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Odisha Assembly Monsoon Session Begins On Stormy Note; House Adjourned

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): The first day of Odisha Assembly's Monsoon Session today began on a stormy note as Congress members created a ruckus in the House demanding a discussion on drought-like situation in the state. Following a condolence motion moved by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik via video conference as a mark of tribute to



former Minister late Bijayshree Routray and other senior leaders, Congress legislators staged protest. A group of

the party MLAs led by senior leader Tara Prasad Bahinipati went to the Well of the House and shouted slogans de-

manding suspension of Question Hour for a discussion on drought-like situation. Congress Legislative Party (CLP) Leader Narasingha Mishra also made a written appeal to Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro for the same. However, the Speaker did not consider the demand citing that Opposition BJP moved an adjournment motion on similar topic. But the

Congress legislators continued their protest with party senior leader attempting to climb atop the podium. Unable to run the House, the Speaker adjourned it till 12.34 pm. Leader of Opposition (LoP) Pradipta Naik, who is still under medication at AIIMS for COVID-19 infection, attended the session through VC in hospital.

Odisha Govt Notifies Electric Vehicle Policy, 2021

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): The Commerce & Transport Department of Odisha government on Wednesday notified the State Electric Vehicle Policy, 2021. "After consideration, the suggestions received within the stipulated time, the Government have been pleased to announce the Odisha Electric Vehicle Policy, 2021 to build Odisha a model State in promotion of EVs through adoption, adaptation,

research development apart from facilitating growth in employment," the notification read. The State government further notified that climate change has become a global concern over the last few decades and the road transport sector by pollution plays a major role for rapid increase in the global temperature. Therefore, there is need for reduction in the use of fossil fuel to reduce pollution due to emissions. Besides, the

NITI AAYOG have urged upon all States & Union Territories to adopt a well defined Electric Vehicle Policy. Government of Odisha have framed a draft -Odisha Electric Vehicle Policy, 2021. vide Notification No.1360 dt 11.02.2021 which was notified in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 268 dated 12.02.2021 inviting suggestion for any inclusion or omission in the final Policy, the notification further read.

Google To Provide All The Details About Vaccine

New Delhi, 1/9: In a major development, search engine giant Google on Wednesday said users will be able to get more information about vaccine availability and appointments for over 13,000 locations in the country across its three products - Search, Maps and Assistant - starting this week. The information is powered by



real-time data from the Co-WIN APIs, and includes details like availability of appointment slots at each centre, vac-

cines and doses offered (Dose 1 or Dose 2), pricing (paid or free), and link to Co-WIN website for booking, a statement

said. The information will automatically show up when users search for vaccine centres near them, or in any specific area - across Google Search, Maps and Google Assistant, it added. In addition to English, users can also search in eight Indian languages including Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Gujarati, and Marathi.

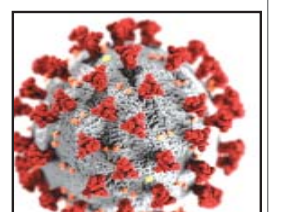
No cases of new Covid variant C.1.2 detected in India: Health Ministry

New Delhi: Amid the threat of new Covid variant C.1.2, which has been detected in South Africa and many other countries globally, the Union health ministry on Wednesday clarified that no case of this variant has been detected in India so far. A new study has revealed that the new Covid-19 variant C.1.2 could be more transmissible and evade protection provided by vaccines. The scientists from National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) and the KwaZulu-Natal Research Innovation and Sequencing Platform (KRISP) in South Africa said the potential variant of interest was first detected in the

country in May this year. The government has clarified that 'no case of new Covid variant C.1.2 has been detected in India so far'. The Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology has been put on alert in this regard for detection. Meanwhile, the WHO has said that to date there are 100 sequences of C.1.2. reported globally; from the earliest report in May from South Africa and currently it does not appear to be 'increasing in circulation'. The scientists in the study said that this Covid variant has been found in China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mauritius, the UK, New Zealand, Portugal and Switzer-

WHO Monitoring New Coronavirus Variant 'Mu'

Geneva, 1/9: The World Health Organization has said it is monitoring a new coronavirus variant known as "Mu", which was first identified in Colombia in January. Mu, known scientifically as B.1.621, has been classified as a "variant of interest", the global health body said Tuesday in its weekly pandemic bulletin. The WHO said the variant has mutations that in-



dicating a risk of resistance to vaccines and stressed that further studies were needed to better understand it. "The Mu variant has a constellation of mutations that indicate potential properties of immune escape," the bulletin said.

land as of August 13. The scientists found a consistent increase in

the number of C.1.2 genomes in South Africa each month.

Heavy Rain In Delhi, Orange Alert Issued

New Delhi, Rain has worsened the situation in Delhi-NCR in the last 24 to 48 hours. At the same time, in view of the deteriorating conditions and weather,

the Meteorological Department has issued an orange alert. According to the information, the coming 24 hours in Delhi NCR can be heavy in terms of rain. Ac-

cording to the department, there may be heavy rain and waterlogging in many areas during this period. According to senior scientist of IMD RK Genmani,

29 to 20 cm in Delhi within the last 27 hours, it rained. He told that during the last 24 hours, the rain in Delhi is one of the highest for the fifth time.

Plans Afoot For Integrated Development At Harishankar, Nrusinghnath

Bhubaneswar:(A.O. Bureau) Plans for an integrated development at Harishankar and Nrusinghnath temples in the Gandhamardan region have been on to ensure sustainable tourism. During a presentation before Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at third meeting on the development plan at the twin temples of Harishankar and Nrusinghnath, it was stated the project will improve pilgrim and visitor experience. The entire temple region will be developed with focus on

religious and cultural traditions, natural eco-system and adventure tourism, said a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office. The master plan includes connectivity with upgradation of vehicular road and parking, upgradation of vending zone, religious street, cultural plaza, visitor facilities with centre for cultural traditions and herbal centre, public park and plaza with picnic zone, kids play area, amphitheatre and upgradation of temple facilities with beautification



and lighting, restoration of Dharmasala, Bhoga Mandap and kitchen. There is also a proposal of 18 kilometer path for trekking on the hills with

active spots like benches, info signages, toilets, café and watch-towers. Among others, OTDC Chairperson Srimayee Mishra, Chief Secretary Suresh

Mohapatra, Secretary to CM (S-T) V.K. Pandian, Development Commissioner PK Jena and other senior officers attended the meeting.

Kabul Is Becoming Hell For People After US Army Left

Kabul: After America left Afghanistan, the atmosphere in Kabul has worsened even more. Due to the closure of Kabul Airport, ordinary Afghan people are going towards the border areas in Badkhash to leave the country. Long queues of people can be seen in the border areas. Let us tell you that Afghanistan is a country surrounded by land borders from all sides. The country is surrounded on all sides by Pakistan, Iran and Central Asian countries. Let us tell you that after 20 years in



Afghanistan, American troops have completely withdrawn. With this, a new innings of Taliban has also started. Meanwhile, the Taliban have expressed their desire to build good relations with the US and the rest of the

world. Taliban's top spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid held a press conference on the runway of Kabul airport on Tuesday. During this, Mujahid congratulated the Afghans for their independence. Mujahid said.

11 Killed In Road Accident In Rajasthan

Jaipur: A total of 11 people lost their lives while returning to Madhya Pradesh after offering prayers at Ramdevra temple in Rajasthan when their jeep reportedly collided with another vehicle in Nagaur's Shribalaji town on Tuesday morning at around 7.45 a.m. Eight people died on the spot

while 3 others took their last breath on their way to Nokha hospital. Overall six injured are being treated in the Bikaner hospital till the time of filing of this report. The deceased were from Ujjain and Dewas districts of Madhya Pradesh. Police officials are investigating reasons of accident as the injured

were unable to share details. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has expressed his condolences for the bereaved families. "It is heart wrenching to know that 11 people passed away in an accident. My condolences to the bereaved families. May God give them strength to bear the loss."

President's Colour To Be Awarded To Naval Aviation On Sept 6

New Delhi: President of India, Ram Nath Kovind will award the President's Colour to Indian Naval Aviation at the ceremonial parade to be held at INS Hansa, Goa on 06 Sep 21. During the occasion, a Special Day Cover will be released by the Postal Department. The ceremony is expected to be attended by the Governor of Goa, Raksha Mantri, Chief Minister of Goa, Chief of the Naval Staff several other civil and military dignitaries. The President's Colour is the highest honour bestowed on a military unit in recognition of its



exceptional service to the nation. The Indian Navy was the first amongst the Indian Armed Forces to be awarded the President's Colour on 27 May 1951 by Dr Rajendra Prasad, the then President of India. Subsequent recipients of the President's Colour in the Navy include Southern Naval Command,

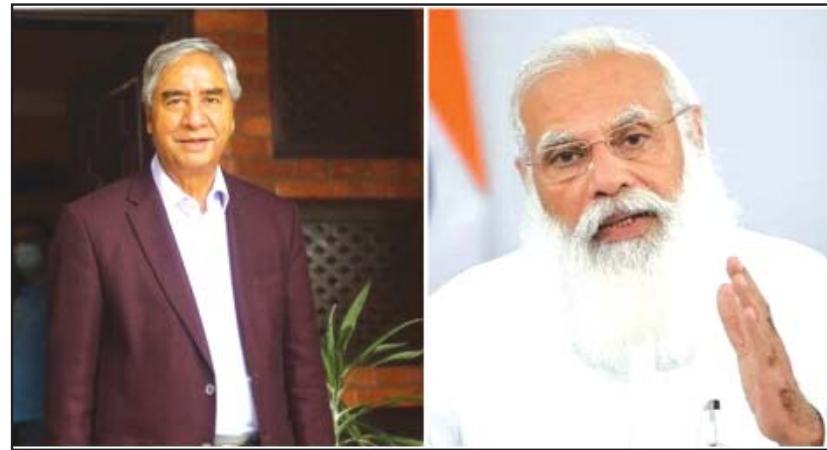
Eastern Naval Command, Western Naval Command, Eastern Fleet, Western Fleet, Submarine Arm, INS Shivaji and the Indian Naval Academy. Indian Naval Aviation came into being with acquisition of the first Sealand aircraft on 13 Jan 1951 and commissioning of INS Garuda, the first Naval Air Station, on 11 May 1953.

