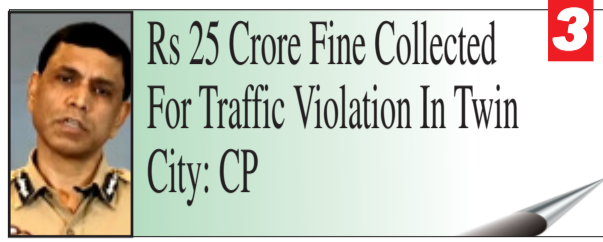
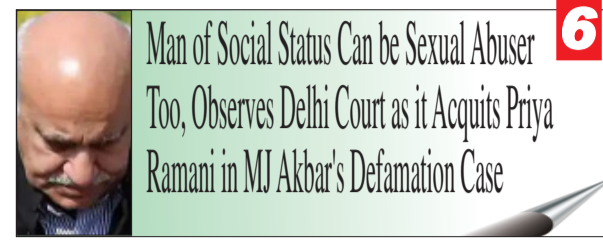




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## Petrol at Rs 100: PM Modi says reducing import dependence



New Delhi, Feb 17: On a day when petrol crossed the Rs 100 mark, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the middle-class would not have been burdened if the previous governments had focussed on reducing India's energy import dependence. Without referring to the relentless increase in retail fuel prices, which are linked to international rates, he said India imported over 85 per cent of its oil needs in the 2019-20 financial year and nearly 53 per cent of its gas requirement. "Can we be so import dependent? I don't want to criticise anyone but I want to say (that) had we fo-

cussed on this subject earlier, our middle-class would not have been burdened," he said at a function to inaugurate oil and gas projects in poll-bound Tamil Nadu. Price of petrol crossed the Rs 100 per litre mark in Rajasthan after fuel rates were hiked for the ninth day in a row. Since India imports majority of its oil needs, retail rates are benchmarked to international prices, which have spiralled in recent weeks. Modi said his government is sensitive to concerns of the middle-class and so has focussed on raising share of ethanol mixing in petrol. Ethanol extracted from sugarcane will

help cut imports as well as give farmers alternate source of income. India, he said, is looking to cut energy import dependence as well as diversify its sources to reduce risks. The focus now is also towards using renewable sources of energy, which will by 2030 form 40 per cent of energy generated in the country, he said. Also, the government is working towards raising the share of natural gas in the energy basket to 15 per cent from the current 6.3 per cent and is committed to bringing it under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime to eliminate cascading effect of multiple taxes, he added.

## CM Launches 22 Major Industrial Projects Worth 13,311 Crore, Employment Potential 10,677

### Position of Odisha as a Manufacturing Hub of India Now Stronger - CM

Bhubaneswar, Feb 17: Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today performed Ground-breaking of 20 industrial projects and inaugurated 2 projects, ranging from Metal and downstream, Tourism, Textile and apparel, Cement, Plastic and Food processing sectors. "In a major boost to the Make in Odisha, these 22 industrial units with a combined investment of Rs.13,311.53 Crore will generate employment opportunities for 10,677 persons in the state." "Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that he is pleased as Odisha is going high with impressive investments in the manufacturing sector, step by step, making the position of the State stronger as a Manufacturing Hub of India. He further said that our consistent efforts to improve the investment ecosystem laced with our peaceful social climate are paying off to realize our desired goal. "Ex-

pressing happiness over the new projects, he said that we are launching 22a industrial projects with an investment of over Rs 13,000 crore that can create jobs for over 10, 600 persons. "Highlighting the impact of the 5T Initiatives, he said that Mo Sarkar and 5T Initiatives of his Government are solidly in place to effectively streamline the investment facilitation mechanism in the State. We must ensure that the Citizens and Businesses are provided services from the Government in a hassle-free and time bound manner, he added. "During the occasion, he launched the mobile version of GO PLUS, a land bank information system, and said it will be particularly helpful for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the State. "Speaking on the rise of Odisha as an investment destination, he said over the past few years, Odisha has emerged as number one investment destina-

tion with 18 percent share of all investments nationally during the period from April to September in 2019. The state's investment promotion agency, IPICOL has been recognized as the "Top Performer" amongst 20 State Investment Promotion

tion, he emphasized. "He expressed confidence that these projects will provide ample opportunities for employment and help the growth of the state's economy. " Captain Shri Dibya Shankar Mishra, Minister of Energy, Industries, Mi-

A video on the new projects was screened during the occasion." Secretary to Chief Minister (5-T) Shri V.K. Pandian moderated the programme. "Principal Secretary Industries Shri Hemant Sharma gave the welcome address, CMD IDCO,



Agencies in the country by Government of India, he added. Further the implementation of ease of doing business reforms by various departments will ensure that businesses continue to grow in the state. Today's event is a proof of the continued dominance of Odisha in investment attractiveness as well as facilitation,

Small & Medium Enterprises and Government of Odisha said that with the launching of these projects, Odisha has moved one step ahead in industrialisation. The vision and the able leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister has made Odisha formidable in attracting investments, he added."

Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh proposed the vote of thanks. "The other dignitaries present in the ceremony were, Shri Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, Chief Secretary, Shri P.K. Jena, Development Commissioner, Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Principal Secretary, MSME, Dr Nitin Jawale, MD, and IPICOL.

## State-Of-The-Art Film Hub To Come Up At Kalinga Studio

Bhubaneswar, Feb 17: With an aim to generate employment in entertainment industry, the Odisha Government today decided to establish a state-of-the-art film hub at the legendary Kalinga Studio. This was decided during a high-level meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra at the Lokseba Bhawan conference hall. Considering the business prospects of Kalinga Studio in film industry, the Chief Secretary directed to develop it as a "modern state-of-the-art futuristic studio with competitive business models". He also directed to "make the unit employment intensive." "Developing it as a tourism and social destination as well," added, Mohapatra "will enrich it with cultural vibrancy and will also fetch additional revenue". Further, the Chief Secretary directed to operate the unit with "functional outsourcing models". It may be pertinent to



mention here that the Chief Secretary, after a recent visit to Kalinga Studio for situational review had directed the department to come up with a redevelopment plan. Development Commissioner Pardeep Kumar Jena asked the department to work out the details of investment, employment potential and revenue generation timeframe for making the unit rewarding and sustainable in the competitive world of fast changing technology. Outlining the redevelopment proposal, Principal Secretary of Industry, Hemant Kumar Sharma presented the redevelopment plan for deliberation. He said, "Presently Kalinga studio stands almost in heart of the Capital city over an area of around

26 acres. With its nostalgic heritage and profit making track it can be developed to a modern film center with promising future prospects." He added, "Presently Kalinga studio has one recording lab, editing lab, Prasad lab, indoor shooting space, garden, temple and some cottages. With minor repair and renovations done in the year 2014-15, the studio is able to generate revenue of around four lakh rupees per month since September, 2020. The estimated plan of around Rs 200 crore was approved in the meeting. It was decided that the new studio would be developed with three main zones. IDCO would be the executing agency for the redevelopment. Zone-1 would have the facili-

ties like indoor shooting floors, shooting facades, central country yard, film tech zone, commercial space and cafeteria. Zone-2 would have outdoor shooting facilitates, shooting locales, theme based shooting gardens, kids zones, castle view, snow world and adventure land. Zone-3 would have food court boarding and lodging facilities for the film crew, space for social and wedding destination etc. Sharma further stated, "In course of its redevelopment some old structures and existing facilities would be retained for maintaining its legacy." Participating in the discussions, Secretary of Skill Development and Technical Education Department, Sanjay Kumar Singh said,

"The pass-outs from the Biju Patnaik Film and Television Institute of Odisha, presently working in different states have earned good name in the creative art industry. The availability of well trained skilled manpower in the State is another opportunity for growth of the proposed modern center." The Chief Secretary directed the department to go ahead with tendering process for completing the base level earth work before the monsoon. Target was set to complete the construction and landscaping of the core support area by December 2022. Among others, Chairman of the Film Development Corporation, Satyabrata Tripathy; Principal Secretary, Finance, Ashok Kumar Meena; Chairman and Managing Director of IDCO, SK Singh, Managing Director of IPICOL, Nitin Vanudas Jawale and other senior officials were present in the meeting.

## Man Attempts Self-Immolation Outside Odisha Assembly

Bhubaneswar, Feb 17: With a day before the commencement of the budget session in Odisha Assembly, one more suicide bid before the State Assembly premises has shocked everyone. High drama ensued in front of the Assembly on Wednesday when a man, reported to be a resident of Hanspal area in Bhubaneswar, tried to set himself on fire with some inflammable liquid. Alert police personnel deployed at the spot foiled the suicide bid of the man after capturing him and seizing the combustible liquid from his possession. Newsmen who caught up with the man after the police took him



into custody clarified the reasons behind taking such an extreme step. He alleged that the Mancheswar Police has not been listening to his complaint despite sincere pleas. Notably, the Commissionerate Police has installed massive security as part of its preparedness for the smooth conduct of the budget session in the backdrop of several suicide bids near the Assembly during the

previous sessions. According to official sources, forces have been deployed at the Assembly, Lok Seva Bhawan and Lower PMG for the session and more security personnel will be present in the high security zone to prevent protests and other untoward incidents. The police has already made it clear that legal action would also be initiated against anyone attempting suicide.

## Cyber Fraud In Cuttack, Doctor Duped Of Rs 77 Lakh

Bhubaneswar, Feb 17: A doctor based in Cuttack's CDA area was duped Rs 77 lakh over a cyber fraud recently. The doctor, Sanatan Mohanty is a native of CDA Sector-7. Mohanty was cheated by a fraudster over SIM activation. The doctor has lodged a complaint with the police in this connection. According to the complaint, The major fraud came to light after the doctor lodged a complaint regard-

ing the fraudulent transactions amounting to Rs 77,86,727 with the Cyber Police station. Mohanty received a call on February 9 where the callers told that his BSNL SIM card will get inactivated and offered him help. The frauds managed to get the debit card details of Mohanty in the process. During the call, the callers tricked him into sharing his debit card number and bank details.



