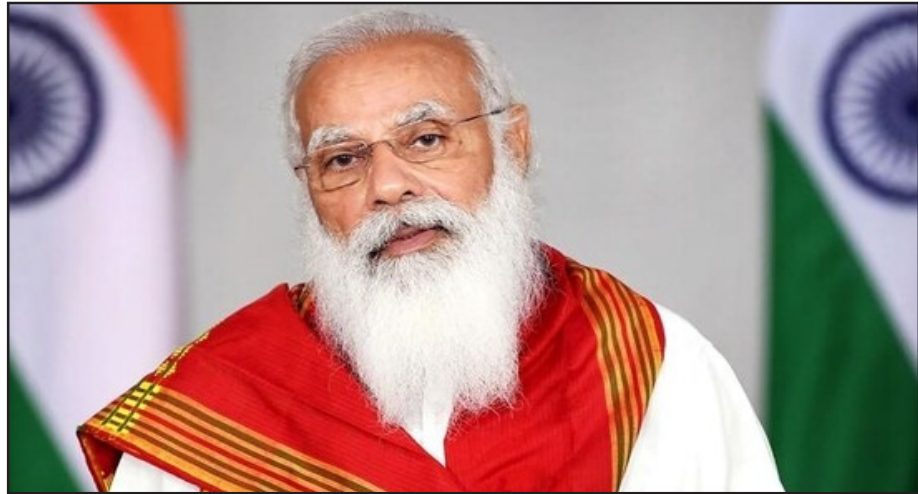


## Children who lost parents to Covid-19 to get monthly stipend under PM-CARES



New Delhi, May 29: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced that all children who have lost both parents or guardian to coronavirus disease (Covid-19) will be supported under 'PM-CARES for Children' scheme. Such children will get a monthly stipend once they turn 18 and a fund of 10 lakh when they turn 23 from PM-CARES, said the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), according to a release from the Press Information Bureau (PIB). PM Modi chaired an important meeting to discuss and deliberate on steps which can be taken to support children who have lost their parents due to

Covid-19. He announced a number of benefits to children impacted by the current Covid-19 pandemic. While announcing these measures the Prime Minister emphasised children represent the future of the country and the country will do everything possible to support and protect them so that they grow up as strong citizens and have a bright future. The PM said, "In such trying times it is our duty, as a society, to care for our children and instill hope for a bright future. All children who have lost both parents or surviving parent or legal guardian/adoptive parents due to Covid 19 will be supported under 'PM-CARES for Chil-

dren' scheme." He also added that the measures being announced have only been possible due to the generous contributions to the PM CARES Fund which will support India's fight against Covid-19. Here are the few measures announced by PM Modi: 1. Fixed deposit in the name of the child: The PM CARES will contribute through a specially designed scheme to create a corpus of ₹10 lakh for each child when he or she reaches 18 years of age. This corpus will be used to give a monthly financial support/ stipend from 18 years of age, for the next five years to take care of his or her personal requirements during the

period of higher education and on reaching the age of 23 years, he or she will get the corpus amount as a lumpsum for personal and professional use.

2. School education for children under 10 years: The child will be given admission to the nearest Kendriya Vidyalaya or in a private school as a day scholar. If the child is admitted in a private school, the fees as per the RTE norms will be given from the PM CARES. The scheme will also pay for expenditure on uniforms, textbooks and notebooks.

3. School education for children between 11-18 years: The child will be given admission in any central government residential school such as Sainik School, Navodaya Vidyalaya etc. In case the child is to be continued under the care of guardian/ grandparents/ extended family, then he or she will be given admission in the nearest Kendriya Vidyalaya or in a private school as a day scholar. If the child is admitted in a private school, the fees as per the RTE norms

will be given from the PM CARES. The scheme will also pay for expenditure on uniforms, textbooks and notebooks.

4. Support for higher education: The child will be assisted in obtaining an education loan for professional courses / higher education in India as per the existing education loan norms. The interest on this loan will be paid by the PM CARES. As an alternative, scholarship equivalent to the tuition fees / course fees for undergraduate/ vocational courses as per government norms will be provided to such children under Central or state government schemes. For children who are not eligible under the existing scholarship schemes, PM CARES will provide an equivalent scholarship.

5. Health insurance: All children will be enrolled as a beneficiary under Ayushman Bharat Scheme (PM-JAY) with a health insurance cover of ₹5 lakh. The premium amount for these children till the age of 18 years will be paid by PM CARES.

## We Will Fulfill The Dreams Of Biju Babu And Fulfilling Our Commitments To The People Of Odisha: CM Naveen

Bhubaneswar, May 29: In a major development, Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has expressed his views while addressing the council of Ministers. Even before the start of the 5th term of this government, we had to face the challenge of Cyclone Fani in May 2019. Since then over the last two years we have been continuously dealing with the devastating impact of the cyclones and the Covid-19 pandemic. It's a period of unprecedented crisis and we are trying our best to protect

tries have been severely affected by this pandemic in multiple waves and are yet to come to terms with the situation.. Return to normalcy is still a challenge. Nobody is able to predict how many more variants or waves of infection humanity will have to face before we are able to successfully control the virus. It's a reality we all have to accept and be prepared. Our State has been affected by two waves of infection so far. We have been able to ensure that all the healthcare systems are in place



our people. Odisha's model of disaster management is now recognized the world over for its efficiency and humane approach. Climate change has created new challenges for humanity. In Odisha, we have been witnessing an increasing trend of cyclones of greater intensity. Since March 2020, a new dimension in our experience of disasters has been added – the Covid-19 pandemic. Globally, most coun-

and we are not overwhelmed by the spread of the infection. Our government has been taking proactive steps to ensure that we are always ahead of the curve and in control of the situation. While other states had to unfortunately grapple with oxygen shortages, our government has been able to successfully manage the oxygen logistics for our hospitals and we have ...

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## Online Classes In Odisha Universities, Degree Colleges From June 1

Bhubaneswar, May 29: All Public Universities and Degree Colleges in Odisha under the Higher Education Department shall resume online classes from June 1. Physical classroom teaching shall not commence now and the hostels will remain closed till further order, informed the Higher Education Department on Saturday. The Department further stated that the schedule of examination will be communicated soon after getting information about UGC's decision. Reportedly, Principal Secre-

tary, Higher Education Department Saswat Mishra has written a letter to Vice-Chancellors of all Public Universities and Principals of all Government and non-Government Degree Colleges in this regard. "... Summer vacation as declared by this department will come to an end on 31.5.2021. After the end of summer vacation, the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) shall resume functioning as per the guidelines," reads the letter issued by the Higher Education Department.

## Odisha To Construct 380-Km-Long Saline Embankments In 10 Districts

Bhubaneswar, May 29: With an aim to ensure minimal erosion at coastal areas of Odisha, the State government has decided to construct embankment for 380 kms. As per the decision, the Water Resources Department will construct the special embankment in 10 districts. Engineer-In-



Chief of Water Resources Department, Jyotirmaya Rath in-

formed the 380-km-long special embankments will be con-

structed by packing stones in wire mesh. The detailed project report for the embankment has been prepared. Initially Rs 1,944 crore will be spent for the sea embankment project, added Rath. The government has estimated to spend a total of Rs 6,000 crore on the project. The official added the deci-

sion has been taken after observing that 52 km-long saline embankments constructed in Puri, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur and Ganjam districts lessened the coastal erosion. The embankments were established in the four districts with funding from the World Bank in 2013-16.

## 4-YO Baby Among 35 Dies Of COVID-19 In Odisha

Bhubaneswar, May 29: A 4-year-old child among 35 persons became the victim of COVID-19 in the last 24 hours in Odisha. The new fatalities were reported from the districts of Angul (5), Kalahandi (4), Rayagada (4), Sundargarh (3), Khordha (3), Jharsuguda (3), Nabarangpur (3), Koraput (2), Boudh (2), Jagatsinghpur (2), Cuttack (1), Sambalpur (1), Malkangiri (1) and Sonapur (1). With fresh deaths due to COVID, the toll surged to 2,686. Here're details of COVID-19 deaths reported in the last 24 hours: 1. A 46 years old male of Angul district who was also suffering from Diabetes Mellitus & Hypertension. 2. A 60 years old female of Angul dis-



trict who was also suffering from Hypertension. 3. A 72 years old female of Angul district. 4. A 71 years old male of Angul district. 5. A 66 years old female of Angul district. 6. A 62 years old female of Boudh district. 7. A 40 years old male of Boudh district. 8. A 61 years old male of Bhubaneswar who was also suffering from Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension & Coronary Artery Disease. 9. A 78

years old male of Bhubaneswar who was also suffering from Diabetes Mellitus. 10. A 71 years old female of Bhubaneswar. 11. A 65 years old female of Cuttack district. 12. A 44 years old male of Jagatsinghpur district who was also suffering from Bronchial Asthma. 13. A 63 years old male of Jagatsinghpur district. 14. A 44 years old male of Jharsuguda district. 15. A

32 years old male of Jharsuguda district. 16. A 45 years old male of Jharsuguda district. 17. A 40 years old male of Kalahandi district. 18. A 78 years old male of Kalahandi district. 19. A 33 years old female of Kalahandi district. 20. A 70 years old male of Kalahandi district. 21. A 4 years old male child of Koraput district. 22. A 32 years old male of Koraput district. 23. A 52 years old female of Malkangiri district. 24. A 47 years old male of Nabarangpur district. 25. A 44 years old female of Nabarangpur district who was also suffering from Diabetes Mellitus & Hypertension. 26. A 45 years old female of Nabarangpur district who was also suffering

from Hypertension. 27. A 60 years old female of Rayagada district who was also suffering from Diabetes Mellitus & Hypertension. 28. A 34 years old female of Rayagada district. 29. A 44 years old male of Rayagada district. 30. A 71 years old male of Rayagada district who was also suffering from Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension & Chronic Liver Disease. 31. A 48 years old male of Sambalpur district. 32. A 48 years old female of Sundargarh district who was also suffering from Carcinoma Biliary Tract with METS. 33. A 45 years old female of Sundargarh district. 34. A 54 years old male of Sundargarh district. 35. A 32 years old male of Subarnapur district.

## Odisha Places Order For 5,000 Sachets Of Anti-Covid Drug 2DG

Bhubaneswar, May 29: The Odisha government today placed an order for the purchase of 5,000 sachets of anti-Covid drug 2DG from pharma manufacturer Dr Reddy's Lab. Additional Chief Secretary (Health) PK Mohapatra informed that the State government has placed an order for the purchase of 5,000 sachets of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) developed 2DG anti-Covid drug with Dr Reddy's Lab. The drug will be used for the treatment of Covid patients in the State, he added. The oral drug called '2-deoxy-D-glucose' or 2-DG was developed by the Institute



of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences, a laboratory of the DRDO, in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Lab. It was approved for emergency use by the country's drugs controller earlier this month, as India battled a deadly second wave of the pandemic. The drug comes in powder form in a sachet and is taken orally by dissolving it in water. The 2-DG is being sold as an adjunct

therapy in moderate to severe coronavirus patients. The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) cleared the drug after clinical trial results showed that a molecule present in the drug helps in faster recovery of hospitalised patients and reduces supplemental oxygen dependence. Dr Reddy's Lab has kept the price of the anti-Covid drug at Rs 990 per sachet.