After Boundary Row, Nepal And India Enter Into Fresh Diplomatic Scuffle

Kathmandu: After the boundary row of last year, there was peace in bilateral ties between Nepal and India. There were high-level meetings and contacts between the two sides. But that seems to be fading away now.

The presence of Indian SSB in a recent incident in which a Nepali national fell into Mahakali while crossing the river using a cable and went missing is likely to invite another round of a diplomatic row between Kathmandu and New Delhi.

Eyewitnesses and locals of Darchula district of Nepal said one Jay Singh Dhami of Darchula district fell into the Mahakali River in July end after the Indian SSB removed the cable. Then Nepal's Ministry of Home Affairs formed a five-member investigation team led by Joint Secretary Janardan Gautam on August 1 to probe the matter. The Gautam-led panel on Tuesday evening submitted its report to the Home Minister Bal Krishna Khad stating that "it appears the incident took place in the



presence of Indian security personnel" and recommended that the government take diplomatic initiatives to bring the perpetrator(s) to book. On July 30, Jaya Singh Dhami, 33, from Khangdam Mal of Byas Rural Municipality-2 in Darchula fell into Mahakali while crossing the river using an improvised cable crossing, locally known as tuin. Media reports based on eyewitness accounts suggested that a Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) person had untangled the cable just when Dhami was about to reach the Indian side, across the river. On July 30, Dhami was on his way to Kathmandu, the Capital, where he was supposed to complete some tasks before flying

abroad as a migrant worker. Due to the lack of a road connecting his village and the district headquarters, he was left with no option but to take the risky means of crossing the raging Mahakali river. After falling into the river, Dhami was swept away by the raging waters and his whereabouts remain unknown. The Sher Bahadur Deuba government has been facing criticism over failing to make the report public and taking a position on Dhami's disappearance. The Gautam-led committee also urged the Nepal government to take the diplomatic initiative to provide justice to Dhami and his family. The Deuba government has received widespread criticism for

not taking up the matter with India. Even leaders from the ruling parties accused the government of covering up the incident and not taking up the matter with India. Instead of making the report public, the government August 26 announced a compensation of Rs 1 million to Dhami's family, attracting more criticism, as many considered it as an attempt to quell growing demands that Deuba take a firm stand on the incident. There were also concerns if the Deuba government was reluctant to make the report public so as not to antagonise India. The probe panel submitted the report, exactly a month after the incident, but the government has not made the details pub-

lic yet. The panel, according to a statement issued by the Home Ministry, has recommended that the government make arrangements for the livelihood of Dhami's family and education of the children. Nabin Singh Dhami, an eyewitness, had told Kathmandu Post, a leading English daily in Kathmandu on August 1 that Jaya had almost made it to the other side when he suddenly fell, along with the cable after it was detached from a tree on the Indian side, into the river. Anand Swarup, then district magistrate of Pithoragarh, had written to his Nepali counterpart Siddha Raj Joshi, chief district officer of Darchula, on August 1, claiming that the Sashastra Seema Bal was not involved in the incident. Darchula, however, is a region which Nepal's political parties have used for their partisan interests and they consider it a strategic issue. Kalapani, Limpiyadhura and Lipulekh, which Nepal included in its new map published in May last year, fall in Darchula. The region is claimed by India as its own.

ED Conducts Raids Across 10 Locations In Kolkata Fake COVID Vaccination Drive Case

Kolkata: Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday conducted raids across 10 locations in Kolkata in connection with the fake vaccine case. The Kolkata police had arrested six persons which includes fraud IAS officer Debanjan Deb in connection with the fake vaccination drive against

coronavirus disease (COVID-19). On July 3, the office of Debanjan Deb was raided by the Detective Department of the Special Investigation Team (SIT). According to the Kolkata Police, voluminous material, such as attendance registers, visitor slips, applications for jobs, fake tender documents and

several others were seized. Prior to this, an SIT was formed on June 25 by the police to investigate the matter just days after TMC MP Mimi Chakraborty was allegedly given fake vaccination at such a camp. Deb was subsequently arrested based on Chakraborty's complaint.

What Does "Fact Check" About Man Dangling From Helicopter In Afghanistan Say?

Kabul: A video showing a helicopter flying over Kandahar with a man hanging from a rope below emerged on the Internet. The Taliban Times, a Twitter account claiming to be affiliated with the Taliban, shared the footage on August 30 with the caption, "Our Air Force! At the 0:32 mark in the video, the person can be seen being held by a harness-like contrap-

trolling the city." Fact-checker for the Indian outlet Alt News, Mohammed Zubair, posted another version of the video in a tweet, apparently showing the scene in more detail and closer up. This version clearly shows the dangling person moving and raising their arm. At the 0:32 mark in the video, the person can be seen being held by a harness-like contrap-



tion around their back. Freelance journalist Bilal Sarwary responded to the video in a tweet on Aug. 31, 2021 by saying: "Af-

ghan pilot flying this is someone I have known over the years. He was trained in the US and UAE, he confirmed to me that he flew the

Blackhawk helicopter. Taliban fighter seen here was trying to install Taliban flag from air but it didn't work in the end." Alt News, in their fact-check article of the same scene, identified another video from Aug. 30 showing a person similarly dangling from a helicopter near a flag pole, corroborating Sarwary's version of events (here).

India Achieves Highest Ever Single-Day Vaccination Coverage

New Delhi: In a landmark achievement, India administered more than 1 Crore COVID-19 vaccine doses. This feat has been achieved twice in the last 5 days. With the administration of 1,33,18,718 vaccine doses in the last 24 hours, India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has surpassed the cumulative figure of 65.41 Cr (65,41,13,508) as per provisional reports till 7 am today. This has been achieved through 69,06,357 sessions. The Union Government is committed to accelerating the



pace and expanding the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country. The recovery of 33,964 patients in the last 24 hours has increased the cumulative tally of recovered patients (since the beginning of the pandemic) to 3,19,93,644. Consequently, India's recovery rate stands at 97.51%. Sustained

and collaborative efforts by the Centre and the States/UTs continue the trend of less than 50,000 Daily New Cases that is being reported for 66 consecutive days now. Meanwhile, 41,965 new cases were reported in the last 24 hours. The active caseload is presently 3,78,181. Active cases presently constitute 1.15% of the

country's total Positive Cases. The testing capacity across the country continues to be expanded. The last 24 hours saw a total of 16,06,785 tests being conducted. India has so far conducted over 52.31 Cr (52,31,84,293) cumulative tests. While testing capacity has been enhanced across the country, Weekly Positivity Rate at 2.58% remains less than 3% for the last 68 days now. The Daily Positivity rate stands at 2.61%. The daily Positivity rate has remained below 5% for 86 consecutive days now.

India Officially Talks To Taliban

New Delhi: India on Tuesday, for the first time, admitted to have held diplomatic talks with the Taliban. An Indian envoy met a leader of the terrorist group in Doha, Qatar's capital. The meeting took place following a request by the new rulers of the strife-hit country.

Ambassador Deepak Mittal, India's envoy to Qatar, met Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai, Head of Taliban's Political Office in that country, according to a press release from the Ministry of External Affairs. They met at the Indian Embassy in Doha, the statement

said. "Discussions focused on safety, security, and early return of Indian nationals stranded in Afghanistan. The travel of Afghan nationals, especially minorities, who wish to visit India also came up," it said. "Ambassador Mittal raised India's concern that

Afghanistan's soil should not be used for anti-Indian activities and terrorism in any manner." "India is working with its key partners and is continuing engagement with the people of Afghanistan," the report had said citing Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

Delhi Reopens Schools For Classes 9 To 12 Amid Strict COVID-19 Protocol

New Delhi: After being shut for nearly 1.5 years, Delhi on Wednesday reopened schools for classes 9-12 amid strict safety protocol due to the pandemic. The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Monday notified the school reopening guidelines, which includes no more than 50 per cent of students per class-

room, mandatory thermal screening, staggered lunch breaks, alternate seating arrangement, and avoiding routine guest visits. Moreover, students, teachers, and non-teaching staff who reside in Covid-19 containment zones will not be allowed to physically attend the classes, according to the DDMA guidelines, which added that the vaccination cen-



tres and activities ration distribution presently underway in different

schools will continue in areas separate from the academic activities.

Pandemonium Over Drought-Like Situation In Odisha Assembly

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): The proceedings of the Odisha Assembly were adjourned for the first time today till 12:34 PM following ruckus by Congress legislators over demands to hold a discussion on the drought-like

situation. Soon after the commencement of the Monsoon Session of Odisha Assembly today, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik passed a Condolence Motion in the House in remembrance of the legislators and Covid Warriors who have lost their lives

during the pandemic. The condolence motion was supported by Leader of Opposition (LoP) Pradipta Kumar Naik who joined the session via video conference from AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. Later, Congress legislators created ruckus in the

Well of the House. They demanded to adjourn the Question Hour and to discuss the drought-like situation in the State. Following it, Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro announced at around 11:39 AM to adjourn the House till 12:34 PM.

