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Bhubaneswar, Mar 8: With cases of forest fires being reported from Similipal National Park and many other places from across the state, the state government Monday constituted a task force to review the situation and suggest necessary measures to curb it.

The nine-member task force, under the chairmanship of former principal chief conservator of forest (PCCF) Sandeep Tripathy, will examine the causes behind the incidents of forest fire and suggest measures for their immediate containment, official sources in the forest and environment department said.

Representatives from the Centre, state government, civil society and community have been included in the task force which will suggest further steps for prevention of forest fires. A notification issued by the forest and environment department said the task force will suggest measures for augmentation of the existing fire management protocols including geomatics-based fire alert system

The high-level task force will also recommend suggestions for improved community participation in fire management and prevention and conduct post assessment of forest fire affected areas, loss to wildlife, biodiversity.

The task force has been assigned with the responsibility of improving the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the department for fire prevention and management in the state to prevent and restrain such fire occurrences in the wild.







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With the reporting of fire incidents from many pockets of the Similipal tiger reserve, the government has decided to engage the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) to tackle the raging forest fire in the wild. Further, the PRI members would be integrated in community mobilisation in mitigation of forest fire.

The forest IT and geomatics cell of the forest department sends coordinates of forest fires to mobile phones of the field staff after receiving alerts issued by the forest survey of India (FSI).

The forest department has said

#### Terms of reference Its members

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> this year early onset of summer coupled with no intermittent rains led to fungal decay of leaf that led to a sudden spurt in fire incidents. As many as 4,500 fire lines (line created in forest to separate dry leaves) have been created in forests across the state. Now there is high level mobilization of more than 6000 field staff who are engaged in

dousing fires, said the department. "The forest fire in Simlipal is now almost contained. The core area with precious wildlife has not been impacted much with fires mostly confined to the peripheral areas of the Simlipal tiger reserve,"

50% quota cap may go

the department said in a press statement. The department claimed that the forest fire prevention and management SOP has performed effectively over last three years with a reduction in number of incidents, with 36,827 fire points in 2017, 31,680 points in 2018, 19,787 points in 2019 and 11.088 points in 2020.

After fire incidents were reported from over 100 places in Sambalpur district, divisional forest officer (DFO) Sanjeet Kumar said people responsible for setting fire in forest areas will be immediately arrested.

Earlier in the day, some BJP MLAs led by Mohan Majhi have written a letter to Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra to take immediate measures to control the forest fires in the state. The state government, March 3, had sent a high-level team to Similipal National Park to examine the situation and control the raging inferno.

monitoring and promoting local entrepreneurship. The agencies will be housed in the collectorate, the sources said. The DIPAs will provide handholding support to entrepreneurs during project implementation and work for creation of a land bank for fast grounding of projects.

leveraging local strengths of respective districts to create a large-scale employment. The agencies will further take the responsibility of early resolution of investor grievances. The DIPAs will also monitor implementation of major road, power and water supply projects which will facilitate industrialization and economic growth.

DIPAs will play an active role in setting up of large as well as MSME projects in respective districts. This initiative will provide a significant boost to the business environment and thereby generate significant local employment, they said. The performance of DIPAs will be monitored by the State Level Single Window Clearance Authority headed by Chief Secretary and will also be evaluated through annual rankings of districts based on investors' feedback.

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**Bhubaneswar**. March 8: The state government Monday appointed senior IPS officer and ADGP, Crime Branch, Saumendra Privadarshi as the new commissioner of Bhubaneswar-Cuttack commissionerate police. He will replace the incumbent Police Commissioner, Sudhanshu Sarangi, who has been transferred as the CMD of the Odisha State Police Housing and Welfare Corporation Ltd.

Priyadarshi, a 1995 batch DG of Home Guard & Fire Odisha cadre IPS officer, is Services had been lying vaa resident of Khurda discant after Satyajit Mohanty trict. Speaking to Orissa took voluntary retirement POST, Priyadarshi said, "The to join as the chairman of government has given huge the Odisha Public Service responsibility showing im-

ried out a top secret operation to catch Biban, the prime accused in the sensational Anjana Mishra gangrape case, from his hideout at Aamby Valley in Maharashtra.