## Kiran Bedi's First Statement After Being Removed As Lt. Governor Of Puducherry



Puducherry, Feb 17: After being removed from the post of Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Kiran Bedi said that she was thankful to the people of the Union Territory. Bedi was suddenly removed from her post on Tuesday night. A brief release issued by Rashtrapati Bhavan spokesper-

son Ajay Kumar Singh said that the President has directed that Kiran Bedi "will no longer be the Lt. Governor of Puducherry". President Ram Nath Kovind has given the additional charge of the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry to the Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana.

This new responsibility will take effect from the time he takes over as the Lieutenant Governor and he will remain in this post till there is regular arrangement of the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry. After being removed from the post, Bedi said, 'I thank the Government of India for the experience of a lifetime in Puducherry as Lieutenant Governor. I also thank all those who worked closely with me. I can say with satisfaction that during this tenure, 'Team Raj Niwas' served the people with great dedication.'

## 'Toolkit case: Delhi cops seized hard disk from house, says activist Shantanu Muluk's father

Mumbai, Feb 17: Two persons claiming to be the personnel of Delhi Police seized a computer hard disk and other items from the house of green activist Shantanu Muluk, a suspect in the "toolkit" case related to the farmers' protest, without a search warrant on February 12, in Beed in Maharashtra, his father Shivlal Muluk has told local police. Beed superintendent of police Raja Ramaswami said on Wednesday that Shivlal Muluk made a representation to the police on Tuesday. "We got representation yesterday. We'll enquire & accordingly take needful action (sic)," reads the message texted to PTI by Ramaswami.



On Tuesday, the Bombay High Court granted transit anticipatory bail to Shantanu Muluk for 10 days. Shivlal Muluk, 54, made the representation as a "responsible citizen" to Beed Police and urged the SP to take appropriate action regarding the "search" conducted at his house,

an official said. The letter stated that two persons visited the residence of the Muluks in Chanakyapuri area in Beed on February 12 around 5.30 am and introduced themselves as officials of the Delhi Police by showing their identity cards, the official said. The duo told the Muluk family that

Delhi Police wanted to know about Shantanu, saying he had committed treason and he had been in contact with pro-Khalistan people, the official said quoting the letter. The duo then searched all rooms in the house and took away a hard disk, an environment-related poster, a book, and a

mobile phone cover from Shantanu Muluk's room, it stated. According to Shivlal Muluk, the police officials did not show any search warrant and also didn't obtain any permission from the family before taking away these items, the letter said. The police officials also didn't prepare any "panchnama" of the seized material, it stated. A Panchnama is a record of witness testimony, usually prepared by the police, during the investigation of a crime or after a death. The police officials also told the Muluk family that the seized material will be returned to them later, as per the representation.

## Uttarakhand disaster: Satellite images show trail of destruction after avalanche

Uttarakhand Chamoli, Feb 17: The devastating flash flood in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district was caused by landslides and a snow avalanche that brought down debris, mud and soil into the downstream areas of a stream. The high-resolution satellite images of the landslide at Uttarakhand, which were released by Maxar Technologies, show that flash floods in Rishi Ganga and Dhauliganga river catchment areas caused by a major snow avalanche near Raini village of



Chamoli district left behind the devastating trail of destruction. The death toll in the tragedy has now reached 58. So far, eleven bodies have been recovered from the Tapovan tunnel where 30 workers are feared trapped. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police, the National Disaster

Response Force and the State Disaster Response Force are jointly carrying out the intense rescue work in the area. As many as 146 people are still missing in the wake of the tragedy. The devastating flash flood in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district was caused by landslides

and a snow avalanche that brought down debris, mud and soil into the downstream areas of a stream. The debris blocked the natural course of the stream, creating an artificial dam. Under pressure from the debris, the blockade in the stream gave way, resulting in a huge

amount of water flowing downstream, taking boulders, rocks, soil and vegetation along with it in its course. Before the satellite images were released, the flash flood was believed to have been caused by a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood. But the emergence of the images and preliminary investigation has revealed the disaster was caused by a Landslide Lake Outburst Flood (LLOF), which is a breach in a temporary pool or lake formed by obstructions due to landslides or snow avalanches.

## Mobile Recharge Plans May Increase From April 1

New Delhi, Feb 17: Telecom companies may increase tariff plans in the coming months. Due to this, the customer is going to be expensive to talk on mobile and use the internet. Let us know that the telecom companies are preparing to increase the rates from April 1. According to the Investment Infor-

mation and Credit Rating Agency (ICRA) report, companies can once again increase tariffs to increase their revenue in the coming financial year 2021-22 starting from April 1. However, no information has been disclosed about how much their prices will be increased. ICRA says that the increase in tar-

iff and up-gradation of customers from 2G to 4G can improve average revenue per user (ARPU). By the middle of the year, it can be around 220 rupees. This will increase the industry's revenue from 11% to 13% in the next 2 years and operating margin by about 38% in FY 2022.



## India and Russia agree to work closely on key issues at the UN Security Council



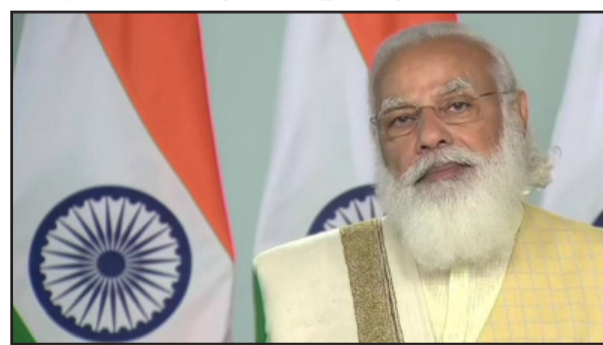
New Delhi, Feb 17: The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said both sides held bilateral consultations in Moscow on Tuesday on issues which are on the agenda of the UN Security Council (UNSC). It said the Indian delegation at the director general-level meeting briefed the Russian side on India's priorities during its UNSC tenure. "Both sides agreed to work closely together on key issues on the UNSC agenda, in keeping with the special and privileged strategic partnership between the two countries. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said

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said in a statement. India began its two-year tenure as a non-permanent member of the UNSC on January 1. In August, India is scheduled to serve as the president of the powerful UN body. The MEA said the two sides appreciated the intensive ongoing bilateral contacts on matters relating to the UN, including with respect to a wide range of issues on the UNSC agenda. Last week, India held similar discussions with China.

## Govt understands yearning for progress among New India's youth: PM Modi

Mumbai, Feb 17: "The New India and every citizen is impatient for development. Our government understands the emotions of the New India's youth. Over 130 crore Indians' aspirations inspire us to drive ahead," he said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the countrymen are "impatient for progress"



and his government understands this yearning within the "New India's" youth. Addressing the Nasscom

Technology and Leadership Forum (NTLF) here, Modi said it is the aspirations of over 130 crore Indians that in-

spire everybody to drive ahead at a fast pace. "The New India and every citizen is impatient for development. Our government understands the emotions of the New India's youth. Over 130 crore Indians' aspirations inspire us to drive ahead," he said. The 'New India' looks up to the government and also to the private sec-

tor for progress going ahead, he said. Modi lauded the work done by the IT industry during the pandemic, specifically mentioning that the sector will have managed to grow over 2 per cent to \$194 billion in FY21. He also exuded confidence that the IT industry's growth momentum will be touching newer highs going forward.

## 6 held in POCSO case for spreading photo of politician, daughter with 'salacious' intent

Guwahati, Feb 17: Editor-in-Chief Taufiquddin Ahmad and news editor Iqbal, along with two other employees of Pratibimba Live, Puli Muchhary associated with Bodoland Digital and Nang Noyonmoni Gogoi associated with Spotlight Assam have been booked. Six people linked to three Assam-based news portals, including at least two journalists, were arrested on Wednesday for spreading with "salacious" intent a photograph of a state politician and

his minor daughter, according to police. Editor-in-Chief Taufiquddin Ahmad and news editor Iqbal, along with two other employees of Pratibimba Live, Puli Muchhary associated with Bodoland Digital and Nang Noyonmoni Gogoi associated with Spotlight Assam have been booked under Section 509 of IPC (insulting modesty of a woman) and sections 14 and 21 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The websites had allegedly

shared a photo of the politician and his minor daughter without mentioning who she was, after which it went viral. Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) G P Singh told The Indian Express that a police complaint had been lodged by a family member of the politician, besides several others in various police stations in different parts of the state. "People are strongly advised not to give air to such attempts since posting such pictures with



malicious intention attracts provisions of POCSO Act. @assampolice would take strong action against all such attempts under stringent provisions of POCSO Act. @DGPAssamPolice, Singh tweeted Wednesday. "Initial

FIRs have been registered under these sections but we are investigating and additional charges may be added if they come to the fore," said Singh, adding that out of the six arrests, four had been made in Guwahati, one at Golaghat and the other at Sivasagar.



## Yours Hope Foundation Trust Organized Road Safety Awareness Campaign



(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Feb 17: On the occasions of road safety month Yours Hope Foundation Trust Organized road safety awareness campaign at Khordha. The founder and Chairman of the Trust Rina Rani Nayak coordinate the programme. The chief guest of the occasions

Mitra, Superintendent of Police Khordha, Raj Kishore Dora, SDPO, Khordha, Sushil Kumar Mishra, Chairman Khordha District BAR Association Sisir Kumar Parida, IIC, Khordha, Model Police Station Uma Shankar Singh, said about how to drive safely in order to avoid accidents and injuries.

The programme was assisted by Yours Hope Foundation Trust members Kulamani Jena, Bikash Paturasingh, Santosh Nayak, Ranjan Nayak, Sushil Dora, Rojalini Muduli, Gunia Behera, Sangram Rana, Mamali, Runubala Pradhan, Surya Kumar Jena and Sunil Kumar Bisoi.

## Food inspection conducted at Puri



(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Feb 17: Inspection

came to know that the Chenna is collected

and collection of food samples like cheese (chhena) in loose containers covering them with transparent polythene. The loading and unloading of chhena should be done in hygienic manner. They are also instructed to obtain Food License/Registration. Food safety officer Rajashree Pati and her team carried the inspection.

