone home. They have completed 10 days of man-

datory isolation. However, KKR as a franchise will keep monitoring their health," a BCCI official in know of things told PTI on Monday. "They will undergo RT-PCR tests in Chennai and Kerala respectively," he added. Both Chakravarthy and Warrier did not show any major symptoms for the infection. However, New Zealander Tim Seifert, another COVID positive KKR recruit, is still in isolation. The IPL was suspended on May 4.

Dravid predicts 3-2 win for India in Eng

New Delhi, May 10: Batting great Rahul Dravid reckons India will prevail over England 3-2 in this summer's away Test series and calls it the visitors' "best chance" to win in the UK since 2007. Dravid was the last Indian captain to win a Test series in England. "I really do think India have a very good chance this time," Dravid said during a webinar, according to ESPNcricinfo. Dravid, who is now the head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, said Ravichandran Ashwin versus Ben Stokes could form an "interesting subplot" to what is expected to be an intriguing series. "There's no question about their (England's) bowling. Whatever bowling attack England put on the park, especially their seam-bowling

attack, is going to be fantastic. They have a lot of players to pick and choose from and that's going to be ter-

rible. "But if you look at their top six or top seven, you really think of one great batsman, a world-class batsman who is Joe Root. "Obviously, Ben Stokes is another one, who is a good all-rounder, but for some reason Ashwin seems

to do well against him. And that should be an interesting contest. I know he's done well against him (Stokes) well-prepared, have the confidence from Australia, there's a lot of belief in the squad. "A couple of players

lot of time to prepare there for the rubber. "I think India will play really well in England this time," Dravid said. "It's a great opportunity we've got. After the WTC final, they're going to be in England for a whole month before the Test series starts. I don't think any team has had that kind of time to prepare for a Test series as India will have this time, so that surely should be a great advantage. "In England, if there's one thing you've always got to respect, it's the conditions. It's slightly different from say an Australia or India. "To some extent you sort of get the feeling (as batsmen) that you're never set. Even if you're set and you get a good start, batting on 30, 40, 50, things can change very quickly, the weather can change, the ball can swing even after it's 40-50 overs old," Dravid observed.



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Hamilton reigns in Spain (again)

Barcelona, May 10: Lewis Hamilton beat Max Verstappen in a thrilling duel to win the Spanish Grand Prix and increase his championship lead over his top rival on Sunday. Verstappen's Red Bull edged the pole-sitting Hamilton to the first curve to snatch the early lead. But Mercedes' use of two pit stops to give Hamilton fresher tires down the final stretch paid off and allowed him to overtake the Dutchman with six laps remaining. "Red Bull got a great start," Hamilton said. "I was hunting ... It was a long way to come

back from, 20-odd seconds back. But it was a good gamble." Hamilton followed his 100th career pole on Saturday by taking his 98th career win. He also tied Michael Schumacher's mark of six victories at the Spanish Grand Prix, including the last five in a row. Hamilton increased his lead to 14 points over Verstappen, who grabbed a bonus point for the fastest lap. Hamilton's teammate Valtteri Bottas steered his Mercedes to a third-place finish. Verstappen got the jump on Hamilton off the starting line,



recovering the scarce meters that separated them on the grid down the first straight. They entered the first curve side-by-side and appeared to graze one another before Hamilton backed off, as Verstappen pulled away. The superior

tire strategy kicked in on lap 25 when Verstappen came in to swap his soft tires for the more durable mediums. Hamilton stayed out to take the lead for three laps before he ceded it back to Verstappen when he had to change his tires to

mediums as well. Even though Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff said before the race that he expected to make one pit stop, seeing Verstappen holding his lead must have changed his mind. Hamilton came in for a second time on lap 43 for a new set of tires. Verstappen saw Hamilton eating into this lead and told his team "I don't see how we are going to make it to the end." He was right. Verstappen was unable to put up a fight when Hamilton caught and overtook him on the outside of a turn.

India will tour SL in July for white ball series: Ganguly

Kolkata, May 10: BCCI president Sourav Ganguly on Sunday said that the Indian team, sans the top players, will tour Sri Lanka in July for a limited overs bilateral series. Big names such as skipper Virat Kohli and vice-captain Rohit Sharma will not be part of the tour as they will be engaged in a marquee five-match Test series in England. "We have planned a white ball series for the senior men's team during the month of July where they will play T20 Internationals and ODIs in Sri Lanka," Ganguly told PTI. Asked how will India segregate the two teams, Ganguly said that it will be a different side, which won't have anyone from the outfit that will be in the United Kingdom at that time. "Yes, it will be a team of white ball specialists. It will be a different team," the former India captain said, making it clear that the cricket board also has the preparation of white ball regulars in mind. There will be at least 5 T20 Internationals and may be three ODIs in Sri Lanka. India's tour of England will end on September 14 and with the schedule of the remainder