## 'Resorting to lies': Suvendu Adhikari hits out at Mamata over meeting row

New Delhi, May 29: Soon after Mamata Banerjee accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of "vendetta politics", opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari on Saturday hit out the West Bengal chief minister as the row over the meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to review Cyclone Yaas' impact continued. "Yesterday after the aerial survey in West Bengal there was a review meeting in East Midnapore but CM Mamata Banerjee and the administration made the PM wait for 30 minutes. It was breach of constitutional integrity and was shameful," Suvendu Adhikari was quoted as saying by news agency ANI. "Today in a presser the CM said she didn't attend the meeting due to the presence of opposition leaders. She is resorting to lies to satisfy her ego as she thinks of herself as not just West Bengal CM but entire the country's,"



Suvendu Adhikari added. Suvendu, a former Trinamool Congress leader, also said that he invited to Friday's review meeting as he is the leader of opposition in Bengal assembly and MLA of cyclone-hit Nandigram area. The BJP legislator was referring to Mamata's comments during her press conference in Kolkata as she talked about the criticism she faced from Union ministers and BJP leaders for skipping the review meeting with PM Modi on the devastation caused by Cyclone Yass.

"It was supposed to be held between the PM and the CM. Why were BJP leaders called to the session?" she asked. She also claimed that opposition leaders were not invited to similar review meetings held in Gujarat and Odisha, the two states that also impacted by Cyclone Yaas over the past few days. The Bengal chief minister also accused the Centre of pursuing "vendetta politics" and appealed it to withdraw its order recalling Bengal chief secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay. "Be-

cause you (PM Modi and Union home minister Shah) cannot digest the BJP's defeat, you have started creating problems for us from Day One. What is the fault of the chief secretary? Recalling the chief secretary amid the Covid crisis goes on to show that the Centre was indulging in political vendetta," she said. He pointed out that chief ministers who belong to opposition parties have worked in coordination with the Prime Minister during times of crisis in the past. And to prove

this point, he shared photos of meetings between PM Modi with leaders like Pinarayi Vijayan, Naveen Patnaik, Omar Abdullah and late J Jayalalithaa. "On previous occasions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reviewed floods, cyclone situations with different Chief Ministers who belonged to non-NDA parties. None of these Chief Ministers behaved the way Mamata Didi behaved today. There is a time for politics and a time for governance. Didi cannot comprehend that," said Adhikari. Several Union ministers, including Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, and BJP national president JP Nadda slammed Mamata for making PM Modi wait during the meeting and then leaving minutes after giving him a report on the impact of the damage caused by Cyclone Yaas. Mamata said he took the Prime Minister's permission before leaving.

## 'Goa sought preferential compensation at GST council, Tamil Nadu objected'

New Delhi, May 29: Goa minister Mauvin Godinho said the state's revenues had suffered due to the stopping of mining activity and the sharp decline in tourism due to the Covid-induced restrictions. The Goa government sought 'preference' to smaller states for payment of the GST compensation but Tamil Nadu objected to the proposal, Goa minister Mauvin Godinho said. Transport minister Godinho, who represents the state at the GST Council, said Goa's revenues had suffered a huge hit due to the stopping of mining and the sharp decline in tourism due to the Covid-induced restrictions. "As far as Goa is concerned, I'm making one demand again and again before the GST council. That as a small state, Goa should get preference like other small states as well for

the compensation cess, the shortfall in revenue of the state, to be given for five years from July 2017. The compensation given to Goa as of now is ₹840 crore and what is due to us is almost the same amount. My simple request is that

Nadu, who said no undue importance should be given to small states. "He said: 'Why should one listen to smaller states so much? Why should Goa get so much attention? I have a large constituency. Madurai is my own constituency



they should look at Goa differently, they should look at small states a little more than what they are paying and give us the money first. So that we will not have any financial crisis," Godinho told reporters. Godinho, however, said that his demand was objected to by the newly appointed finance minister of Tamil

and is bigger than the whole of Goa. My votes should have more value." I took strong offence to this," Godinho said. "I want to remind the new finance minister of Tamil Nadu Mr Palanivel, refrain from conducting yourself in a manner as a big brother versus small brother or big state versus small state.

## RBI To Bring New 100 Rupees Note



New Delhi, May 29: Very soon there will be a shiny new note of 100 rupees in your pocket. It is being said about this new Rs 100 note that it will neither tear, neither bite nor it will be hugged in water. Actually, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is preparing to issue a varnished note of Rs 100. The RBI has been such a 1 billion note print (Rs 100 currency). The reason behind var-

nish-coating of new Rs 100 note is to make the notes durable and safe. However, it will be released on trial basis right now. After successful field trials, varnished notes will be introduced in the market and old notes will be gradually removed from the system. Please tell that this information has been told by the Reserve Bank in its annual report. So let's know the specialty of this

note. Please tell that at this time, 100 rupees notes of purple color are already present in the market. RBI will now issue new 100 rupee notes with varnish. This note will be of purple color only. The biggest feature of the new 100 rupee note will be that it will not be spoiled in any way. Even after folding it a thousand times, this note will be cut, not torn. The new note of 100 rupees will also have no effect of water, because these notes will have varnish paint on it. Varnish paint is the same that is used on wood. Existing notes perish quickly. They are quickly cut or mud.

## CM Mamata Banarjee Accuses PM Modi

Kolkata, May 29: Where did the corona virus come from? Is it made in a lab in China? Answers to such questions are yet to be done. Researchers and researchers from all over the world are trying to know how the corona virus originated. In this sequence, British professor Angus Dalgleish and Norway scientist Dr. Sorenson have claimed that the corona virus has been made in a lab in China. In the research report of both the scientists, it has been claimed that a 'unique fingerprint' has been found in the corona virus sample, which is

possible only after tampering with the virus in the lab. Britain's news website Daily Mail has published news to this effect and it has been written on the basis of research paper written by both scientists. According to the report, the study shows that Chinese scientists created the virus while working on the 'gain of function' project in Wuhan's lab. 'Gain-of-function' research is temporarily banned in the US, in this research the naturally occurring virus is developed in the lab to make it more infectious and so that its effect on humans is



more. Research scientists took the backbone of the natural corona virus from bats found in the cave and added a new spike to the virus, which resulted in a much more contagious and lethal Covid 19 virus. Researchers have also said that no old evidence of natural corona virus is found in Covid 19. Also, reverse engi-

neering has been done so that tampering with the virus is not detected in the lab. British professor Angus Dalgleish with Daily Mail.com said, "We think the virus was created there by retro engineering, later replaced and then given a sequence that was many years ago." Scientists have also questioned the destruc-

tion of evidence in the Wuhan lab in their research and said that the scientists who wanted to share their information about it either disappeared or have not opened their mouths yet. Explain that until recent months, most of the experts around the world had insisted that the virus has been generated naturally and spread to humans through animals. Last week, US epidemiologist Dr. Anthony Fauci defended the help given to China's Wuhan Institute of Virology, saying that American financial support was not for 'gain of function' research.

## India-Pak ceasefire contributed to feeling of peace; first step towards long road of normalisation of ties: Army chief

New Delhi, May 29: The holding of the ceasefire between Indian and Pakistani armies along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir for the last three months has contributed to a feeling of peace and security and it is the first step towards a long road of normalisation of ties between the two countries, Chief of Army Staff Gen MM Naravane has said. In an exclusive interview to PTI, Gen Naravane, at the same time, said the ceasefire does not mean that India's fight against terrorism has come to a halt and noted that there was no reason to believe that the terror infrastructure along the LoC has been dismantled by the Pakistan Army. The Army Chief also said that consistency in the reduction in infiltration attempts and terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir will go a long way in assuring India of Pakistani intent to foster good neighbourly

relations. Gen Naravane said adherence to the ceasefire pact has "definitely" contributed to the overall feeling of peace and security in the region and boosted prospects of peace after a long spell of flare-ups. In a sudden and significant move aimed at reducing tensions, the Indian and Pakistani armies on February 25 announced that they would cease firing across the LoC while recommitting themselves to a 2003 ceasefire agreement. "Ceasefire along the LoC does not mean that our fight against terrorism has come to a halt. We do not have any reasons to believe that the terror infrastructure along the LoC has been dismantled by the Pakistan Army. "Whether it is their inability or unwillingness, both are equally dangerous and concerning, especially seen in the light of the US withdrawal from Afghanistan," the Army chief said, referring



to the Biden administration's decision to pull out American troops from Afghanistan by September 11. Referring to the ceasefire, Gen Naravane said there was not a single incident of cross-border firing by the two armies after the pact came into effect though there was an incident involving the Pakistani Rangers in the Jammu sector. "This year, we have seen a drastic reduction in the violence levels in Jammu and Kashmir. Security forces and other government agencies are working in sync to maintain pressure

on terror groups and squeeze out the logistics support," he said. "Consistency in a reduction in infiltration attempts and terrorist incidents in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir will go a long way in assuring us of Pakistani intent to foster good neighbourly relations with us," Gen Naravane said. He said there was a renewed emphasis on observing the ceasefire agreement of 2003 due to the heavy losses of civilian and military lives across the LoC. "Cessation of firing is in the interest of building trust between the two

armies, for giving chance to peace and for the benefit of the population residing along the LoC," he said. The Army Chief said India would like to continue with the ceasefire so that it contributes to stability and improvement in the relationship. "It is the first step towards the long road of normalisation of relations with Pakistan. From our side, we would like to continue with the ceasefire so that it contributes to stability and improvement in the relationship," he said. Gen Naravane also said that recruitment of local youths into militant outfits has also witnessed reduction, adding it is an indicator that the common people desired peace. "We remain committed to providing a conducive environment for peace to prevail. Economic activity had commenced well this year but has been slowed down due to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic," he said.

## 8-member ministerial panel to recommend GST waiver on Covid-essentials

New Delhi, May 29: The government on Saturday constituted an eight-member ministerial panel under the Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma to consider Goods and Services Tax (GST) exemptions on a range of Covid-19 essentials such as vaccines, drugs, testing kits and ventilators. The other members of the group of ministers (GoM) are Gujarat deputy chief minister Nitinbhai Patel, Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, Goa transport minister Mauvin Godinho, Kerala finance minister KN Balagopal, Odisha finance minister Niranjan Pujari, Telangana finance minister T Harish Rao and UP finance minister Suresh Kumar Khanna. The GoM will submit its recommendations to the GST Council on or before June 8, the Union finance ministry said in a statement. After a protracted discussion on the issue of tax exemption at the GST Council meet-

ing on Friday, the apex federal body decided to form a committee to examine the merit of tax waiver on individual items. According to its terms of reference, the GoM will examine the need for GST concession or exemption on Covid vaccines, drugs and medicines for Covid treatment, testing kits for Covid detection, medical grade



oxygen, pulse oximeters, hand sanitisers, oxygen therapy instruments (concentrators, generators and ventilators), PPE kits, N95 masks, surgical masks, temperature checking thermometers and any other items required for Covid relief. While vaccines and cotton masks attract 5%

GST, most of these items fall in the 12% tax slab. Testing kits, drugs, medical oxygen, oxygen concentrators and ventilators fall under the 12% tax bracket. Alcohol-based sanitizers, hand wash, disinfectants and thermometers attract 18% GST. The GoM was constituted after several states such as West Bengal and Punjab

asked for exempting all Covid-essential materials from GST. West Bengal finance minister Amit Mitra on May 25 reiterated chief minister Mamata Banerjee's demand for removing GST on medicines and equipment essential for the treatment of Covid-19 patients.