## Odisha Assembly Budget Session Likely To Begin On Stormy

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 17: The budget session of Odisha Assembly is likely to begin on a stormy note as both the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and opposition parties will lock the horns over several key issues. As the question hour and zero hour will be allowed this time in the sixth session of Odisha Assembly, the Government may face questions and criticism over key issues like farmers' agitation and border dispute. "We will raise Kotia jurisdiction row in the House. We will also target the State Government over ongoing farmers' protest," said senior Congress leader Narasingha Mishra. The BJD has also prepared a strategy to counter the opposition parties. The party will discuss central negligence to Odisha, a big revenue shortfall due to GST and other Central

sponsored schemes. "The State will lose Rs 12,000 crore this year due to implementation of GST. The State Government will bear the loss of Rs 60,000 crore in five years," said Parliamentary Affairs Minister BK Aarukh. Similarly, the party will also corner Opposition BJP over allocation to Odisha in the Railway Budget this year, he added. Meanwhile, the BJP may target the ruling BJD over Mahanga double murder issue, Odisha-Andhra Pradesh border dispute as well as mandi system. Earlier in the day, the all-party meeting was held ahead of the budget session scheduled from tomorrow. After chairing the meeting, Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro said that there will be question hour during entire sixth session. "There will be sitting on Saturdays during entire sixth session.



Time of each sitting day will be for 4.30 hours starting from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. The sitting arrangements will be made for the members in Assembly Hall, Visitors' Gallery, DV Gallery and Speaker's Gallery," a release stated today. The budget session will commence on February 18 after Governor's Address, Obituary Reference, Motion of Thanks & Laying of the lists of Assented Bills in the House by Secretary, OLA. Later, the House will be adjourned. The Budget will be tabled on February 22. As per the decision taken at the all-

## Khordha District BAR Association Organized Condolence Meeting in Memory of Guru Prasad Pattnaik

(A.O. Bureau) Khordha, Feb 17: A Condolence meeting was organized Library Hall of Khordha District BAR Association in the memory of departed senior member of Khordha District BAR Association Guru Prasad Pattnaik.

The Condolence meeting was presided over by the Chairman Khordha District BAR Association Sisir Kumar Parida. He said late Mr. Pattnaik have wholeheartedly dedicated to his work and a huge inspiration to



his colleague. The members of Khordha District BAR Association expressing deep sorrows and shock over the great loss, a Condolence resolution was passed in the meeting which conveyed heartfelt sympathy

and Condolence to the members of the bereaved family and prayed almighty to grant external peace to the departed soul. In this Condolence meeting the senior Advocate of Khordha Debendra Kar, Prafulla

Chandra Mohanty, Bijaya Kumar Chhotray, Bichitra Kumar Badjena, Rajani kanta Pattnaik, Mahammad Jarif, Prabhanjan Jena, Ajit Kumar Mishra, Manash Ranjan Pattnaik, Biswakesh Mohapatra,

Sanjaya Pattnaik, Bijaya Chandra Mohanty, Subash Chandra Rath and others Advocate are remain present. Lastly, Secretary of Khordha District BAR Association Harsha Kumar Pattnaik tender vote of thanks.

## The above rescued minor girl is produced before CWC through child line

(A.O. Bureau) Puri, Feb 17: On the evening of 15 02 during drive against undesirable elements at Puri Railway Station area on duty Officer ASI A.K.Jena & others noticed one girl child aged about-16 Years was sitting alone near booking counter of Puri in isolated state. On asking politely she gave out identity and it could be noticed that, she is basically from Balangir Dist. [Odisha] and also she is studying in class 10th. On further counseling about her family, she stated that, her father is an auto driver and her step mother is a house wife. She left from her house

without knowledge of her parents. She wants to go to her home as she realized that she came from her home in anger and she did not give a reason. Hence the above minor girls child is rescued and brought to RPF Post Puri [Child help desk] for further action with the help of child line staff. On asking about any contact number of her parents she given a mobile number of her father. Accordingly RPF Staff made contact with her father who informed that, on the morning of 14.02.2021 her daughter had gone to school but at about 12.00 PM he came to know that, his daughter had not



been to school. After that they made search near by the village and contacted with relatives and friends of his daughter but all were in vain. Accordingly on 15.02.2021, he had given a FIR in town PS Bolangir reg. kidnapping of her daughter. On the basis of FIR Town PS has registered a case against unknown person. Also he requested to keep her daughter safely till his arrival at Puri. Hence the above rescued minor girl is produced before CWC [Child Welfare Committee] through child line, where CWC directed to keep her in open selther further rehabilitation.

## Upasana Mohapatra Ties Knot With Mumbai-Based Odia Businessman



(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 17: Upasana Mohapatra, daughter of late Congress leader Lalatendu Bidyadhar Mohapatra married to a Mumbai-based industrialist today. The marriage was solemnised in Udaipur in Rajasthan. Upasana got married to industri-

alist Subhransu Sekhar Biswal, who is based out of Mumbai, but originally hails from Angul. Brahmagiri MLA, Lalitendu Bidyadhar Mohapatra did the 'kanya daan' during the wedding ceremony. In October 2017, the only daughter of the late firebrand

Congress leader joined the Odisha BJP, a year after her father's demise. The marriage was held in the City of Lakes in presence of a group of selected invitees away from the media glare. The young BJP leader was spotted with her beau earlier on different occasions.

## Odisha Shooter Hits Bull's Eye; Selected For ISSF World Cup

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 17: Shriyanka Sadangi, a renowned woman shooter from Odisha, has been selected in the Indian Women Rifle Team for the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup scheduled to be held from



March 18 to 29, 2021. The ISSF World Cup will be held in New Delhi and

as many as 42 countries have confirmed so far to participate in the event. In

a tweet, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik congratulating Sadangi for getting selected in the Indian Women Rifle Team for ISSF World Cup. Sadangi was selected in the Indian team for the 51st ISSF World Shooting Championship at Granada, Spain in

2014. She won a silver in the Asian Shooting Championship in 10m Air Rifle Junior Women's event at Kuwait in 2015. Also, Sadangi bagged a silver in 9th Asian Airgun Championship, 10 meter Air Rifle Shooting event in Tehran, Iran in 2016.

## Rs 25 Crore Fine Collected For Traffic Violation In Twin City: CP

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Feb 17: Fine amount of Rs 25 crore has been collected from traffic rule violators in the Twin City of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar in about one year, said Police Commissioner Sudhanshu Sarangi here today. Speaking at the valedictory event of month-long Traffic Awareness Month, the senior cop said on the basis of CCTV footages, around 350 challans



are being issued every day over violation of traffic rules. The number will further increase in next two to three months. "Within around one year following implementation of stricter traffic rules, Rs 25 crore has

been collected as fine from the violators in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. Do not ever think that you can escape after violating the traffic rules. You will definitely be caught one day and face the music for the offence," the CP cautioned. He further said, "There are certain people who are still not obeying the traffic rules and waiting for the cops to catch hold of them. Then only they will be cautious."



## EDITORIAL

## Going high

Politicians want liquor and money donated to farmers, lowering the dignity of their cause. If the protracted farmers' stir — in which scores have died while braving the bitter winter and lack of basic amenities at the protest sites — has made one thing clear, it is that our politicians do not care about anything beyond their own position and vote bank. What else can one construe from the two very shameful statements that have been made by the netas of two national parties in the span of a week? On February 14, Haryana Congress leader Vidya Devi kicked off a controversy when she told party workers to donate money and liquor to "rejuvenate the farmers' protest". Devi told a district executive committee meeting in Jind: "One should donate money, vegetables, ghee and liquor to further the farmers' protests." She went on to do further damage, both to the cause of the beleaguered farmers and to her party, by announcing a march in Jind in support of the growers, saying it would give the Congress a direction and new lease of life in the State. "We lost our existence after losing the elections. The andolan (protest) was revived as the farmers have a strong will. Now, we have to run it," she said. Obviously, the farmers, who have given their all till now to the protest that entered the 83rd day and have wisely tried their best to keep all political parties at bay, are enraged and mortified at the leader's statement, with Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait wondering, "What is the use of liquor here? I don't know why she's making such comments. Such people don't have anything to do with our movement. They can distribute whatever they want, at their movement." While the red-faced Congress quickly distanced itself from Devi's remarks, the BJP has been equally quick to condemn the party for trying to exploit the farmers' protests for political gains. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri tweeted: "Is this what it has come down to? A damning video that exposes what the farmers' protests actually mean for the Congress party. Utterly shameful." But the BJP would be well advised to do a bit of introspection before it tries to take the moral high ground. After all, the party has done everything it could to discredit the movement. Right from saying that it was the handiwork of Khalistanis, Pakistanis, vested interests and other political parties out to get the ruling party, the BJP has done it all. It has also shown an absolutely callous attitude towards the deaths of farmers during the protest, with the Government admitting in Parliament that it has no data on these deaths with Haryana Agriculture Minister JP Dalal adding insult to injury: "Wouldn't they have died if they were at home? Out of one-two lakh people, don't 200 people die in six months?" Such statements only expose the callousness of our political masters, and that they really don't care about the woes of the common man. Thankfully, the annadata of the country is made of sterner stuff. One only wishes that, for once, the netas would stop thinking about their vested interests. While the red-faced Congress quickly distanced itself from Devi's remarks, the BJP has been equally quick to condemn the party for trying to exploit the farmers' protests for political gains. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri tweeted: "Is this what it has come down to? A damning video that exposes what the farmers' protests actually mean for the Congress party. Utterly shameful." But the BJP would be well advised to do a bit of introspection before it tries to take the moral high ground. After all, the party has done everything it could to discredit the movement. Right from saying that it was the handiwork of Khalistanis, Pakistanis, vested interests and other political parties out to get the ruling party, the BJP has done it all. It has also shown an absolutely callous attitude towards the deaths of farmers during the protest, with the Government admitting in Parliament that it has no data on these deaths with Haryana Agriculture Minister JP Dalal adding insult to injury: "Wouldn't they have died if they were at home? Out of one-two lakh people, don't 200 people die in six months?" Such statements only expose the callousness of our political masters, and that they really don't care about the woes of the common man. Thankfully, the annadata of the country is made of sterner stuff. One only wishes that, for once, the netas would stop thinking about their vested interests.

