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CM Naveen Approves Opening Of Dedicated Covid Hospital In Jajpur



Bhubaneswar, May 18: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved the opening of a Dedicated Covid Hospital in Jajpur with private partnership for the treatment of Covid-19 patients. **B h o o m i k a**

Multispeciality Hospital at Jajpur will serve as a government Covid Hospital where patients will be able to receive free treatment. All medical expenses will be borne by the State Government. The hospital will

have 150 oxygenated beds and 50 ICU beds. As a result, critically ill patients in Jajpur and surrounding districts will no longer have to travel to Cuttack or Bhubaneswar for treatment.

Bhubaneswar: Minor boy donates Rs 43k piggy bank savings to CP

Bhubaneswar, May 18: A Class-VI student of a private school in Bhubaneswar has garnered a big round of applause for his generous act during the novel coronavirus crisis. The minor boy, identified as Ishan Nayak, has do-

noted his piggy bank savings to Commissionerate Police (CP) today to be used for welfare of cops. The Commissionerate Police has applauded the minor boy and said, "Moved by the relentless hard work of Police on the streets during Covid,

6th standard student Ishan Nayak of #SaiInternationalSchool donated Rs 43000/- his piggy bank savings to @cpbbsrctc today to be used for welfare of cops. #WeAreImpressed by your gesture & compassion."



PM interacts with DMs of worst-hit districts on Covid management

New Delhi, May 18: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday held an online interaction with chief ministers and district magistrates of the districts that have been worst affected in the second wave of the pandemic, and asked them to convey their best practices to him so that these can be shared widely. He also called the district administration "field commanders" who are in the frontline of the war against the pandemic. "All of you have an important role in this war against Corona. You are the field commander of this war in a way, who give shape to the policy, and fight on the ground and take decisions according to the situation," he said. The PM referred to local containment zones, aggressive testing and providing correct and complete information to the people as "weapons against this virus." The interaction was held to receive feedback from states on the measures taken to reduce the spread of the infection, ramp up medical infrastructure and other initiatives taken by

the administration. "I want to tell you... if you think that the government policy at the district level needs innovation in the policy to strengthen it, you have the freedom to do so. If you think the innovation that you have made is good for the whole district or the country, it should be sent to the government. If you think there is a need to make any change in the policy, give us that feedback also without any hesitation because the war is such that we all need to think together and innovate together," the PM said. In the wake of complaints from states over the availability of Covid vaccines, the PM assured that there is a plan to ensure that states get a 15-day advance schedule of available vaccine. "Vaccine wastage must be stopped and optimum utilisation is a must," he added. The PM also cautioned that there is a need to remain vigilant even in places where the daily numbers are dipping. "We have to stop the scale of infection from rising by taking correct steps such as testing, tracking, isolation



and adopting Covid appropriate behaviour," he said. He also called for attention to rural areas as well as in remote areas. "We have to ensure that there is health infrastructure to meet challenges... this should be done on a priority basis," he said. The PM said during the first wave last year, many villages had devised their own best practices. "Last time, there was no lockdown of the farming sector. I was astonished to see how villagers were maintaining social distancing even while working in the fields. They grasped the information and modified it according to their needs. This is the strength of villages," he said. While he

asked the states to ensure strict compliance to Covid appropriate behavior, he said attention should be given to "ease of living" to ensure minimal inconvenience to people, and called for action against those involved in black marketing of critical medicines, and equipment such as Remdesivir, oxygen concentrators, and oxygen cylinders. The PM also instructed the administrators to keep up the morale of those on frontlines and of those in home isolation. "As a large section of people are in home isolation, it creates confidence in them to fight the challenge better if somebody from the administration

visits them and supplies oxymeters or drugs. This should be done at all district levels," the PM said. He said all preparations must be made in states where hospitals are scheduled to receive oxygen plants through the PM-CARES fund. Union home minister Amit Shah and health secretary Rajesh Bhushan were also present in the meeting with the CM's from states such as Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand. District magistrates of Patna, Bengaluru urban, Indore, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Shimoga, and Kolar were also present.

Cyclone Brewing In Bay: Will It Impact Odisha?

Bhubaneswar, May 18: With the possibility of formation of a low pressure area over Bay of Bengal around May 23, cyclone-prone Odisha might witness nature's fury yet again as weather model indicates movement of the system towards the coast of the state. As per Eu-

ropean Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) model, the system is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm and approach Odisha coast. The model further indicates that the system is likely to reach near Odisha coast between Paradip and

Konark on May 26 evening. On the other hand, renowned meteorologist Jason Nicholls said there is possibility of formation of a low pressure area over Bay of Bengal this weekend and cyclonic storm early next week. The system might impact Northeast India,

Bangladesh or Myanmar, he said. The Regional Meteorological Centre here also forecasted that a low pressure area is likely to form over east central Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood around May 23. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had earlier pre-

dicted formation of a low pressure area over Bay of Bengal with further intensification and cyclogenesis between May 21 and May 27. "ECMWF and NCEP GFS models are indicating likely formation of a low pressure system over the Bay of Bengal during the period.

Odisha extends lockdown till June 1; Grocery store, essential items shop timings restricted to 4 hrs

Bhubaneswar, May 18: The Odisha government today extended the ongoing lockdown till June 1 morning with reduction of grocery store and other essential items shop timings to four hours only in the morning. Grocery and other essential shops are allowed to remain open only for four hours daily, from 7 am to 11 am, Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra said announcing the extension of the lockdown. Besides, the weekend shutdown will continue in the state. The lockdown has been imposed to restrict gatherings and break the chain of the deadly virus. The ongoing lockdown in the state has been extended till



June 1 (5 am). The current lockdown came into effect on May 5 and will remain in force until May 19. Despite the state government's claim that the lockdown has helped in preventing the spread of the Covid-19, Odisha has been reporting

10,000 to 12,000 new positive cases daily for the past several days. Odisha Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra on Tuesday said that the ongoing lockdown in the state has been extended till June 1 (5 am). The current lockdown came into

effect on May 5 and will remain in force until May 19. Despite the state government's claim that the lockdown has helped in preventing the spread of the Covid-19, Odisha has been reporting 10,000 to 12,000 new positive cases daily for the

past several days. Meanwhile, the state government has decided to undertake a three month long house to house survey to check Covid symptoms of the people. The statewide survey scheduled to commence from May 24 will be conducted by the ASHAs and ANMs. On the other hand, health experts have suggested that the lockdown period should be extended and the Covid-19 norms should be strictly enforced in the state to keep the alarming surge of Covid-19 in the district under control. They also urged the state government to intensify the vaccination drive to check the pandemic.

OSSTA demands frontline warrior status for teachers

Bhubaneswar, May 18: Odisha Secondary School Teachers' Association (OSSTA) has demanded frontline Covid warrior status for teachers. Association Secretary Prakash Chandra Mohanty said, teachers are more susceptible to Corona virus since they are working at Covid Care Homes and Isolation Centres from the beginning. Now they are discharging their duty at railway stations in thermal screening and giving away books and Midday meals at the doorsteps. In this condition, they are remaining more vulnerable for the infection. Similarly, the family members are



in panic for the virus. However, the government lingers to declare teachers as frontline Covid warriors despite the demand remained in a long row. Even, no special vaccination provision is made available for the teachers, so far.

'We appeal the department of education to declare teachers as frontline Covid warrior and provide ex-gratia against Covid death', said Association office bearers Binod Bhari Panigrahi and Bhikari Charan Sahu.

Delhi Government Announces Free Ration To Poor People



New Delhi, May 18: On Corona, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal made four big announcements in a press conference on Tuesday. He said that

the common man is being killed from all sides in Corona. People's jobs are over. There are many people who are having trouble eating. Many people who earn

their homes died. There is no earner left. There are many elderly people whose earning children went away. How can we overcome the problems of the people. In

such a situation, we are going to make four announcements today.

1. 72 lakh people have ration cards, which the government gives ration. If you give 5 kilos of ration, then you take a lot of money, this month is being given free. 10 kg free ration will be given, in which 5 kg ration center is giving. Delhi government is going to give ration to those who do not have ration cards. Ration will be given to those who are poor. It will be implemented in two to four days. Ration will be given to those who

say I am poor.

2. Those who have lost their lives due to corona, they will get compensation of 50 thousand.

3. There are many families whose earning person has died here. Apart from Rs 50 thousand, they will be given a pension of Rs 2500.

4. Children whose two parents died or whose mother and father had died earlier and one of them died due to corona. Each such child will be given up to Rs 2500 for 25 years. Their education will also be given free of cost.

No Place For KK Shailaja In Kerala Cabinet



Kichi, May 18: The state Health Minister KK Shailaja played an important role in dealing with coronavirus early in Kerala (Kerala). She is still working on similar strategies. He was also praised for this, but now he will not be given a ministerial berth in the new cabinet of the state to be formed after the assembly elections. It is believed that this time Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's cabinet will include new faces from the Communist Party of India (CPI) and the Communist Party of India (Marxist). KK Shailaja is a retired

teacher. He has done many commendable works to stop the corona epidemic in Kerala in the initial stages. Prior to this, she has also worked on an important strategy to deal with Nipah virus in the state. Nipah virus was seen twice in Kerala. First in 2018 and then also in 2019. Union Minister of State for

Health Preeti Sudan also praised KK Shailaja's strategy to deal with the Corona epidemic in Kerala and suggested other states to adopt the steps taken by them. The swearing-in ceremony of the CPI-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) government led by Pinarayi Vijayan will take place on May 20 in Kerala.