## Some area of Cuttack Municipality has been Sanitized by Utkal Vikash Parisad

(A.O. Bureau)  
Cuttack, May 29: Cuttack Sadar based leading Organization Utkal Vikash Parisad (UVP) team has sanitized Nayabazar primary hospital which belongs to Tinigharia Cuttack Municipality wardno- 51, and some near by places are Sanitized for stopping the spread of covid19 and also provided Awarness to Public. This Seva work succesfully done in the presence of Tinigharia Puja committee honorable President social worker Lalin



Khuntia, Youth social worker Alok Bastia Suwendu Swain, Mahadeb Puja committee of Poparada Social worker

Sudarshan Jena, Old age association east zone Cuttack sangathan sampadak Hrudananda Pattnaik, President Bijaya Kumar Khuntia,

General Secretary Agani Charan Nayak, senior member UVP Bijaya Nayak, Babuli Das, Narayan Jena, Smrutiranjana

Das. As per Publish voice, they complained to Cuttack Municipality Corporation (CMC) in several times but they had not taken any step. After completion of Sanitization work by Utkalsh Parisad (UVP) team, the president of UVP and all local public are highly thankful to this great Seva Seva work in this Pandemic situation. UVP President Er. Prakash Ch Sethi guide to all members to continue this Sanitization and Awarness work in all over district.

## Six Mobile Phones Hidden In Soil In Bhubaneswar Jail Recovered

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhubaneswar, May 29: Authorities of the Bhubaneswar Jail today recovered six mobile phones concealed in soil on the premises of Special Jail in the Odisha Capital. As part of the 'Operation Clean Up' launched by the Odisha Prisons, officials of the Bhubaneswar Jail searched for contraband items in the Special Jail. Also, the jail officials recovered four SIM

cards, five mobile phone chargers, one pendrive, five mobile phone batteries and 250 grams of unclaimed ganja like substances from various places of the Special Jail. The ganja like substances was destroyed as per Rule 446(a) of Odisha Model Jail Manual, 2020. An FIR was also lodged at the Laxmisagar P.S. on 29.05.2021 and the seized articles were handed over to the police.

## BJP Spokesperson Demand to Form Task Force

(A.O. Bureau)  
Khordha, May 29: Odisha BJP State Spokesperson Sonali Sahoo tweets to the District Magistrate and Collector Khordha that she became a responsible citizens, social, political activist draw the attention and timely intervention of hazardous use of illicit drug, charas, heroine, tobacco. It is not only a poten-



tial threat to health social fabrics but also causing crime,

law and order problem. Laws are hardly enforced. Enforcement Authority are hand in glove with trafficked and user. Realizing the far reaching effect timely intervention. She demand for a Task Force to deal in iron hand to demolish the empire of smugglers from the District of Khordha to a symbol of bravery, peace and solidarity.

## Allegations of misconduct by e-stamp employees and solicitation of commissions

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhubaneswar, May 29: The lockdown due to corona is all over the place while online work is rampant. A lot of people are relying on e-stamps at the sub-registrar's office in the Bhubaneswar court premises for land registration. Khandagiri e-stamp employees, however, have taken the opportunity to ask the commission to take advantage of the situation and have been accused by the police of misconduct. Lawyer Lingaraj Das has lodged a complaint

with the Badgarh police station. According to the complaint, Lingaraj Das had contacted the Khandagiri e-stamp staff to buy an Rs 10 lakh e-stamp. Instead of the e-stamp, the employee demanded Rs 30,000 for the commission. Mr. Das protested that it was not the law, and the staff insulted him in vulgar language. Mr. Das has lodged a written complaint with the Badgarh police officer, ACP and sub-registrar. Badgarh police officer Bishwaranjan Nayak ACP Rajaratai said the investigation was ongoing.

## SP Puri Mr. K Visal Singh surprise visit to Pipilli PS



(A.O. Bureau)  
Puri, May 29: He interacted with staff and officers and reviewed Crime, LO Issues and lockdown enforcement. He also reviewed the "

\*Mo Sarkar\* cell and reception cell of the police station and interacted with people who have come for grievance. He also reviewed the ongoing Spe-

cial drive against sand / stone mafia in Pipilli Sub-division and instructed to have stern action against the criminals involved in illegal sand mining and transport.

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even provided oxygen to other states, saving many precious lives. However, we have a long way to go in Covid management. We are now focused on vaccination and mobilizing all possible resources to vaccinate and protect our people at the earliest. We have to continue to learn to deal with disasters and keep improving our systems and adapt to the impact of the climatic changes. It's a matter of survival for our society and we will leave no stone unturned to make our State strong and capable in this regard. Today, the Council of Ministers passed the resolution to make disaster and pandemic preparedness a part of the curriculum of the schools and colleges. Every student, elected representative, government official, Mission sakti members, and so on will be trained in disaster and pandemic preparedness. This is a historic step and will enable and empower our future generations to withstand the vagaries of nature whether its biological or climatic. Odisha will stand out in saving peoples lives. It flows from our realisation that community preparedness is key to disaster management. To connect directly to the citizen, we had started the Mo Sarkar feedback system. Over a period of time, there have been visible changes in the attitude and behavior of the government servants at all levels towards the citizens. There have been sincere efforts for systemic and process-based changes to make administration and service delivery more citizen-friendly and technology oriented. We are having a special focus on the development of education and health. Massive investment of over Rs 8500 crores in development of healthcare infrastructure across the State is under progress. The SCB Medical College and Hospital will be developed as a great institution with an investment of Rs 3500 crores. More than 786 doctors and 5137 paramedics have been recruited in the last one year alone. Education is the key to unravel the full potential of our children and therefore, the Transformation of the High Schools has been a main agenda and more than 1000 schools have been taken up in the first phase this year. To prepare our youth for the global job market, we have started the World Skill

Center as part of our "Skilled in Odisha" program. Our youth will be provided quality skills in every sector so that they can compete with the best in the world. Odisha continues to be a favorite investment destination. Inspite of covid situation we attracted some of the biggest investments in the country. We continue to focus on sports development in the State. More than Rs 1000 crores worth sports development projects have been taken up, including India's largest Hockey Stadium in Rourkela. Agriculture and farmers' development is the keystone of our State's development. We have kept our promises related to the Kalia Scheme by transferring more than Rs 6118 crores to the farmers accounts in last one year. With renewed vigour, our government has given strict timelines to complete the irrigation projects. The Upper Indravati Lift irrigation project and Lower Indravati project have been inaugurated this year. Towards womens empowerment, we have been supporting the Mission shakti groups across the State. In a pioneering move, the Dept of Mission Shakti has been created. To enhance financial empowerment, it was decided that Government will proactively involve the Mission Shakti groups in various government activities worth 5000 cr in 5 years. To preserve the cultural heritage of our great State, we have launched various projects for heritage conservation across the state in Puri, Konark, Samaleswari Temple, Harishankar-Nrusinghanath temple etc. We continue to strengthen our Panchayati Raj institutions and Urban local bodies in our state by transfer of Rs 11287 crores directly from the Finance Commission grants over last two years. The people of Odisha have blessed our government with 5th term and we have been working very hard to live up to the expectations and fulfill all our commitments. The Pandemic has created a unique situation where the lives and livelihoods of people are at stake. In spite of all the challenges, we are quite confident that we will emerge victorious in this crisis with the cooperation of the people of the state, and continue to carry forward the good work for the transformation of Odisha.

## News of mourning on behalf of the Chairman of the Central Committee of the Utkal Conference

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhubaneswar, May 29: I am deeply saddened by the death of Mr. Basant Kumar Das, a senior journalist and political commentator, on his 26/05/21 birthday today. Mr. Das was not only a

journalist, but also the president of the Nikhal Utkal Students' Union on the 17th. Under his leadership, we spent more than a month in Kalahandi to serve in the aftermath of the drought. He was a student leader, a youth

leader, a state leader, a colleague, a journalist and a social worker. As a lifelong member of the Utkal Conference, he has also created public awareness for the Oriya nation, language and culture through his various

illustrations. "The loss of such a person is an irreparable loss to the state and our request that the Utkal Conference pray to God for the well-being of his immortal soul and may God empower his family members to bear this pain.

## Disaster And Pandemic Management To Be Taught In Schools, Colleges In Odisha

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhubaneswar, May 29: Disaster and pandemic management will soon be part of high school and college curriculum. The Council of Ministers during a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Pattnaik today passed a resolution in this regard. Also, every Government employee will be trained on the fundamental nature of different kinds of disaster and pandemic man-



agement. Moreover, the Council of Ministers passed another resolution to ensure Government jobs and recruitment have a mandatory syllabus on

disaster and pandemic management. The elected representatives ranging from ward members to Chief Minister will be trained on disaster and pan-

demetic management as well. Members of our Mission Shakti groups, Vana Surakya Samitis and other community-based organizations will also be trained on disaster and pandemic management and equipped accordingly. The Council of Ministers resolved to undertake systematic and detailed training programs to equip the citizens with adequate knowledge and skills in disaster and pandemic

management and make Odisha a leading state in Disaster preparedness - ready to tackle any disaster whether its biological or climatic. The State government in a statement said basically the objective is to have a 'Yodha in every home of Odisha'. The Council of Ministers also decided to form a task force to carry out the mission of building a disaster and pandemic resilient Odisha.

## Puri Jagannath Temple Admin Files FIR Over Posting Of Ratnasinghasan Photo In Social Media

(A.O. Bureau)  
Puri: The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) has lodged an FIR with the Singhadwar Police Station over the posting of alleged photographs of the Ratnasinghasan (bejewelled throne, the seat of the deities inside the sanctum sanctorum) on Facebook by a user and those going viral. "Last 27th May one Facebook user identified as Abhijit Chandra had posted a photo of the Ratnasinghasan on his account with some caption written in Bengali which had gone viral. Since photography inside the temple, especially of Ratnasinghasan

is prohibited, so, therefore, yesterday Administrator (Security) lodged an FIR at the Singhadwar police station in this connection," informed Administrator (Rituals) of the SJTA Jitendra Kumar Sahu over the phone. Sahu said that since mobile phones are prohibited and photography inside the temple premises without permission is also prohibited, the police will investigate the matter and take appropriate action. Upon investigation it will be ascertained whether it is a real photo or a fake, he added. The incident has hurt the sentiments of the devotees, Sahu said.