Buglers Loot Valuables Worth Lakhs Of Rupees From Separate Houses

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): Robbers looted houses near Khandagiri police station in the capital city and fled away with assets worth lakhs of rupees. As per reports, miscreants broke into one Ramchandra Pattnaik's house and decamped with valuables including, LED TV, CCTV camera, light, and other valuables worth lakhs of

rupees. Following this, Pattnaik lodged a complaint with the Khandagiri police station regarding the theft. However, even after 24 hours of the incident, no action was taken in this regard, the victim alleged. It is pertinent to mention that this is the second time that the miscreants have looted Ramchandra House. In another incident, mis-

creants looted cash and ornaments from the house of one Sonali Subhadarshini, an employee of the Water Resource Department. Reportedly, the looters barged into her government quarter and decamped with cash and ornaments. The miscreants also broke the CCTV cameras installed in her house.

200 COVID-19 +Ve Cases Detected In Bhubaneswar, 255 More Recover



Bhubaneswar: As many as 200 COVID-19 positive cases have been detected under the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) area in the last 24 hours. As per BMC, of the 200 COVID-19 positive cases, 61 are Quarantine Cases (linked with earlier positive cases) and 139 are Local Contact Cases. This apart, 255

persons have also recovered from the infection of Novel Coronavirus. So far a total of 106,932 COVID-19 positive cases have been detected in Bhubaneswar, out of which, 3,199 are active cases while 102,717 persons have recovered and 995 persons have succumbed to the deadly infection of COVID-19.

Ganja Worth Rs 1.40 Cr, Concealed In Banana Clusters Recovered

Koraput(A.O. Bureau): In a major haul, Jeypore Sadar police today busted an inter-state Ganja smuggling racket with the recovery of 1,000 kg ganja from a mini-truck here on Wednesday. The truck bearing Uttar Pradesh registration plate was carrying ganja concealed within banana clusters to

evade check posts. The seizure is estimated Rs 1.40 crore, the police said. Two persons from Bihar, Pramod Rai (20) and Om Prakash Pali (29) have been arrested in this connection. The contraband, truck, bananas and their mobiles have been seized by the police, IIC Aditya Mahakud said.

Baliana Youths Felicitated For Their Bravery In Foiling Bank Robbery

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): Six youths belonging to Atala village under Baliana police limits were felicitated by the Commissionerate of Police for their bravery which foiled a bank robbery. The youths ran after miscreants who had decamped after robbing around Rs 9 lakh and gold ornaments from a bank in Baliana. They were apprehended

after a hot pursuit by the local youths. "The six youths did not fear for their lives and ran after the armed miscreants. They were apprehended and the stolen money and ornaments were recovered," the police said. A part of the pursuit was captured on CCTV cameras installed in the area. The incident took place on Tuesday.

Restrictions Are Gone But Covid Hasn't, Children Can Get Infected Through Parents: Director Public Health

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): Children will get the infection through their parents, warned Odisha Public Health Director Dr Niranjana Mishra. "Restrictions are gone but Covid hasn't, the virus is very much around you. You have to remain cautious," said Dr Mishra commenting on the lifting of restrictions and the possible Covid third wave. Dr Mishra cautioned that if the parents are not cautious they will bring the virus home and pass the infection to the children. "Now markets have been opened, you are free to move around but be cautious. Do not

go outside if not required. If at all you are going outside, always maintain standard protocol like maintaining a minimum of two metres distance, use the mask, wash hands frequently. Otherwise, the third wave will come and children will be affected," the Public Health Director clarified. Dr Mishra dispelled the myth which many believe that those who are vaccinated won't catch the infection. "Many people believe that we have taken the vaccine and we won't get infected. Chances of one getting infected even if s/he is vaccinated are high.

There is a problem, people who are vaccinated won't have symptoms, it is they who will distribute it to children," the Public Health Director further cautioned. You should always keep in mind that the man who is next to you could be carrying the virus, he added. On being asked about ramping up of vaccination in the State, Dr Mishra said that it is a question of demand and supply. "The more vaccine doses we get the more people we will vaccinate. It depends on the availability of vaccine doses. Currently, we are administering around 3.5 lakh doses



per day," he informed. The Public Health Director said that dengue cases are on a decline in the State, the number of people getting admitted to hospitals has decreased and there has been no death due to the vector-borne viral disease. It is soon going to be well within control, he added.

IMD Predicts More Rainfall In Odisha

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): Light to moderate rain or thunder-shower is very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of Odisha for the next two days whereafter the intensity of the rainfall will increase across the State. As per the India Meteorological Department (IMD), following two days of light to moderate rain or thunderstorm at a few places in the State, it will occur over many districts of Interior Odisha and at a few places over the districts of Coastal Odisha. Thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of

Malkangiri, Koraput, Nawarangpur, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Boudh, Angul, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, and Bolangir on Day 3. Besides, heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Kandhamal, and Gajapati on Day 4 and at one or two places over the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Gajapati, Ganjam, and Puri on Day 5.

Youth Arrested For Duping Girl Of Rs 2.50 Lakh On The Pretext Of Marriage



Jharsuguda(A.O. Bureau): A youth identified as Deepak Dehury of Rourkela has been arrested by Badmal police on charges of duping a young woman of Rs 2.50 lakh. According to the police, the two met on a social networking platform and initiated a relation. Dehury managed to trap and lure the girl to leave home and stay with him. "After staying with him for a few days, the girl realised that Dehury was already married. He also transferred Rs 2.50 lakh from the girl's account to the account of his wife," Jharsuguda SDPO Nirmal Mohapatra said. After

realising that he was a fraud, the girl fled back to her home in Jharsuguda and reported the matter to police through her mother. Meanwhile, Dehury was on the run and had started 'land-dealing' business in Darlipali area. On the basis of a tip-off Badmal police raided a location and apprehended him on Wednesday, added Mohapatra. "We have recovered a press card from his possession. He said that he was running a web channel. We will probe further into his activities. The accused was forwarded to the court today," the police added.

CBI Books RSP Official, Pvt Company Directors And Others In Rs 99.47 Lakh Cheating Case

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case against a Senior Operative (T&RM Department) of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP), a private company based at Gottivalasa, Garugubuli (Andhra Pradesh) and others in connection with a cheating case. According to the CBI, the private company (Dinesh Das & Sons Mines & Steels Pvt. Ltd., Gottivalasa, Garugubuli, Andhra Pradesh) represented by its Directors (Dinesh Chandra Das, Tarak Nath Das and Tanmay Nath Das) during April, 2015 to April, 2018 entered into a conspiracy with RSP official Languli Charan Behera and others and cheated RSP to the



tune of Rs 99.47 lakh. "Unknown officials of Rourkela Steel Plant and South Eastern Railway and others," have also been booked in this case." The Central agency conducted searches at three places on the premises of accused at Rourkela and Rairangpur. Further investigation is continuing, the agency added. The supplier submitted raw material bills enclosing forged weightment sheets purportedly issued by South Eastern

Railway, by inflating the weight of raw material (Quartzite) and thereby supplied and claimed higher payments (through the bills), the CBI stated. "In furtherance of this conspiracy, the Senior Operative of RSP accepted and processed these bills submitted by the supplier along with forged weightment sheets and accordingly, excess payment of Rs 99,47,121 (approximately) was made to the supplier, causing loss to Rourkela Steel Plant," the CBI added.

ACF Saumya Ranjan's Death: Crime Branch Records Statements Of Family Members

Balasore(A.O. Bureau): A team of the Crime Branch investigating into the death of Assistant Conservator (ACF) of Forest Saumya Ranjan Mahapatra today arrived at his village Begunia in Khairab block. The CB team interacted with and recorded the statements of Saumya's mother, his uncle and other



members of the family. The statements of the deceased's father Abhiram, elder brother Ranjan, and maternal aunt Urmila's were also recorded by the inves-

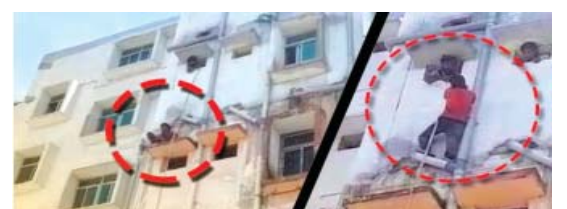
tigating team. According to reports, the Crime Branch team will now head towards Goudagan in Kaptipada of Mayurbhanj district to

question the in-laws of Saumya Ranjan and his wife Bidya Bharati. Mahapatra died due to severe burns at a hospital in Cuttack on July 13. A day before he sustained the burns at his official quarter in Paralakhemundi from where he was ferried till Cuttack by his wife and para medical staff in an ambulance.

Youth Attempts Suicide By Jumping From Hospital Building In Angul

Angul(A.O. Bureau): A youth allegedly tried to commit suicide by jumping from the roof of a four-storey building on the premises of the District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) in Angul on Wednesday. Reportedly, the youth had climbed to the rooftop through the pipeline behind the

building at around 9 AM today. He was noticed by some sweepers who informed the hospital authorities. The hospital authorities under the supervision of ADMO (Medical) Dr Manas Ranjan Biswal immediately called the fire brigade who reached the spot and tried to rescue



the youth by using a ladder and a safety net. Finally, after two hours, the firefighters rescued the youth

through the skylight of the building. After medical examination, the young man was found to be mentally deranged.