Monsoon to hit south Andaman Sea on May 21

Pune, May 18: The Southwest Monsoon is on its way and it is expected to reach the south Andaman Sea later this week. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a normal monsoon during the upcoming season for the country. The monsoon onset over Kerala is expected to take place one day in advance, on May 31. "The Southwest Monsoon is likely to advance into the south Andaman Sea and adjoining south-east Bay of Bengal around May 21," stated the IMD's weather report issued on Tuesday. As a result, heavy rain could lash Andaman and Nicobar, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry on Friday. Meanwhile, some respite from the heat in the form of pre-monsoon showers is predicted over

north India. The Met department has warned of heavy to very heavy rainfall along the northern plains. Active weather will affect Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana and west Uttar Pradesh over the next two days. It will mainly be triggered by the approaching remnants of Tauktae, which by Tuesday evening had weakened into a 'cyclone' and was located at about 50 km west-southwest of Ahmedabad. The cyclone had crossed Gujarat coast during the evening hours of Monday as an 'extremely severe' cyclone. This system, by Wednesday, will further weaken into a depression as it advances through Rajasthan, Delhi and onward to the western Himalayan regions.

Haryana man who performed last rites of over 300 Covid victims succumbs to virus

Hisar, May 18: Praveen Kumar was the head of the team formed by the municipal corporation to cremate the bodies of coronavirus patients. An official of the Hisar Municipal Corporation, who ensured a dignified funeral for over 300 Covid-19 victims ever since the outbreak of the pandemic, succumbed to the disease barely two days after testing positive, a spokesperson said on Tuesday. Praveen Kumar, 43, died at a pri-



private hospital on Monday night, the spokesperson of the municipal corpora-

tion said. Kumar was the head of the team formed by the municipal corpora-

tion to cremate the bodies of coronavirus patients. "He had cre-

mated over 300 Covid bodies so far since last year. He tested positive two days ago. He was admitted to a private hospital, where his oxygen level kept dipping due to which he died," the spokesperson said. Kumar was also the president of Municipal Corporation Safai Karamchhari Union here. His last rites were performed at a cremation ground in Rishi Nagar here on Tuesday as per the Covid guidelines.

Fertiliser price rise announced in April upsets farmers ahead of kharif season

Pune, May 18: Farmers across the country, most of whom were looking to increase acreage in cotton and soyabean, have been forced to recalculate their budget as a price rise in fertilisers, announced in April, has come into effect ahead of the kharif season. The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO), the largest fertiliser seller in the country, had announced a 45-58 per cent hike in prices in April. Diammonium phosphate (DAP), the second most commonly used nitrogen fertiliser after urea, saw a 58 per cent hike from the existing Rs 1,200 per bag (50 kg) to Rs 1,900 per bag. Similarly, selling prices of other complex fertilisers with different NPKS (nitrogen, phosphorus and sulphur) ratios have seen a significant rise. So, a bag of 10:26:26 was priced at Rs 1,775 per bag from its existing price of Rs 1,175 per bag. Prices of

other complex fertilisers like 12:32:16 (from Rs 1,185 to Rs 1,800 per bag) and 20:20:0:13 (Rs 925 to Rs 1,350 per bag) had seen a steep rise. While the price rise was to be effective from April 1, most farmers have started realising its impact as they go about their purchases. Sangli-based Ankush Chormale, whose family grows sugarcane over nine acres in the village of Ashta in Walva taluka, said this price hike will result in an increase in production cost of Rs 7,000-8,000 per acre. As soon as the news of the fertiliser price hike was announced in April, a short video message from a central minister went viral where the price hike was denied, Chormale added. "Now, we realise that the price hike was supposed to be for new stock and not the existing stock with retailers. As farmers, we do not have need for fertilisers in April and now



when we need it, the input sellers are charging us the new rate," he said. Yuvraj Patil, who is from Shelgaon in Ardhrapur taluka of Nanded district, planned to increase the acreage of his soyabean crop from 19 acres to 25 acres this kharif season, but the sharp price rise put a stop to his plans. "Right before the kharif sowing, complex fertilisers have suddenly become more costly. What is the guarantee that soyabean prices will be good this year too?" he wondered. Due to the historic high price the oilseed fetched in the market, the aver-

age price at which Patil sold his 170 quintals of soyabean last year was Rs 6,000 per quintal, which would have compensated the higher input costs. But there is no guarantee he would get the same high prices this year, Patil added. For soyabean growers like Patil, who require one bag each of DAP, 20:20:00:13 along with the basic urea, the price rise would see him shell out Rs 3,200 per acre as against the Rs 2,175 per acre of last year. "Also, the soyabean seed prices this year have risen, which is an extra cost for farmers

who purchase seeds," he said. For cotton growers, the price rise would mean they would have to pay Rs 1,500 per acre just in fertilisers. This hike comes in the backdrop of a steep rise in diesel prices, which the sector has to bear. Most farmers had enjoyed good returns on their crop, but there is no guarantee of the same happening this year, too. With farmers taking to social media to protest against the price hike, opposition political parties have asked for a rollback of the same. Maharashtra's Minister for Agriculture Dadasaheb Bhuse supported the demand to roll back the price hike. Farmer leader Raju Shetti has also raised his voice against the price rise. "The government should increase the subsidy for fertilisers. The companies are not expected to run at a loss," he said.

Punjab to give Rs 10 lakh grant to villages that ensure 100 per cent vaccination

Chandigarh, May 18: The Punjab government on Tuesday announced a special development grant of Rs 10 lakh for every village that achieves a 100 per cent vaccination target under the state government's 'Corona Mukh Pind Abhiyan'. Appealing to village heads across the state to lead the fight against Covid, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Tuesday urged the Panches and Sarpanches to motivate people to get tested even if they get the slightest symptoms. Singh was interacting virtually with village Panchayats represented by more than 2000 heads/members, across over 4000 live locations in the rural parts of the state. He informed them that his government had already sanctioned the utilisation of up to Rs 5000 per day from Panchayat funds for emergency Covid treatment, up to a maximum of Rs 50,000. Captain Amarinder also asked the village heads to start 'theekri pehras' to check the entry of infected people into their villages, as also to distribute Fateh Kits to every person who tests positive. He urged people living in villages to immediately quarantine themselves in case of any symptoms, and get themselves tested to ensure early detection. Any laxity or compla-

ncy on their part, he said, could lead to severe complications at a later stage, which often turns fatal. Assuring village heads that the state had an adequate, extensive and robust health care system — comprising 2046 health and wellness centres, with another 800 to be made

and only the concerted efforts put in by the team will help us achieve our goal," the Chief Minister said. In Punjab, while the fresh cases had come down from a daily average of around 9000 to 6947, as of May 17, the death rate due to the disease continues to be alarm-



functional soon — he asked village heads to ensure people in rural areas get treatment at the earliest if they test positive. The Chief Minister further said that the state was making all efforts to procure sufficient stocks of vaccine from various sources for inoculation of 18+ age group, besides constantly coordinating with the Centre for more vaccine doses for its population who are above 45 years. He said earlier, when the state government had adequate supply of vaccines, people were not forthcoming for inoculation. But now the trend had reversed, with people coming forward in huge numbers. "I alone can't do anything. I am the Captain

ing as many people were reaching the hospitals late. This, he said, was evident from the fact that just 64 per cent of level 2 beds and 85 per cent of level 3 beds were occupied." The Chief Minister exhorted villagers to strictly adhere to all health protocols issued by the state government and said that the state government had set up a 24x7 helpline number — 104 — for assistance. All the home isolation patients are being monitored through daily calls and were also being given food kits comprising 10kg atta, 2kg chana, 2kg sugar for each member of the family, in addition to 10kg atta being provided by the Government of India.

SOS calls for 'Amphotericin B' surge on Twitter as cases of black fungus rise in COVID-19 patients

New Delhi, May 18: As India reels under the second wave of the coronavirus, the number of cases of a rare infection, mucormycosis, commonly known as black fungus, has seen a spike across the country. The SOS requests on micro-blogging site Twitter, which were earlier mostly about Remdesivir and Tocilizumab, have added another drug to the list, 'Amphotericin



B', an antifungal medicine. Doctors have noted a surge in cases of black fungus amid patients who were hospitalised and recovering from

COVID-19, leading to an increase in the demand for Amphotericin B. With several states like Delhi, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka

reporting a shortage in the drug's supply, people have once again turned to Twitter in an attempt to crowdsource the antifungal medicine. A search of '#AmphotericinB' on a trend-analysing website shows that the usage of the hashtag has peaked in the last week, especially associated with keywords like 'urgent' and 'emergency'. As much as 83.3 per cent of

the tweets containing the hashtag analysed by the site were from India. As ordinary citizens scramble for the drug, several people have questioned the government on the shortage of doses. Former chief minister of Rajasthan Vasundhara Raje also urged the government to ensure procurement of the drugs at the earliest to prevent black-marketing.