of IPL, yet to be chalked out, the BCCI would want the likes of Shikhar Dhawan, Hardik Pandya, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Deepak Chahar, Yuzvendra Chahal to be match ready. "The BCCI president is very keen that all our top players are match ready and since England doesn't have a white ball leg the month of July can be utilized well," a BCCI source said while explaining the logic behind the tour. For the Kohlis and Sharmas, they need not come from UK, which has in place some hard quarantine rules. "Technically, in the month of July there are no official senior India team matches. The Test squad will be playing intrasquad games. "So there is no harm in India's white ball experts getting some match time and selectors also get to fix the missing jigsaws in selection puzzle." "This will give the team a chance to carry out experiments, like whether it will be Chahal, Rahul Chahar or Rahul Tewatia for the leg break bowler's slot, if Chetan Sakariya can be tried as left-arm option, whether Devdutt Padikkal or Shreyas Iyer gets fit to play by then.

JNPT and New Mangalore Port handle 120 Metric Tonnes of Oxygen on priority basis



(A.O. Bureau) Mangalore, May 10: JNPT and New Mangalore Port today handled 120 Metric Tonnes of Medical Oxygen on priority basis. India's largest Container Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust handled four medical-grade oxygen filled cryogenic containers with total quantity of 80 MT. Each cryogenic container carried 20 MT of Liquid Medical grade Oxygen. These medical grade oxygen containers were loaded in Jebel Ali, United

Arab Emirates and reached India today. Indian Navy's INS Kolkata reached New Mangalore Port today carrying 40 MT of oxygen from Kuwait. The cargo also comprised of 5 tons of oxygen cylinders and 4 high flow oxygen concentrators. It may be noted that Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has directed all Major Ports of India, including the Kamarajar Port Limited, to waive-off all charges levied by Major Port Trusts.

National level Webinar on 'Communications & Branding Challenges' organised by PRCI Rourkela Chapter as part of Talent Hunt series

(A.O. Bureau) Rourkela, May 10: A webinar on 'Communications & Branding Challenges' was organised on 9th May, 2021 by Public Relations Council of India (PRCI), Rourkela Chapter as a part of the Talent Hunt Series launched by the Govern-

ment subjects related to Public Relations. In the webinar organised on 9th May, Mr. Dharendra Mishra, Chairman, PRCI, Rourkela Chapter & GM (PR) & CoC, SAIL, RSP, Mr. Ramendra Kumar, Director, National Executive, PRCI & Editor, Kautilya and Mr. Sasanka Pattnaik,

members of the Governing Council, National executives, Zonal Chairpersons, Chapter Heads, office bearers and members of PRCI and YCC from all over the country and persons who evince a keen interest in various aspects of Public Relations joined the webinar. The webinar began on a splendid note with an



premier umbrella organisation of PR professionals. Notably, this was the 2nd webinar in the talent hunt series for members of PRCI and YCC (Young Communicators' Club) under which PRCI Chapters from all over the country along with YCC are organizing webinars on dif-

ferent subjects related to Public Relations. In the webinar organised on 9th May, Mr. Dharendra Mishra, Chairman, PRCI, Rourkela Chapter & GM (PR) & CoC, SAIL, RSP, Mr. Ramendra Kumar, Director, National Executive, PRCI & Editor, Kautilya and Mr. Sasanka Pattnaik,

laborative presentation by Mr. Dharendra Mishra on 'Internal Communications in the best of times'. He spoke about the importance of internal communication and how it helps an organization building its strength. Mr. Kumar who made the next presentation on 'Internal Commu-

nications in the worst of times' spoke on the incredible fight backs of organizations from worst of the scenarios riding on meticulously planned internal communication exercises. Both Mr. Mishra and Mr. Kumar cited the various communication initiatives taken in Rourkela Steel Plant and how these initiatives have helped the Plant tide over the worst of crises. The theme of Mr. Sasanka Pattnaik's presentation was 'Branding of an Educational Institution: Challenges and Opportunities'. He deliberated on the importance of branding and emphasized upon creating value for the brand through continual and sustained effort. In the question answer round held at the end, apart from the members of the Jury participants from various chapters and organisations put up their queries which the speakers handled very deftly. Ms. Archana Satpathy, Secretary, PRCI, Rourkela Chapter moderated the programme and proposed a formal vote of thanks at the end.

Important Information For Daily Passngers

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 10: Six Pairs Of Daily Memu/Passenger Trains Will Remain Cancelled Up To 16th May, 2021 For Poor Patronisation And To Break The Chain Of Covid19 Infection. As per the guidelines issued by Government of Odisha and keeping in view the surge of Covid19 positive cases, to break the chain of infection and for poor patronisation, it has been decided to cancel six pairs of local passenger/MEMU trains on up to 16th May, 2021 from both

the directions, including earlier announced weekend cancellation. These trains are as follows: 01. 08456/08455 Bhubaneswar-Kendujhargarh-Bhubaneswar Special. 02. 08412/08411 Bhubaneswar-Bhadrak-Bhubaneswar Special. 03. 08438/08437 Cuttack-Bhadrak-Cuttack Special. 04. 08461/08462 Cuttack-Paradeep-Cuttack Special. 05. 08454/08453 Cuttack-Bhadrak-Cuttack Special. 06. 08528/08527 Visakhapatnam-Raipur-Visakhapatnam Special.