## Cultivate the farmers first

The lack of traction with farmers, unlike with traders, has been a bane for the BJP. It has thereby failed to build a counterweight to the agitation. The Twitter handle of the BJP's Kisan Morcha is a good indicator of the saffron party's clout among farmers, or the lack of it. This might explain why the world's largest and India's ruling party is unable to sink its teeth into the agrarian community to build a counter-narrative to the farmers' agitation. Some other parties like the CPI enjoy better traction, though electorally insignificant, with farmers. Rajkumar Chahar, the head of the Kisan Morcha, is also a Lok Sabha MP from Fatehpur Sikri constituency. Thus he has to act like any other MP, prioritising his political career over organisational work among farmers. In an interview with a Hindi daily, he had said in November that the growers were unwilling to meet any political leader. But this hardly seems to be the case as several political leaders have reached out to the protesting farmers. The BJP itself alleges that the farmers' agitation is highly "politicised". None has, to be honest, prevented the ruling party from "politicising" a support that can act as a counterweight to the agitation. The critics of the farmers' protest have "securitised" the counter-narrative on social media. They perceive the cultivators' movement solely through the prism of national security. The farmers' movement is generally projected as a Khalistani campaign. Interestingly, Julio Reberio, IPS (Retd), the former DG of Punjab Police who adopted a bullet-for-bullet policy against Khalistani terrorists in 1980s and survived two assassination attempts,



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scoffs at such a suggestion. Anyone who recalls the dark days of Khalistani terrorism in the 1980s knows that it was aimed at severing Punjab from India. It manifested by the turn of 1980s as sanguineous attacks on Hindus to scare them away from the State. The Khalistanis were prepared for a similar reprisal against Sikhs across the rest of India. This way they would have achieved a forcible exchange of population, leading to the creation of a monolith Sikh state. By creating a sovereign Khalistan, they would have achieved a solitary prison for the Sikhs measuring 50,362 sq km and located between India and Pakistan. With no riverheads, no access to the sea and poorly developed industry, it would have been dependent on grain trade with India and Pakistan. India had the territorial depth to step up her food grain production gradually. An independent Punjab, however, would have been buried under mounds of grains had it lost a ready procurer in the form of New Delhi. Genuine Khalistanis would have deployed their manpower to wrest Punjab through insurgency rather than sending

unarmed men, women and children to sit on dharna on Delhi's border. They would rather depend upon the support of 62 per cent population of Punjab who are Sikhs than appealing to the Union Government to repeal the three farm laws. How does the existence or repeal of farm laws help in achieving Khalistan? However, Khalistanis exist. They would be out of business if they don't support the farmers' agitation, which has become a mass movement in Punjab. The merits (or demerits) of the farm laws apart, there is something mysterious about their origin. When exactly did the Government discover this golden route to farmers' prosperity? Nothing remotely similar was promised in the BJP's election manifestoes of 2014 and 2019. In 2019, one whole page was devoted to 'Doubling Farmers' Income' (PI3), out of which the Government has already fulfilled several promises. However, one would look in vain, hoping to find anything resembling the farm laws even in cryptic language there. The officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare did not seem to

have any clue about these laws in February 2020 when they appeared before the Standing Committee on Agriculture in connection with the demand for grants (2020-21). They gave a different road map for doubling farmers' income while being quizzed by the Standing Committee. Yet, by June 5, 2020, the farm laws had been promulgated through the ordinance route. While the Government is referring to the recommendations of the Shankarlal Guru Committee (2000) and the MS Swaminathan Committee (2004-06) constituted by the previous Governments, it is mysteriously silent on the 14-volume report of the Committee for Doubling Farmers' Income (2017-2018) chaired by Ashok Dalwai which this very Government had constituted. There was no such proposal in the DFI Committee recommendations to base the farm laws upon. The rot in agriculture, despite the growth in production, goes deep. What was expected of the Government was a new agricultural policy, brought in after consultations with all stakeholders. This could have linked certain sustainable development goals in agriculture with the market. Demonsising the APMC-run markets and the middlemen on the one hand, and on the other registering the same entities on the e-NAM (National Agricultural Market) portal and app in record numbers is paradoxical. The ruling party should have invested efforts to build up a counterweight to the agitation. This could have been done by mobilising the silent majority of farmers peacefully outside the agitation belt. The party, however, seems to lack genuine base among farmers in sharp contrast with traders. For it, winning elections in five States is a priority.

## New demands were placed on 15th Finance Commission. In difficult times, it rose to the challenge

It would be interesting to see the impact of these overarching and revolutionary recommendations in the times ahead. It was in the year 1952 that the First Finance Commission was constituted under the chairmanship of KC Neogy for the period 1952-57. The latest in this chain is the Fifteenth Finance Commission, which has performed the daunting and challenging task of submitting its report in COVID times. This is also the first ever Commission to have given recommendations spanning a period of six years, that is, 2020-26. Though the Ninth and Eleventh Commissions also came out with interim reports, the total span of the Commissions was limited to five years. The 15th Finance Commission has been in the news due to many new and unique demands which were placed on it, the major challenges being addressing the issue of the 2011 population census evoking a sharp response from the southern states, coupled with other issues like the non-lapsable defence fund and the use of certain parameters for performance incentives. Besides these, the Commission was also required to perform the herculean task of assessing and projecting the fiscal roadmap for the Union and state amid an uncertain domestic environment due to shortfall in the GST collection, further accentuated in the year 2020 by the global pandemic. The Commission, in its final report, recommended vertical devolution at 41 per cent, adjusting 1 per cent for the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. For horizontal distribution, it has tried to harmonise the principles of expenditure needs, equity and performance with the in-

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roduction of efficiency criteria of tax and fiscal efforts and by assigning 12.5 per cent weight to demographic performance, resolving the demographic debate and incentivising states for the efforts and progress made in moving towards the replacement rate of population growth. The second core function entrusted to the Finance Commission is to determine the principles which should govern grants-in-aid, assessed on the needs of the states. The Commission has recommended a total grant of Rs 10,33,062 crore during 2021-26, broadly characterised into: (a) revenue deficit grants, (b) grants for local governments, (c) grants for disaster management, (d) sector-specific grants and (e) state-specific grants. Grants are important as they are more directly targeted and equalise the standards of basic social services to some extent. Many of these grants are linked with performance-based criteria, thereby promoting principles of transparency, accountability, and leading to better monitoring of expenditures. In the Action Taken Report issued by the Union government, mostly all the grants are accepted, barring sector-specific grants (Rs 1,29,987 crore) and state-specific grants (Rs 49,599 crore), which will be considered by the government in due course. The Commission was also asked to examine whether revenue deficit grants should be provided at all to the states. Some states stressed that revenue deficit grants have serious disincentives for tax efforts and prudence in expenditure and, hence, these should be discontinued. Ultimately, the FFC has rec-

ommended revenue deficit grants of Rs 2,94,514 crore for an entire award period. Fiscally stressed states of Kerala (Rs 37,814 crore), West Bengal (Rs 40,115 crore) and Punjab (Rs 25,968 crore) are regular recipients of these grants due to high debt legacy. With regard to local governments, the grant recommended is Rs 4,36,361 crore during 2021-26. What makes this Commission's grant different from that of its predecessors is the set of entry level conditions for availing grants in the form of (a) constitution of State Finance Commissions, and (b) timely auditing and online availability of accounts for rural local bodies coupled with (c) notifying consistent growth rate for property tax revenue for urban local bodies. Secondly, the recommendation of tying the local bodies to drinking water, sanitation, solid-waste management and faecal sludge management is in alignment with the national programmes of Swachh Bharat Mission and Jal Jeevan Mission. It is for the first time that a Finance Commission has recommended Rs 8,000 crore to states for incubation of new cities, granting Rs 1,000 crore each for eight new cities. The focus of urban grants for air quality and meeting the service level benchmark of solid waste management and sanitation. However, the most landmark recommendation is channelising the health grant of Rs 70,051 crore through local bodies, addressing the gaps in primary health infrastructure. The Commission's recommendation for setting up the state and national

level Disaster Risk Mitigation Fund (SDRMF), in line with the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, is both well-timed and necessary. For the first time, the Finance Commission has introduced a 10-25 per cent graded cost-sharing basis by the states for the NDRF and NDMF which has not been appreciated by the states. To bridge the gap between projected budgetary requirements and budget allocation for defence and internal security and to provide greater predictability for enabling critical defence capital expenditure, the Commission has recommended setting up of a dedicated non-lapsable fund, the Modernisation Fund for Defence and Internal Security (MFDIS), with four specific sources: (a) Transfers from the Consolidated Fund of India, (b) disinvestment proceeds of DPSEs, (c) proceeds from the monetisation of surplus defence land and (d) proceeds of receipts from defence land likely to be transferred to state governments and for public projects in the future. The total indicative size of the proposed MFDIS over the period 2021-26 is Rs 2,38,354 crore. The Union government has accepted this recommendation in principle. The Commission has also recommended that Rs 1,000 crore per annum should be allocated from this fund for the welfare of families of the defence and CAPF personnel who sacrifice their lives in frontline duties. The report starts with the famous quote of Mahatma Gandhi: "The future depends on what we do in the present". It would be interesting to see the impact of these overarching and revolutionary recommendations in the times ahead.