## Veteran Journalist Basant Das Passes Away Due To Covid-19

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhubaneswar, May 29: Internationally acclaimed journalist Basant Das passed away due to Covid-19 while undergoing treatment at a Covid Hospital in Bhubaneswar, said sources on Saturday. He was 81. Born on January 2, 1940, in Mairidip village under Biridi block of Jagatsinghpur district. He moved to Cuttack after his primary education and completed his matriculation from Peary Mohan Academy and BA from Christ College. He completed his Post Graduation in Po-



litical Science from Utkal University in Bhubaneswar. While pursuing an LLB in Madhusudan Law College he was attracted to journalism. He started his career in journalism with an English daily Eastern Times in the year 1965. Since then, he has served in various positions in various State and National media houses and associations. Basant

Das was working as an independent journalist and columnist since 2002. A documentary capturing his life and achievements was released in 2015 to commemorate the 75th anniversary and the Golden Jubilee of his celebrated journalistic career. Known for his recent book 'Political History of Modern Odisha', he had written 16 books including Odisha Sahitya Academy Award-winning book 'Je Desh Jai Se Phala Khai', Footprints Of Eventful Days, Platinum Jubilee Of Odisha Politics, etc.



# EDITORIAL

## Regional cooperation

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), after 35 years of its existence, has almost become a relic of the past. An organisation that was launched for regional cooperation has been dying a slow death ever since its inception on December 8, 1985. It was to bring together the 21 per cent of the world's population living in South Asia. The idea was to help the region by economic cooperation. It, however, did not go beyond declarations that were never implemented by the member nations. South Asia remains one of the most impoverished regions in the world. The interaction among SAARC nations, which share a common heritage and history, is dismally low. The grouping was mooted on the lines of ASEAN, which would provide a common economic zone that would help trade and make people prosperous. It was supposed to increase people-to-people contact. To build a framework for economic cooperation, it contemplated the South Asian Economic Union (SAEU) to promote Free Trade Area, Customs Union, a Common Market and a Common Economic and Monetary Union. The idea was indeed very promising, yet it never took off as it was defeated by regional politics. Pakistan's obsession with Kashmir made it impossible to make it a workable entity. The result was that no SAARC leaders' meeting took place after Kathmandu in 2014 till 2020. The 2016 meeting was, though, boycotted by India due to the Uri attack. A ray of hope for regional cooperation came in the form of the Corona pandemic. Just like elsewhere, the pandemic affected the people of this region as well. This was the time when regional cooperation could have helped the member countries in terms of medicine, medical facilities and other necessary equipment. Though some positive trends emerged but they had limited scope. Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the initiative on March 15, 2020, as India led from the front. It hosted a virtual meeting of the SAARC leaders; India pledged \$10 million to a fund to fight Corona and other nations followed suit. India also donated vaccines to the member nations. This meeting was indeed path-breaking. At the ground level, the SAARC Disaster Management Centre has set up a website (<http://www.covid19-sdmc.org/>) for SAARC countries. A special cell in the Ministry of External Affairs is coordinating and monitoring with SAARC countries. Hope this revives SAARC and regional co-operation gets a new lease of life.

## No child's play

Children are the last human frontier COVID-19 threat Cens to engulf. The second surge has seen quite a number of children infected. Even deaths have been reported, including one of a day-old infant in eastern Uttar Pradesh. Most of these patients were asymptomatic or with mild symptoms; they recovered within a week. A small percentage of cases needed hospitalisation and intensive medical care. India, like the rest of the world, is now gearing up to prepare to save children in the next surge, whenever that is. Lessons from the first two surges have chastened the Government and steps are already afoot to provide separate neonatal and paediatric wards in hospitals. Contingency measures are on for oxygen, monitoring equipment, ventilators and medicine. Medical and paramedical staff are undergoing re-orientation to handle young patients. Bharat Biotech of Covaxin fame is also ahead of the curve in coming up with a vaccine for the two to 18 age group. In fact, it has got approval for stage 2 and 3 human trials already. With 40 per cent of the population in this age group, vaccination becomes imperative. But tackling child COVID-19 is a matter not merely of logistics. It will be fought largely in the arena of the mind; a seesaw between the panic of parents and patience of doctors. For instance, the question is: Are the hospital wards children-friendly? If a discernible part of the scarcity of beds and oxygen in the second surge was owing to panic among adults, imagine what parents can go through if their children become infected. Rationality will become scarce. The social media will press a panic button of its own, mostly of the illegal variety. Should the location and names of the infected children be revealed on social media posts for help? Should pictures be circulated? How will these violations of privacy be checked? There are many NGOs handling awareness campaigns to keep children safe. Apart from safety measures, there is the need for a healthy diet, mental agility and physical exercise, particularly when schools are closed and they are stuck at home. But what about the rural areas? Nearly half of the population below 18 lives in the countryside. There are issues with hygiene, availability of potable water and nutritious diet. Malaria, dengue and pneumonia are rampant. A large section of the rural parents is aware of their responsibilities, but hands of most would be tied by their economic situation. As yet, no data shows that the third surge will affect children, but it is equally important they be immunised. It is more important to inoculate their parents first. Both medical workers and parents need to realise that most children may not be able to recognise COVID-19 symptoms; how then to diagnose at the earliest? A beginning has been made, but it has to be seen to be real. The UNICEF web advisory on child protection, for example, is begging updation since September 2020.

# Restoring sanity in national narrative

Despite the Corona setback, the motivation to overcome hardships shall emerge simply from the spirit of serving fellow human beings. The true character of a people and nation reveals itself only in the toughest of times. India is going through such a phase and, sadly enough, instead of presenting a picture of national unity and socio-religious cohesion, the political class that had tasted power in the past and has been unseated by the electorate, is using the Corona crisis as an opportunity to reverse its fortunes. Those in power are, obviously, busy managing this crisis of unprecedented measure and magnitude; all they are getting from their political opponents is ridicule, allegations and accusations. The political scenario is indeed depressing for the common people who are suffering on so many counts due to the epidemic and its impact on practically every sector of human activity. This has attracted international attention and painted Indian democracy in poor light. The Corona crisis, particularly in April-May 2021, weighed very heavily on India and its people. The inadequacies of the health infrastructure, as also the systems of public service and governance, have revealed distressing deficiencies. There were heart-wrenching reports of people dying in ambulances and even outside hospital gates. In the 21st century, should even a single life be lost simply because of non-availability of medical oxygen? It certainly was serious mismanagement, lethargy and lack of commitment. But the extra efforts put in at every level to tide over the crisis also deserve to be noticed. We have the ingenuity to produce medicines and vaccines, distribute better and ensure adequate availability. If the mishap was



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an outcome of systemic complacency and unconcern, these shall have to be wiped out completely from the work culture in future. The Corona crisis shall certainly transform human approach to life, the nature of human interactions and re-establish the criticality of man-nature relationship. The economic, social and cultural implications of the pandemic are being assessed all around. The motivation and the will to overcome the impediments shall emerge from numerous instances, initiatives, acts and actions that were ignited simply by the spirit of serving fellow human beings, in the realisation of the "essential unity of all human beings". As one looks around, one finds great examples of courage, dedication and commitment to the cause of helping the needy. Working in conditions of severe deficiencies, they are great examples of human empathy and compassion. Think doctors, paramedics, police personnel, railways, teachers and other public servants, they all rose to the occasion, at the cost of grave personal risk, and hun-

dreds of them sacrificed their lives. Democracy depends on the dexterity-imbued dialogue. Unfortunately, all this unequivocally emphasises the need for continuous, productive dialogue among the political parties, among those in power, and out of it. There ought to be no hesitation in mid-course correction. The absence leads to instances of political immaturity, which are injurious to the polity. One of the former Chief Ministers, a fairly well-educated young person, thundered he would not get vaccinated since it was a party vaccine! Now, he is among those demanding free vaccine to all. Apparently having realised his folly, he could have been advised by someone that consistency is not a value that must be adhered to, even if the fallacy becomes obvious. On April 29, 1933, MK Gandhi in an article in the Harijan stated: "I am not at all concerned with appearing to be consistent. In my search for truth, I have discarded many ideas and learnt many new things... when anybody

finds any inconsistency between any two writings of mine, if he has still faith in my sanity, he would do well to choose the later of the two on the same subject." He said so as he had "not ceased to grow inwardly". This instance has great relevance not only for the particular person indicated, but also to all other ambitious young persons in politics. Indian politicians must realise that elections are important, that winning is important, but this alone is not democracy. Most important is the public acceptance of its credibility. This they could comprehend if they practice aparigraha and, for that, the guiding light could come from Gandhi: "All humanity is one undivided and indivisible family, and each one of us is responsible for the misdeeds of all of the others." A person becomes a personality only when he moves out of his own self and starts internalising his obligations to others. It was beautifully articulated by Einstein: "A person starts to live when he can live outside himself". Corona has clearly established before every human being and every nation that, for it, every human being is just one more target. And therefore, it could be confronted only through coordinated global efforts; no nation, no race, no religion can do it in isolation. It is so succinctly articulated in the words of HH Dalai Lama: "In human societies, there will always be differences of views and interests. But the reality today is that we are all interdependent and have to coexist on this small planet. Therefore, the only sensible and intelligent way of resolving differences and clashes of interest, whether between individuals or nations, is through dialogue. The promotion of a culture of dialogue and non-violence for the future of mankind is thus an important task for the international community." Hope our politicians are listening!

# India must engage with Nepal - without intervening

## Shyam Saran

The game of musical chairs on Nepal's political stage continues. For the second time in weeks, Prime Minister K P Oli has persuaded President Bidya Devi Bhandari to dissolve parliament and call for fresh elections, which will now be held on November 12 and 19. That is, unless the Supreme Court decides to declare the dissolution of parliament as unconstitutional, as it had done in its judgement of February 22 this year. The current dissolution has been challenged in the court by five political parties, including the Nepali Congress, the Maoist Centre (led by Prachanda), the Janata Samajbadi Party, JSP (the faction led by Madhesi leader Upendra Yadav and former Maoist leader Baburam Bhattarai) and several dissidents from Oli's own UML party. A faction of the JSP led by another Madhesi leader, Mahanta Thakur, has supported Oli in return for being promised seven ministerial berths. Oli has also delivered on the longstanding Madhesi demand to reverse a constitutional provision which denied citizenship to children born of Nepali mothers who had foreign husbands. This directly targeted the Madhesi population, which has close kinship and marital ties across the border with India. Oli had supported this provision saying that its absence would allow Indians to marry Nepali women and have their children become Nepali citizens. While this provision has now been removed through a presidential ordinance, it could well be reversed in future. After all, Nepali political parties dominated by the higher caste Nepalis from the hills, the so-called Paharis, had set aside their political differences to bring about constitutional amendments, overnight, to dilute certain key