Odisha Forms 9-Member Task Force To Ensure Medical Oxygen Security

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 18: A day after Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced to constitute a State-level Task Force over medical oxygen security, the State Government today named its chairperson and members. As per a notification issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department, Principal Advisor to Chief Minister will be the Chairperson of the nine-member State-Level Task Force. Other members of the task force are the Principal Secretary of Industries Department, Secretary of Works Department, Managing Director of Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd, Director of Industries, Drugs Controller, Representative from Federation of Indian Member Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) as National Industry Partner and Representative from Utkal Chamber of Member Commerce and Industry Ltd (UCCI) as local industry partner. The Managing Director of Industrial Promotion & Member

Investment Corporation of Odisha (IPICOL) will be the task force's Member Convener, the notification added. The task force will take up initiatives for increasing production and provisioning of medical oxygen in the State. Also, it will engage with various stakeholders to improve the availability of cylinders and takers for shortage of medical oxygen. It will take up activities to enhance the oxygen refilling capacity in the state as well. Also, the task force will take up initiatives to facilitate smooth logistics arrangements for transport of medical oxygen. It will plan and implement in-situ production and distribution of medical oxygen in health facilities through piping systems. Moreover, the task force will plan for long-term medical oxygen security in the state. Worth mentioning, the Chief Minister during an all-party meeting called by State Assembly Speaker SN Patro yesterday declared to constitute a task force over medical oxygen management.



District Administration Organized Covid-19 Vaccination Programme at Mission Ashra

(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, May 18: District Administration Organized Covid-19 Vaccination Programme at Mission Ashra managed by People Forum. More than 45 years above mentally disabled home less 70 women were vaccinated. And the next phase rest 183 mentally disabled women were targets to vaccinated by Khordha District Administration. In this



programme Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Khordha, Manoj Kumar Padhi, District Social Security Officer Prasanna Mallick BDO, Jatni, Saroj Kumar Rout, People Forum Programme Director Ashok Kumar Patra were remain present. The organization of People Forum praise this type of programme of Khordha District Administration.

Over 2013 Tonne LMO Carried Through RORO Service From ECoR Jurisdiction

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 18: During this COVID-19 upsurge, East Coast Railway has taken up the mantle of transporting Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) in a major way for saving lives of patients. Till today, ECoR has carried 2013.24 tons of LMO from different Steel Plants of its jurisdiction towards different States. In last 27 days starting from 22nd April, 2021 (First Oxygen Express loaded with LMO of Indian Railways left from ECoR jurisdiction), this Railway has carried 451.93

tons of LMO to Maharashtra, 750.61 tons to Delhi & Haryana, 117.9 tons to Kerala, 451.78 tons to Telengana, 120 tons to Tamilnadu and 120.98 tons to Karnataka. Steel Plants like Tata Bhusan Limited and Jindal Steel & Power Limited at Angul and Tata Steel Limited at Kalinga Nagar have contributed majorly in Oxygen loading from ECoR jurisdiction. Till now, 31 Oxygen Express Trains loaded in 124 tankers have utilised to supply LMO towards various States from ECoR jurisdiction for saving life of



patients in this pandemic. East coast Railway has taken all precautions for safe running of Oxygen Express Special Trains from its jurisdiction and sending these trains at the earliest. Apart from this, Oxygen Special Trains from other Steel Plants beyond ECoR jurisdiction have also been given priority as in "Green Corridor" for safe running and early movement to their destinations.

Doorstep Covid Vaccination, Testing On-Wheel In Cuttack From Tomorrow

(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, May 18: Denizens aged 70 years or above in Cuttack city will need not to worry further about visiting Covid vaccination and testing centers as the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) today decided to start doorstep vaccination and testing on-wheel facilities from May 19. The municipal corporation further stated persons with disabilities (PwDs) can also avail the doorstep vaccination and testing on-wheel facilities. Those who want to get the facilities can call up 9777067297 for doorstep Covid vaccination and 7205337217 for testing

on-wheel facility. The CMC stated the people are required to call from 10 AM to 3 PM from



Monday to Friday to place a request for doorstep vaccination or testing on-wheel facility. It further stated while booking an appointment the people must share full name, complete address with ward number, Aadhaar number and a valid phone number.

Unwanted Condition in SCB Covid Ward



One Patient laying on a Bed without Attendant - helpless

(A.O. Bureau) Cuttack, May 18: Till day before yesterday evening all was well but from yesterday morning the situation for covid patients at SCB Medical Centre has become worst as the management disallow the attendant inside covid ward. One incumbent said that his

patient was about to die without oxygen as nurse didn't come to attain in time. Their concern that the nurses are very few in number as compared to private hospitals, so in absence of attendant how can they fulfill the requirement of each patients inside the ward! So, though it's deadly to

be there to attain a covid patient still they want to remain with their patient who is close their heart instead of leaving to this bad no man's situation. So, all they pray to take appropriate decision in this regard for which they will be grateful to the hospital management and government as well.

JSPL Provides Two Liquid Medical Oxygen Tankers To Odisha

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 18: Responding to the request made by the state govt to different industries in the state, Naveen Jindal Chairman Jindal Steel and Power Ltd. Angul has arranged two cryogenic tankers, with capacity of 16 Mt each, for supply of Liquid Medical Oxygen in the state. In a recent meet-



ing between Odisha based industries and senior officials from the Government of Odisha which included Asit Tripathy, Principal Advi-

sor to CM, V Karthikeya Pandian, Secretary to CM (ST), Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary, Industries and Dr. Nitin Jawale,

MD IPICOL, the industries operating in the state were requested to come forward to support the state govt, through their CSR initiatives, in combating the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic. Other than the Oxygen cylinders, Oxygen concentrators and PSA Oxygen plants the industries were asked to explore possibilities of

providing LMO tankers. Naveen Jindal volunteered to provide the same in the meeting itself and in a weeks' time two tankers were arranged by his company. Since the onset of the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic, Odisha has been supplying Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) to different states across the country.

Odisha's Dongaria Kondhs reject Covid tests, cases rise among vulnerable tribals

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 18: The Dongaria Kondhs live in Odisha's 36 villages under Kalyansinghpur block of Rayagada district and many of them were infected with Covid-19 while selling their produce in daily vegetable markets. As Covid-19 spreads to at least 61 vulnerable tribal groups in the hinterlands of Odisha, the Dongaria Kondh tribals are resisting testing for the disease, officials said. After 19 Dongaria Kondh

tribals-- one among the state's 13 particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTG) tested Covid positive-- a medical camp was set up at Parsali on the foot of Niyamgiri hills for their mass testing. However, not a single tribal turned up with their leader telling the state government officials that they don't trust the medical system. "We have talked to the head of the community and another round of discussion will be held. We will come tomorrow again for

sample collection," said Kalucharan Nayak, Kalyansingpur BDO (block development officer). The Dongaria Kondhs live in 36 villages under Kalyansinghpur block of Rayagada district and many of them were infected while selling their produce in daily vegetable markets. A community leader, who heads the Niyamgiri Suraksha Manch, Sakaka Ulaka said there was no point in testing for a disease that does not exist. "Noth-



ing will happen to us as we worship Niyam Raja," said Ulaka. Niyamraja is the traditional deity of the

Dongaria Kondhs. Officials and researchers said they may reject vaccination too. "They have their own belief

system. They would rather believe in Dishari and Bejuni, their priests, than the modern medical system. As a tribal

researcher working in a central government project, I have found it difficult to win their trust," said PC Mohapatra of Koraput-based Council of Analytical Tribal Studies. Among the hundreds of tribal communities in the country, PVTG groups are more isolated, archaic, vulnerable, deprived and backward. They have been classified separately to ensure they get special attention. Since April, at least 61 PVTG members including Bondas,

Dongaria Kondhs and Kharias have been infected with Covid-19 in Odisha. While 26 Bondas in Malkangiri district have tested positive, at least 16 Kharia tribals living inside Similipal biosphere of Mayurbhanj district too have tested positive. Dr Uttam Dash, a member of the quick response team said the tribals were being sensitised about the importance of social distancing and masks. "Many of the infected are in home isolation, but stable," he said

EDITORIAL

Stop the cruelty

The Hazaras, for decades at the receiving end, are still facing torture in Afghanistan. Afghanistan, a country where war and bloodshed never end, is again in the news. And for the same reason. As the US troops start withdrawing from Afghanistan, the ultra-radicals have found the right time to teach the minorities a lesson, in a bloody way, probably the only way they know. The Hazaras have always been at the receiving end in the Afghan society. They have faced discrimination but this time it was dastardly and inhumane as the attack targeted young schoolgirls. A bomb attack on Kabul's Sayed-ul-Shuhada High School killed over 60 people; most of the victims were young girls. It is still not clear which group was behind the attack. But whichever group did it, knew that it had the tacit backing of the majority of Afghanistan, or at least it assumed that. The Afghan Taliban and the Government are both condemning each other for the attack. The Taliban have all along held the Hazaras as heretics. Their Deobandi and Salafi belief system finds faults with the Hazara's religious practices and beliefs. The Hazaras are nine per cent of the Afghan population. They are considered the descendants of Changez Khan, who settled in Afghanistan. Till the 19th century, they were being traded as slaves. Many radical groups still have the same notion about the Hazaras, a "sub-human" group that has no rightful place in that society. During the reign of Amir Abdur Rehman in the late nineteenth century, the slavery stopped but they still had to perform menial tasks. With the checks and balances provided by the US presence no longer in place, the writing on the wall is quite clear. The Hazaras are going to be targeted by the Taliban as they have always had strained relations. They supported Uzbek opponents of Gen Rashid Dostum in 1997, who massacred the Taliban trapped in Mazar-i-Sharif. Many Hazaras live across the border in Pakistan but they aren't safe either. According to a 2019 report by Pakistan's National Commission for Human Rights, at least 509 Hazaras have been murdered since 2013. In The Kite Runner, Hassan was a Hazara, and we all know what he had to go through. In Afghanistan's current state, not much can be done. Pakistan is no better but, for its part, it is making efforts to promote reconciliation. By all possibilities, Hazaras may be left to fend for themselves.