EDITORIAL

Another
fight ahead

Economic activity, for example as measured by Nomura's business resumption index, is now consistently above pre-pandemic levels. Not surprising as Kerala apart, most states have low Covid numbers. But singled by the second wave, authorities are proceeding on the assumption of a third wave projected to peak in October. Experts believe this wave could be milder owing to estimates of nearly 70% population carrying Covid antibodies, supplemented by single dose vaccination reaching 50% of adults. But the Delta mutation's nasty April-May surprise and lack of clarity regarding waning immunity leave tricky questions unanswered. Therefore, governments, at the Centre and in states, should make worst-case assumptions when planning healthcare facilities, including oxygen supply.

On preparations, there are some good signs. For example, the ongoing national stockpiling of critical drugs, utilising funds from the Rs 23,000 crore central package on creating emergency health infrastructure. The fund's remit is also to shore up oxygen storage facilities down to district levels and ramp up ICU facilities. Audits of in situ oxygen generation plants commissioned at various hospitals with GoI funds will hopefully ensure their timely completion. As ever the gap between promise and execution will be tested by emergencies.

Two innovations bootstrapped in record time during the second wave in some cities were triaging and field hospitals. If the third wave is much bigger than anticipated, the rush of critically ill patients can easily overwhelm hospitals again. Triaging through call centres to help patients to field hospitals in an orderly fashion will avoid second wave's nightmare scenarios. As colleges and schools – the final frontier – reopen, infections will certainly rise. Vaccinating children, compulsory indoor masking, and randomised testing must begin at workplaces, colleges and schools to ensure a safe reopening.

But the reality is there are and will be too many people unmasked in public spaces. So, there's no real alternative to rapid vaccination to stay ahead of a virus resurgence. Full lockdowns at the state level witnessed in April-June must be averted to the maximum extent possible this time. Another big disruption can really deal a body blow to the economy. Let's remember, most of the recovery has happened without direct government stimulus. So, we don't have a cushion to absorb another shock. Therefore, it is crucial that the Centre plays a coordinating role between states to ensure that interstate movements of people and goods aren't affected. And states must opt for small containment zones instead of state-wide bans.

How to become a Doctor without NEET-2021

National Testing Agency (NTA) conducts National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to courses like MBBS, BDS and AYUSH. Every year around 15 lakh students appear for the medical entrance exam. However, appearing for NEET and then qualifying for the entrance test is not easy. It takes years of preparation to clear this examination. Last year, 15.97 students had applied for NEET-UG, around 13 lakh appeared, and only 7,71,500 qualified, which is less than half of those who had applied. Also, due to the merger of AIIMS and JIPMER in the NEET exam the level of competition has increased more, so many aspirants are looking for alternate courses for medicine courses without NEET. Those who want to pursue their careers in the field of medicine but do not want to appear for the NEET exam can go through the below-mentioned courses. So if you are considering a career in medicine and allied fields, here is a list of options that can make you study medicine without cracking NEET. Homoeopathy, Ayurveda and Unani are fast growing alternative systems of medicine. These courses also follow a similar educational pattern to that of core medical subjects, i.e. an almost 5-year program with the internship. Earlier, these systems of medicine considered to be a more private practice option, these alternative medicine fields are now being paid special attention to by the government. Many new institutes are being opened and old ones asked to establish and strengthen these educational arenas for better research and development. For a country like India, owing to our culture's faith and experience in nature and its elements, these alternative medicinal sectors are almost as important as conventional medicine ones. List of Medical Courses after 12th With-

out NEET

Pharmacy - It is the study of several subjects that come under pharmaceutical science for example discovery, drug safety, medical chemistry, industrial pharmacy etc. Those who wish to become pharmacists can opt for B. Pharmacy after the 12th. Also, aspirants do not need to appear and qualify for the NEET exam to get admission into this course. B. Pharm. is an undergraduate programme. They will be taught about the basics of pharmacy. After completing the course, students can work from the government to the private sector. They can become Pharmacists, Chemical Technician, Drug Inspector, health inspector, Clinical Research Associate etc.

Psychology - This course includes topics such as human development, social behaviour, sports, health, clinical and cognitive processes. After 12th without taking NEET, candidates can opt for Bachelor of Arts (BA) Honours in Psychology. It is a full-time three-year undergraduate degree course. After graduating, they can easily get jobs in the private and government sectors. They can work in universities, government agencies, clinics, schools, and hospitals. Psychology graduates are not only psychologists but they can work as a neuroscientist, mediator, etc.

Nursing - This field includes the promotion of health, prevention of illness, and the care of ill, disabled and dying people. It is a professional course that makes candidates ready to serve humanity through medical treatment. Candidates can opt for B.Sc Nursing, a 4-year undergraduate course in the field of medical science. After graduating from the Nursing course they can work as Nurse Educator, Staff Nurse, Registered Nurse (RN) etc.

Physiotherapy - In this field, candidates are taught about the treatment that is carried through physical forces

such as heat, electricity, mechanical pressure, and mechanical forces. Bachelor of Physiotherapy is also one of the most sought-after career options. Physiotherapy, or Physical therapy, aims at curing illness or injuries that limit a person's day-to-day activities. After completing the Bachelor's degree, candidates can opt for a career in various fields such as sports, military, education, research and insurance agencies. **Veterinary Science** - It is the study of prevention, control, diagnosis and treatment of ailments or wounds in animals. Candidates can opt for Bachelor in Veterinary Science after class 12. It is an undergraduate degree programme with a course duration of 5.5 years with 6 months compulsory internship. B.V.Sc also deals with the breeding, rearing and nutrition of the animals. All the graduates can work as Veterinary Surgeon, Associate Veterinarian, Veterinary Pharmacologist etc. **Biotechnologist** - This course is all about incorporation the knowledge of Biology and technology to develop/invent products and processes aimed at improving the overall quality of life. It may involve the study of genetic manipulation in microorganisms. Candidates can opt for a Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology, a three-year undergraduate course. All the graduates can work in a wide range of fields like agriculture, pharma, food, genomics, chemistry, etc.

Nutritionist/Dietician - Their job is to advise patients on health and food choices after understanding their underlying conditions, allergies, etc. While dieticians have the expertise to make food charts and manage the eating habits of patients, nutritionists mainly concern themselves with the promotion of a healthy lifestyle through healthy food. Those willing to have a career in this field can opt for a Bach-

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elor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics (3 years) or Bachelor of Sciences in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics (3 years) or Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition (3 years) after 12th.

Microbiologist (Non-Clinical) - This is the study of microscopic organisms present in various materials around us like soil, water, food, humans and plants. To pursue this course, candidates can go for Bachelor of Science in Microbiology (3 years). After completing the course, they can work in research environments including labs, food industry, distilleries, agriculture, etc. **Forensic Sciences** - The course in Forensic Sciences deals with the collection, analysis, and preservation of the evidence during an investigation. The course duration for BSc in Forensic Science is 3 years. **Occupation Therapy** - They help people of all ages to live a better and more fulfilling life, by helping them overcome some physical or mental illness or injury. To opt for this career, candidates can pursue a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (4.5 years), Diploma in Rehabilitation (Occupational Therapy) DR(OT) (1 year). They can work on a one-on-one basis with clients in clinical settings.

To Sum Up...

Apart from the above-mentioned courses, candidates can also opt for medical research, Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences, Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Technology, Rehabilitation Therapy, Emergency and Critical Care Technologies, Orthopedic Technology to name a few. With these options, candidates will know that there are endless career options in the field of medicine that do not require appearing for a competitive exam NEET

LIFE'S ABOUT NASHTA

Vikarm Vohra

Very often when you speak over the phone to friends and family they ask you if you have had nashta-pani. It is a cultural mandate and they are not asking for the menu: You don't have to say chicken makhani and kaali dal with parathas. Nor, if you are anglicised, do you say it is spaghetti bolognese tonight with a sparkling white. It is just the Indian way of expressing concern and care and acts as a milestone in any conversation. Our obsession with food as the cure-all is a given. Our movies usually have this scene where the son fetches up after two years in the US and mother says, wash your hands,

beta, nashta is on the table. And off he goes to do her bidding. No one says did you bring some snazzy gifts, nope, it is all about nashta. Much the same statement is made if he comes home with a bullet in the leg. Mum will say, OK get the doctor but have nashta, it is getting cold. The 'getting cold' is criminal in texture. It is just not done. You can call long-distance from another country and whatever be the urgency behind the call or the time you are making it you may well be asked if you have finished your nashta. There is also some-

thing sacred about the ritual because the skies may be falling but if the other party says they are eating or the minion says sahib is having nashta, it would be sacrilege to call him on it even if you are his boss. Five hundred years ago nashta (from Sanskrit 'anashit', meaning hungry) was what now passes for lunch. It was arrogance and self-indulgence to have breakfast and the first meal of the day was around noon so life was a sharply divided before and after. When brekka became a colonial imperative nashta covered its inclusion and today means anything anytime. Foreigners cannot always wrap their heads around this

query and are often baffled by the question. Said Richard the other day, 'Funny fellow, the GM, wanted to know if I had eaten my breakfast, why would he want to know what I ate, curious thing?' He was asking how you are, if you are OK, good, all right in your world. 'No, he wasn't, he clearly asked me if I had finished eating.' It is called nashta-pani, Richard, literally it means food and water. 'He wanted to know if I had had water.' No, not exactly, he wanted to know if you are a happy camper, if the sun is shining. 'By checking my water intake?' Hey mate, don't worry about it, I am off, time for my nashta.