### WOMEN POWER

New Delhi, March 8: After nearly s of the Indra Sawhnev

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On December 9, last year, the top court had refrained from modifying the stay order in implementing reservation for Marathas in job and education in Maharashtra. "We are of the view that look-

District Investment Promotion Agencies will be housed in collectorates POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, March 8: With an aim to promote and facilitate investment at district-level, the state government has decided to set up dedicated District Investment Promotion Agencies (DIPAs) in each of the 30 districts in the state.

DIPAs will work as an extended arm of Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Odisha (IPICOL) and will be set up in phases from April 2021 to December 2021.

Official sources said in the industries department, the DIPAs will operate under the leadership of respective District Collectors while other senior officials such as SP, DFOs and line department officials will be its members.



It will also promote enterprises and investment

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### JEE Mains results out

NEW DELHI: Six candidates scored perfect 100 in engineering entrance exam JEE-Mains, results of which were announced Monday, sources in the National Testing Agency said. The perfect scorers are Pravar Kataria and Ranjim Prabal Das from Delhi, Guramrit Singh from Chandigarh. Saket Jha from Rajasthan, Sidhanth Mukherjee from Maharashtra and Ananth Krishna Kidambi from Gujarat. NTA scores are normalised scores and are based on the relative performance of all those who appeared for the examination. P8

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judgment, the Supreme Court Monday said the 50 per cent cap on reservation laid down by a 9judge bench in 1992, could be re-examined in view of subsequent constitutional amendments and the socio-economic changes that has followed.

A bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan issued notice to all state governments and Union Territories whether reservation could be allowed to breach the existing 50 per cent limit, and also sought their views on Centre's Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota amendment. The bench also comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao, S Abdul Nazeer, Hemant Gupta and S Ravindra

opportunity to have their say.' The observation came while the apex court was hearing a batch of petitions challenging the validity of the Maratha reservation.

Bhat said: "States have to be given



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and the socio-economic changes that has followed SUPREME COURT

> The top court said this matter is not limited to just one state, therefore it is important to hear other states too, as its decision in the matter would have wider ramification.

The top court will also examine the possibility of referring to Indra Sawhney's judgment to a larger bench and it will begin day-to-day hearing in the matter March 15.

ing into the issues raised in this appeal and the consequences to the followed, it is necessary that final hearing of this appeal be completed as early as possible. One of the issues before this Constitution Bench being interpretation of Constitution (One Hundred-Second Amendment) Act, 2018," said the top court.

The petitioners have challenged the Bombay High Court judgement passed in June 2019.

They have contended that the Act, which provides for 12 per cent and 13 per cent quota to Maratha community in education and jobs violates the principle laid in the 9judge bench judgement of the apex court in 1992, which capped the reservation at 50 per cent.

The High Court had upheld the Maratha quota, where it ruled that reservation should be 12 per cent in jobs and 13 per cent in education.



Women motorcyclists, 'We-The Road Queens', take out a bike rally, 'Ride for Women's Pride', from the Commissionerate Police office in Bhubaneswar to mark the International Women's Day, Monday PIC: BIKASH NAYAK

# Meghan Markle reveals suicidal thoughts, alleges royal racism

THE COUPLE ASKED ABOUT THEIR SON ARCHIE'S EXPECTED SKIN COLOUR WHEN MIXED-RACE MEGHAN WAS PREGNANT WITH THEIR FIRST CHILD

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Los Angeles/London, March 8: Meghan Markle struggled as a new member of Britain's roval family after her marriage to Prince Harry to such a degree that she even contemplated suicide, the Duchess of Sussex revealed in an explosive tellall interview with American chat show host Oprah Winfry.

The two-hour special, aired on the CBS network in the US Sunday and set to be aired on ITV in the UK Monday night, saw Prince Harry joining his wife half-way through as the couple also spoke about concerns of racism within the royal ranks after being asked about their son Archie's expected skin colour when mixed-race Meghan was pregnant with their first child.

"I just didn't want to be alive anymore," Meghan said, adding that when she "went to the institution for help" she was told it would not be forthcoming as it "wouldn't be good for the institution".