Ready, go?

One of the most prominent scientific voices of the COVID-19 pandemic, virologist Shahid Jameel has resigned as the head of the Indian SARS-COV-2 Genomics Consortia (INSACOG), the scientific advisory group coordinating the country's genome-sequencing work. The scientific body advising the Union Government on the epidemiological and virological aspects of handling the COVID pandemic is the poorer by the surprise resignation of the virologist. He chaired the INSACOG that the Government set up this January to use genetic sequencing to track the emergence of the COVID variants. The consortium first detected the deadly Indian variant, B.1.617, in February itself and shared the findings with the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) under the Health Ministry in early March. It stated that the variant may cause a spurt in infections across the country. The consortium found out that B.1.617 had two mutations, called E484Q and L452R, that could transmit faster and escape antibodies as well. The Health Ministry made this information public on March 24. Responding to a query by the Reuters news agency about the lack of a more robust response from the Government to the findings, Shahid Jameel said: "I am worried that science was not taken into account to drive policy. But I know where my jurisdiction stops. As scientists we provide the evidence, policymaking is the job of the Government." He may not have been mending bridges with his well-known candour. Jameel continued to follow the Indian strain and regularly inform the Government. On May 13, he wrote a signed article in the New York Times, critical of India's response, specially about vaccination. "India should vaccinate with far more than the two million daily doses now... In India the virus was mutating around the new year to become more infectious, more transmissible and better able to evade pre-existing immunity... The timing and scale of the third wave would depend on the proportion of vaccinated people, whether newer variants emerge and whether India can avoid additional super-spreader events, like large weddings and religious festivals." Jameel gave no reason for quitting the post, but he may just have reached the end of the long rope. Previously, Dr Gagandeep Kang, another scientist and the only Indian woman to be elected as Fellow, the Royal Society of London, resigned as the executive director of the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute. She is also the vice-chairperson for Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness, a global consortium facilitating promising vaccine candidates for COVID-19. Kang was also the head of the National COVID-19 task force constituted by the Indian Council of Medical Research for a similar purpose, but disbanded within a month. She is also known to speak out her mind. It is high time that the scientific task force is headed by virologists —with the bureaucrats handling the execution side.

India is very much a democracy

Contrary to what the critics might say, we have a nation that is strong enough to accommodate all the viewpoints. Lately, several observers of democracy, the Freedom House of the US, V Dem based in Sweden and the Democracy Index of the UK, have commented that India may be moving towards an electoral autocracy. Such a conclusion is extremely unfair and positively damaging. Evidently, these agencies and others are unable to appreciate India having a strong Government. While the American establishment, especially the Pentagon, would like a viable ally against the expansionist China, these so-called liberals prefer to see India as a permanent Third World Society. Do they realise that India has a dominantly Hindu ethos which is intrinsically an epitome of freedom? Anyone who believes in the phenomenon of karma is a Hindu. Whether he/she is a whole-time worshipper or an agonistic, it enjoys or suffers the fruit of his karma. No god sits on judgement over any individual or his/her community; there is no anticipation of a doomsday or an end of the world. Anadi-ananta, or there is no beginning of life and no end, according to Hindu scriptures. Karma is reminiscent of physics, which says that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Every action by an individual, whether virtuous or vicious, is spontaneously recorded by the grand nature or its celestial computer as well as its reaction or bhagya. There is no single judge, nor only two alternatives for the individual, namely heaven or hell. Any assertion of



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a single god resembles Deductive Logic which asserts a premise namely so and so is my God and He is the only God. The corollaries that emanate from the premise are flawlessly consistent. In sharp contrast, Hinduism is a specimen of Inductive Logic. Herein lies the freedom intrinsic to Hinduism. To illustrate this contrast, say, four Hindus happened to meet somewhere and discuss the subject of roses. The person from the north may say that roses are red. The southerner could assert that he has seen only white roses. The easterner may express serious disagreement and insist that the roses in his region are only pink. The person from western India may say you are wrong; roses are always yellow. After half an hour of animated argumentation, each would say: Possibly in your parts of the country, there are other colours of roses. Someone else would propose: Let us agree to disagree, and request that we exchange samples of all four

colours. A member of an Abrahamic or western background, in such a controversial situation, may well declare that roses are always red; the rest must be other flowers or, perhaps, weeds. Just as a Jew is a Jew, the rest are gentiles. That is where conflict and war begin. Prophet Abraham, when he first saw a vision, said God told him to prove his bonfires by sacrificing his own son Isaac. When he was about to obey God and behead Isaac, the Almighty told him to stop and sacrifice a goat instead. The western religion was thus born in violence; Prophet Moses had a much more violent experience when he freed the Israelis from the clutches of the Egyptians and brought them to Judea. Again, Jesus Christ, the "son of God", was brutally crucified, more violence. When we went to Jerusalem, one morning the guide took us all to the foot of the Calvary Hill on the top of which Jesus Christ was crucified. There

are 14 stations, or stops, to the top of the hill where now is the Church of Sepulchre; the "son of God" was buried therein. At the time, I was too weak to climb all the distance. To please my wife and cousins, I said I would climb to station two and sit down and wait for them to return from the top. However, a magnet in the air drew me on and on. I went up all the 14 stations. I am not a Christian nor have been to a missionary school. So, I climbed to the top of the hill and returned without feeling any great extra weakness or fatigue. In the deductive religions, there is limited scope for spirituality beyond the scriptures and places of worship. As a result, the believers tend to unite communally and fight in order to fulfill themselves collectively in the service of God. Whereas, the inductive Hindus are dependent on individual karmas and have no pressure to unite to serve society and, in turn, God. In the bargain, they unite only in the face of severe collective danger. In the bargain, they believe they are peace-loving and in the eyes of others they might seem deficient in courage. But those who believe in the deductive approach have their histories littered with violence and war. As early as the ascension of Prophet Muhammad in 632 AD, the Caliphs initiated the conquest of the Middle-East, including Morocco in the west, to Iran in the east. The Moors of North Africa invaded Spain in 712 AD and reached Poitiers in France soon. Historian Ian Morris, in his book WAR, calls it the "Five Hundred-Years War" but it was actually longer. Eventually, Britain alone conquered one-fourth of the world.

Fear of Mortality Vs Mrityunjay

Oh Goshhhhh! What is this all around! Why this air is filled with so much fear & discomfort? All around is more into mourning than breathing relief! As it is horrible to be in Isolation and become dreadful when in companion! Cannot afford to watch those deadly videos & back-to-back news in TV and in social media platform on death tolls & frightening statics. It is feeling terrible while browsing through the list of hospitals & oxygen availability. It is becoming a panic attack if cell phone screen displays name of a relative or friend from other cities or from offshore than of joy. Shopping is replaced with panic buying. Again vaccine or No vaccine, ruling Govt recommendation or oppositions comments on drawbacks of vaccinations endless researches on mask type, and quality of sanitizers. Off course, it is a must to wear a mask, to be sanitized well and to follow all protocols/guidelines to contain the spreading of Corona Virus. While preparedness is always good, going to this extreme is not at all innocuous. Extreme concern and worries leads to behavior that amplifies traumatic stress and heightening the degree of vulnerability to illness all around. As it is destroying the psychological immunity by acting right opposite to our true human nature to be happy and peaceful. Whatever we are through at present are nothing but the payoffs for not being in tandem with our true nature for so many years until now. Now let us not allow the world around to be-



come decay in the fear of Mortality. When experience the fear of Mortality, take a pause, reflect, are you Mortal? If so, Who You Are? Before we leave this earth please don't forget to ask yourself, this miraculous question Who AM I? My dears for a while withdraw the string from the world outside, dive within, explore the true YOU; during the process you will dig out reserves of incomparable inoculation mechanism, your own defense system, which is beyond the reach of human intellect. Again again hold on to ask Who AM I? Deep within experience your true nature which Sings.....

Shivoham
Shivoham Shivoham Shiva Swaropoham
Nityoham Shuddhoham Buddhoham Muktoham
Shivoham Shivoham Shiva Swaropoham
Advaitamananda Roopam Aroopam
Brahmoham Brahmoham Brahma Swaropoham
Chidoham Chidoham Satchidanandoham
Amaratma Satchidanandamainhun
Jise Sastra kate na agni jalaye, Galaye na paani na mriyumu itaye,
Wohi Aatma Satchidanand main hun
It says, true you is eternal, unbounded consciousness, it is pure, it is all pervading, it is the bliss of non-duality, and you are free, which is the one truth. You are the Shiva, The Mrityunjay. This immensely powerful discourse implies your true

spirit is free from all form of death be it a catastrophe by fire, water, air or outbreak of a mere virus. In this current situation of pandemic, we are preaching more on ill health amidst heightened fear and anxiety in turn constantly spreading vibes of mortality to the entire eco chain of human existence worldwide contrary to creating an atmosphere of positive energy and good health. Which is the real fuel to boost immunity and antidotes to come out from this gloomy time. Among us few are already experienced the deadly virus infection for themselves or their friends & relatives, thereby realizing the significance of life force. Start your inward journey now itself that leads to find the mighty You, purposefully invest some time for spiritual upliftment. This is the best time as we are curtailing exposure to outside world; or Divine Mother indicates us to visit her through the inward journey. Pujya Guruji Shri Shri Ravishankar says to attain spiritual goals one has to practice Sadhana (Spiritual Practice) Seva (service to others) Satsang (Association in search of Truth). They says once you will unite with that universal conscious you will become blessings to the world around. So let us join and send some good vibes together in the form of divine blessings across. If you have not yet started the journey so far, do not worry this is for you.
"Sagar Mein Ek Lahar Uthi Tere Naam Ki
Tujhe Mubarakh Khushiya Atma Gyan Ki."
The journey starts right now... Be a Mrityunjay.