Bhakti is the only way
to understand God

Srila Prabhupada

Srila Prabhupada: 'Krishna' means God. We are all intimately connected with Him because He is our original father. But we have forgotten this connection. When we become interested in knowing, 'What is my connection with God? What is the aim of life?' then we are called Krishna conscious. How does

Krishna consciousness develop in the practitioner? SP: Krishna consciousness is already there in the core of everyone's heart. But because of our materially conditioned life, we have forgotten it. The process of chanting the Hare Krishna mahamantra – 'Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare'

Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare' – revives the Krishna consciousness we already have. For example, a few months ago these American and European boys and girls did not know about Krishna, but just yesterday we saw how they were chanting 'Hare Krishna' and dancing in ecstasy throughout the whole Rath Yatra procession. Do you think that was artificial? No. Artificially, nobody can chant and dance for hours together. They have actually awakened their Krishna consciousness by following a bona



fide process. This is explained in the Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya 22:107: 'Nitya-siddha Krishna prema "sadhya" kabhu naya sravanad-suddha-citte karaye udaya. consciousness is dormant in everyone's heart, and when one comes in contact with

devotees, it is awakened. Krishna consciousness is not artificial. Just as a young boy awakens his natural attraction for a young girl in her association, similarly, if one hears about Krishna in the association of devotees, he awakens his dormant Krishna consciousness.

What is unique about Krishna consciousness among all religions? SP: Primarily, religion means to know God and to love Him. That is religion. Nowadays, because of a lack of training, nobody knows God, what to speak of loving Him. People are satisfied simply going to church and praying, 'O God, give us our daily bread.' In the Srimad Bhagavatam this is called a cheating religion, because the aim is not to know and love God but to gain some personal profit. In other words, if I profess to follow some religion, but I do not

know who God is, how to love Him, I am practising a cheating religion. Do all paths lead to the same end? SP: No. There are four classes of men – the karmis, the jnanis, the yogis, and the bhaktas – and each achieves a different goal. The karmis work for some material profit. A jnani is a person who thinks, 'Why am I working so hard? The birds, bees, elephants, and other creatures have no profession, yet they are also eating. Rather, let me try to solve the problems of life-birth, death, old age, and disease.' Jnanis try to become im-

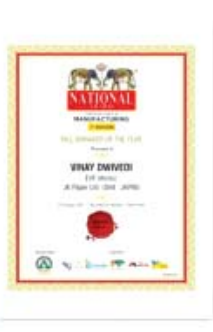
mortal. And yogis try to acquire some mystic power to exhibit a wonderful show ... But the bhakta – the devotee – doesn't want anything for himself. He simply wants to serve God out of love, just as a mother serves her child. When you come to this stage of loving God, that is perfection. As Krishna says in the Bhagwad Gita 18:55, 'Bhaktiya mam abhijanati' – Only through the process of bhakti can one understand God.' No other process will help you. (Abridged from a 1975 interview in The Science of Self-realisation.)

EVP (WORKS) OF JK PAPER MILLS GOT NATIONAL AWARD EXCELLENCE

Rayagada(A.O. Bureau): EVP (WORKS) OF JK Paper Mills got National Award Excellence in Manufacturing as "MILL MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2020-21". Mr. Vinay Dwivedi, Executive Vice President (Works) of JK Paper Mills, Jaykaypur, Rayagada had been presented "National Mill Manager-2020-21". This Award has been given by the "World Quality Congress", Mumbai on August 27th, 2021. The manufacturing unit of all sectors across the country participated. This



programme was organized virtually. National Awards for excellence is a premium forum bringing Elite market, Brand custodian, Advertisement, Mills Heads, and Retailers together under one group across India. Top marketing profession-



als, Agencies and consultants and intimate environment for recognizing and rewarding excellence. Mr. Dwivedi is a capable Leader who had run the plant smoothly during Pandemic with Govt Guideline and Covid Protocol. When the to-

tal country was locked down during the First wave of Covid-19 Pandemic mostly Industrial units were closed accepting JK Paper Mills which was running with the production & at the end moment production activities were restricted for a few days to comply with the Covid guidelines. When the 1st wave started to decline and the lockdown was lifted, JK Paper was the First Industrial unit to resume production as usual. This was only possible due to efficient management and right mentorship.

Orissa High Court Chief Justice Dr Muralidhar Inaugurates 8 JMFC Courts

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): Chief Justice of Orissa High Court Dr S Muralidhar today inaugurated as many as eight courts in the State through video conferencing. According to an official press release of the Orissa High Court, Chief Justice Dr Muralidhar inaugurated the courts of Civil Judge (Junior Division)-cum-JMFC at Telkoi, Bongomunda, Rasagovindpur, Morada, Jashipur and Jharigaon in the presence of Justices S Pujahari, KR Mohapatra,

Hinjilicut Press Club committee formation.



Hinjilicut(A.O. Bureau): Today Hinjilicut Press Club associates with all working journalist in the Hinjilicut block. Hinjilicut Press Club meetings was formed under the local senior journalist Dwitikrishna Sabat at Shyamalai Temple premises on Tuesday with the participation of 25 working journalists. Later in the general meeting, Dwitikrishna Sabat was unanimously elected as the President, Rajinikanta

Patro as the Vice-President, Binayak Prasad Patnaik as the General Secretary, Ranjan Kumar Sahu as the Organizing Secretary, Vidyadhar Panigrahi as the Joint secretary and Kanhu Charan Panda as the Treasurer of Hinjilicut press club. Ashok Kumar Mohanty, Basant Kumar Padhi, Rakesh Kumar Rath, Rajesh Kumar Sahu and Devi Prasad Nayak were elected as executive members.

Awareness programs to prevent noise pollution and stop child marriage



Malkangiri, AO Bureau: A joint program was organized at Malkangiri District College with the joint support of the National Service Scheme and the Youth Red Cross to prevent the use of crackers, DJ and loudspeakers in festivals. The event was moderated by Dr. Ranjan Kumar Swain, Coordinator and Host Secretary, District Youth Red Cross, while District NSS

Officer Namita Dandasena was present and the Guests aware about social security, green revolution, save environment child marriage obey traffic rules and anti liquor campaign. In this awareness program. The event was graced by District DSSO Radhamani Dalei, social activists P Kishore Kumar and Balaram Pujari, Srinivasa Patra, District Emergency

Project Officer Sudhanshu Shekhar Prusti, Professor Lingaraj Mishra, Arun Pandrangi, Premrekha Bhatra, Laxmi Kumar. The event was attended by about 60 to 60 students. The event was held in compliance with the Covid Act. Finally Dr Ranjan Swain conducted oath taking ceremony. At the end of the meeting, Mr Arun Kumar Pandrangi thanked to the participants.

6 EX-GOVT. EMPLOYEES AND 3 PRIVATE PERSONS CONVICTED IN VIGILANCE CASE.

Bhubaneswar: 9 persons including 6 Ex-Govt. employees (retired) namely 1) Sri Jogindranath Swain, 2) Sri Bhalmoji Purusottam, 3) Sri Chittaranjan Samal, 4) Sri Sri Bidyadhar Jena, 5) Sri Bhagaban Golari, 6) Sri Kulamani Barik and 3 private persons namely 7) Sri Kartik Nageswar Rao, 8) M. Siva Sankar and 9) Sri Brundaban Saibaba were facing trial in the Court of Hon'ble Special Judge, Vigilance,

Senior Citizen lacking basic needs from society today

Puri (A.O. Bureau): Senior citizen Forum hold a meeting today at Narayani Temple, Balighai. The President of the forum Dr Kartik Kumar Das presided the meeting he opined that the sr, citizen is not facilitated with basic amenities from society. Initially new members were introduced and given I card. The secretary Devendra kumar Dash told about the prospectus of the forum sr, Member Dr, Sarat kumar Sahu



told to remain busy for developing social work. Among others Gundichi Baral, Amar Nanda, Prafulla Mohapatra, Rabindra Dutta, Vibhuti Patnaik, Satyavadi Pradhan, Kalish Das,

Narahari Swani, Bijay Charan Mohanty, Devi Prasad Tripathi, Bijay Ku Jena, Prafulla Mishra, Guru Prasad Mishra, Rabinarayan Patnaik, Sudhirku Mishra, etc gave valuable advise. Kalish Ray gave the vote of thanks

Gopalpur IIC Madhavananda Nayak honoured as a covid warrior



Berhampur: Gopalpur IIC Madhavananda Nayak has honoured as a covid warrior. Mr. Nayak's performance and his contribution during the Covid pandemic are unparalleled, said Sushant Sabat, president Mahaan Sangha. Berhampur MP Chandrashekhar Sahu, who was the chief guest at the event, said he was eligible for the award for his work in Gopalpur police station, his skills and his contribution to the corona Awareness Campaign. Berhampur MLA Vikram Panda also admires a lot the police officer and said that he should continue to do so. Since joining the Gopalpur police station, Mr. Madhavananda Nayak has been in the spotlight for taking gambling, police patrolling and cracking down on vehicles and taking various criminal activities

In a big green push CIL starts pilot project to replace use of diesel with LNG in dumpers

Bhubaneswar(A.O. Bureau): In a big push to reduce its carbon footprint, national miner Coal India Ltd (CIL) has initiated the process of retrofitting Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) kits in its dumpers - the big trucks engaged in transportation of coal in mines. This makes significance as the world's largest coal miner uses over 4 lakh kilolitres of diesel per annum with an annual expense of over Rs. 3,500 crores. The company in association with GAIL (India) Limited and BEML Limited has taken up a pilot project

for retrofitting LNG kits in its two 100 tonne dumpers working at the subsidiary Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL). CIL on Tuesday signed a MoU with GAIL and BEML to get this pilot project executed. Once the LNG kit successfully retrofitted and tested, these dumpers will be able to run on dual fuel system i.e. both on LNG and Diesel and their operations will be significantly cheaper and cleaner with use of LNG. "This will be a game changer. The company has over 2,500 dumpers running in its open cast coal



mines. The dumper fleet consumes about 65% to 75% of total diesel consumed by the company. LNG will replace the use of diesel by about 30% to 40% and reduce the fuel cost by about 15%. The move will reduce carbon emission signifi-

cantly and also save around Rs. 500 crores annually if all existing Heavy Earth Moving Machines (HEMMs) including dumpers are retrofitted with LNG kit. Getting rid of diesel pilferages and adul-

teration are other added advantages," said a senior CIL executive. The main goal of the pilot project is to monitor the replacement rate of diesel with LNG in different load and operating conditions and also to capture the details of any change in characteristics of the dumper including cycle time and engine performance parameters, the executive added. The trial run of dumpers in dual fuel (LNG-diesel) system will be conducted for 90 days in different load and operating conditions.