provisions which reversed the age-old discrimination against the Madhesi and other ethnic groups. The widespread unrest in the Terai adjoining India in 2015 was triggered by this blatant attempt to deny equal rights to the Madhesi population. The current ordinance will make the Madhesi happy, but it could turn out to be a reversible tactical gain if and when Oli is dethroned. Political uncertainty in a neighbouring country is never good news for India, particularly in Nepal with whom we share a long and open border. Kathmandu is always the hotbed of fevered conspiracy theories, most of which implicate India without any tangible basis. India cannot but be engaged politically with events in Nepal, but engagement is not the same as intervention. This distinction is lost in Nepal's political discourse, which tracks with microscopic attention who is up, who is down, who is the current Delhi favourite and who is not. From an Indian perspective, it may seem that no matter what India does, its credentials will always be suspect. At the present juncture, political and public opinion in Kathmandu, if not in the whole of Nepal, is convinced that Oli is now India's favourite, that he has promised the BJP government in Delhi that he will promote the return of Nepal to its Hindu rashtra status under the monarchy and keep the Chinese at bay. Some rumours even claim that India is working to bring back the monarchy to Nepal. The statements of certain RSS and VHP leaders supporting the return of monarchy are cited as incontrovertible proof. The recent visit of the former king Gyanendra and his wife to the Kumbh festival in Haridwar gave

impetus to such speculation. The Indian government has maintained a studied silence on the current political developments in Nepal and this may be the right thing to do. But this silence should not imply the lack of a proper assessment of the political situation in Nepal and what would serve the interests of India best. I learnt quite a few lessons from my assignment as India's ambassador to Nepal (2002-04) and later by being involved with Nepal affairs as Foreign Secretary (2004-06). While the situation is very different from that period, certain learnings remain relevant. One, the monarchy in Nepal, at least since King Mahendra's accession in 1955, has always tried to distance Nepal from India and promoted a nationalism which takes hostility to India as its main driver. The abolition of the monarchy is a net gain for India and the government must firmly and unambiguously declare that it does not support the revival of the monarchy, which has already been rejected by its people. The people of Nepal have won their democracy after a long and bitter struggle. India should declare its unconditional support to Nepal's republican democracy. Two, India should remain fully engaged with Nepal at all levels and across the political spectrum. The safeguarding of India's vital interests demands such sustained engagement. A hands-off policy will only create space for other external influences, some of which, like China, may prove to be hostile. However, engagement must dispense with the recurrent tendency to label Nepali

political leaders as friends or enemies. This only encourages political opportunism such as we witness in the cynical behaviour of Oli. In my experience, this has always proved to be counter-productive whatever limited and temporary tactical gains may be perceived. One should advocate policies rather than persons. Three, in India's engagement with Nepal, the Terai belt and its large Madhesi population plays a critical and indispensable role. In an effort to win over the Kathmandu political and social elite, one should be careful not to mimic this elite's disdain for its fellow citizens living in the plains. Our engagement with Nepal must find an important place for Nepali citizens who are our immediate neighbours and act as a kinship, cultural and religious bridge between our two countries. If there is contrived hostility towards India in the Kathmandu elite, there is a widespread feeling of neglect among the Madhesi population. This extends to Nepal's other ethnic groups as well. Finally, India needs to appreciate that the people-to-people links between our two countries have an unmatched density and no other country, including China, enjoys this asset. The challenge to our Nepal policy lies in leveraging this precious asset to ensure a stable and mutually-productive state-to-state relationship. It has been my experience that people-to-people relationships, including longstanding religious and cultural links, cannot be a substitute for sensible state-to-state relations. But they can be a powerful instrument, if properly used, to enhance the latter. India has every reason to approach its relations with Nepal with confidence and assurance. This is possible and more than that, acutely necessary.



## Adani Foundation plays a key role on uninterrupted supply of oxygen



(A.O. Bureau) Bhadrak, May 29: Adani Foundation, the CSR arm of Adani Group has been taking up many initiatives for supporting the state government of Odisha in its battle against the pandemic. As a part of these initiatives –Adani Foun-

dation handed over life-saving medical equipment today which includes 210 medical grade oxygen cylinders, 32 oxygen concentrators and 50 flow meters to Dr Gyana Das, Collector Bhadrak in presence of Mr Jagat Parija, VP, Dhamra Port and other

senior district officials. It is an effort to bolster the state government's endeavour to provide uninterrupted Oxygen supply to COVID19 patients in Bhadrak district. District officers and intellectuals hailed Adani Foundation for this generous and timely gesture.

## A robbery was reported in front of Shyam Metalics

(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, May 29: A robbery was reported in front of Shyam Metallis under Rengali police station in Sambalpur district. Rengali police have filed a robbery case, raided several places and rescued Hai, arrested one person and took him to court. "According to sources, the OR15L8775 belonging to Biren Senapati of Mudhenpalli under Jamnagira police station was parked in front of the third gate of the Shyam Metallic Factory in Rengali Pandloi at 8.30 pm on 27/05/2021. Rengali police



arrived on the scene to investigate. Rengali police raided various places and rescued Hai, arresting Hari Vhoi, 22, of Ramchandra Nagar.

## Corona Awareness at the behest of Sarpanch Minati Patro at Gurunthi

(A.O. Bureau) Kukudakhandi, May 29: Concerns are rife across the world about the outbreak of the coronavirus virus, and efforts are being made by both the central and state governments. Au-

Gram Panchayat in Kukudakhandi block on Saturday afternoon in this regard. The sarpanch has taken steps to make people aware of the coronary epidemic as the district magistrate has the

places, maintaining social distance, not coming out of the house when necessary, lockdowns, shutdowns are all the rules of the administration. Senior social worker T. Narsingh Patra, ANM



thorities of the protect's with all available police forces, special services and the army, Lockdown, shutdown has been implemented by the administration. It is forbidden to leave the house if it is not necessary, and to wash the hands frequently with soap or handwash with the use of masks when leaving the house in case of emergency. An awareness rally was organized by the Gurunthi

power. Under the supervision of Gurunthi Gram Panchayat Sarpanch T. Minati Patra, Asha and Anganwadi workers marched around the village chanting slogans related to the corona, holding social placards in various wards. Keeping your home and environment clean with the help of mail machines, using masks when leaving the house, not spitting in public

Sujata Rani Das, Anganwadi activists Bishnupriya Malana, Gitanjali Sahu, Harapriya Nayak, Sontashini Nayak, Asha activists Runu Panda, T. Lakshmi Patra, Mohini Maharana, Bhagyalata Sethi, M.P. Employees including Namita Nayak, Assistant Swapna Kumari Nayak, Ginita Behera, Budi Sahu, Sabitri Sahu, Laxmikant Malana were present.

## Niranjan Reddy assisted the families died in Corona

(A.O. Bureau) Digapahandi: May: 29: The Corona pandemic has engulfed the entire world, and the entire human society has begun a decisive battle against the epidemic, in the midst of which sad news has arrived. Four people from K. Samantarapur village in Kuspada panchayat under



Digapahandi constituency have died on covid

19 after the tragic news. After receiving the sad

news, Mr. M Niranjan Reddy, youth leader of

Digapahandi area, Balaji Reddy, youth leader, Sarpanch S Gandhi Dora, youth leader Santosh Dora, Nayab Sarpanch Devhari Dora were present at the mourning ceremony to reassure the bereaved family. And promised to provide all kinds of assistance from the government.

## Loving corpse of lover couple rescued from cashew forest



(A.O. Bureau) Niali, May 29: Niali Thana Nuaga Panchayat Arkatirtha Math Rescue the hanging corpse of a loving couple from the cashew

forest. Earlier in the day, two goats were found hanging in the forest, according to reports. Police were called to the scene. Eyewitnesses identified the bodies of

the two dead. The nearest police station is said to be in Nuapatna village. It was later revealed that both the daughter and son had been in love for some time. The two returned home late last night after a sudden breakup. No family members were immediately available for comment. Following the news of the goat herder, the family saw the couple commit suicide by hanging themselves on a branch of a tree in the cashew forest near the village. Niali police arrived at the scene, removed the body, and sent it away for autopsy. The amputation report is expected to reveal the cause of death. The death toll has risen sharply in the region.

## Indian Navy scales up Relief Efforts at Cyclone Affected Areas in Balasore

(A.O. Bureau) Balasore, May 29: The Relief Teams of the Indian Navy deployed at Balasore scaled up their efforts in coordination with State authorities to provide assistance and render help to the affected population in the interior and adjacent fishing villages of Balasore District on 28 May 21. The Community Kitchen provided over 1500 cooked meals in fishing villages of



Gokulur, Taliboral, Sirsapoda, Hariapur, Bathrismania, Bodhigadiya,

Nadchowk, Baulabani, Badadio, Balramgadi and Dassipur. Packed meals were distributed

with the help of the local Sarpanch and distributed on two-wheelers in absence of proper access

roads. Nearly 400 packets of Food Provision and 300 clothing packets were also distributed at Kassafal Gram Panchayat and Talasari Village with assistance from local ex-servicemen. Helicopters from the four naval ships anchored off Dhamra port were also mobilised to supply 1500 food provisions packets to the Indian Navy's relief team deployed at ITR Balasore for distribution.

## New COB 160 BN BSF established at Mahupadar



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 29: A new BSF COB was established by troops of 160 BN BSF at Mahupadar, GP Mahupadar, PS- Mathili, Dist- Malkangiri, Odisha, a highly Maoist affected area in odisha and Chattisgarh Border in the foothills of Tulsi RF area. In this occasion following Officers were present Sh Sanjay Kumar Singh, DIG, SHQ THQ Malkangiri, Sh Tirtha Acharya, Comdt 160 BN BSF, Sh Rishikesh Dayanand Khilari, IPS, SP Malkangiri, Sh Subhanjan Mohapatra, DC (G) SHQ

Malkangiri, Sh Manoj kumar Singh, addl SP Malkangiri, Sh Manish kumar Gupta, AC Coy Comdr E Coy COB Mahupadar, Sh Shri Prakash Singh, AC Insp (G) Manoj kumar Singh, Sh Hublal Chandrakar, IIC Puspall (CG) Sh Raghu Nath Majhi, IIC Mathili Sh. Shib Shankar Dhuruva, Sarpanch Mahupadar Sh. Basanta Madhi, Sarpanch Kamarpalli. About 150 villagers male, females and childrens of GP Mahupadar also present during establishment of COB. this will reduce Maoist activities in Mahupadar area official said.

## Bikram Panda Vision on Red Riobn donation camp

Berhampur, May 29: On behalf Lack of blood so that no one's precious life should be lost. Berhampur MLA Vikram Panda and Odisha Mo Paribar's Ganjam district coordinator Subash Maharana have continued their blood collection drive to ensure that blood is never a barrier to the lives of patients with a lack of blood. On the instructions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, a blood donation camp has been organized at Prapti Kalyani Mandap in Odisha today on 29-05-2021 under the leadership of Hon'ble MLA Mr.



Bikram Kumar Panda to address the shortage of blood during the corona pandemic. In this occasion attended mainly by Subash Maharana, Vijay Samal, Modan Dalai, Silu Sabhat, Biswajit Patra, Ajit Pand, Aditya Patnaik, K Madhusudan Rao,

Ashwini Patnaik, among others. More than 25 units of blood have been voluntarily collected in this process. The MLA expressed his sincere gratitude to all the blood donors Mr. Panda urged all to continue their efforts in the program.