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Brutal murder due to the land dispute



(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, May 18: Biren Kuan of Meher Pada was killed in a land brawl in Bomaloi under Thelkoli police station in Rengali block of Sambalpur district. The focus is as moved and so far out. At around

2.00pm on Tuesday, some people came and discussed the land case against Biren Kumar, 48, of Bomaloi Meherpada. The issue's end has the recaptured Doomsday in the control of the KGB again and again. Burla was rushed to a

hospital, where he was pronounced dead at the scene. The bricks were scattered at the scene. Khelash Meher, Bhavani Meher, Akhil Meher, Amrit Meher and Drupad Meher have been arrested and are being investigated.

Blood donate camp on death anniversary of his wife by Aswini



(A.O. Bureau) Ganjam, May 18: On the occasion of his wife's first death anniversary, Ashwini Kumar Sahu organized a blood donation camp at the Ganjam Block Subalaya Panchayat premises. In order to alleviate the anemia during the coronation, MKCG Red cross blood bank organized a blood donation camp

with his friends and family to celebrate his wife's funeral in Niara. However, Ashwini with his couglies voluntarily donated blood units more than 43 volunteers who volunteered to donate blood to the evaaswini's wife's death anniversary. The event was graced by Sushant Kumar Panigrahi, Coordinator, MKCG Blood Bank,

Berhampur, Divakar Padhi, Pradeep Kumar Subuddhi, Ramhari Panda, D.B. Kali, Babuni Behera, B.K. Behera was the main contributor. Local intellectuals Vijay Biswal, Kedar Swain, Sameer Dalai, Sanjay Ranjan Sahu, Surath Pahan, Pratap Bishwal, Subalaya Youth club member's widely joined to the event.

'Sanjivani Rath' rolled in Rourkela, bedridden and differentiated people to be vaccinated at home

(A.O. Bureau) Rourkela, May 18: The Rourkela administration has taken an innovative step in the field of cochlear vaccination. Vaccines will be given to people who are bedridden or who are unable to come to the vaccination center because of their age and disability. The 'Sanjivani Rath' was launched on Tuesday. "The chariot was inaugurated by Sarada Prasad Nayak, a local MLA and chairman of the Sundergarh District Planning Committee, at the RGH premises. Divyjayoti Parida of the Metropolitan Corporation, Rourkela ADM Aboli Sunil Narwane and RGH Director Dr Santosh Kumar Swain were present on the occasion. "I didn't expect to be able to get my mother vaccinated. But I got a call from the Rourkela Metropolitan Corporation's social media this morning calling the call center. The Sanjeevani Rath team came to our house this afternoon to vaccinate

my mother. I thank the Sundergarh district administration, the metropolitan corporation and the state government for this," said Sangram Das of Rourkela Jagda area. His mother, 41-year-old Tilottama Das, has been bedridden for a few months. "Tilottama is the first beneficiary of Sanjivani Rath. Following the launch of the program today, the Sanjeevani Rath team is going to various parts of the city to vaccinate bedridden and disabled people who have been requested to get vaccinated at home. It employs a pharmacist and an NM worker. Sanjivani's chariot rolled in Rourkela even during the first wave of Covid. At the time, various services were provided to more than



5,000 beneficiaries. It would not be wrong to say that Sanjeevani Rath was a mile away in the case of Covid. I thank the district administration and the Rourkela Metropolitan Corporation for this. The move will now be especially helpful for the city's bedridden, senior citizens and differently abled brothers

and sisters, said MLA Sarada Prasad Nayak. Beneficiaries or their families can call 061-2510034 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. After receiving calls from the public, the Rourkela Metropolitan Corporation's telemedicine team is investigating and arranging for a vaccination date for eligible beneficiaries. The beneficiary or his or her family is notified in advance of the vaccination. During the vaccination, the Sanjivani Rath team is registering the beneficiaries. Vaccination is a big step in controlling cough. So the administration has made arrangements to

reach out to people who are unable to come to the vaccination center for physical problems to get vaccinated. The program will continue as per the needs of the people and as many vaccinations as possible," said Divyjayoti Parida of the commission. "Last year, Sanjeevani Rath provided various assistance to senior citizens. Arrangements will be made to reach out to senior citizens who are unable to come to the center during the year to get vaccinated. "People with disabilities can also benefit from this," said Rourkela ADM Aboli Sunil Narwane.



Distribution of house leases to landless people through revenue chariots

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 18: 30 landless families of Doraguda village under Kudumulugumma tehsil were circulated in a revenue chariot through the relentless efforts of the Malkangiri District Revenue Department. The local tehsil administration has approached the stakeholders in the current Karona lockout situation and provided the service in Doraguda village. Kudumulugumma

tehsil tahsildar Vijay Mandangi, local sarpanch Pahala Pangi, social activist Gopi Pangi, Balakrishna Pradhan and Bhagwan Sahu were present at today's lease patta distribution ceremony and handed over the lease in compliance with the Kovid rules. The public has lauded the local tehsildar for providing such services to the people through the revenue chariot.



Fines with shop seals in Leida



(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, May 18: A furniture shop in the Rengali block of Leida in Sambalpur district has been fined for failing to comply with the Kovid cut. Everywhere you look today, the tide of protectionist sentiment is flowing. All other shops and

markets are closed except for essentials. Last year, a list of essentials and non-essentials was compiled under government regulations during the Cobida cut-off, but in the current situation, there is a lot of competition between shops and khauti due to lack

of proper publicity. Near the Leida bus stand "While Mukesh Agrawal's furniture shop was open, the Katarabaga police officer and the additional tehsildar reached the shop and sealed the shop owner with a fine of Rs 3,000 for violating the Kovid cut-off.

The first dose vaccination was given to 69,266 and the second dose to 24,469 people in Malkangiri

(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 18: In the second wave of Malkangiri, Corona, the number of deaths has risen sharply, while the death toll has risen sharply. Now there is a fear of death everywhere Day and night the fire is burning in graveyard Who is praying fervently to the living god Tears welled up in the eyes of relatives Efforts are constantly being made to save human civilization from the Karona epidemic. Various types of corona vaccines have therefore been invented after the efforts of scientists. While the Kovid vaccine is now being given to individuals in differ-



ent districts of Odisha to get rid of the corona virus infection, the process of providing the coronavirus vaccine is also going on in the tribal-dominated districts as well. According to the information received, the first vaccination (dose) has been provided to 69266 people in Malkangiri district. Similarly, the second vaccination was re-

portedly given to 24,469 people The first vaccination was provided to 4,738 employees of all health departments working in Malkangiri district, while the second vaccination was provided to 9,129 people. Similarly, the first vaccination was given to 8,120 people while 5,375 were given to the front line workers. On the other hand, the

first vaccination was given to 56,408 people over the age of 45, while the second vaccination was given to 14,965 senior citizens. Once vaccinated According to the government's decision, there are plans to vaccinate individuals between the ages of 18 and 44 in the district, but so far no one of this age has been vaccinated. It is unknown at this time what he will do after leaving the post. There are currently about 3,000 vaccines available The Malkangiri district is said to be receiving continuous vaccination in the Malkangiri district by the state government.

Feed the needy program organized by Aska MLA Manjula Swain

(A.O. Bureau) Aska, May 18: At the urging of Hon'ble Aska MLA Mrs. Manjula Swain and the venture of Ganjam Zone BJD President Nachiketa Swain, cooked food has been distributed among the helpless, poor and mentally ill needy in various parts of Aska. During the second wave of the corona, public life was completely disrupted, and for the helpless, the burden of food was a big burden on the poor. They are desperately waiting for the help of some institutions and philanthropists every day to fill their daily meal need. Biju Patnaik Square, bus stands, court areas, medical



and various places were distributed cooked food among the poor and needy and awareness messages were also given. Ganjam Zone president Nachiketa Swain, youth BJD leader Shiv Nahak, City BJD

president Satyanarayana Swain, Student BJD secretary Manoj Dora, youth organizer Bhagwan Sahu, Jitendra Maharana were present on the occasion. The daily food service will continue regularly feed the

needy program will organized in regular basis said by Nachiketa Swain. The helping hands should provided and the awareness along with consciousness program's in aska constitutes will maintain properly said by Siva Nahak.

Gautam recalls impressing Radhe director by reenacting Heath Ledger Joker scene

New Delhi, May 18: Gautam Gulati recalled that Radhe director Prabhudeva was not convinced that the actor could play a baddie, so Gautam performed a scene from The Dark Knight for him. Gautam Gulati has revealed he impressed Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai director Prabhudeva by re-enacting a scene from The Dark Knight, featuring Heath Ledger. The Bigg Boss 8 winner plays a henchman in the Salman Khan-starrer. The actor, in a recent interview, said that Prabhudeva wasn't convinced that he could play a negative character. He said the director felt he was too 'choco-



laty' for the role. Speaking with SpotboyE, Gautam said, "Prabhu sir didn't have faith in me initially when he took a first look at me. I had long hair at the time and he found me to have a

little too much chocolaty look. In his own style, Prabhu sir said, 'G a u t a m ... Chocolaty... Villain... How?'" "I did a five-minute act of Heath Ledger from The Dark

Knight in front of Prabhu sir's assistant director. They wanted to see my villainous side as they found me too chocolaty and it was a challenge for me," he added. "So, I

did that act and said Heath Ledger's dialogues and after seeing that, Prabhu sir's reaction was of surprise. He couldn't believe it if I had done that myself. After that, Salman sir suggested my hair cut for the film, we started working on my look and work on the film started," Gautam continued. Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai also stars Disha Patani, Jackie Shroff and Randeep Hooda. The movie failed to impress critics and fans. As of May 18, it has a 1.7 out of 10 rating on IMDb with 118,314 votes, making it Salman's worst-rated film on the platform.