Smuggling of liquor will not be Allowed

(A.O. Bureau) Kukurakhandi, May 10: During the period of lockdown and the shutdown the liquor smuggler's start their black marketing. Today Sadar Police ranging on a suspending's police raiding on him. And saigaed a huge amount of foreign liquor amount of 11 litres. Aman from Bendalia village has been arrested on suspicion of smuggling foreign liquor. Rabindra Sahu (55) of Bendalia village, was reportedly arrested today

for violating the Covid guidelines and taking about 11 litres of foreign liquor to his village from Kanis area for sale. Taking advantage of the shutdown. The two Wheeler OR-07-Z-2856 Hero CDD Deluxe motorcycle he was using was also seized. However according to U/S-188 IPC/52(a) under the Odisha Excise Act, the accused has been taken to court under Sadar Thana Case No. 143/21 against the accused Rabindra, said Mahendra Kumar Sahu Sadar IIC.

Vedanta Aluminium leverages smart technology to combat COVID-19 and ensure business continuity



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 10: Vedanta Aluminium & Power Business, India's largest producer of aluminium and value-added aluminium products, has accelerated deployment of cutting-edge technologies and digital solutions to safeguard its workforce against COVID-19 and sustain production to meet the country's raw material needs with respect to this strategic metal - aluminium. Vedanta Aluminium & Power has adopted digital-first ways of working to make its operations future-ready by integrating best-in-class

digital solutions, building in efficiencies, and optimizing costs and raw material consumption in its mission to become the world's leading producer of the 'green metal' aluminium. Implementation of automation and digitalization solutions at its plants have enabled the company to produce high-quality aluminium and value-added products for critical industry sectors, while also providing a step-change in health, safety & environment (HSE) performance parameters. Speaking on the occasion of National Technology Day, Mr. Ajay

Kapur, CEO - Aluminium & Power and MD - Commercial, Vedanta Ltd., said, "Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in India last year, we have fast-tracked adoption of best-in-class digital technologies, intelligent automation and inhouse innovations to safeguard our workforce across Aluminium & Power Business Units. As India's largest manufacturers of aluminium, a strategic raw material for the country's key growth sectors, we are ensuring business continuity with reduced manpower to keep the wheels of the economy

running. Looking at the rapidly escalating pandemic scenario country-wide, besides ramping up COVID treatment infrastructure and quarantine facilities, we have also pivoted our ways to working to make full use of technology and limit the need for human interventions to sustain operations." The Business has vaccinated over 7500 of its people across its plants and augmented the capacity of its COVID Care Centres and quarantine centres, which are equipped with medical staff and infrastructure to provide proper care to the affected. Vedanta

is also supporting the local district administrations in its areas of operation, helping them with testing kits, medicines and medical gear, oxygen/oxygen cylinder requirement, etc. Vedanta Aluminium & Power Business, a division of Vedanta Limited, is India's largest producer of Aluminium, producing almost half of India's Aluminium or 1.9 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) in FY20, and is also one of the largest private power producers in the country. BALCO is a part of Vedanta's Aluminium and Power Business. Vedanta is a leader in value-added Aluminium products that find critical applications in core industries. With its world-class smelters, power plants and alumina refinery spread across India, the company fulfils its mission of spurring emerging applications of Aluminium as the 'Metal of the Future' for a greener tomorrow.

KISS Gets New Chancellor & Vice-Chancellor

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 10: 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

Alliance for a Sustainable Planet. Dr. Pendra 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

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



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

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

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.

The Sub-Collector Wore PPE Kit

(A.O. Bureau) Bhanjanagar, May 10: Deputy District Magistrate Shri Rajendra Minj today visited the dedicated Covid Care Center in Bhanjanagar. This afternoon, the sub-district commissioner himself wore a PPE kit and held talks with patients admitted to the DCHC. Discussed with patients about health problems,

food, drink, medicine, treatment, etc. The patients told the sub-district commissioner that they were satisfied with the treatment, hygiene, and food. The sub-district commissioner advised the patients to be alert and to see a doctor immediately if any problems arose. "If you keep your mind strong and think positively,



you will definitely be back home if you are well," he said. He encouraged ordi-

nary people as well to take part in solving this great task: "One of the things you and

other people can do is keep up the pressure... there are going to be some difficult decisions for government" "Now that the rate of infection is rising rapidly, we have to be vigilant ourselves and if we follow the Lockdown, Shot Down rules properly, the rapid covid infection can break the chain," the sub-collector said in a statement.