## Red Cross stands with YAAS affected people at Balasore

(A.O. Bureau) Balasore, May 29: Under the guidance of Honorary Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch CTM. Suguna food packets containing flattened rice, jaggery, biscuits, chhatua, candle, match box, water bottle etc. are distributed to the YAAS cyclone affected people at Balasore dis-

trict. Just after the cyclone due to the tireless effort of Red Cross food packets were distributed at Mirzapur, Chandipur of Chandipur GP of Balasore Sadar and also some villages of Soro Block in presence BDO Narendra Khamari and BDO Soro S.K. Naik. Red Cross Staff Mr. Manas

Ranjan Swain, Lilapunyatirtha Swain, Akshay Das coordinated the relief operation. YRC coordinator Balasore Sudhir Muduli, JRC District Secretary Ashok Kumar Nayak, YRC Coordinator Mayurbhanj and other YRC Counsellors and JRC Counsellors helped in relief distribution.



## Farmer dies of venomous snakebite



(A.O. Bureau) Malkangiri, May 29: An unfortunate incident has been reported in MV-76 villages of Bhubanpalli GP in the Malkangiri district's

Kalimela block. According to the information received, Pijesh Aich, 45, son of the late Paritosh Aich of MV-76 villages, fell asleep on the groundnut piled up

in front of the house last night as it was getting hot, so he felt dizzy and dizzy in the morning. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead at the scene. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The deceased was raising his family by cultivating paddy, Groundnut and peanuts.



# Yuvika Chaudhary's casteist slur controversy: Everything we know



New Delhi, May 29: Television and film actor Yuvika Chaudhary has landed herself in hot water after she used a casteist slur in a vlog (video blog). Here is everything we know about the case so far. Who is Yuvika Chaudhary?

Born on August 2, 1983, Yuvika Chaudhary first gained the limelight in 2004 with a talent show for aspiring actors, Zee Cine Stars Ki Khoj. She made her acting debut with Astitva...Ek Prem Kahani. The actor also appeared in the music video of Himesh

Reshammiya's "Wada Tainu". Yuvika made her Bollywood debut in Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone-starrer Om Shanti Om. Since then, she has appeared in Bollywood films like Summer 2007, Toh Baat Pakki, Veerey Ki Wedding. The

Shaukeens, Afra Tafari and Yaarana. She also participated in Bigg Boss 9. What is the controversy about? In a video that has since gone viral, Yuvika can be heard using the word that is derogatory to a section of the society. After the outrage, she apologised by sharing a statement and later a video on her social media profiles. She has claimed ignorance of the word's meaning and etymology in her apologies. "Hi guys I didn't know the meaning about that word which I used in my last vlog. I didn't mean to hurt anyone and I can never do that to hurt someone. I

apologise to each and every one. I hope you understand love you all (sic)," she said in a statement. Later, in a video, the actor said, "I apologise to you all with folded hands. I used the word unknowingly and I didn't know the meaning. Please forgive a mistake that happened unknowingly." What is the latest development? Yuvika Chaudhary has been booked by the Haryana Police on a complaint by a Dalit rights activist. Police registered an FIR against Yuvika under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act on Friday evening.

# Prasanth Varma to helm superhero film Hanu-Man



Genre!! ??Fasten your seat belts to dive into a new cinematic universe! ?? "HANU-MAN"? The First Original Superhero Film in Telugu???? The teaser features shots of a snow-clad mountainous region as it morphs into the poster. The poster shows the movie's logo that has Hanu and Man with a graphic of the sun separating them. A man

stands between the two mountain peaks. "The dawn of a new cinematic universe," declares the text on the poster. In a statement, the makers promised that Hanu-Man will be a "visual extravaganza". The cast and crew of the project will be announced soon. Prasanth Varma's last film was a zombie comedy titled Zombie Reddy, which released earlier this year.

# Meera Deosthale on being out of work since March 2020: I had become cranky



Mumbai, May 29: Actor Meera Deosthale says she took time to accept the situation in her life as she feels that an actor's life thrives on a set. The pandemic hasn't been easy on a single soul given the toll it has taken on everyone's health and economic aspects. Actor Meera Deosthale got a bitter taste of it when her show, Vidya was taken off air abruptly in March 2020 due to the

lockdown. Things turned worse, when the show didn't return even after the restrictions were lifted. "Of course, not having work impacts an actor. Since 2014 that I've been in Mumbai, I've been working every day of my life until March 17 last year.... that's when we stopped shooting," says the actor. She admits it was "difficult to process" when the show suddenly went off air.

"For a couple of months after that, I was so cranky because I wanted to go back on set. I just couldn't be in the house for so long. It was so boring," she adds. It took her some time to accept the situation, as she has always believed that an actor's life thrives on a set. "But you're sitting at home not knowing when the work is going to come again. Now, that feeling has gone. I'm not cranky anymore. But, I miss standing in front of the camera. I miss that family of 40-50 people on set and sitting with my co-stars," shares the actor. "There's a certain phase that everyone goes through. I can live fine for some time without work.

# Navya Naveli Nanda shares quote on difference between 'winners' and 'losers'

New Delhi, May 29: Navya Naveli Nanda took to Instagram Stories to share a quote about goal setting not being a factor that separates a successful person from an unsuccessful one. Navya Naveli Nanda, the granddaughter of actors Amitabh Bachchan and Jaya Bachchan, shared a quote about goal setting not being one of the factors of success. The quote suggested that those who fail can have ambitious goals too, and one needs to consider an alternative approach to goal setting. Taking to Instagram Stories, Navya wrote, "If successful and unsuccessful people share the same goals, then the goal cannot be what differentiates the winners



from losers." This school of thought advocates setting up a system to make continuous improvements instead of having goals. Navya, who is the co-founder of healthcare platform Aara Health and founder of the non-profit organisation Project Naveli, has been vocal about women's issues. In an Instagram post earlier

this month, she talked about gender equality being a 'distant reality as the pandemic continues to affect women disproportionately'. "As we watch the second wave unfold in India, and process the devastation, women are being hit the HARDEST," Navya wrote in her post. She also shared a list of organisations working

to help women amid the Covid-19 pandemic and urged everyone to support them. Earlier this year, Navya shared her own experience of being undermined as a woman in a male-dominated industry. She was in conversation with the other three founders of Aara Health. Navya had said that there is an internal feeling of needing to constantly prove

oneself as competent enough, being a part of an industry 'largely dominated by men'. "So whenever we are put in the spotlight, talking to a vendor or a doctor... All of us have been in situations where we are talking to somebody, most likely a man, who is mansplaining and talking to us in a very condescending manner," she had said. While many of Navya's family members - grandparents Amitabh and Jaya, uncle Abhishek Bachchan, aunt Aishwarya Rai Bachchan - are actors, she has no inclination to enter the film industry. She is gearing up to start working with her father, Nikhil Nanda, in the family business (Escorts).

# Waking up early reduces the risk of suffering from depression

Washington, May 29: "We have known for some time that there is a relationship between sleep timing and mood, but a question we often hear from clinicians is: How much earlier do we need to shift people to see a benefit?" said senior author Celine Vetter, assistant professor of integrative physiology at CU Boulder. "We found that even one-hour earlier sleep timing is associated with significantly lower risk of depression." TOPSHOT - People wait to receive a meal distributed by an humanitarian organisation during a complete lockdown imposed by the the state government as a preventive measure against the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus in Chennai on May 25, 2021. Previous observational studies have shown that night owl are as much as twice as likely to suffer from depression as early risers, regardless of how long they sleep. But because mood disorders them-

selves can disrupt sleep patterns, researchers have had a hard time deciphering what causes what. Other studies have had small sample sizes, relied on questionnaires from a single time point, or didn't account for environmental factors which can influence both sleep timing and mood, potentially confounding results. In 2018, Vetter published a large, long term study of 32,000 nurses showing that "early risers" were up to 27 per cent less likely to develop depression over the course of four years, but that begged the question: What does it mean to be an early riser? To get a clearer sense of whether shifting sleep time earlier is truly protective, and how much shift is required, lead author Iyas Daghlas, M.D., turned to data from the DNA testing company 23 and Me and the biomedical database UK Biobank. Daghlas then used a method called "Mendelian randomization" that



leverages genetic associations to help decipher cause and effect. "Our genetics are set at birth so some of the biases that affect other kinds of epidemiological research tend not to affect genetic studies," said Daghlas, who graduated in May from Harvard Medical School. More than 340 common genetic variants, including variants in the so-called "clock gene" PER2, are known to influence a person's chronotype, and genetics collectively explains 12-42 per cent of our sleep timing preference. The researchers assessed de-identified genetic data on these variants from up to

850,000 individuals, including data from 85,000 who had worn wearable sleep trackers for 7 days and 250,000 who had filled out sleep-preference questionnaires. This gave them a more granular picture, down to the hour, of how variants in genes influence when we sleep and wake up. In the largest of these samples, about a third of surveyed subjects self-identified as morning larks, 9% were night owls and the rest were in the middle. Overall, the average sleep midpoint was 3 a.m., meaning they went to bed at 11 p.m. and got up at 6 a.m. With this informa-

tion in hand, the researchers turned to a different sample which included genetic information along with anonymized medical and prescription records and surveys about diagnoses of major depressive disorder. Using novel statistical techniques, they asked: Do those with genetic variants which predispose them to be early risers also have a lower risk of depression? The answer is a firm yes. Each one-hour earlier sleep midpoint (halfway between bedtime and wake time) corresponded with a 23 per cent lower risk of major depressive disorder. This suggests that if someone who normally goes to bed at 1 a.m. goes to bed at midnight instead and sleeps the same duration, they could cut their risk by 23 per cent; if they go to bed at 11 p.m., they could cut it by about 40 per cent. It's unclear from the study whether those who are already early risers could ben-

efit from getting up even earlier. But for those in the intermediate range or evening range, shifting to an earlier bedtime would likely be helpful. Some research suggests that getting greater light exposure during the day, which early-risers tend to get, results in a cascade of hormonal impacts that can influence mood. Others note that having a biological clock, or circadian rhythm, that trends differently than most peoples' can in itself be depressing. "We live in a society that is designed for morning people, and evening people often feel as if they are in a constant state of misalignment with that societal clock," said Daghlas. He stresses that a large randomized clinical trial is necessary to determine definitively whether going to bed early can reduce depression. "But this study definitely shifts the weight of evidence toward supporting a causal effect of sleep timing on depression."

# Munmun Dutta booked for remark against community

Mumbai, May 29: Mumbai police have registered a case against television actor Munmun Dutta for allegedly using a derogatory term against a community, an official said on Saturday. The case relates to the remark that the Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah actor made in a video about make-up, which she had posted on a social media platform on May 9, in which she used a word for a specific community, police said. The video had gone viral on social media platforms. "The case against Dutta was registered on May 26 based on a complaint lodged by Naresh Bohit (40), a community leader and a worker of a political party, at Goregaon police station on May 12," the police official said. Since the actor resides in Amboli police station limits, the complaint

application was forwarded to that police station, he said. After the investigation, the FIR against the actor was registered on Wednesday. She has been booked under IPC sections 295(A) (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) and section 3 of the Prevention of Atrocities against SC/ST Act, the official said. The actor had drawn flak for her remark, following which she had issued an apology on May 10, in which she said that she used the word due to her "language barrier".