## Forest protection Awareness by Mathili Forest Department in AJY area



(A.O. Bureau) MalKangiri, Feb 17: Today forest protection awareness meeting was held in kutunipalli village of Mathili Forest Range. The Awareness of the balance was raised at the meeting by Mathili Deputy Forest Range Officer Shri Ramesh Chandra Raut, Govind Pali Forester Shri Debashis Pradhan, Forest Guard Tapan Shah, Ama Jangal

Jojana, Development Officer Hrishikesh Panda, Banshi Anugulia and Srusti Organisation officials. Also VSS president Bhagaban Badumi, Animator Basudeb Pujari, Treasurer, Samandha Chalan Ward Member Sushila Rao and other 40 van surakhya Samiti members were present. For encourage the villagers towards forest conservation vegetable

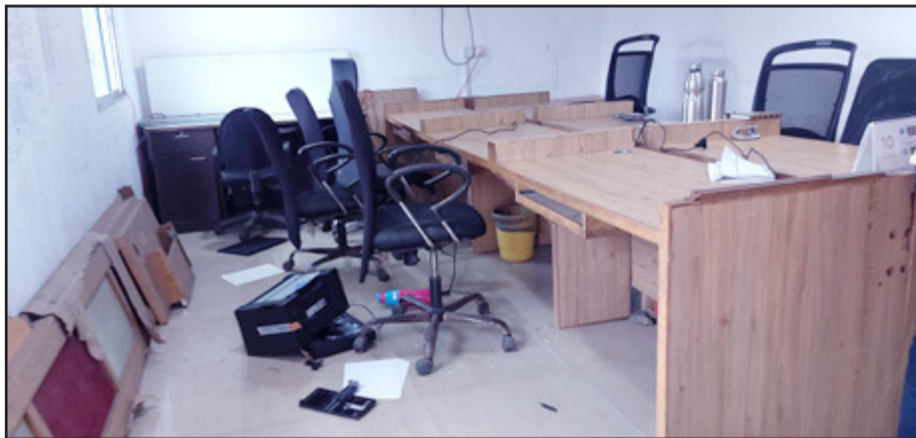
minikits were distributed to 20 beneficiaries and 10 plastic Chairs were distributed to the VSS Samiti. Also Mr Rout assured many Forest species plant's Wil be planted in the degraded places of AJY area. In the end, the villagers took the oath of allegiance to the forest goddess and vowed to protect the forest, not to set fire to the forest and protect the forest.

## The Adani company has been vandalized by workers

(A.O. Bureau) Rengali, Feb 17: The Adani company has been vandalized as it has sacked 40 workers working in the Talabira 2 and 3 coal mines in the Rengali block of Sambalpur district. The Adani company, Talabira 2 and 3, is mining coal. Villagers in Khinda, Talabira and Matulu camps in Khinda panchayat are being displaced due to

the coal mine. The displaced families have given their all to the company. The displaced villagers were hired by the company after several agitations. On Wednesday, the company issued a notice laying off 42 workers. The workers went to the company's office to find out why the workers had been fired. There was no satisfactory answer to the abuse

of workers. As a result, workers became angry and vandalized the office. The workers complained that they had been fired with great difficulty after giving their all to the company, but the workers complained that they had been fired for no apparent reason. The company has been accused of hiring out-of-state people by ignoring local displaced people.



## Odisha Government Announces Rs 200 Crore Project For Samaleswari Temple

(A.O. Bureau) Sambalpur, Feb 17: The mother of millions of Odias and the center of faith and trust, Maa Samaleswari Temple in Sambalpur, is the holy shrine of the mother. Thousands of devotees from across the state and beyond come to visit the mother every day. Devotees gather at Mother's Peetha on Navratri, Dashahara, Nuakhai, and important festivals. The state government has come up with a plan to develop the temple area of Maa Samalei, one of the most famous Devi Peethas in the state, after the Shri Jagannath Temple in Puri and the Sri Lingaraj Temple in

rience for tourists and devotees. 1. Protection and development of the Mother Temple: The area of the Mother Temple is located on 12 acres of land. So for the convenience of the devotees coming here, queue management arrangements, Bhogmandap, and restrooms of the priests will be built along with space for various religious institutions. Eight beautiful gates will be built around the temple. Devotees will enter the temple through the east gate and exit through the other three gates. Emergency facilities will be developed for the temple office, the



tion center, donation center and so on. There will also be passenger accommodation near the temple. 4. Housing for service families: A secure housing project will be set up for the services near the temple and all ba-

walk and leisure facilities along the river. 8. Riverfront development: The riverfront will be developed in a planned manner and a platform will be set up so that people can follow their traditions and customs at ease. In addition, the Pavilion, Plaza, and Deck will be built for tourists to enjoy the view of the river. Like the old days, the temple will be clear from the river.

to the river by a 9-meter walk, so people can easily go to the riverbank to observe the traditions and customs. Funeral services, shrines, and restrooms will be arranged near the cemetery. As a result of the new plan, a generous humanitarian and rehabilitation package is being developed for the affected people. It will include a package for households on government land, slums on government land, other housing on government land, shop houses on government land, and vendors on government land. Assistance will also be provided to clubs, religious institutions, government offices and institutions on government land. The letter can be made available to the public through



Bhubaneswar. A letter from the Department of Public Works was submitted to Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today. The state government is planning to launch the Samaleswari Temple Area Management & Local Economy Initiatives (SAMALEI) scheme for the development of the 16th-century Ma Samaleswari Peetha. In the financial year 2021-22, Rs 200 crore will be spent on the development of 108 acres of land in and around Samaleswari. The project will work to beautify the Mother Temple, the economic development of the locals, and a unique experience

Interpretation Center and the public near the main entrance to the temple. The Gopalji Math near the temple will be preserved and its development will be integrated with the original plan. 2. Heritage Corridor: A 1-kilometer walk will be built around the temple so that devotees can easily walk around. In view of the climate of Sambalpur, shady trees will be planted along the perimeter. 3. Passenger facilities: Adequate facilities will be developed there for the passengers and will also include parking space, special Vending zone, toilets, informa-

sic amenities will be developed. 5. Roads connecting the temple and the river: A 30-meter-wide sidewalk will also be developed so that devotees can visit the Mahanadi Ghat from the temple. 6. Mahanadi Alati: A 30-meter-high deck will be built in the middle of the above walkway, from which both the Mahanadi and the Mother Temple will be clearly visible. Every day there will be a unique spiritual experience for the Mahanadi Alati devotees. 7. Ring Road Development: The current ring road will be widened and will have a special

development of wetland. The Wetland area will be rehabilitated and beautified. There will also be food parks, an architecture park, and an open-air theater for the convenience of tourists. Vending arrangements will be made for the sale of souvenirs from Sambalpur, including famous handlooms and handicrafts. 10. Improvement of railway roads: The road from the railway station to the north side of the temple will be widened. So that the traffic problem can be eliminated. 11. Reconstruction of the ashes: The existing cemetery will be relocated to the east and modern facilities will be developed here. The cemetery is connected

to the river by a 9-meter walk, so people can easily go to the riverbank to observe the traditions and customs. Funeral services, shrines, and restrooms will be arranged near the cemetery. As a result of the new plan, a generous humanitarian and rehabilitation package is being developed for the affected people. It will include a package for households on government land, slums on government land, other housing on government land, shop houses on government land, and vendors on government land. Assistance will also be provided to clubs, religious institutions, government offices and institutions on government land. The letter can be made available to the public through [samalei@gmail.com](mailto:samalei@gmail.com) by March 15. The Chief Minister sought the cooperation of all for the successful implementation of the Samlai project. The meeting was attended by the Chief Administrative Secretary, the Chief Administrative Secretary of various departments, including the Chief Administrative Secretary, the Development Commissioner. Chief Minister's Secretary (ST) Shri V.K. Pandian coordinated the program.

## The state Govt has laid the foundation stone for the construction of a bridge over the Poleru River

(A.O. Bureau) MalKangiri, Feb 17: Malkangiri District Kalimela Block Manamonda Panchayat Odisha have laid the foundation stone for a bridge to be constructed at a cost of Rs 4.5 crore by the Government of Odisha on the Sileru River at Poleru in Andhra boarder Poleru. District Special Development Council Chairman



Manas Madkani, Zilla Parishad Chairman Dashrath Padiami, Kalimela Block Chairman Mala Madhi, Malkangiri Tahsildar

Gunanidhi Nayak, Kalimela BDO Umashkar Dalei, Kalimela Tahsildar Alok Kumar Anugul Additional SP Udhan Nayak

SDPO Ansuman dwibedi Were present on the occasion. The district magistrate reached the riverbed and toured the area, then crossed the

river in a boat and went to Andhra Pradesh to hold talks with the Boarder people there. Locals said the bridge could benefit people living in areas bordering both states. According to the information, the total cost of the bridge, which is to be built at a cost of Rs 1936 m, is estimated at Rs 8.57 crore. Construction is scheduled to begin today and end on March 3rd March 2022.

## School children and SHG members repaired the village road



(A.O. Bureau) MalKangiri, Feb 17: Padalput, a hamlet village of Patrel village under the Korkunda block of Malkangiri district, is on the Malkangiri Balimela main road to Kenduguda from the Public Works Road through Agro Nursery to the road leading to Majhiguda or the road to Majhiguda. The villagers informed the sarpanch, Block development officer, Korkunda for several days. "Improvements have been made to the road, but no repairs have been made

in the last five years," he said at a village meeting. Knowing all this, the villagers used to do their own collective work and repair parts of the road every year. The issue's end has the recaptured Doomsday in the control of the cyclists and other motorcyclists. With the help of the villagers, they were both treated urgently and repaired both bicycles. This morning, all the crooked children began to level the ditches on the road with twenty shovels. Upon learning of this, the mothers and

aunts of the two self-help groups in the village joined hands with the children on their own. They saved some money and donated 3,000 rupees for purchase soil and leveled it on the road. Upon learning of the incident, the team again appealed to the district commissioner and the executive engineer, the Department of Public Works, to seek the cooperation of the newspaper. The letter appealed to the Hon'ble District Magistrate and the Department of Public Works.

## Kalrapat Elephant Deaths: Central Team To Conduct On-The-Spot Assessment On Feb 20

(A.O. Bureau) Kalahandi, Feb 17: A Central team from the Ministry of Environment and Forests will carry out an on-the-spot assessment of remedial measures taken to check elephant deaths in Kalrapat Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Central Team will reach Bhubaneswar today and are scheduled to have a meeting with Shashi Paul, acting PCCF (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden on Thursday. The members of this team will arrive at Kalahandi on 19th

Feb and set off for an inspection to Kalrapat on the next day, said DFO South Division, Kalahandi, T Ashok Kumar. "The elephants are doing good healthwise. They are being constantly monitored. Three baby elephants are

roaming freely with their mother and do not seem to have any form of sickness. There is no sight of infection in them," Kumar said. On Wednesday afternoon, the DFO reached the sanctuary and conducted a detailed review of the

measures taken for protecting the pachyderms of Kalrapat. So far, six elephants died in a span of 14 days here. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday asked the authorities to take immediate measures to stop the fatalities.