The 39-year-old former American actress, who is pregnant with her second child, revealed that the couple are expecting a baby girl and shared how the palace decided that their first-born, Archie, could not be a prince and would therefore have no security.

She alluded to "concerns and conversations about how dark his skin might be when he's born". "Who is having that conversation?" asked a stunned Winfrey. Meghan replied: "That was relayed to me from Harry, those were conversations the family had with him, and I think it was really hard to be able to see those as compartmentalised conversations. They were saying they didn't want him to be a prince or a



princess and that he wasn't going to receive security."

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex's children do not automatically become princes or princesses because of a rule that has been in place since 1917, unless the Queen steps in. Both Meghan and Harry refused

to divulge who exactly made remarks about their son's skin tone, with Meghan admitting that if she revealed who was involved in such talks it "would be very damaging to them"

"That conversation I'm never going to share," asserted Harry. The

36-year-old Duke of Sussex, who is still sixth in line to the British throne, also spoke of his hurt at his father Prince Charles not taking his calls after the couple decided to step back as frontline royals last year.

"[I had] three conversations with my grandmother [Queen Elizabeth II] and two conversations with my father [Charles], before he stopped taking my calls," he said.

"It was, like, I needed to do this for my family. This is not a surprise to anybody. It's really sad that it's got to this point. But I've got to do something for my own mental health, my wife's and for Archie's as well, because I could see where this was headed," he said, in reference to the couple's decision to relocate.

They have since moved to California after formally stepping down from royal duties in March

2020, and it was announced last month that they would not be returning as working members of the roval family.

Harry said the couple were only able to afford their new life in California because of his mother Diana - Princess of Wales. "My family literally cut me off financially. I've got what my mum left me. Without that, we never would have been able to do this... I think she saw it coming," he said.

Asked by Winfrey how they would respond to accusations that they were "money-grabbing" because of deals they have signed with Netflix and Spotify since moving to California, Harry replied: "First of all this was never the intention. We're certainly not complaining. Life is great. We've got a beautifulhouse, beautiful family. The dogs are really happy.'









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### **BANKSY TO AUCTION ARTWORK FOR NHS**

Banksy, the acclaimed anonymous British street artist, has offered to auction a piece of his artwork, called 'Game Changer', in an effort to raise funds for the UK's National Health Service (NHS)



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Spain can't continue to be built with women in the margins, with a few that break glass ceilings while the

most vulnerable continue on sticky

IRENE MONTERO | EQUALITY MINISTER, SPAIN

Even with the continuation of financial assistance from the United States to

Afghan forces after an American military withdrawal, I am concerned that the security situation will worsen and the Taliban could make

rapid territorial gains ANTONY BLINKEN SECRETARY OF STATE, US



most at home, but I do know how important it is for all children to be back in school, not only for their education but for their mental health and wellbeing

GAVIN WILLIAMSON EDUCATION SECRETARY, UK

### SHORT TAKES

### Vietnam begins vax campaign

Hanoi: Vietnam Monday kicked-off its mass Covid-19 vaccination campaign, deemed to be largest inoculation drive in the country's history, with over 100 million doses expected to be administered nationwide. According to the Health Ministry, the first dose of the AstraZeneca Covid vaccine was administered at 8 am to health workers directly treating infected patients in the capital Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Hai Duong province, reports Xinhua news agency.

### Equatorial Guinea blasts kill 15

Ouagadougou: A series of explosions at military

# EU preparing sanctions on Junta

### 3 more protesters killed in Myanmar Yangon: Three demonstrators

were killed in Myanmar Monday, witnesses said, while shops, factories and banks were closed in the main city Yangon in protests against last month's military coup. Security forces were also deployed at hospitals and universities, state media said. Two of the victims died of gunshot wounds to the head in the northern town of Myitkyina, the witnesses said. It was not immediately clear who fired on the protesters although both police and the military were at the scene. Photos posted on Facebook showed the bodies of two men lying on the street. Witnesses said they were taking part in a protest against the coup when police fired stun grenades and tear gas. Several people were then hit by gunfire from nearby buildings. One witness who said he helped move the bodies, told Reuters two people were shot in the head and died on the spot. Three people were wounded. "How inhumane to kill unarmed civilians," said the witness, a 20-year-old man. "We must have our right to protest peacefully." At least one person was killed and two injured during a protest in the town of Phyar Pon in the Irrawaddy Delta, a political activist and local media said.

ment on the EU's plan to broaden its sanctions.