## Jadeja displays India's retro jumper for WTC final



New Delhi, May 29: India left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja on Saturday posted picture of the retro jumper India players will wear during World Test Championship final against New Zealand in Southampton from June 18 to 22. "Rewind to 90's [emoticon: T-shirt] #lovingit #india," tweeted the all-rounder along with a picture of himself donning the jersey. The sleeveless sweater that Jadeja is seen wearing has no logo of any sponsor understandably since the World Test Championship final is an Inter-

national Cricket Council (ICC) event and an individual team's sponsor cannot be displayed. There is a small Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) logo on the left-hand side at breast-pocket level while on the right side is the ICC World Test Championship logo. The retro design to which Jadeja is referring to comprises two stripes around the neck. The current India team's jumper doesn't have stripes. Also the name of current team's sponsor 'Byju's' is emblazoned on the shirt-front. The WTC jumper doesn't have the sponsor's name. Instead, it has India emblazoned in bold letters. The India squad, led by Virat Kohli, is set to leave for England on June 2 in a charter flight from Mumbai. The players will undergo a 10-day quarantine on arrival in Southampton ahead of the WTC final.

## Ind, NZ to share trophy if WTC final ends in draw



Dubai, May 29: India and New Zealand will be adjudged joint winners of the inaugural World Test Championship if their final clash in Southampton ends in a draw or tie, the International Cricket Council (ICC) said on Friday. According to the playing conditions unveiled by the global body, "a draw or a tie will see both teams crowned as joint winners..." The ICC has also allocated a Reserve Day to make up for any losttime during the regular days of the Final, scheduled to be played from 18 to 22 June, with 23 June set aside as the Reserve Day. "Both of these decisions were made in June 2018, prior to the commencement of the ICC World Test Championship." The Reserve Day has been

scheduled to ensure five full days of play, and it will only be used if lost playing time cannot be recovered through the normal provisions for each day. "There will be no additional day's play if a positive result is not achieved after five full days of play and the match will be declared a draw in such a

scenario," the ICC stated. In the event of time being lost during the match, the ICC match referee will regularly update the teams and media about the way in which the Reserve Day may be used. The final decision on whether the Reserve Day needs to be used will be announced

at the scheduled start of the last hour on the fifth day. While India play at home with SG Test and New Zealand use Kookaburra at home, the final will be played with Grade 1 Dukes balls. The final will also feature the implementation of three changes to international playing conditions, which

were brought into effect with the ongoing World Cup Super League series between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka: Short Runs — The Third Umpire will automatically review any call of a 'short run' by the on-field umpire and communicate the decision prior to the next ball being bowled. Player Reviews — The fielding captain or the dismissed batsman will be able confirm with the umpire whether a genuine attempt has been made to play the ball prior to deciding whether to initiate a review for LBW. DRS Reviews — For LBW reviews, the height margin of the wicket zone has been lifted to the top of the stumps to ensure the same Umpire's Call margin around the stumps for both height and width.

## Mental fitness is as important as physical fitness'

Bengaluru, May 29: Indian men's hockey team defender Jarmanpreet Singh on Friday stressed on the importance of mental fitness as they prepare for the Tokyo Olympic amid a raging COVID-19 pandemic. The 24-year-old has been training at SAI centre in Bengaluru as part of the Senior Core Group ahead of the Olympics. "I feel mental fitness is as important as physical fitness to deal with the current situations. A player needs to be mentally strong, and for that, we have been helping each other," said Jarmanpreet in a release issued by Hockey India. India were supposed to play their FIH Pro League away matches against Great Britain, Spain and Germany this month but the ties were postponed due to travel restrictions imposed in the wake of a surge in COVID-19 cases. "We communicate with each other, we try

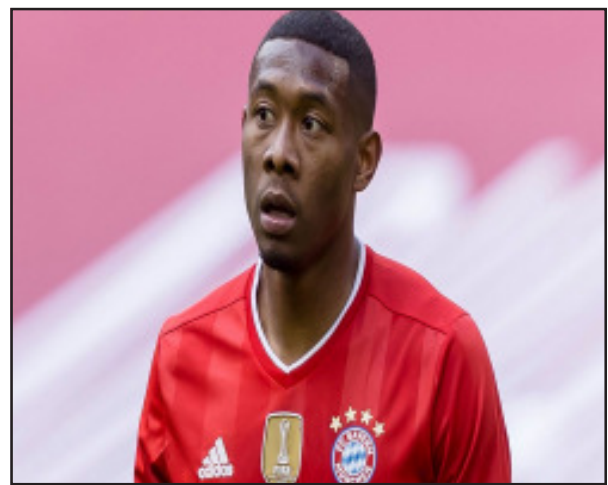
to create a positive environment around so that everyone stays in a happy zone. I feel because of this, there's a very good team bonding, which has been helping us with our preparations for the Olympics," he said. Asked how he is preparing for the Tokyo Games, Jarmanpreet said, "My focus remains only on giving my best, with the full energy, and trying to improve each and every day at the training. "I put on a challenge to myself that, I should keep reducing my margin of error." Jarmanpreet, who made his debut for the national team in 2018, feels he is fortunate to have the support from the senior players since the beginning of his career. "I am very fortunate and thankful to all senior players as well as coaches because they knew my past (the two-year doping ban in 2015), they knew I was returning after a long time.

## Perera, Chameera star for Lanka

Dhaka, May 29: Sri Lanka avoided being swept by Bangladesh in their one-day international series when it won the third match by 97 runs with a Kusal Perera century and Dushmanta Chameera's maiden five-for on Friday. Perera struck a 122-ball 120, including 11 fours and one six, to lead Sri Lanka to a respectable 286-6. The fast bowler Chameera then took 5-16 to undermine the reply by Bangladesh, which was all out for 189 in 42.3 overs. The victory

marked Sri Lanka's first in the ODI Super League. Perera and Danushka Gunathilaka opened with an 82-run stand after they won the toss. Bangladesh fast bowler Taskin Ahmed, who claimed 4-46, brought the home side back in contention with a double strike, dismissing Gunathilaka for 39 and Pathum Nissanka for 0. Perera drove Taskin to sweeper cover for a single in a bulletproof 50 off 44 balls, but the skipper needed luck three times to reach his sixth ODI century.

## Defender David Alaba joins Real Madrid from Bayern



Madrid, May 29: Real Madrid strengthened its defense by signing David Alaba after the defender ended his highly successful stint at Bayern Munich. Madrid said the 28-year-old Alaba agreed to a five-year contact. His official presentation will be after the European Championship where he will play for Austria, the club said. Alaba's arrival coincided with contract negotiations stalled between the club and veteran defender Sergio Ramos. Ramos' contract runs out at the end of June. Alaba is leaving Bayern after 431 games in 13 years at the club, where he won 10 German titles and the Champions League

twice. He said he was looking for a new challenge after contract renewal talks with Bayern broke down in November over his wage demands. Alaba was a versatile player who usually played in defense for Bayern and as a midfielder for Austria. Alaba has played 79 games for Austria.

## Panghal cruises into final

Dubai, May 29: The defending champion Amit Panghal punched his way into the men's 52kg final at the 2021 ASBC Asian Boxing Championships after outpunching Kazakhstan's Saken Bibossinov in the last-4 clash in Dubai on Friday. During an intense battle between World Championships Silver medalist Panghal and Bronze medalist Bibossinov, the Indian made a cautious

Zoirov Shakhobidin of Uzbekistan in the gold medal match on Monday. India is now assured of at least five Silver medals with four women already making their way into the finals earlier on Thursday at the prestigious event which is jointly hosted by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) and UAE Boxing Federation. With 15 medals confirmed, Indian contingent also achieved their highest



start and tried to keep a distance from the opponent. He looked more aggressive later in the second round and hit some clean punches to put pressure on Bibossinov. Panghal carried on the momentum throughout the match and stamped his authority over Kazakh boxer to secure a commanding 5-0 win. Aiming to win second successive gold, the Indian boxer will take on Rio Olympic champion

medal haul, surpassing the previous best of 13 (2 gold, 4 silver and 7 Bronze) from the 2019 edition in Bangkok. On Thursday six-time World Champion Mary Kom (51kg) alongside three more Indian women pugilists-Pooja Rani (75kg), Anupama (+81kg) and Lalbuatsahi (64kg)-progressed into the finals. The defending champion Pooja received a walk-over against Mongolia's Munkhbat.

## Our preparation far from being ideal: Stimac



Kolkata, May 29: Livid with the strict quarantine arrangements in Qatar, Indian football team head coach Igor Stimac on Friday said their preparation is "far from being ideal" for the upcoming World Cup and Asian Cup Qualifiers. Already out of contention for a World Cup berth, India will face Asian champions Qatar on June 3 before taking on Bangladesh (June 7) and Afghanistan (June 15) in their remaining group E matches, with an aim to qualify for the 2023 Asian Cup in China. The Sunil Chhetri-led Blue Tigers, who were originally slated to reach Qatar on May 30, advanced their arrival to May 19. As per the strict quarantine, they are not allowed to train in gym, use the meeting hall or even eat together. "If I knew that everything will be like it is today, I would never accept to be honest. We could organise such games in such way in India also. At the end we lost possibility of playing two home games," Stimac told reporters during a virtual interaction. "Here we are now, not in great conditions. This is far

away from a proper preparation for the World Cup qualifiers, but it is what it is. This is not a proper football work which needs to be obtained before the World Cup qualifiers." Frustrated with the arrangements, Stimac continued: "I'm well aware that Qatar is future host of the World Cup, and we all know about the great facilities for football teams. "But, as a coach, personally I expected a lot more from this organisation. I know that we changed all our plans due to the pandemic. I say a big thank you to Qatar government for allowing us to come over here." Under the current circumstances, the Indian players are forced to practice on the corridor, in front of their respective rooms, the 53-year-old Croatian World Cupper said. "I didn't expect this. I expected

as a coach that we're going to have a possibility of using the gym. "We are doing our morning sessions in the hall in front of our rooms, and our players are eating delivery food, which is left in front of our rooms. "That's not proper preparation for a football players, I'm quite sure that the Qatari team is not in the same position." Stimac said they are forced to go through all this despite being tested COVID-19 negative three times. "We were tested three times already, all the tests are negative. Why we don't have a proper meeting hall, so we can discuss and analyse our opponents, why we don't have a possibility of spending more time together, eating together. "Instead of that we have one chance going out in the evenings for the training session, that's all." With India

reeling under a second wave of the pandemic, most of the players, barring the ones from Bengaluru FC and FC Goa who were involved in the AFC club tournaments, have not played any match since the ISL got over earlier this year. But Stimac is hopeful that they would make the Asian Cup. Currently placed third with three points, India still have a bright chance to make the continental showpiece even if they finish last in their group. "I'm very confident that at the end of this journey, we will be in the AFC Cup. I know that our actual situation at the moment is far from ideal. The Qatar team is fully prepared. "The Bangladesh side was playing in their league until recently. They will be much better prepared. 23 out of 28 players in the Afghanistan side are playing in Europe or in the United States, so they will be in full swing. "On the other hand, you know the situation of our team. But what I can promise to all of you we're going to give everything we have at the moment, playing these games.