Kunal channels Anil Kapoor, Ishaan says, 'Kunalton Quarantino has been uncaged'

Mumbai, May 18: Soha Ali Khan has shared a video of her husband, actor Kunal Kemmu singing Anil Kapoor's song Keh Do Ke Tum Ho Meri Warna. Mumbai was battered by Cyclone Tauktae on Monday. Actor Soha Ali Khan on Tuesday shared a new video featuring her husband, actor Kunal Kemmu. In the video, he was seen performing the song Keh Do Ke Tum Ho Meri Warna. The track is from the 1988 movie Tezaab starring Anil Kapoor and Madhuri Dixit Nene. Taking to Instagram, Soha has heard explaining, "I've just come up to the roof to see the aftereffects of the cyclone (Cyclone Tauktae) and some plants have fallen down," as she showed the roof. Kunal is seen coming towards Soha, who is behind the camera, singing and shaking his leg to the song. He is seen pointing and petting their dog while he sings the song. The couple is heard giggling as the video ends. Soha captioned the post, "Some things defy explanation

@kunalkemmu." Celebs as well as fans were left in splits as

Kunalton Quarantino has been uncaged." Recently, Kunal's



they reacted taking to the comments section. Sophie Choudry wrote, "Ok. I so needed this today @sakaupatudi @kunalkemmu." Saba Ali Khan said, "Love it!" A fan wrote, "We can see the effects of cyclone on Kunal khemu you guys are super cute!" Another said, "he is a true entertainer" while a third commented, "hahahaha to funny he is". Kunal reposted the video to his account and said, "When my inner @anil Kapoor fan comes out." Reacting to this, Ishaan Khatter said, "Uh oh

movie Go Goa Gone completed eight years of its release. Speaking with Film Companion, Kunal recalled, "When we had to shoot rolling a doob and all that, there were YouTube things that were... They were like, 'how are we going to make it look authentic?' Even though people understand all of this, there is such a disconnect. Even though they are singing Babaji ki Booti they don't know what it is. To be very, very honest, when we were recording the song, I still didn't make the connection."

When Akshaye Khanna said he couldn't take eyes off Taal co-star Aishwarya Rai

New Delhi, May 18: Akshaye Khanna once confessed that he feels Aishwarya Rai Bachchan is the sexiest actor around. The actor, who has worked with Aishwarya on two movies, admitted that he cannot take his eyes off Aishwarya every time they meet. As part of the promotions Ittefaq in 2017, Akshaye joined co-stars Sidharth Malhotra and Sonakshi

Sinha for a talk show hosted by Karan Johar. During the chat, Karan asked, "Who do you think is the sexiest girl in business right now?" He said, "Ash (Aishwarya Rai)" before praising the actor. "I can't take my eyes off her every time I meet her," he admitted. "It's embarrassing for men. She must be used to it (people staring at her). But I'm not used to not being able to take my



eyes off somebody. You just keep staring at her like a lunatic," Akshaye added. Sonakshi chipped in to add, "Not only guys. Even I am not

able to take my eyes off her. She is damn stunning." Akshaye and Aishwarya have worked in Rishi Kapoor's Aa Ab Laut Chalen and

Subhash Ghai's Taal. Although Aa Ab Laut Chalen did not perform well at the box office, the couple's chemistry in Taal was appreciated. The movie won several awards, including three Filmfare awards. This includes Best Music Director (AR Rahman) and Best Supporting Actor (Anil Kapoor). Following Taal, the duo did wasn't signed on for any other movie together.

Pandemic has given Radhika Apte a new way to look at her career; she now wants to follow her instinct

New Delhi, May 18: After spending over 15 years in the industry, actor Radhika Apte has found a new direction in her career, and is determined to tread the unexplored path with no fear of rejection. The lockdown last year and even the break that has been brought upon us again amid the second wave of the pandemic, has given many a chance to reflect back at their lives and careers. Actor Radhika Apte has been on a similar journey of self-discovery, and credits the pandemic as well as the lockdown experi-

ence for making her realise what is missing from her career, and that is joy. In the race to prove her worth in showbiz, and get famous, Apte admits she forgot the reason she entered the industry, which was to do "good work". The pause, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, connected her back to it when she started grappling with many questions. "All this chasing and becoming famous, does

it really still give me exactly what I want to do? (I realised) that's not necessarily true. So many times, even today, there are projects I want to do, and I approach them and I get rejected over and over again," she confesses. Looking back at how she reached this stage in her career, she shares, "There's always competition, so you need to be more famous or more visible. And then you ask yourself how much of it I really enjoy (or enjoyed). Turns out very little, which I found out during lockdown." Therefore, now, she just



wants to follow her curiosity, and doesn't mind any rejections that she faces on the way. "All I want to do now is to approach a project that I really want to do. Somewhere, these rejections have become a part and parcel of my day, and I don't feel bad about it now. In a sense, I've learned to accept it and move forward from it very quickly," says the actor, admitting that it does affect her further

choice of work. However, she's quick to mention, "But I can't just be 45 tomorrow and realise how many projects did I like out of the so many which I did? Very very few." Recalling her initial days in Mumbai, Apte, 35, explains how one decision led to a chain of reactions and often made her do things that she wasn't entirely convinced about. I wanted to do good work but to be able to do those projects that you want, you need to be famous. Then you start doing projects that are going to make you famous, but not really happy. Then you get more such projects, and you find it difficult to say no," she shares. It was in 2005 when Apte entered the industry with a small role in the film Vaah! Life Ho Toh Aisi!, and went on to star in films such as Shor In The City, Kabali, Phobia, Badlapur, Andhadhun, and Pad Man. She also focused on carving her path in the OTT space with projects including Sacred Games, Ghoul, Lust Stories, Raat Akeli Hai, and most recently futuristic series, OK Computer. Now, as she finds new meaning to her career, she still wants to see how they shape up her career as she muses, "These are just my thoughts, not any resolutions. Let's see (how things turn out)."

Sardar Ka Grandson review: Arjun plays one-man Samjhauta Express in sloppy film



New Delhi, May 18: Sardar Ka Grandson movie review: In the new Netflix film, Arjun Kapoor plays a one-man Samjhauta Express who shares a name with a Murthal dhaba. He is joined by Neena Gupta, who is wasted in more ways than one. You have to hand it to John Abraham. A mere three years after starring in Parmanu, a worrisome film about warmongering, he has sent Arjun Kapoor to Pakistan as a one-man Samjhauta Express in Sardar Ka Grandson. Out on Netflix, the 'feel-good' drama, co-produced by John, has potential to damage an already fraught situation. Arjun Kapoor plays Amreek, a man who runs a movers and packers business in Los Angeles with his girlfriend Radha, played by Rakul Preet Singh. Blinded by some sort of male entitlement, he lashes out at her one day after she points out legitimate flaws in his personality and work ethic. His ego bruised beyond repair, he flies down

to his home town Amritsar, where he learns that his grandmother, played by Neena Gupta under three inches of prosthetics, is about to die. Her last wish is to see her ancestral home in Lahore, and she asks Amreek to take her there. But when the Pakistani authorities deny her a visa, he comes up with the most hare-brained scheme this side of Armageddon. Amreek, after watching a YouTube video, decides that his only option is to literally 'go to Pakistan' by himself, and somehow physically transport his grandmother's old house across the border. Honestly, what else could you expect from a guy who shares a name with a Murthal dhaba and openly admits to eating pizzas with achaar? Amreek's diplomatic mission includes getting arrested almost immediately after entering Pakistan, consuming bootlegged alcohol, and bonding with locals over song-and-dance sequences. He does all this with Resting

Arjun Face. Unlike Neena, Arjun can't even blame thick makeup for his dull performance. But in fairness to him, the script—co-written by director Kaashvie Nair, with Anuja Chauhan and Amitosh Nagpal—isn't something that an actor can elevate. Sardar Ka Grandson is the sort of movie in which virtually every character functions as a stereotype. So you have people named Pinky, Ponty, and Lovely, saying things like 'fittemo' and calling each other 'khota'. These people begin their day

with a screaming match over some paranthas, and end it, invariably, with a post-lunch peg. Meanwhile, in parallel to this hokey nonsense, a dramatically different John Abraham movie plays out in flashback. The action star appears as Amreek's grandfather, who died in a violent clash during the Partition. Aditi Rao Hydari, appearing in her third Netflix release in about as many months, plays the younger version of Neena's character. Neither of them is comfortable with the clunky dialogue, which fluctuates between Punjabi and Hindi with little regard for authenticity. While Aditi pronounces the word for house as 'kaar', John, in the same scene, uses the Hindi 'ghar'. Every moment in Sardar Ka Grandson is accentuated with a heavy-handed background score, telling you exactly what to feel. Emotional strings accompany the flashback

scenes, while the modern-day sequences are peppered with comic sound effects that go 'bing' and 'bong' whenever someone goofs up, which happens a lot. And when the score isn't slapping you in the face with instructions on how to react, characters abruptly announce what they're thinking, just to make sure you're on the same page. Which, unless you're three years old, you probably are. Sardar Ka Grandson has its heart in the right place, but it all appears to be a bit disingenuous. As Amreek notes in yet another instance of the film spoon-feeding the audience, the people on either side of the border have no ill-will towards each other; it's the bureaucrats in charge who are causing chaos. But that isn't entirely true, is it? Especially coming from an industry that has made millions by demonising the other side.