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Damascus, March 8: Syrian President Bashar Assad and his wife have tested positive for the coronavirus, the president's office said Monday, with both having only mild symptoms of the illness.

In a statement, Assad's office said the first couple did PCR tests after they felt minor symptoms consistent with the COVID-19 illness. It said that Assad, 55, and his wife Asma, will return to work after spending between two to three weeks in isolation in their home. Both were in "good health and

in stable condition," it added.

Syria, which marks 10 years of war next week, has recorded nearly 16.000 virus cases in governmentheld parts of the country as well as 1,063 deaths, but the numbers are believed to be much higher with limited amounts of PCR tests being done.

Syria began a vaccination campaign last week, but no details have been given about the process. The health minister said the government procured the vaccines from a friendly country, which he declined to name.



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Hong Kong, March 8: Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said Monday the city's government "fully welcomes" changes to the city's electoral system that will substantially increase central government control over Hong Kong politics and exclude Beijing's critics.

Chinese authorities have said the draft decision before China's National People's Congress would mean the largely pro-Beijing committee that elects Hong Kong's leader would also choose a large part of the legislature to ensure that the city is run by "patriots." The Election Committee would also have the right to vet candidates for the Legislative Council, weeding out any suspected of being insufficiently loyal to China and the ruling Communist Party.

Currently, half of Hong Kong's legislature is directly elected by voters, although the mass resignation of opposition legislators to protest the expulsion of four of their colleagues for being "unpatriotic" means the body is now entirely controlled by Beijing loyal-

"There are loopholes in the electoral systems, there are also flaws in the systems in Hong Kong," Lam said at a news conference after she returned from the meeting in Beijing. "I fully understand that this is not a matter that can be addressed entirely by the government." "I'm glad that the central au-



thorities have, again, exercised its constitutional powers to help address this problem for Hong Kong,' she said.

She declined to elaborate on the views she had shared to the central authorities regarding the electoral reforms, and said many pieces of legislation in Hong Kong would have to be amended. The NPC, China's ceremonial legislature, will all but certainly endorse the draft decision, though it may not take immediate legal effect.

Unconfirmed reports say the legislation will also expand the size of the Legislative Council from 70 to 90 and the Election Committee from 1.200 to 1.500. Seats on the Election Committee now reserved for directly elected district counselors will also be eliminated, further cementing Beijing's control over the body.

Lam also said she could not confirm whether legislative elections already postponed for one year last September ostensibly because of the coronavirus pandemic would be further deferred due to the electoral reforms.

### UK reopens schools – in first step of lockdown easing

### AGENCIES

London, March 8: Prime Minister Boris Johnson hailed the "national effort" that has gone into fighting against coronavirus as schools and colleges opened on Monday to mark the step one in the UK's phased roadmap to lift strict lockdown restrictions in place for months to control the spread of COVID-19.

Secondary schools and colleges will be inviting students for their first rapid lateral flow test, with schools and colleges having discretion on how to stagger the return of their students over this week to facilitate testing and a safe return to the classroom. After three initial tests onsite, students will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home. 'The reopening of schools marks a truly national effort to beat this virus. It is because of the determination of every person in this country that we can start moving closer to a sense of normality - and it is right that getting our young people back into the classroom is the first step," said Johnson. "We are being cautious in our approach so that we do not undo the progress we have made so far and I urge you all not to give up on your efforts to keep your families and others safe. Get the vaccine, get tested, and remember that we are all in this together," he said. The government has confirmed twice-weekly testing using lateral flow tests will be given for free to all adults in households with primary, secondary school and college-aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles, to help break chains of transmission.

# Yemeni Houthis attack Saudi oil heartland

### REUTERS

Sanaa, March 8: Yemen's Houthi forces fired drones and missiles at the heart of Saudi Arabia's oil industry Sunday, including a Saudi Aramco facility at Ras Tanura vital to petroleum exports, in what Riyadh called a failed assault on global energy security.