## Tokyo hopes over for Saina & Srikanth

New Delhi, May 29: 2012 London Olympic Bronze medallist Saina Nehwal and former world number one Kidambi Srikanth hopes of qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics ended on Friday after Badminton World Federation (BWF) announced there will be no change in the current ranking list and no further tournaments will be played inside the Olympic

change." Because of the ongoing health crisis, BWF on February 19 had decided to extend the qualification period to June 15 after postponing Malaysia Open Super 750 and Singapore Open Super 500 tournaments to a later date. But with no improvement in the situation after a brief period too, the tournaments were shelved, which dashed Saina and



pic qualification period. "The Badminton World Federation (BWF) can confirm no further tournaments will be played inside the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games qualifying window," the sport body said in a statement. "As such, while the qualification period officially closes 15 June 2021 as per the Revised Tokyo 2020 Qualification System, the current Race To Tokyo rankings list will not

Srikanth hopes to earn a chance for qualification. "The Olympic qualification process is in effect closed as there are no additional opportunities for players to earn points," BWF secretary general Thomas Lund said. According to the qualification rules, the top 16 players—a maximum of two players each in men's and women's singles from a country—as on June 15 will gain direct entries.



# China Created Coronavirus !

(A.O. Bureau)  
New Delhi, May 29: Where did the corona virus come from? Is it made in a lab in China? Answers to such questions are yet to be done. Researchers and researchers from all over the world are trying to know how the corona virus originated. In this sequence, British professor Angus Dalglish and Norway scientist Dr. Sorenson have claimed that the corona virus has been made in a lab in China. In the research report of both the scientists, it has been claimed that a 'unique fingerprint' has been found in the corona virus sample, which is pos-



sible only after tampering with the virus in the lab. Britain's news website Daily Mail has published news to this effect and it has been written on the basis of research paper written by both scientists. According to the report, the study shows that Chinese scientists created the virus while working on the 'gain of function' project in

Wuhan's lab. 'Gain-of-function' research is temporarily banned in the US, in this research the naturally occurring virus is developed in the lab to make it more infectious and so that its effect on humans is more. Research scientists took the backbone of the natural corona virus from bats found in the cave

and added a new spike to the virus, which resulted in a much more contagious and lethal Kovid 19 virus. Researchers have also said that no old evidence of natural corona virus is found in Kovid 19. Also, reverse engineering has been done so that tampering with the virus is not detected in the lab. British professor Angus Dalglish with Daily Mail.com said, "We think the virus was created there by retro engineering, later replaced and then given a sequence that was many years ago." Scientists have also questioned the de-

struction of evidence in the Wuhan lab in their research and said that the scientists who wanted to share their information about it either disappeared or have not opened their mouths yet. Explain that until recent months, most of the experts around the world had insisted that the virus has been generated naturally and spread to humans through animals. Last week, US epidemiologist Dr. Anthony Fauci defended the help given to China's Wuhan Institute of Virology, saying that American financial support was not for 'gain of function' research.

## The delicious "Bharat Masala" is now being made with the help of the people



(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhubaneswar, May 29: Now the second wave of the Corona epidemic has alarmed everyone. Especially those who have to choose between life and livelihood have their lives very frustrated. "In search of such a place, Anwesha and Bharat Masala arrived in the Mali Sahi area of Unit 3, Bhubaneswar. "While the girls of the Anwesha Foundation are setting an example for the community, the Bharat Masala, which cooks delicious food in the kitchen, has also given a message to the society. "Dry food was distributed to women in-

involved in prostitution who lost their livelihoods during the more than 300 epidemics in the Mali Sahi area in collaboration with Anwesha and Bharat Masala. "The Anwesha Foundation, in collaboration with Sushant Kumar Panda, Managing Director, Bharat Masala, distributed food items in compliance with the Corona Act and maintaining social order. "The event was attended by Ipsita Sahu, Sagarika Samanta, Supriti Nath Sharma, Soubhagini Sahu, Itishree Sahu, Lily Nayak, Swetakirti Sharma, Preeti Jena among others.

## Central University of Odisha organizes an online programme on 'Preparing for interviews'

(A.O. Bureau)  
Koraput, May 29: To enhance the interview skills of the students, an online programme on the topic 'Preparing for interview' was organised by the Central University of Odisha

ing a formal interview. After providing a bird's eye view on Interview and its importance, he discussed about the interviewing techniques which included Series Interview, Filter Interview, Set Interview,

which included initiation, investigating tenor of behaviour, assessing knowledge and assessing interpersonal skills. Further, the norms of selection in an interview process were discussed which included a



(CUO), Koraput on 27 May 2021. Prof. C. Murli Krishna, Head, Department of English, Osmania University, Hyderabad joined as a Resource Person and spoke on the occasion. Prof. I. Ramabrahmam, Vice-Chancellor, CUO inaugurated the programme and wished the programme will enhance the interview skills of the students to face interview at any level. He highlighted the importance of communication skills to the students in his address. The programme was started with introductory note Prof. P. Durga Prasad, Visiting Professor, Dept. of Sociology. Dr. Ram Shankar, introduced the Resource Persons. Dr. Minati Sahoo, HoD (I/c), Dept. of Business Management, CUO coordinated the programme. Prof. Krishna discussed about the concept of "Interview" in brief with its etymological origin, purpose and various perspectives in the first part of the programme. He explained the difference between formal and informal interviews and also went on to justify the innate fear of fac-

Simulation Interview, On Spot Interview and Panel Interview. He discussed each kind of interview in detail. In the next part he discussed on how to prepare for an interview. Various aspects of preparation such as Time Management, Punctuality, Body Language, Attentiveness, Communication Skills, Enthusiasm, Listening Skills, Brevity, Honesty, Adaptation, Poise and Leadership qualities were discussed. Prof. Krishna went on to enlist various kinds of questions that can be expected in an interview which included questions concerning a candidate's attainments-educational and personal, physique-appearance, manners, health etc, general intelligence, aptitude, interests and dispositions. He also explained how all of these questions can be divided into four major groups- Leading Questions, Open Ended Questions, Probing Questions and Close Ended Questions- and how to tackle each one of them. He elaborated the process of a formal interview in four steps

candidate's disposition, knowledge, communication skill and leadership. The speaker concluded his presentation by providing links and suggesting books for further reading that would be helpful in preparing for an interview. The students asked various questions relating to answering particular questions in an interview, introducing oneself to the interview panel, dealing with the pressure, the kind of mental preparation required prior to an interview, salary negotiations, presenting one's weaknesses and having and expressing personal boundaries in the question & answer session. Prof. C. Murli Krishna answered all their queries in a brief and informative manner. The meeting concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Dr. Ram Shankar, Controller of Examinations, CUO. Along with students and faculty members of the University Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita, Dean, School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources were present on the occasion.

## Webinar on Confronting COVID-19: WAY Ahead in Ayurveda

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhubaneswar, May 29: Panel Speakers of the event were Dr. Saurabha Nayak, Vaidya Sanghamitra Dash, Vaidya Manas Ranjan Hota, Dr. Debasmata Mohanty, And Dr. Bijayashree Satapathy. Dr. Garima of All India Institute of Ayurveda has moderated the session. Dr. Saurabha Nayak spoke on "COVID-19 : WHAT A COMMON MAN SHOULD KNOW". Vaidya Sanghamitra Dash made a presentation on "COVID-19 Pandemic in the Prism of Ayurveda". Vaidya Manas

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Sunday, 23rd May 2021 at 06:00 P.M.  
Invited Speakers of the Panel

 Vaidya Sanghamitra Dash Professor, G.D. Ayurveda Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	 Dr. Saurabha Nayak Associate Professor, Dept. of Respiratory Medicine, CUO, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	 Vaidya Manas Ranjan Hota Principal, Shree Anandam Ayurveda College, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	 Dr. Debasmata Mohanty Dept. of Ayurveda, All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi
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Ranjan Hota presented on "Management of COVID-19 In Ayurveda". Dr.

Debasmata Mohanty and Dr. Bijayashree Satapathy spoke consecutively on proper sleep as well as balanced diet and Yogic Practices as Immunomodulators to fight COVID-19. Dr. Garima, part of her vote of thanks said, program of this kind has significant relevance in current context to cut ice with masses in the absence of reliable alternative therapeutic treatments both in terms of prevention and cure. Many believe this can be a turning point to augment the revival of Ayurveda, one of the most precious gifts from India to

the world towards making quality of life better in long run. The event has turned out to be a huge success with participation of a cross section of audience including health care academics, practitioners and influential social activists. Shree Anandam Ayurveda is a preventive health care and Panchakarma clinic. It carries out Super Speciality treatment for chronic ailments, musculo-skeletal and spine diseases, Auto-immune diseases and life style disorders. It is located at 18A/1, 2nd floor, Doriwalan, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110005.

## Farmers protest at Pusuguda Groundnut Mandi



(A.O. Bureau)  
Malkangiri, May 29: A similar incident took place in Pusuguda Panchayat Mandi under Kalimela block of Malkangiri district. According to information received, the Ground nut Mandi was inaugurated for the first time in Pusuguda panchayat yesterday. Many farmers in the surrounding area took their Groundnuts and Green gram (muggdali) there for sale at their fair prices. But the Mandi officers who came there checked the Groundnuts and mung dals with his machine and rejected their Groundnuts and Green gram, saying that it had more moisture. After inspecting the peanuts and mung beans of all

the farmers, they canceled their crops. Later, government officials dried their Groundnuts and muggdali for three to four hours in the heat and asked them to check again and went to eat. He then arrived at the mandi at around 3.30pm and again checked the dried peanuts and muggdali and again said that the machine was in poor condition as there was a moisture as before and they said they would come back to the next weekly mandi. Asked for. Now the farmers say they will have to pay for labour it again and again. According to them, they have not paid their wages to the peasants and if they do not sell these Groundnuts and

mung beans now, where will they give their money to the peasants and workers? Farmers have expressed dissatisfaction with the government's neglect.

## Seven houses were gutted in the blaze

(A.O. Bureau)  
Bhanjanagar, May 29: Seven houses were set on fire and destroyed in a fire in the tribal street of Kathchira in Turum panchayat at Bhanjanagar block of Ganjam district. A fire broke out in the homes of seven families, burning property and burning property. Four cows were also set on fire and a cow tied up inside was reportedly burnt to death. Local sarpanches and local IIC arrived at the scene to assess the damage and continue work on their accommodation arrangements.



M/s. Chennai Radha Engineering Works (P) Ltd., working at Paradip Port Trust, donated Oxygen concentrators to the Government of Odisha. Mr. A Ramesh, Resident Manager of PPT site donated on behalf of company.