Tim Seifert tests negative for COVID-19, on way back home: NZ coach Stead

Christchurch, May 18: New Zealand wicket-keeper batsman Tim Seifert, who contracted COVID-19 during the currently-suspended IPL in India, has tested negative for the infection now and is on his way back home, his national coach Gary Stead has revealed. Seifert represented Kolkata Knight Riders and tested positive for the virus on May 8. "I heard from Tim just a little while ago. I think the really encouraging thing is he's



tested negative and my understanding is he's on a flight out of India pretty quickly as well." Stead was quoted as saying by 'stuff.Co.Nz'. "I don't know how long it's going to take him to get back to New Zealand or where he's heading via, but it's great news for Tim, that for a start his health is on the improve anyway, to the point where he's not testing positive anymore," added the head coach. As per the report, an NZ Cricket spokesperson also confirmed that Seifert had left

India to begin his journey home. Earlier, after testing positive Seifert was awaiting his transfer to Chennai, where he was to be treated in the same private hospital in which former Australia player Michael Hussey. The 26-year-old Seifert has played 3 ODIs and 35 T20 Internationals for his team. New Zealand are to play a Test series against England, before the all-important World Test Championship final against the Virat Kohli-led India at Southampton next month.

Fantastic challenge to play against India: Williamson on WTC final

London, May 18: New Zealand captain Kane Williamson is excited to face India in the World Test Championships (WTC) final next month as he considers showdowns against Virat Kohli's men to be a "fantastic challenge". India and New Zealand square-off in the final of the inaugural World Test Championships in Southampton from June 18. "When we play against India, it has always been a fantastic challenge and so it is really exciting to be playing against them," Williamson said in a video posted by the ICC on its Twitter handle. "It's really, really exciting to be involved in the final, obviously to win it would be that much better," said the 30-year-old considered one of the

best current batsmen in the world. Talking about championship and how it progressed, Williamson said, "We saw the contests in the WTC has brought real excitement. "... The games were really tight such as in the India-Australia series and our series against Pakistan as well where you had to really fight hard to get the results, which is really great." New Zealand pacer Neil Wagner admitted India possess fast bowlers who can exploit the English conditions but said the wickets can change anytime and become flat also. "India has a lot of quality fast bowlers who have done well in different conditions, they can swing (the ball) under overcast conditions but when the sun comes out it (wicket) is flat and



nothing happens." (English) Conditions can change throughout and so I am not getting carried away too much, trying to control the controllables." India batsman Hanuma Vihari, who is in England for a county stint with Warwickshire, said it would be a great feeling to play for his coun-

try in the WTC final. "I am excited but I would want to be in that moment and not to get too much carried away by the importance of the situation," he said. "But as a sportsman, to play for India in the final of inaugural World Test Championships is always a great feeling," said the 27-year-old batsman

who is currently playing county cricket in England. The majority of the Kiwi players have reached the UK as they play a two-match series against England starting June 2 before the WTC final. The Indians are expected to reach here in the first week of June after a hard quarantine in Mumbai.

Eng Tests aren't warm-ups for WTC final: Wagner

Auckland, May 18: New Zealand fast bowler Neil Wagner on Monday said his team is not going to treat the upcoming two-match series against England as warm-ups for the World Test Championship (WTC) final versus India. India and New Zealand will lock horns for the inaugural WTC title, at Southampton's Ageas Bowl, from June 18-22, four days after the Test series against hosts England is scheduled to conclude. "We're not going to treat these two Test matches against England just as warm-ups (for the WTC final)," Wagner told reporters at the Auckland airport before his departure. "I know for a fact we're going to get out there and pride ourselves the way we've been playing Test cricket and we

want to win Test matches for New Zealand," he added. A majority of the New Zealand Test players arrived in London on Monday for the two-match series against England and the WTC final against India, but Wagner was part of the second batch of cricketers to leave for their UK tour. Wagner, ranked number three in the world among Test bowlers, trained with the Dukes ball in Lincoln before departing for England. Dukes ball is used for Test matches in England. He said he benefited from the camp. "It's been quite nice, it's obviously got different characteristics to the Kookaburra," Wagner said. "The way we've been training for the last while is something we didn't always have in the past, having



the facilities and having a marquee up and getting a number of training sessions in before going to England. "On tours in the past you rock up there and you've only got a couple of training ses-

sions and maybe one head out with the Dukes ball before the first Test and with that you can find yourself a little bit behind." He added, "Having had those little bit of trainings leading into it has been quite

beneficial, just because it's a little bit different, and obviously adapting to it. It's been really good preparation and everybody is excited bowling with it." This will be Wagner's third trip to England as part of the New Zealand squad, although he played there only during the 2013 Test series, besides playing in the County Championship for Lancashire. "Sometimes you have to control all that because there's a high expectation of the ball doing a lot and moving around but sometimes you can get there and it can be quite flat and slow as well," Wagner said. "The nice thing about it is we've got a wealth of experience and the guys have been there before so we can feed off each other and bounce ideas off each other as well," he added.

Delhi Court Dismisses The Bail Plea Of Sushil Kumar

New Delhi, May 18: The famous wrestler Sushil Kumar who is absconding in the Sagar Dhankhar murder case has received a big blow from the Delhi court. Rohini's court has rejected the anticipa-

tory bail application of Olympic medal winner Sushil Kumar. Sushil Kumar is absconding for the last few days in the case of murder of a junior wrestler. Delhi Police has also declared



verdict. Shortly before now, the court rejected the wrestler's anticipatory bail application. The Delhi Police opposed Sushil Kumar's plea in the court. This whole

matter is of 5 May. While giving information about the firing in the court, the police said that who shot the two boys is not known. No witnesses have been found in the case. When the court questioned Sushil Kumar's arrest and asked the Delhi Police why the arrest was necessary, it was told on behalf of Delhi Police that Sushil's wife has a flat. In this case, one of the accused Sonu lived. In such a situation, electronic evidence can be found from there, due to which the arrest of the Olympic medalist wrestler is necessary. While arguing in favor of Sushil in the court, his lawyer denied that the famous wrestler had any hand in the matter.

Oz IPL cricketers return home

Melbourne, May 18: Australia's IPL players, including Pat Cummins, Glenn Maxwell and Steve Smith, arrived in Sydney on Monday after a stop-over at Maldives due to travel ban from Covid-ravaged India, almost two weeks after the T20 league was suspended due to the health crisis. Most of the 38 members of the Australian contingent, including players, officials and commentators who participated at the non-suspended league, landed at the Sydney airport Monday morning after spending 10 days at Maldives. Australian players, however, couldn't head home immediately as the country had imposed a travel ban from India, which is battling a deadly second wave of the coronavirus. They will all be spending two weeks in a Sydney hotel for the mandatory quarantine. According to national broadcaster ABC,

Smith, Cummins, Warner and Ricky Ponting, who coached Delhi Capitals, were among the people on the Air Seychelles flight. Chennai Super Kings batting coach Michael Hussey also headed home on Sunday via Doha after testing negative for Covid-19 on Friday. Cricket Australia's interim chief executive Nick Hockley on Monday said he was "grateful" to the BCCI for ensuring a "safe and quick" return of Australia's IPL contingent from India following a stopover in Maldives. "We are delighted. We're really grateful to the BCCI for getting them home quickly and safely. I haven't spoken to them since they've landed, but obviously we've been in text exchange and I'm sure they'll be very relieved and very appreciative to be home," Hockley was quoted as saying in Sydney Morning Herald.



Shiva Sundar Das named Indian Women's Batting Coach

New Delhi, May 18: Gutsy former India opener Shiv Sunder Das has been appointed the batting coach of the Indian women's team for the tour of England and he is looking forward to use his coaching stint at NCA to guide the youngsters during the trip. Das, who has played 23 Tests between 2000-02, has a decent average of near 35 with more than 1300 runs, including two hundreds and nine half centuries. "It will be good experience and I am looking forward to it," the 43-year-old former Odisha skipper said on his appointment. He has honed his skills as a batting coach at the National Cricket Academy under Rahul Dravid's guidance and that, he believes, will help him while trying to solve the technical problems of the batters. "I

have been part of NCA for last 4-5 years and have been batting coach for last couple of years. I would like to thank Rahul Dravid and Sourav Ganguly for giving me this opportunity," said the man who has played all his cricket under the BCCI President's captaincy. "I don't think there is a lot of difference and at the end of the day, you impart your knowledge, and work with players. You contribute to their success and be ready to solve their cricketing issues when they require you. My responsibility is to make them well prepared and match ready." Das was a part of the Indian team that toured England under Ganguly in 2002 and scored a 250 in a first-class tour game. "That was my highest score in England on that tour," he recalled. Das



believes that his experience of having played years of league cricket in England will also prove to be very helpful. "It will help that I have played a lot of cricket in England, including International cricket and league cricket. I know the conditions and those experiences I will share with them. "A few of them have toured England multiple times and they have a bit of experience.