The Saudi energy ministry said there were no casualties or loss of property from the attacks. The defence ministry said it intercepted an armed drone coming from the sea prior to hitting its target at an oil storage yard at Ras Tanura, site of a refinery and the world's biggest offshore oil loading facility. Shrapnel from a ballistic missile fell near a residential compound in Dhahran used by state-controlled Saudi Aramco, the world's biggest oil company, the ministries said. The attacks drove Brent crude prices above \$70 a barrel to their highest since January 2020, while US crude futures touched their loftiest since October 2018. The sites are located on the Gulf coast across from Iran and near

Iraq and Bahrain, which is home to the US Navy's Fifth Fleet. Yemen lies thousands of kms southwest on the Gulf of Aden.

Announcing the attacks, the Houthis, who have been battling a Saudi-led coalition for six years, also said they attacked military targets in the Saudi cities of Dammam, Asir and Jazan.

"Such acts of sabotage do not only target the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, but also the security and stability of energy supplies to the world, and therefore, the global economy," a ministry spokesman said in a statement on state media.

(MEC), were likely to be targeted,



barring EU investors and banks

The conglomerates are spread

throughout the economy from min-

ing and manufacturing to food and

beverages to hotels, telecoms and

banking. They rank among the

country's biggest taxpayers and

sought partnerships with foreign

companies as Myanmar opened up

during the democratic liberalization.

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March 5

Brussels, March 8: The European Union is preparing to widen its sanctions on Myanmar's armed forces to target businesses they run, in protest at the Feb 1 military coup, according to diplomats and two internal documents seen by Reuters

The measures, which diplomats said could be agreed by EU foreign ministers March 22, would target companies "generating revenue for, or providing financial support to, the Myanmar Armed Forces", said one of the documents dated

While the bloc has an arms em-

bargo on Myanmar, and has tar-

geted some senior military offi-

cials since 2018, the measures would

be its most significant response so

far since the coup. EU diplomats told

Reuters that parts of the military's

conglomerates, Myanmar Economic

Holdings Limited (MEHL) and

Mvanmar Economic Corporation

barracks in Equatorial Guinea killed at least 15 people and wounded more than 400 others, authorities said. State television TVGE read out a statement from President Teodoro Obiang Nguema which said the explosion was due to the "negligent handling of dynamite" in the military barracks located in the neighborhood of Mondong Nkuantoma in Bata. He said that the explosion occurred at 4 pm local time.

### Afghan receives **COVAX doses**

Kabul: The UN children's agency says Afghanistan has received nearly half a million coronavirus vaccine doses via the global COVAX initiative. War-torn Afghanistan received 468,000 AstraZeneca vaccines Monday, the first shipment through COVAX, UNICEF said in a statement. The vaccines were made by the Serum Institute of India. and arrived in the capital of Kabul aboard an Emirates flight, UNICEF said. More vaccines will arrive in the coming weeks and months. India previously donated 500,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines to Afghanistan.

### Aviation tycoon killed in crash

Paris: A French billionaire aviation industrialist and member of parliament has died in a helicopter crash along with the pilot, authorities said. Olivier Dassault, 69, was heir to a powerful family business empire that made Falcon private jets and Rafale fighter planes and owned many other businesses including Le Figaro newspaper

The Saudi-led coalition earlier said it intercepted 12 armed drones aimed at "civilian targets" without

from the facilities hit on Sunday, which Riyadh blamed on Iran, a charge Tehran denies



specifying a location as well as two ballistic missiles fired towards Jazan. The Eastern Province is home to most of Aramco's production and export facilities. In 2019, Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, was shaken by a big missile and drone attack on oil installations just a few km (miles)



Sahrawi women take part in a parade organised by the Polisario Front independence movement at the Awserd refugee camp in Tindouf, Algeria

### Singapore to inoculate migrant workers

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Singapore, March 8: Singapore will start vaccinating migrant workers against COVID-19 as part of its national immunisation strategy, starting with 10,000 people living in the country's five largest dormitories.