Gaon sathi Union protest for 5 demands

Malkangiri AO Bureau: The Dist Gaon sathi Union with more than 100 Gaon sathi today submitted a memorandum of Five-point demands with various issues to ADM Malkangiri. The state Government has planned to develop the rural villages in this connection posted GRS, P.E.O. GS in Malkangiri district, some youths of each GPs of Malkangiri, including the municipality and the NAC, were appointed as village companions (Gaon Sathi) in each of the more than 110 panchayats, and the GS are engaged for the supervising of works and many works assigned by the government and PEOs, but they were not paid (equal pay for the same work), also due to Corona they are in distress.

TENSION GRIPS IN PARADIP IOCL REFINERY : PEIWU DEMONSTRATES FOR FULFILLMENT OF DEMANDS

Paradip(A.O. Bureau) - Hundreds of workers under the banner of Paradip Erasama Industrial Workers Union (PEIWU) demonstrated in front of Paradip IOCL Refinery by showing black flags on Tuesday to fulfill of their long pending demands. According to sources, irate contract workers under the banner of PEIWU who are working in Paradip Refinery demonstrated to demand of payment of their wages as per settlement. Hundreds of skilled workers are not getting their wages as per wages fixed by the Government as a result of which skilled workers are getting the wages of semi and unskilled despite their frequent demands. Nothing has

been done yet to hike of their wages. Further there are many workers who are working in Paradip Refinery from its inception have not yet received their full time gate pass. PEIWU has demanded that the lives of workers are under threat because they are working during the pandemic period. Therefore union has been demanding to give compensation of Rs.50 lakh for corona victims but this demand has not yet been fulfilled. PEIWU had also demanded to provide rest rooms, canteens, parking facilities to the workers in the refinery site but the authority of IOCL has ignored these demands. These contract workers are not getting their remuneration



monthly in which they are living in pathetic conditions, so the union has demand to pay their salaries on every 7th day of the month. Ignoring local youths, different contract agencies have been engaging the youths from outside of the state as a result local unemployed youths have been deprived of employment opportunities in IOCL.

The agencies are not depositing EPF and ESI in time so these workers have been deprived to get benefit from it. Despite their frequent reminders, the authority of IOCL is totally silent about these issues in which contract workers are harassed and the authorities have failed to resolve their issues on many occasions. Protesting it, hundreds of work-

ers led by its president Bapi Sarkhel, Secretary Samir Biswal and others demonstrated by showing black flag peacefully and submitted their demands to the authority of Paradip IOCL Refinery to fulfill these demands. If their demands are not fulfilled they have vowed to intensify stir in a massive way to paralyse government machinery, said Sarkhel.

Gum disease

Do your teeth or gums bleed while you brush or floss? It can be an early sign of gum disease. Diabetes can make your gums bleed and swell, which is known as gingivitis. If not treated on time, it can lead to a more serious infection called periodontitis that destroys the soft tissues and bones that support your teeth.

Tooth decay

High blood sugar levels can increase your risk of tooth decay. Your mouth has many types of bacteria, which when interacting with sugars and starches, form plaque. The acid in the plaque attacks your enamel, leading to cavities and gum disease. Tooth decay, if not treated, can cause pain and infection and even tooth loss.

Thrush

Oral thrush also called candidiasis is a fungal infection. People suffering from diabetes often have antibiotics to fight infections, which makes them prone to fungal infection in the mouth and tongue. Common signs of thrush include painful white and red patches on the mouth, tongue, gums, cheeks and roof of your mouth. These patches can even turn into open sores.

It's been over a decade since Malaika Arora joined the modeling world and it opened up new avenues for her in the Hindi film industry. With years of expertise as a model, she has judged MTV Supermodel of the Year and is all set to be the judge on the second season of the show. In a candid chat with IANS, she shared her excitement about judging the second season. Malaika said: "We have a really amazing lineup of girls. When you do virtual auditions, you have girls coming from really small towns. Somehow it becomes difficult for girls to commute from where they are to participate. But, now because it being virtual it has made it a lot easier." She elaborated, talking about the theme of the show: "I love the concept this time, which is aUnapologetically You". It is encouraging the girls to be themselves." Sharing the different kinds of girls that have auditioned for the show, she said that "some would not say a word, some have never faced the camera, never put on make-up or have done their hair"

Malaika Arora Joined Modeling To Make Some Quick Pocket Money!



Dry mouth: A tell-tale sign of diabetes

With around 70 million people suffering from diabetes in India, our country is rightly called the diabetes capital of the world. Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects a huge population all over the world. It can take a toll on your entire body, including your eyes, nerves, heart and kidneys. Most people are aware of the signs and symptoms of disease, but some people do not show any symptoms at all, which leaves the condition undetected. Some of the common symptoms of diabetes include excessive hunger, frequent urination, irritability and fatigue. There is one more common symptom of diabetes that can make the condition go undetected. Have you ever woken with a dry mouth in the morning? Well, it can be a sign of diabetes. High blood sugar can lead to oral health problems. Thus, if you are suffering from diabetes it's possible that you may develop some tooth problems and gum diseases. Here are some of the oral symptoms you must watch out for:

Effective Yoga Asanas To Reduce Hypothyroidism

Thyroid problems are one of the main reasons for weight gain and hormonal imbalances. Are you tired of these problems? Don't worry we have piled up some yoga asanas that may help you to reduce hypothyroidism.

Sarvangasana (shoulder stand)

Sarvangasana or shoulder stand helps in maintaining the governing system of the body – the endocrine system. It exerts pressure on the thyroid gland. The thyroid gland receives the largest supply of blood. Sarvangasana helps in improving blood circulation and squeezing stagnant secretion. It releases blood into the neck and helps nourish the thyroid and reversing hypothyroidism.



Ustrasana (Camel Pose)

This pose too can stimulate the thyroid gland by stretching the neck and increasing blood circulation in the gland. Practicing this yoga pose for the thyroid can also help in relieving issues of the spine. It also helps in bringing relief to people suffering from asthma. However, this pose should be avoided in case you have a hernia or ulcers. People with arthritis, vertigo, and abdominal injuries should avoid doing the camel pose.



Setu Bandhasana (Bridge pose)

Setu Bandhasana or the bridge pose is an effective yoga for thyroid, especially hypothyroidism. It stretches the neck and improves blood circulation in the thyroid gland. The pose is also effective for treating asthma, reducing headaches, and strengthening muscles. People in the final stage of their pregnancy should avoid doing the bridge pose.



Halasana (plough pose)

Halasana Steps, Halasana Benefits & Meaning This pose helps in stretching the neck and stimulates the thyroid glands. However, this pose must not be performed by people with hyperthyroidism as it facilitates the secretion of thyroid hormones. This pose also helps in strengthening abdominal muscles and back muscles along with relaxing the autonomous nervous systems.

How to choose the perfect perfume

When it comes to picking the right perfume for yourself, there is a unique pressure that follows. This is probably because of the overwhelming number of scents and fragrances to choose from. Regardless of the reason, picking the perfect perfume has historically been a trial and error task which may come across as intimidating and daunting. But fret not! Just like every lock comes with a key, every problem comes with a solution! And we have just the solution you need.



Pay attention to the notes

Every perfume contains different notes which decide the overall scent. These notes consist of three different layers called base, top or head, and middle or heart notes, and they all work together to create a specific smell. Some perfumes, for example would be considered floral and contain different scent notes like rose, gardenia, or geranium. Others may be a bit fruitier, with undertones of citrus or apple. Exotic perfumes contain spicy notes like star anise or even cinnamon. You can learn more about the different notes used to make cologne and perfume in order to get a better idea of which ones you think will suit your tastes.

Pick a concentration

Fragrances come in four different levels of concentration. As the concentration gets higher, the price usually gets higher as well. Typically, colognes or perfumes with high concentration have a more powerful scent and last longer. The highest concentration is simply called perfume or parfum which lasts an entire day. The next lower level is eau de parfum, which typically can last about six hours after application. The third level is called eau de toilette. It typically requires more than one application throughout the day to get it to last. The fourth and lowest fragrance concentration is eau de

cologne, which only lasts about two hours. Thus, these two factors play a key role in determining the scent of your perfume. But it should also be noted that while trying out various samples of perfumes, a skin test is the most important as our skin itself has certain hormones and pheromones can slightly change the fragrance of a certain perfume.