## Man of Social Status Can be Sexual Abuser Too, Observes Delhi Court as it Acquits Priya Ramani in MJ Akbar's Defamation Case



New Delhi, Feb 17: MJ Akbar had filed the complaint against Priya Ramani on October 15, 2018 for allegedly defaming him by accusing him of sexual misconduct decades ago. He resigned as Union minister on October 17, 2018. Observing that "even a man of social status can be a sexual harasser", Delhi Court on Wednesday acquitted Priya Ramani in criminal defamation case by MJ Akbar. "Sexual

abuse takes away dignity and self confidence. Right of reputation can't be protected at the cost of right to dignity. A woman has right to put her grievance even after decades," the court said. The court said it is shameful that crimes against women are taking place in a country where epics like Mahabharata and Ramayana were written about respecting them. The glass ceiling will not prevent Indian

women as a roadblock in advancement in society of equal opportunities, it said. Further, the court said Jatayu had come to protect Princess Sita. Ramani had made allegations of sexual misconduct against Akbar in the wake of #MeToo movement in 2018. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ravindra Kumar had on February 1 reserved the judgment for February 10 after Akbar as well as Ramani com-

pleted their arguments. The court said Ramani's disclosure was in the interest of anti-sexual harassment at workplace. Regarding Force magazine editor Ghazala Wahab's disclosure, the court said there was no mechanism to deal with sexual harassment at the time and the former did not file any complaint in view of Akbar's status. "There was no Vishakha guidelines at the relevant time. Need to consider systematic abuse at workplace," the court said, adding such abuse takes away dignity and self confidence. Regarding social stigma attached with the allegations, the court said, "Society must understand the impact of sexual abuse and harassment on its victims." An elated Ramani later thanked her lawyer Rebecca John and her team, who she said put their

heart and soul in the case. "It feels amazing, truly does. I feel vindicated on behalf of all the women who have ever spoken out against sexual harassment at work place," she said, adding the sexual harassment issue has gotten the attention it deserves." John said, "...when you fight powerful people, you have only truth on your side. This is probably the most important case for me. The court believed in Ramani." Akbar had filed the complaint against Ramani on October 15, 2018, for allegedly defaming him by accusing him of sexual misconduct decades ago. He resigned as Union minister on October 17, 2018. He has denied all the allegations of sexual harassment against the women who came forward during #MeToo campaign against him.

## 'Work Vs School': Child Artists Get Candid About Their Lives on and Beyond Sets

New Delhi, Feb 17: TV's famous child actors open up on what inspired them to step into the acting profession at such a tender age and their lives beyond sets. Devasheesh Pandey- Is there anything impressive than watching a young gun steal away the limelight from a mature and trained actor? Certainly not! In fact, there is nothing that delights us more than watching the gentleness and innocence of a child gush forth on-screen, making a case for 'age is just a number'. We got in touch with Aditi Jaltare (11) of Punyashlok Ahilya Bai, Zara Warsi (10) and Aryan Prajapati (13) of Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Vivaan Shah (6.5) of Yeshu to pick their

(2019). It is my hobby and now I enjoy being a part of each and every scene. Aryan: It has been three years since I started acting. I used to watch Rowdy Rathore and other TV serials, then mute the volume and speak dialogues out loud in front of a mirror. My mother saw this, liked it and pushed me to take auditions. What do you like most about your character in your TV show? What challenges have you faced in doing the role? Aditi: I personally like all the things about Ahilya Bai. Her personality, her thinking, her faith on Shiv Ji, her simplicity, her truthfulness and how she shows love for all. Nothing particularly posed as a challenge because from the

cricket and badminton. I love dancing and handling the camera on set. The director and DoP are very nice to me and encourage me. Aryan: I love playing badminton and cycling. I also like listening to rap music. Aditi: Apart from acting, I love to dance. In school, I actively take part in science project activities and any craft-related work. I also love to travel and spend time with my family. Is it difficult to maintain a proper balance between work and school? Aryan: I always join shoots post 2 pm, which is after my school hours. I also carry my books on set. Whenever I feel a subject may pose problem for me or any lesson is difficult, I also study on shoot in what-



(L to R) Child actors Aryan Prajapati, Zara Warsi, Vivaan Shah and Aditi Jaltare

brains on how they view their profession and what drove them to take the plunge so early in their lives. They also get candid on their hobbies, inspirations and maintaining a sound work and education balance. How long have you been acting now? How did you decide that acting was the profession for you at such a young age? Zara: In 2018, I had a chance to play a cameo in a comedy show and that was my first experience of acting. It has now been around two years for me in this industry. When I was 4-5 years old, I saw my friends going to the dance academy and asked my mother to enroll me in. Later, in Lucknow, I participated in a competition and performed in front of Yogesh Tripathi and Saleem Zaidi. They praised me and encouraged me to pursue dance and acting further. That is how my career started. Vivaan: I have been in the acting profession since three years now. My elder sister, Zoya Shah, has done a number of reality shows and is in this field as well. I learned by watching her perform. Aditi: I started acting when I was 7. My first role was as Sindhu in Marathi serial Sindhu

very first day I easily merged with the character. Zara: There is a huge difference between me and my character Chamchi. She is someone who snitches about everyone to her grandmother (Himani Shivpuri), while in real life, I am the exact opposite. It was a huge challenge for me initially but with a supportive cast, I have managed to bring out the essence well and enjoy essaying the role. Aryan: The good thing is that my character in the show is almost like how I am in real life. Hritik is shown to be naughty and fun loving, and I am totally like that as well. Their lives are similar. So frankly, there was no challenge as such in taking up this role. Vivaan: I love this role because Yeshu is of helping nature and even talks politely to people who are rude to him. He espouses the ideas of peace and compassion. But the challenging part is that I have to wear a wig as Yeshu, and during outdoor shoots it tends to get hot. What hobbies do you indulge in your free time? Zara: I love painting, art and craft, singing, mimicry and dancing. Vivaan: I like playing outdoor games like

ever free time I get. Vivaan: Currently, my classes are being conducted online. So whenever I am on the set and get free time, I attend my classes. Aditi: It is certainly difficult to maintain balance between education and work. But my Mom makes it simple for me. She has taught me everything that I missed because of my shoot. Zara: For me, education is of topmost priority and acting is my passion. I ensure that I attend all my classes, prep well and then start shooting. Who inspires you in acting profession? Aditi: My parents and my grandparents have inspired me to take up acting. Aryan: Akshay Kumar inspired me initially because I loved his movie Rowdy Rathore. I like Ranveer Singh for his acting, Tiger Shroff for dancing and stunts and Hrithik Roshan's looks. Zara: My biggest inspirations have been my mother and my mentor Saleem Zaidi who have always motivated me to stay focused and work hard. Vivaan: My father, who is a Chartered Accountant, supports me in pursuing acting. He makes my audition tapes and sends them across to people. He also helps me out in performing.

## Five Reasons Why Chocolates are Good for You

New Delhi, Feb 17: Chocolate sales will increase sharply on Valentine's Day since lovers greatly prefer the confectionary made of cacao beans as the ideal gift on the day. People love chocolates because it contains stimulants that make us feel positive, energised and romantic. We share five notable benefits of consuming chocolates, below. Enhances mood - Chocolates contain anandamide, which as one might guess, comes from the Sanskrit word "ananda", meaning happiness, joy and delight. Chocolates also contain the chemical compound



phenylethy-lamine (PEA), which is said to enhance our feelings of love. Caffeine in chocolates also acts as a stimulant and provides the same energising effect as coffee, since both are made from cacao beans. Reduces stress - Studies have found evidence that Polyphenols contained in cocoa used to prepare chocolates can reduce

stress. Both dark chocolate and milk chocolate contain such polyphenols. Stress is said to signal an increase in oxidative damage to our systems. The antioxidants in chocolate neutralise this oxidative damage caused by free radicals and reduce our stress. Dark chocolates contain greater flavanol levels than milk chocolates. Also, fla-

vonoid absorption might be inhibited by milk proteins. Beneficial for the brain - Chocolate contains flavanols, which are antioxidant molecules that help in the optimisation of our brain's functions and potential. Flavanols protect the neurons in the brain and increase our cognitive abilities concerning memory and learning. In the elderly, chocolate also protects against degeneration of mental abilities and reduces the chances of acquiring Alzheimer's disease. Protects the heart - As per research, consumption of dark chocolate, in particular, has been linked to

a reduced risk of cardiovascular diseases (CVD) such as coronary heart disease and stroke. Chocolate lowers high blood pressure, which otherwise raises the possibility of coronary heart disease in which the arteries become narrow, plaque accumulation increases and raises the possibility of heart attacks. Dark chocolate keeps our blood vessels dilated and aids in normal blood flow. Protects the kidneys - Dark chocolate was found to have protective effects on our kidneys. The flavanols in dark chocolate help maintain proper renal tissue oxygenation which is essential for the functioning of the kidneys.

## Lut Gaye: Emraan Hashmi plays a cop in this corny, romantic ballad by Tanishk Bagchi

New Delhi, Feb 17: T-Series' latest music video "Lut Gaye" featuring Bollywood actor Emraan Hashmi and newcomer Yukti Thareja is out. The nearly

five-minute video is a romantic ballad crooned by Jubin Nautiyal, with lyrics by Manoj Muntashir. The track has been composed by Tanishk Bagchi.

True to Bhushan Kumar's style, the track is a corny, melodramatic take on unrequited, unfulfilled love. The lyrics are decent, and the song sounds good enough. The choreography and the whole 'drunk bride act' is reminiscent of Divya Khosla's version of "Yaad Piya Ki Aane Lagi." The song attempts to spin a narrative of great love and sacrifice about a Mumbai cop who unwittingly falls for the bride he rescues. However, the video goes round and round in circles and doesn't do a great job at keeping the viewer en-

gaged. Even Tanishk Bagchi's music makes it sound like the regular, generic club number. In an earlier statement on the music video of 'Lut Gaye,' Emraan Hashmi said, "We received appreciation and love for Main Ragoon Ya Na Ragoon, and when Bhushan and Vinay-Radhika spoke to me about Lut Gaye, I was happy to collaborate on the single. It is a beautiful melody with words that hit you hard. Hope the audiences love the song as much as I do." Emraan and Bhushan Kumar have previously

collaborated on several projects. Speaking about the same, Bhushan said, "Emraan Hashmi takes romantic tracks to an all-new level with the way he beautifully emotes love, longing or even heartbreak. No one could have performed 'Lut Gaye' better than him and we are happy he agreed to feature in this melodious, soulful song. A beautiful story by Vinay-Radhika together with Jubin's passionate voice, Tanishk's sincere composition, and Manoj's heartfelt lyrics, this one will stay with audiences for a long time."