This batch of 10,000 workers have never been infected by COVID-19 the Ministry of Health (MOH) said Monday, announcing the vaccination programme for the migrant workers. The migrant workers, which include a huge number of Indians, make up about 90 per cent of Singapore's COVID-19 tally, which stands at 60.046. The death toll is 29.



The packed dormitories housing the foreign labourers were the biggest infection clusters during the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak in the island last year.

Infections among the foreign workers have fallen in the past few

months, with no new cases reported on most days, according to a report by Channel News Asia.

Workers who have received both doses of the vaccine would be subjected to a lower frequency of testing, ie every 28 days, instead of the current 14-day cycle, the Channel reported. Vaccinations will progressively be made available to all other migrant workers, the MOH said.

The ministry said the migrant worker dormitories are where large COVID-19 clusters could rapidly develop and grow, with a high risk of transmission to the local com-

# China debates over move to scrap 'teaching English'

English gradually gained prominence in the Mandarin speaking country as schools and colleges made it compulsory since 2001 with a strong backing from the govt

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

### Beijing, March 8: A proposal by a member of China's national advisory body to drop English as a core subject for primary and secondary school students has triggered a heated debate among experts and netizens with a majority of them favouring to retain it, saying it would make the country capable of competing with other na-

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Xu is a member of the Jiu San Society, one of China's eight non-Communist political parties permitted by the ruling Communist

Xu Jin, a member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's per cent of class hours, less than 10

Political Consultative Conference (CPCC) which is holding its annual session here, has proposed that English should not be a core subject like Chinese and mathematics and more course hours should be given to improving students' skills in physical education, music and art.

Party of China (CPC). English and other foreign lan-

guages should also not be included as compulsory subjects for the national college entrance exam, he suggested, according to China Daily, one of the state-run English dailies. While English takes up about 10

per cent of university graduates use the language at work, he said.

Moreover, smart translation devices can offer sophisticated translation services and in the age of artificial intelligence, translators will be among the top 10 professions to be eliminated, Xu said.

His proposal has triggered a heated discussion on social media and the hashtag removing English as a core subject for primary and secondary school students had been read 120 million times on Sina

Weibo, a microblogging site akin to Twitter in China, as of Sunday.

Some netizens agreed with his proposal, saying they had wasted too much time studying English at school and did not use it in their daily lives, while others said the idea is not in line with the country's pursuit of further openness and is unlikely to be endorsed by authorities. Significantly, in an online poll conducted by the state-run China Youth Daily, more than 110,000 respondents opposed the proposal and said English should be taught early at schools to enable China to compete with other countries.

However, around 100,000 people supported the proposal, saying it would be better to spend more time learning Chinese language and culture. Zhang Lianzhong, a professor at Beijing Foreign Studies University, said the Ministry of Education has made English a compulsory course from third grade in 2001. The decision had proved to be a smart one as hundreds of millions of Chinese students have broadened their horizons and improved their cultural awareness and critical thinking ability through learning the language, Zhang said in an interview with Beijing News. Xiong Bingqi, deputy head of the

21st Century Education Research Institute in Beijing, said the key is to reform China's exam-oriented education system so that English teaching will focus on improving students' language skills, not examtaking ability.

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### **OLA SHOWCASES ELECTRIC SCOOTER**

Before Elon Musk-led Tesla finally makes its India entry, ride-hailing platform Ola Monday announced world's largest two-wheeler manufacturing facility called Ola Future Factory that will have annual production capacity of one crore vehicles and will be operational by 2022



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and the opportunities they can access. Our partnership with Manas Foundation has been very positively received by drivers who display their certificates with great pride inside their cars

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digital transaction of financial services across retail stores in the country. From assisted to self-service mode, the journey requires persistence in the ecosystem

ANAND KUMAR BAJAJ FOUNDER, MD & CEO, PAYNEARBY

The Covid-19 pandemic backed by ever-changing consumer preference has accelerated the

adoption of online and offline play that will define the next phase of retail growth in the country AMITABH KANT CEO, NITI AAYOG

### SHORT TAKES

### **Parthasarathy** steps down

New Delhi: Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) Monday said VS Parthasarathy, the President of its Mobility Services Sector and Member of the Group Executive Board, has decided to leave the group effective close of April 1, 2021 to pursue personal interests. Parthasarathy, who joined M&M in 2000 and began with an HR stint, has expressed desire to leverage his rich professional experience to consult, mentor, build and scale businesses, M&M said in a filing.