Tokyo Paralympics: Avani Lekhara Fails To Qualify For Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH1 Final

Tokyo: Indian Shooter Avani Lekhara crashed out in the qualification round of the mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH1 event here on Wednesday.

Avani could manage only 629.7 in the qualifying round as South Korea's Park Jin-ho topped the round with a Paralympic Record score of 638.9. Germany's Natascha Hiltrop was second with a score of 635.4. Avani, who had scores of 105.9, 105.0, 104.9, 105.3, 104.2, 104.4, was the best placed among the three Indians in the fray as Sidhartha



Babu was 40th with a score of 625.5 and Deepak finished 43rd among 47 shooters with a score of 624.9. The SH1 (Rifle) allows individuals with no impairment in the upper

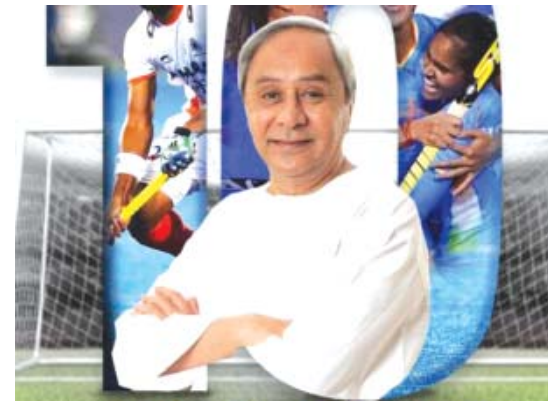
limbs but an impairment in either/both the lower limbs to compete. Notably, Lekhara created history in her debut Games, winning India's first Paralympic medal in shooting with a

gold in R2 women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1. The 19-year-old had finished with a world record equalling total of 249.6, which is also a new Paralympic record.

National Sports Day: OSL Hails Odisha's 10-Yr More Sponsorship To Indian Hockey Teams

Bhubaneswar: On the occasion of National Sports Day, Odisha Stevedores Limited (OSL) lauded Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik as well as the state Government for the judicious decision to further extend the official sponsorship of both the Indian men's and women's hockey teams for 10 more years till 2033.

Odisha, as the prime sponsor, has been supporting Indian hockey for the past three years. The CM deserves all credit for his vision and immaculate love for the national game as India ended its 41-year wait



to win a medal in hockey at the Olympics after the men's team trounced Germany to settle for bronze in Tokyo Olympics while the women's team achieved its best-ever fourth-place finish in any Olympics. Extending his deep grati-

tude, Mahimananda Mishra, Chairman, OSL group, said, "As it is being said Odisha is hockey's citadel in the country, the Honourable CM's decision to support hockey is a right step towards bringing back the past glory of the game to our country."

Man United Confirm Ronaldo Signing A Two-Year Contract

London: Manchester United have confirmed that they have re-signed Cristiano Ronaldo, 12 years after he left the club to join Real Madrid in 2009. The 36-year-old has signed a two-year contract with the option of that being extended for a further year, the Manchester United website said on Tuesday evening, four days after informing they had agreed a fee with Juventus to bring the striker back to the club where he scored 118 goals in 292 appearances between 2003 and 2009. "Manchester United is a club that has always had a special place in my heart, and I have been overwhelmed by all the messages I have received since the announcement on Friday."

Atletico Re-Sign Antoine Griezmann On Loan From Barcelona

London: Atletico Madrid on Tuesday sensationally announced they had re-signed France forward Antoine Griezmann on a season-long loan from Barcelona.

Antoine Griezmann has made a shock return to Atletico Madrid after the Rojiblancos completed a season-long loan move for the Barcelona forward with a mandatory €40 million (£34m/\$47m) option to buy. The 30-year-old Griezmann returns to Atlético on a one-year loan with the option for another, renewable by either club. He played



two seasons with Barcelona, where he never quite found his stride since joining on a fee of 120 million euros (\$142 million). He had played five seasons under coach Diego Simeone at Atlético. Barcelona said Atlético will pay Griezmann's wages, and that the deal

included an obligatory permanent transfer clause for an undisclosed amount. City rival Madrid had a frustrating end to the transfer window as it couldn't convince PSG to sell Mbappé. The France international has sealed a surprise homecoming to the

Wanda Metropolitano two years on from an acrimonious exit in one of the final twists to a dramatic summer transfer window. The World Cup winner now heads back to the capital where he forged his reputation as one of the game's strongest talents.

Root Regains No. 1 Spot In Test Rankings; Sharma Overtakes Kohli



Dubai: Following some fine performances with the bat in England's ongoing Test series against India, skipper Joe Root on Wednesday regained the No.1 spot in the ICC Men's Test player rankings for batting. The England skipper has notched up centuries in all the three Test matches in Nottingham, Lord's, and Leeds, aggregating 507 runs at an average of 126.75. This golden run sees him overtake New Zealand captain Kane Williamson to return to the top of the charts after six years. Root started the series ranked fifth in

the charts, but his form has seen him take massive strides in his charge towards the top spot. Other gainers in the England batting department after their series-levelling victory in Leeds include Jonny Bairstow (five places up to 24th) and Dawid Malan (ranked 88th). From India, Rohit Sharma has been the biggest gainer, overtaking captain Virat Kohli to gain one spot and jump into the top-five batsmen's rankings. Sharma scored 19 and 59 in the two innings of the Headingley Test match.

West Bengal's Akash Deep Replaces Washington Sundar In RCB For IPL 2021

New Delhi: Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) on Monday confirmed that all-rounder Washington Sundar has been ruled out of the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) season, starting September 19, due to a finger injury he picked up in England. In a statement, RCB also named a replacement in the form of Bengal cricketer Akash Deep.

Cricket Legend Sachin Tendulkar Pays Tribute To South African Great Dale Steyn

New Delhi: Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar has congratulated Dale Steyn on a "wonderful career" after the South African pacer announced his retirement from all forms of the game.

"Congratulations on a wonderful career @DaleSteyn62! It was always great playing against you. Hope you enjoy your 2nd innings as much as you enjoyed your 1st," Tendulkar wrote on Twitter.

The right-arm pace bowler, known as the greatest and best fast bowler in the past 20 years alongside James Anderson, played 93



Tests for the Proteas and picked up 439 wickets with 26 five-wicket hauls. Steyn, who had skipped IPL 2021 to take some time off the game, also played 125 ODIs and 47 T20Is taking 196 and 64 wickets in the two formats respectively. "Today I officially retire from the game I love the

most. Bittersweet but grateful," said Steyn in a note on his Twitter handle. "It's been 20 years of training, matches, travel, wins, losses, strapped feet, jet lag, joy, and brotherhood. There are too many memories to tell. Too many faces to thank," he added in his note

Sunil Gavaskar's Mentor Vasoo Paranjpe Passes Away At 82

New Delhi: Former Mumbai cricket stalwart, Vasudeo Paranjpe, better known as Vasoo Paranjpe and a mentor to some of India's top international cricketers passed away in Mumbai on Monday. He was 82. Paranjpe, whose son Jatin played ODI cricket for India and had served as national selector recently, was the captain of Dadar Union Cricket Club and had captained former Indian batting mainstays Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Vengsarkar. He was revered as a coach. From Gavaskar and Vengsarkar to Rahul Dravid, Anil Kumble and Rohit Sharma, Paranjpe touched everyone's lives. "Vasoo was a mentor, an outstanding coach. He was a captain and a mentor," recalled Dilip Vengsarkar. "His life revolved around cricket. He was critical for the last 3-4 days. His demise happened in house," said Mumbai Cricket As-



sociation secretary Sanjay Naik. Former India opener and captain Sunil Gavaskar was among those who visited Paranjpe's house to pay respects. Current India coach Ravi Shastri tweeted his condolences, saying, "Really saddened at the demise of Vasoo Paranjpe. Former India captain and the country's highest wicket-taker in Test cricket Anil Kumble also tweeted his condolences. Paranjpe was the one who advised Dravid to focus on batting and not become a wicketkeeper-batsman. He even wrote to C. Nagraj, the Karnataka State

Cricket Association secretary at the time, to ensure that coaches in Karnataka encourage him to bat. He also earmarked Sachin Tendulkar for future greatness. In a book written on him by son Jatin Paranjpe titled "The Cricket Drona for the love of Vasoo Paranjpe", India opener Rohit Sharma pays regards to him: "When I look back, I realise how shrewdly Sir had forged the path that led me to the world stage of cricket. I was not from a big club or a big school or a college team. I was an outlier. But Sir's recommendations to Pravin Amre, Kiran More and Dilip Vengsarkar got people talking about me, and I delivered on that promise. Without Sir by my side in those early years, I would not have been able to achieve as much as I fortunately have." Paranjpe represented Mumbai and Baroda, and played 29 first-class matches, scoring 785 runs.