Whatever time we have, we will see how many training sessions we get and make sure we use them properly," he said. The women's team will be playing a Test match after a long time but the new batting coach is confident that with senior pros like Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami in the side, adapting to conditions won't be very difficult. "The girls will be excited as they are getting an

opportunity to play a Test match after a long time and it's a good initiative that they are playing the longer format. "Jhulan and Mithali have played a lot of International cricket and they will easily adjust to it and it is a good time for young players as it gives opportunity to learn the art of building an innings or bowl a lot of overs, which is good for overall growth as a cricketer," he concluded.

Swachhta Pakhwada observed at NTPC Kaniha

(A.O. Bureau) Talcher, May 18: Swachhta Pakhwada is being observed from May 16-31, 2021 at NTPC Talcher Kaniha, as part of its observance, Swachhta Pledge was taken on May 17. In a special event for propagating awareness of cleanliness among employees, Swachhta Pledge was taken by Shri Sudip Nag Chief General Manager (Talcher Kaniha), Shri Shivam Srivastava GM (O&M), departmental heads and various employees present on this



occasion through Everyone took an oath from their office that they would be vigilant towards cleanliness, take time out for it and propagate the Swachh Bharat Mission message. During the oath,

the employees resolved to keep their work place and the surrounding area clean. The power station plans to organise various events like cleanliness drives in offices, townships, markets, parks, and hospital. Sanitation activities like fogging, pesticide spraying, supplying bleaching powder. Placing recyclable and non-recyclable dustbins in public areas. Tree Plantation along with talks and quizzes to create awareness on hygiene and the importance of cleanliness.

Marquez returns to the battle for victory as Espargaro salvages eighth in dramatic 2021 French GP

(A.O. Bureau) France, May 18: The first flag-to-flag race since 2017 saw Pol Espargaro encounter all conditions as Marc Marquez returned to leading a Grand Prix but was ultimately left disappointed. Sunday at the 2021 French GP would prove to be a day of two halves: a soaking wet morning giving way to a seemingly sunny and pleasant afternoon. But dark clouds loomed in the distance just as the MotoGP grid lined up for the 27-lap race, Marc Marquez starting sixth and Pol Espargaro eighth. The clear sky vanished after just a handful of laps as the clouds crept in and soon opened, the entire MotoGP field pulling into

perfect run into the pits and subsequent bike swap saw Marc Marquez convert his early race speed into the race lead as he returned to the track from pit lane. Looking comfortable in the lead, Marquez continued to steadily increase his advantage until a highside at the final corner sent the eight-time World Champion down to the ground. With the spirit of a champion, Marquez remounted to see what would be possible with over half the race still to run. Setting the fastest times out on track, Marquez began to pick his way forward and into the points. But a second fall, this time at Turn 6, ended Marquez's run at the French GP. He walked away without injury



the pits on lap five to change dry bikes for wet ones as the rain began. It was a dramatic first lap for Pol Espargaro who threw himself into the heat of battle alongside Marquez and Nakagami after a strong launch. Contact with Morbidelli forced the Repsol Honda Team rider to drop back and out of the top five. But the call to the pits saw Espargaro thrust back into the battle for the top five as the field returned to the track on wet tyres. A drying Le Mans circuit complicated the race further in the closing laps as Espargaro remained out on wet tyres along with the other riders. It proved to be a lonely end to the race for Espargaro who matched his best finish in Repsol Honda Team colours with eighth place across the line. A

but bitterly disappointed with the final outcome after showing such potential. Alex Marquez took top Honda honours for the LCR Honda Team in sixth, having challenged for the podium during the middle stage of the race in the full-wet conditions. His fellow LCR Honda rider, Takaaki Nakagami, was another protagonist for the podium throughout much of the race as the Japanese rider put together another solid weekend on the Honda RC213V. The MotoGP World Championship now prepares to head to Mugello for the Gran Premio d'Italia Oakley before the Catalan GP the following weekend. Both sides of the Repsol Honda Team garage are determined to deliver on the potential they showed during the Le Mans weekend.

Team Rameswari KAT provides two courses-meal



(A.O. Bureau) Berhampur: Today the whole world is suffering from the deadly corona epidemic. There are many around us who are simply unable to earn two meals a day. Many others spending time in home isolation are unable to get nutritious food even!! Taking this pathetic situation into account, the secretary of the KALANJALI ARTRISTRY TRUST Berhampur, Smt. Rameswari Nanda and her team namely Ardhendu Sekhara Panigrahi, Pranab Kumar Panda, Shiva Prasad, Kamal Rout, Satyabrata Panda, Babu Panigrahi, Manoj Behera, Chandan, Sunil and some others have ventured to supply healthy and delicious food (both lunch and dinner) to some such needy people in and around Berhampur city. They

have been successfully distributing nearly 100 food packets for lunch and 80 packets for dinner at the doorstep of the people since last 13 days. This, they say, will continue for a decisive period. The honourable MP Shri. Chandra Sekhara Sahu, honourable MLA Shri. Bikram Panda, Commissioner Shri. Bondar, Bar Association Ganjam, Team Clean City, Vysa Ladies Association and many people of Berhampur have expressed their thankfulness for this noble work of the Trust and its members. During this short while, KALANJALI ARTRISTRY TRUST has received many encouraging words from Odia living in Bhubaneswar, Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Dubai, U.S, Ireland also.

Poor Occupancy & To Break The Chain Of Surge In Covid19 Infection Cases

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, May 18: 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 some of the local passenger/MEMU & Intra-State Special Trains. Six pairs of local passenger/MEMU trains will remain cancelled up to 31st May, 2021 from both the directions. 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.

nominated days. These trains are... A. 08528/08527 Visakhapatnam-Raipur-Visakhapatnam Special from Visakhapatnam from 24th to 31st May and from Raipur from 24th May to 1st June, 2021 will remain cancelled. B. 08301/08302 Sambalpur-Rayagada-Sambalpur Special from both the directions on 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th May, 2021 will remain cancelled. C. 08445/08446 Bhubaneswar-Jagdalpur-Bhubaneswar Special from Bhubaneswar from 23rd to 31st May, 2021 and from Jagdalpur from 24th May to 1st June will remain cancelled. D. 08515/08516 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul-Visakhapatnam Special from Visakhapatnam from 22nd to 31st May and from Kirandul from 23rd May to 1st

pairs of special trains will remain cancelled partially on nominated days/dates a per the following... 01. 08428/08427 Puri-Angul-Puri Special on 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th & 31st May, 2021 will run between Puri and Talcher and will remain cancelled between Talcher and Angul from both the directions. 02. 02097/02098 Bhubaneswar-Junagarh Road-Bhubaneswar Special from Bhubaneswar between 23rd to 31st May and from Junagarh Road between 24th May to 1st June, 2021 will run between Bhubaneswar and Rayagada and will remain cancelled between Rayagada and Junagarh Road from both the directions. 03. 08301/08302 Sambalpur-Rayagada-Sambalpur Special between 24th and 31st May (except 29th & 30th May) will run between



Three pairs of local passenger/MEMU trains will remain cancelled on 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 29th & 30th May, 2021 from both the directions. A. 08428/08427 Puri-Angul-Puri Special. B. 08432/08431 Puri-Cuttack-Puri. C. 08433/08434 Bhubaneswar-Palasa-Bhubaneswar Special. Apart from these, some local passenger/MEMU Special trains and some Express Special trains will remain cancelled on

June, 2021 will remain cancelled. E. 08493/08494 Bhubaneswar-Balangir-Bhubaneswar Special from both the directions on 29th & 30th May, 2021 will remain cancelled. F. 02892/02891 Bhubaneswar-Bangiriposi-Bhubaneswar Special from Bhubaneswar on 29th & 30th May and from Bangiriposi on 30th & 31st May, 2021 will remain cancelled. Similarly, three

Sambalpur & Titilagarh and will remain cancelled between Titilagarh and Rayagada from both the directions. SEALDAH-PURI-SEALDAH SPECIAL CANCELLED FOR POOR PATRONISATION: 02201/02202 Sealdah-Puri-Sealdah Special from Sealdah w.e.f. 19th May and from Puri w.e.f. 20th May, 2021 will remain cancelled till further advice due to poor patronisation.

Sensex Crossed 50,000 Mark In Opening Hours

(A.O. Bureau) Mumbai, May 18: Tuesday was a happy day for the stock market. The BSE Sensex opened at a level above 50,134.24 with a sharp increase of 553.51 points ie 1.12 per cent. At the same time, the Nifty (NSE Nifty) opened at an upper level of 15,087.20 with an increase of 1.1 per cent i.e. 164.05 points.

Both the Sensex and Nifty indices have seen a gain of over 1 per cent. Earlier, on Monday, the first trading day of the week, the market closed with a big gain. The Sensex has crossed the 600 mark during early trade at 9.22 am. All 29 stocks except Bharti Airtel are leading on the 30-share BSE. At the same time, NSE50 has an edge

over 46 stocks. Earlier, the Sensex had ended with a gain of 848.18 (1.74%) points at 49580.73. At the same time, the Nifty jumped 247.50 points (1.9%) to reach the level of 14,925.30. The top gainers on the Nifty are HINDALCO, Bajaj Finance, TATA STEEL, GRASIM, Indusind Bank. Among the losers are Tata Consumer,

Britannia, Cipla and Bharti Airtel. Bajaj Finance was the biggest gainer on the BSE. It has seen more than 3 percent rise. After this, shares such as Power Grid, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Auto, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Axis Bank, Titan, ONGC were rising. Banking-Auto stocks witnessed the fastest during the opening trade.



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