## Ashwin jumps to fifth in Test all-rounder rankings, retains seventh spot among bowlers



Dubai, Feb 17: India's Ravichandran Ashwin jumped to fifth spot among all-rounders in the latest ICC Test Player Rankings following his brilliant show with the bat and the ball against England in the second match while his captain Virat Kohli remained at fifth among batsmen. Ashwin hit an excellent 106 in India's second innings and took eight wickets with his off-spin in the second Test against England in Chennai, which the hosts won by 317 runs on Tuesday. He has logged 336 points in a list headed

by West Indian Jason Holder (407 points). Ashwin's spin bowling partner Ravindra Jadeja remained at second with 403 points, followed by Ben Stokes (397) of England and Shakib Al Hasan (352) of Bangladesh. The 34-year-old Ashwin remained static at seventh among Test bowlers with 804 points while pacer Jasprit Bumrah, who was rested from the Chennai Test, also retained his eighth spot with 761 points with Australian pacer Pat Cummins (908) topping the chart. Kohli,

who made 0 and 62 in Chennai, retained the fifth position among batsmen with 838 points. Kane Williamson (919) of New Zealand retained the top position with Steve Smith (891) of Australia in second spot. Another Australian Marnus Labuschagne (878) moved up to third while England captain Joe Root (869) slipped to fourth after his two innings of 6 and 33 in the Chennai Test. Another Indian Cheteshwar Pujara -- 21 and 7 in Chennai -- slipped to eighth place with 727 points.

## India announce squad for last two Tests vs England

New Delhi, Feb 17: Shardul Thakur is the only player who has not been kept from the earlier squad as he will be released to compete in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. Shahbaz Nadeem has also been dropped from the stand-by list. India have named their squad to take on England in the last two matches of the 4-Test series. The last two matches of the series, which is currently tied at 1-1, will be played at the Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad. The third Test -- pink-ball Test -- will take place at the new Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad from February 24. India squad: Virat Kohli (Capt), Rohit Sharma, Mayank Agarwal,

Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane (vc), KL Rahul, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant (wk), Wriddhiman Saha (wk), R Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Ishant Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Md. Siraj. Shardul Thakur is the only player who has not been kept from the earlier squad as he will be released to compete in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. Shahbaz Nadeem has also been dropped from the stand-by list. The anticipation was around senior pacer Mohammed Shami's fitness and it has been learnt that he is still not 100 percent fit for the rigours of five-day games. Umesh Yadav



will join the team in Ahmedabad and after his fitness assessment will replace Shardul Thakur, who will be released for Vijay Hazare Trophy. The Committee also picked five net bowlers, namely, Ankit Rajpoot, Avesh Khan, Sandeep Warrier, Krishnappa Gowtham, Saurabh Kumar. The two play-

ers as standbys will be KS Bharat, Rahul Chahar. The pink-ball Test will be the first international match at the rebuilt Motera stadium, which is the largest in the world with a capacity of 1,10,000 spectators. The English side too had announced their squad for the third Test. England squad

for Third Test: Joe Root (c), James Anderson, Jofra Archer, Jonny Bairstow, Dominic Bess, Stuart Broad, Rory Burns, Zak Crawley, Ben Foakes, Dan Lawrence, Jack Leach, Ollie Pope, Dom Sibley, Ben Stokes, Olly Stone, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.

## IPL Auction 2021: 292 players set to go under the hammer in Chennai

Chennai, Feb 17: IPL Auction 2021 Date, Time, Players List, Teams: IPL 2021 Player Auction list will be held on Thursday where a total of 292 cricketers are set to go under the hammer in Chennai on February 18th. 1114 cricketers had initially registered for the auction. The final list was then



pruned after the eight franchises submitted their shortlist of players. 2 crore is the high-

est reserve price and two Indian players -- Harbhajan Singh and Kedar Jadhav -- and

eight overseas players -- Glenn Maxwell, Steve Smith, Shakib Al Hasan, Moeen Ali, Sam Billings, Liam Plunkett, Jason Roy & Mark Wood have chosen to be slotted in the highest bracket. 12 players are in the auction list with a base price of 1.5 crores. Hanuma Vihari and Umesh Yadav are the

two Indian players in the list of 11 cricketers with a base price of INR 1 crore. A total of 164 Indian players, 125 overseas players, and 3 players from Associate Nations will be up for grabs in the IPL 2021 Player Auction in Chennai. The Auction will start at 15:00 IST and will be broadcasted on Star Sports channels.

## Punch in the gut: India's boxing contingent for Tokyo affected as qualifiers cancelled



Chandigarh, Feb 17: A year after Indian boxers secured a historic nine quota places for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, India's hopes of sending one boxer in each of the 13 weight categories at Tokyo Olympics this year received a jolt when the Boxing Task Force (BTF) decided on Monday night that the final World Olympic qualifier to be held in Paris, France in June later this year will not be held. Now 53 quota places (32 men and women quotas) will be allocated across Africa, Americas, Asia/Oceania and Europe, to the best ranked boxer not yet qualified per region. India had missed on qualifying in the men's 51 Kg, 81 Kg and 91 Kg and women's 57 Kg category at Jordan last year and with the Indian boxers well behind in BTF Rankings at present in these categories, India will send

only the nine boxers to Tokyo. While Indian boxer Gaurav Solanki had lost out on earning an Olympic quota in the men's 57 Kg category at Jordan with a narrow loss to eventual gold medallist Uzbekistan's Mirazizbek Mirzakhaliyev in the first round, Sachin Kumar's loss in quarter-finals in 81 Kg and Naman Tanwar's first round loss in 91 Kg had also meant that the Indian boxing contingent was hopeful of securing a quota in these categories in Paris. In the women's 57 kg category, Sakshi Chaudhary had lost in the quarter-finals in 57 Kg category at Jordan. Perhaps the biggest sucker punch falls on the men's 57 Kg category seeing the presence of 2018 CWG champion Gaurav Solanki, 2019 Asian Championships silver medallist and world championship quarter-

finalist Kavinder Bisht, Sunil Siwach and 2017 World Championship bronze medallist Gaurav Bidhuri. The women's 57 kg will feel similarly hard done by with the likes of Sonia Chahal apart from Sakshi Chaudhary. Solanki and Chahal's narrow losses in Jordan had curtailed their hopes but Nieva was confident of them securing a quota in Paris. "Obviously, we are very disappointed with this development because we were preparing for the world qualifiers and we had high hopes of qualifying more boxers for the Olympics. But we understand that these are unprecedented times and unprecedented decisions need to be taken. We were fortunate earlier that we qualified nine boxers from the first opportunity we got. I hope there is still a chance but I don't want to

speculate as that's what BTF and IOC will decide in the coming months," said Santiago Nieva, Indian boxing's High Performance Director, told. In the statement issued on Monday, the Boxing Task Force said "This ensures a new reallocation pathway, which is based on international on-field results recorded over the past four years (2017-2021), including but not limited to the BTF Olympic Qualification Events. To ensure utmost transparency and integrity of the allocation process, the BTF rankings were reviewed by an external auditor to ensure that all results have been accounted for accurately and in compliance with the BTF's ranking system," the statement read. An updated qualification system for boxing will be published as soon as possible following the approval of the IOC executive board. In 2018, IOC after consultation with AIBA, the world boxing body, had rejigged the 10

men's weight categories and three women's weight categories from 2016 Rio Olympics to eight men's weight categories (52 Kg, 57 Kg, 63 Kg, 69 Kg, 75 Kg, 81 Kg, 91 Kg and 91 + Kg) and five women's classifications (51 Kg, 57 Kg, 60 Kg, 69 Kg, 75 Kg). While men's 57 kg will see a total of 28 boxers, highest for any category, women's 57 kg will see 20 boxers in Tokyo and Nieva believed that had the Indians qualified, they would have a chance to secure a medal in these two categories. "Men's 57 kg has been one of the most competitive category in men's boxing in India and any one of Gaurav Solanki, Kavinder Bisht, Mohamamd Hussamuddin, Sachin Siwach and Gaurav Bidhuri could have won a medal in Tokyo had they made the cut. We took Gaurav Solanki, Kavinder and Mohamamd Hussamuddin to Europe last year and they had some good wins there.



## Australian Open 2021 Results: No. 1 Barty upset in quarter-finals by Muchova



Melbourne, Feb 17: Muchova earned her first semifinal berth in a Grand Slam, and her comeback win ended Barty's bid to become the first Australian woman to win the title in Melbourne since Chris O'Neil in 1978. Top-ranked Ash Barty was upset Wednesday by No. 25-seeded Karolina Muchova in the quarterfinals at the Australian Open, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2. Muchova earned her first semifinal berth in a Grand Slam, and her comeback win ended Barty's bid to become the first Australian woman to win the title in Melbourne since Chris O'Neil in

1978. Muchova played poorly at the start of her second major quarterfinal, and Barty raced to a 5-0 lead while losing only six points. After nine games, Muchova had one winner and 18 unforced errors. Early in the second set, Muchova took an injury timeout that lasted nearly 10 minutes. Medical personnel took her pulse and temperature before she left the court, and when the Czech returned, she played much better. Muchova's opponent Thursday will be the winner of the last quarterfinal, an all-American matchup between No. 22-seeded Jenni-

fer Brady and unseeded Jessica Pegula. Comebacks have been a staple in the tournament for Muchova, who rallied in earlier matches to win sets after trailing 5-0 and 4-0. Against Barty, she began moving into the court to hit her groundstrokes earlier. Barty, pushed behind the baseline, became indecisive and erratic. During one stretch Muchova won eight of nine games. Barty finished with 37 unforced errors and lost serve four times in the final two sets. Muchova's only other victory over a top-five was against No. 3 Karolina Pliskova at Wimbledon in 2019.