Female Afghanistan Cricketer Feels Abandoned By ICC, Laments Lack Of Support

London: Roya Samim, a female cricketer from Afghanistan, has expressed dejection over lack of support for women cricketers in Afghanistan from the International Cricket Council (ICC). She also said that the female cricketers are uncertain about their cricketing future since the Taliban took over the country. "We all emailed the ICC but got no response from them. Why do they not respond to us, why do they not consider us, even treat us that we don't exist in the world? After the Taliban came into Kabul, we requested that (the ICC) please save all the girls, we are worried for our teammates. The Af-

ghan Cricket Board (ACB) also said nothing, they said just: 'Wait'," Samim was quoted as saying by The Guardian on Wednesday. Last week, 77 young athletes and women football team members along with family members and officials were airlifted to Australia after being granted humanitarian visas. Zakia Khudadadi and Hossain Rasouli reached Tokyo to participate in the Paralympics on August 29 after being airlifted from Kabul via Paris. "The International Cricket Council said that, as far as they know, they have not received any emails ask-

ing for help. It is believed they are continuing to liaise with the Afghan Board and being guided by them as to the best course of action, rather than acting unilaterally. The ICC will also continue to monitor the situation in terms of the development of the game in Afghanistan and its role in improving the standing of women. The dismantling of the fledgling women's team could in theory threaten Afghanistan's full ICC membership," further said the report. In November 2020, the Afghanistan Cricket Board had announced 25 central contracts for female cricketers. Now with Taliban in control,

women's cricket and its future is shrouded in uncertainty. "In the last year, it was not so difficult for us. We can have possibilities, we can have matches, we can exercise daily. Before that it was difficult, people would not accept us, the ACB said that we must not go out with the cricket equipment. We had a match planned against Oman. We were waiting, ready for it. For six months, we were training, exercising, all the girls become stronger, day by day. We were ready." Samim and her two sisters fled Afghanistan two days before Taliban took over the country. All three sisters are cricketers now living in

Canada. "Leaving Afghanistan, it was a sad day for me. I just cried. I really love everything that I had: my job, my cricket, my teammates, my home town, my relatives. Everything that I have, I leave behind. Even now when I remember this day I will cry." Now Samim is worried for her team-mates stuck in the country. "The Taliban are against girls studying, so how do they want a girl's cricket team? My other teammates who stay in Afghanistan are afraid, they stay in their houses. They are sad, they ask people to please help us. Emotionally and physically, they are not good."



Cartoon of the day...

Shri Sunil Kumar Satya receives Greentech Leading Director Award 2021

Bhubaneswar: Shri Sunil Kumar Satya, Regional Executive Director (Eastern Region 2) NTPC received the Greentech Leading Director Award 2021 from Dr. Farooq Abdullah, M.P. (Lok Sabha), and Former Chief Minister of J&K on 27th August 2021 at Sonmarg (J & K). This award has been conferred to Shri Satya in recognition of his outstanding achievements in driving the growth of the organization through innovation and excellence.



National Campaign on "System Diversification in Aquaculture" launched



Bhubaneswar: The Fisheries Science Division of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi in collaboration with its 8 Fisheries Research Institutes viz., ICAR-CIFA, ICAR-CIFRI, ICAR-CMFRI, ICAR-NBFGR, ICAR-DCFR, ICAR-CIFE, ICAR-CIBA and ICAR-CIFT launched the National Campaign on "System Diversification in Aquaculture" on 1st September 2021. The programme was organized as a part of the "AzadiKaAmritMahotsav" to commemorate 75 Year of India's Independence. The Chief Guest, Dr. Joykrishna Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries Science), ICAR stated that Aquaculture System Diversification, incorporating modern tools and Artificial Intelligence, is one of the key strategies for enhancing aquaculture production. Hi-end novel technologies such as RAS, Biofloc, Aquaponics, FIMTA, Flow-through etc. are increasingly attracting attention of young entrepreneurs. Dr. B. P. Mohanty, ADG (Inland Fishery), briefed about the importance of the system diversification for resources optimized

Aquaculture technologies. Earlier Dr. Saroj Kumar Swain, Director, ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar briefed about the significance of the National Campaign. He narrated about the importance of the system diversification for sustainable aquaculture development in India. Dr. S. Felix, Former Vice Chancellor, TNJFU and Dr. B. C. Mohapatra, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFA were the lead speakers on the occasion. Dr. Felix presented on the Technological forefront for facelifting the Indian Aquaculture system. Dr. B.C. Mohapatra presented about the CIFA's significant role and achievement in System diversification in Freshwater Aquaculture. Dr. B R Pillai, HoD, ICAR-CIFA and Co convener of this programme coordinated this event. Earlier, Dr. P. Routray, Principal Scientist, APED, welcomed the guests and speakers.

Tata Steel Foundation dedicates Community Resource Centre to the residents of Banspani

Joda, September 1, 2021: Tata Steel Foundation dedicated a Community Resource Centre to the residents of Behera Hutting, Banspani village under Ward Number 13 of Joda block in Keonjhar district of Odisha on Tuesday.

The community centre was inaugurated by Mr Pratap Pritimaya, OAS, Sub-Collector, Champuain the presence of Mr Bichitrnanda Nayak, Executive Officer, Joda Municipality, Mr Rajesh Kumar, Chief Joda, Tata Steel and Mr Ganesh Munda, Youth Leader, Behera Hutting. The Community Resource Centre has three



rooms including an office room, common room and a bathroom. Apart from this, arrangement for water supply through overhead tank structure along with a soak pit has also been done.

The community centre will benefit more than 1200 people in the region by enabling them to organise cultural, religious and other community driven events. The centre will

also serve as a platform for hosting academic and awareness sessions for youngsters in the villages. Post this event, the groundbreaking ceremony of 160-meter-long boundary wall of

hostel of Women's College, Joda was graced by Mr Pratap Pritimaya, OAS, Sub-Collector, Champua, Mr Jitu Patnaik, Ex-MLA, Champua, Mr Bichitrnanda Nayak, Executive Officer, Joda Municipality, Mrs Mrudula Mohanty, Principal, Women's College, Joda and Mr Rajesh Kumar, Chief Joda, Tata Steel. With many students staying at the hostel, the boundary wall will ensure safety of the students.

Among others present on the occasion were officials of Tata Steel, Tata Steel Foundation and faculty members of Women's College, Joda.

The President of Coal India, Shri Pramod Agarwal, on a two-day visit

Sambalpur, : Shri Pramod Agrawal, Chairman, Coal India, on a two day visit laid the foundation stone of First Mile Connectivity (FMC) Lajkura Silo Project in Jharsuguda district with an annual capacity of Rs 285.05 crore and MCL Visited various mines of K Ib coalfield. Shri Agrawal visited Samaleswari OCP (Annual 15 Million Tonne Project) and took stock of the mining operations of the said project. Talked to the project officials of the mine and started 4 dumpers and 1 water sprinkler. Inspected 10 MTPA capacity Ib Valley Coal Washery located in Lakhanpur area. Balram with 9 MTPA capacity Interacted with field teams along with



project overview. He also felicitated the best performing employees of the project. Lakhanpur OCP with 21 MT capacity motivated the managers to increase the coal production as well as encouraged the workers by rewarding the best performing employees of the project. Shri

Agrawal inaugurated Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPS) and inspected the mining operations of Lingraj area and Bhubaneswar area of MCL. Also inaugurated Vihangam Portal designed by Innovation Cell and EDT Department of MCL Headquarters for Remote Video Monitor-

ing of Coal Mines. Shri Agrawal held a high level meeting with MCL Management including CMD of MCL Shri PK Sinha, Board of Directors and Regional General Manager in which they were briefed about the working methodology and achievements of MCL.

Mass Vaccination started at Talcher Coalfields of MCL

Sambalpur : As a part of Honorable PM Shri Narendra Modi's vision of vaccinating each and every citizen of India, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) today started mass vaccination of its employees and their dependents for Covid-19 in Talcher Coalfields. MCL has procured total 1100 vials of Covishield vaccine containing 11,000 doses for its employees at Talcher Coalfields. Day wise vaccination schedule for each Area has been prepared. On day-1, 250 doses of Covishield vaccine have been given to employees & dependents of Talcher Area & NSCH, Talcher. Vaccination drive is being conducted at MCL's Nehru Stabadi Central Hospital in Angul district of Odisha.

Centurion University organizes LDP for Bankers from Nepal

Bhubaneswar: 29.08.2021. Adding one more feather to its cap, Centurion University, Odisha in collaboration with Banking Finance and Insurance Institute, Nepal (BFIN) has organized a five days residential Leadership Development Program (LDP) from 24th-29th August for the Regional Managers, Branch Managers and other Middle Level Executives of Nepal.

Nepal, being a rural agro based economy needs to strengthen its MSME sector by developing creative and innovative entrepreneurs. Keeping this in mind, the LDP aimed to familiarize the bankers the models of agriculture financing, priority sector

lending and MSME lending, value chain model practiced in India. Being inspired by the innovative centurion model of entrepreneurship development and its approaches towards developing smart villages, BFIN in collaboration with CUTM aims to develop knowledge and skills of the participants about the concept and need for rural and agricultural and other MSME financing as well as add value to the society. Inaugurating the workshop Prof. (Dr.) Mukti Kanta Mishra, President, Centurion University told that this LDP can be treated as an exposure visit so that lending to MSMEs can be done efficiently to create good entrepre-



neurs. He also stressed on collaboration of lending institutes with training institutes to enhance the skill of the loanee for successful advancement of the enterprises. Similarly, Prof. Supriya Pattanayak, Vice Chancellor of the

University highlighted how Centurion is actively focusing on skill integration into higher education and also affirmed that the University can train the entrepreneurs selected by the participants. Director, Prof. Jaganath Padhi stressed that the

participants must work to ensure that value addition happens in the society. Dean, School of Management Prof. Umakanta Nayak gave vote of thanks. The program is coordinated by Dr. Ginja Nandini and Dr. Madhumita Das, faculty, School of Management.