## Road Safety Awareness Rally at NTPC Talcher Kaniha



(A.O. Bureau) Talcher, Feb 17: On the occasion of the closing ceremony of Road Safety Month at NTPC Talcher Kaniha, Safety Department organized a mass Safety walk inside the Plant premises on February 17, 2021. The mass Safety Awareness Rally was

organized to propagate wide awareness among employees & associates to focus on the importance of road safety. The walk was inaugurated by Shri Sudip Nag, CGM (NTPC Talcher Kaniha) at Stage II Service building and concluded at Stage-I Ser-

vice building. Shri Nag emphasized on ensuring and imbibing the attitude of safety in our everyday lives. Shri Shivam Srivastava, GM (O&M) along with other GMs, Sectional heads and associates were present for making this awareness drive a huge success.

## Tata Steel BSL dedicates a mobile health care unit in Guali Panchayat, Keonjhar

(A.O. Bureau) Gandapada, Feb 17: Tata Steel BSL has dedicated a mobile primary health care unit in Gandapada village under Guali panchayat in Joda Block of Keonjhar District of Odisha. Smt Padmabati Naik, Sarpanch, Guali Panchayat, Smt Bimala Naik, Panchayat Samiti Member of the Panchayat formally flagged it off the unit. The village leader Shri Jharia Munda, Shri Sanjay Sardar, Unit head of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Tata Steel BSL and Shri Dipak Mahanta, field co-



ordinator of the department were also present on the occasion. Launched as part of the steel major's CSR initiatives, the mobile unit is expected to benefit more than 2000 local residents. The unit, manned by a doctor, pharmacist and nurse, will provide primary health care services and will visit the village as per the prescribed schedule to provide

health care at the doorsteps of the villagers and spread awareness about preventive measures for various diseases. In January, the unit had started providing service in the adjoining villages of KanuSahi and Kalmang reaching out to around 2000 residents of the villages. Slowly it will also be extended to other nearby villages.

## Apollo Hospitals partners with Anatomiz3D Medtech to establish Hospital 3D Printing Labs in India

(A.O. Bureau) New Delhi, Feb 17: The Apollo Hospitals Group, one of Asia's foremost integrated healthcare services provider, and Anatomiz3D Medtech Pvt Ltd, India's leading 'patient-specific' solution provider to the healthcare industry for Design, 3D Printing, Rapid Prototyping and Bioprinting technologies, today announced a collaboration for design and printing of complex implants.



Apollo Hospitals and Anatomiz3D would take the lead in a pioneering initiative to establish Hospital 3D-printing labs in India for 3D printed implants that would enable doctors to visualise and print implants for complicated cases. The first of these would be launched at Apollo Health City, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. Dr. Prathap C Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group said, "We are proud to once again be the pioneers in bringing the latest in medical technology to benefit our patients. It would not be wrong to say that with the Hospital 3D-printing labs, the future of healthcare is here! Personalisation of healthcare is the new mantra and advances in genomics and precision medicine are driving personalised prevention and treatment. From specialised medicines for targeted

therapies to customised implants and prosthetics, 3D-printing technology is transforming the medical environment providing a fast, accurate and economical solution to take medical care to the next level! As healthcare evolves, 3D-printing will play an important part of this future transformation." The Hospital 3D-printing labs would provide medical 3D printing services for better healthcare, through the creation of anatomical models for pre-surgical planning and education, patient-specific cutting and drilling guides, and customised implants and implant moulds. Ms Sangita Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Group said, "3D-printing is today used in a wide range of healthcare settings and is helping to save and improve lives in ways never imagined until now. 3D-printing has many applications in healthcare and the in-house 3D-printing labs

at the hospitals will enable better patient care and treatment planning. Advances in 3D printing technology today produces customized, lighter, stronger, safer and higher performing products with reduced lead times and lower costs. This gives doctors with a better understanding of their patients and improves patient comfort level with products that are designed especially for their anatomy. Patient-specific design of implantable devices and surgical tools will help optimize surgical processes and costs. In areas such as spinal surgery, customised 3D-printing will add value to personalized medicine, enhancing pre-operative planning, leading to shorter operation times and helping to reduce risk for the patient. 3D-printing will also help improve the skills of the new generation of surgeons with a better understanding of the disease involved. This is just the beginning and



as the technology continues to develop, we will see the unlocking of the full potential of 3D-printing in healthcare." Ms Firoza Kothari, Co-founder and CTO Anatomiz3D said, "Ever since 2015, Anatomiz3D has believed in the potential of 3D Printing in personalizing healthcare and has seen itself follow a path to translate its vision to a reality. Our strategic collaboration with Apollo Hospitals, a progressive organization and one of the pioneers in adopting new technologies early on that are beneficial to its patients, is a strong step towards such largescale translation. Over the years, we have had the opportunity to work with multiple clinicians associated with Apollo Hospitals, and it is a moment of pleasure and pride for us to bring this technology to them directly in their facility, to use in their practice as well as explore in research and development. Together, Apollo Hospitals and Anatomiz3D aim to make custom-made medical devices easily accessible to patients, for an enhanced

quality of life" Anatomiz3D uses technology that has been proven in over 1000 cases. A multi-disciplinary team consisting of Biomedical Engineers, Mechanical Engineers, AM Engineers, 3D Designers will work with Apollo Hospitals medical and surgical talent in the Hospital 3D-printing labs. The lab will provide Anatomical Models that are life-size replicas of a patient's anatomy, accurately reconstructed from their CT/MRI scans into 3D models, which can be created in multiple materials, colours, opacities and hardness to provide advanced 3D visualization for pre-surgical planning and patient communication; Implants and Molds that are custom designed to perfectly match the defect region in a patient, ensuring the ideal aesthetic and functional fit. 3D printed in biocompatible material; and, Surgical guides and tools that fit on a predetermined area of a patient's bone and guides a surgical saw or drill in a pre-planned direction, ensuring a precise surgical outcome.

## Asaram Babu Hospitalized After His Health Condition Worsened



(A.O. Bureau) Jodhpur, Feb 17: In a major development, Self-proclaimed godman, Asaram Babu, who

is serving a sentence in prison for sexually abusing a minor girl, health condition worsened late on Tuesday night. It is

being told that after Asaram's health deteriorated in the Central Jail of Jodhpur, the jail administration took him to Mahatma Gandhi Hospital in the city. According to the information, Asaram had complained of difficulty in breathing late last night at 12 noon. After this, the jail administration took Asaram out of the prison to Mahatma Gandhi Hospital amidst tight security. He

was taken to the hospital in a police van. As soon as Asaram's supporters came to know about it, there was a crowd outside the hospital. It is being told that people remained there till Asaram went back to jail from the hospital. A team of four doctors did the checkup - According to the information received, a team of four doctors checked Asaram after reaching

the hospital. CT scan was also done. Even after this, the doctors kept Asaram under his supervision. But Asaram was taken back to jail after three hours of treatment. According to the information, doctors have prescribed some medicines to Asaram. Has also completed the necessary checks. CT scan and all other test reports have come up normal.

## Celebration of 43rd PRATISTHA DIVAS of Sri Jagannath Mandir, Hauz khas, New Delhi

(A.O. Bureau) New Delhi, Feb 17: Sri Nilachal Seva Sangha, Delhi has celebrated its "43rd" \*Pratistha Divas\* (Foundation day) of Sri Jagannath Mandir yesterday i.e. on 16th February 2021 on the Auspicious day of Holy Basant Panchami at Hauz khas, New Delhi Complying all the Covid-19 Guide Lines & Protocols in a devotional atmosphere in the Presence of devotees and devout people. For this occasion, the preparations were started a night before the puja and the entire Mandir premises was fully decorated with Colourful flowers. The Programme started in the early morning with Mangal Arati of Sri Bigrha, followed by Bishnu Sahasra Nam, Surjay Puja, Yangya and special Puja ritual organized by Sri Nilachal Seva Sangha. Secretary of the Mandir, Sri



Ravindra Pradhan and his Wife both Performed the Homam while Priest Sanatan Padhi, jagbandhu Das, Sontos kumar Panda, Prasant Kumar Das, Premananda Satapathi were chanting the Mantras. The Homam ended with Purna Ahuti at 5.30.P.M and aarti was offered to all the Deba Debi inside the Temple. Sri Ashok Pradhan ji, Secretary, Sri Pankaj Mohanty, Treasurer of the Sangha, Executive body Members Sri Khirod Patra, Abhiram Sutar, Ranka Nidhi Sahu, Ashok Pradhan(B), Sr, Advocate of the Supreme

Court Sri Jitendra Kumar, Maharashtra, Advocate Sontosh Rout, and Mandir Manager Rasmi Ranjan Behera were Present and smoothly manage the whole Function. Among Others were, Sri Rabi Pani the former Secretary of odisha forum and other respectable persons were also present to grace this Spiritual event. With the dedicated and Sincere Management by all the office bearers and Sebayat, the function started in the early Morning and Successfully Completed With Purana Ahuti at 5.30.P.M.

## Jindal Stainless Limited has increased production capacity

(A.O. Bureau) Kalinga Nagar, Feb 17: Jindal Stainless Kalinganagar factory has started work to increase its production capacity to 3.2 million tonnes per annum. In this regard, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik, the Additional District Magistrate of Kalinganagar, Mr. Santosh Kumar Mishra, the Head of



IDCO Divisional and the Chief of Jindal Company, Mr. R.S. Vaidya, Dr. Shashibhusan Upadhyay, Director, Housing, Mr. Deepak Agrawal, Chief, CRM, Mr. Rakesh Pathak, Head, Hu-

man Resources, Mr. Biswajit Tripathi, Head of Enhanced Project, and other senior officials laid the foundation stone. Mr. Shashibhusan Upadhyay, the company's director of housing, said the

company would invest more than Rs 80 crore to set up this Jindal company in Odisha. The development will create an additional 2,500 direct jobs and 4,000 indirect jobs. This will meet the demand for the country's most expensive stainless steel products. I am confident that this development will help to establish a downstream industry in the region and cre-

ate more investment and employment opportunities in the state. This increased capacity of the factory will increase domestic production. The stainless steel used in imported metro train coaches, elevators and automobile parts, etc., is now available indigenously and will cater to the needs of various components such as utensils, decorative pipes and tubes.