### SBI Card plans to raise up to ₹2K cr

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 8: Google.Org, the philanthropic arm of the tech giant, Monday said it will provide \$25 million in grants to non-profits and social enterprises globally, including in India, that are working on empowering girls and women.

The company, which has committed support one million rural women entrepreneurs in India, also stated that its Internet Saathi digital literacy training programme has benefitted over 30 million women across the country.

"In India, in the past few years, we have invested more than \$40 million alongside the entrepreneurs, the innovators, the non-prof-

its who are doing amazing work. We announced another million dollar initiative building on that work in particularly to help getting digital skills to those who are most vulnerable, including women," Jacquelline Fuller, Vice President at Google and President of Google.Org, said in a virtual brief-

ing. She added that one of the first initiatives under that effort is led by the NASSCOM Foundation, wherein the organisation is getting a \$500,000 grant from Google.Org to support one lakh women agri workers.

"They (Nasscom Foundation) are going to reach one lakh women farmers and provide digital skills and financial literacy. Learning these skills has been shown to in-



crease their incomes by about 30 per cent," she said.

Talking about the new \$25 million grant. Fuller said this is a global impact challenge aimed at non-profit

organisations that are working towards helping women and girls. "We are providing \$25 million,

it's an open call. So any non-profit or social enterprise anywhere

In India, we have invested more than \$40mn alongside the entrepreneurs and innovators, who are doing amazing work. We announced another million dollar initiative building on that work in particularly to help getting digital skills to those who are most vulnerable JACQUELLINE FULLER | VP, GOOGLE & PREZ, GOOGLE.ORG

around the world can apply. And the winners will get funding up to \$2 million per organisation. We're also going to provide Googlers, so

there'll be expertise, whether that's in software engineering or user experience, or even marketing to come alongside and help bring these projects to fruition," she said.

Fuller noted that while more girls are now going to school and more women are represented in the workplace, the Covid-19 pandemic has had gender-regressive effects.

"The Covid crisis is one of the greatest threats we have ever seen to this progress. We know that globally, women are about twice as likely to have lost their jobs during the Covid crisis. And we see women who are doing double duty around the world while they are working, also teaching children at home in many places, providing caregiving," she said.

# **Bad loans to rise at** banks as easy liquidity may tighten: Fitch



New Delhi, March 8: Bad loans and

credit costs are expected to rise at Indian banks as easy money policies to shore up a pandemic-battered economy may start to tighten, Fitch Ratings said Monday.

The coronavirus lockdowns last year slammed an already struggling financial sector, but recent quarterly reports have shown an improvement in profits and asset quality.

Noting that the recent improvement masked underlying pandemic stress. Fitch said banks

### **'Domestic air traffic** falls 37% to 78 lakh passengers in Feb'

### AGENCIES

Mumbai, March 8: India's domestic air traffic fell 37% yearon-year to 78 lakh passengers in February amid travel curbs and capacity restrictions due to the pandemic, according to Icra.

Even the sequential growth slowed down for the second consecutive month in February with a nearly flat growth over January 2021, rating firm Icra said in a release. Domestic passenger traffic in January this year was recorded at 77.34 lakh, according to DGCA data

Similarly, 1.23 crore people travelled on local routes in February 2020 as against 78 lakh passenger in February this year. "The number of flights departing has also gradually increased from 416 on day one (May 25, 2020, when domestic operations were resumed) to 2.885 on day 267 (February 14, 2021).

"For February 2021, the average daily departures were around 2,296, significantly lower than the average daily departures of 3,137 in February 2020, though better than around 2,190 in January 2021," said Kinjal Shah, Vice President, Icra.

## **CENTRE LIKELY TO AMEND TELECOM LICENCE NORMS**

Under the provisions of this directive, the government will declare a list of trusted sources and trusted products for installation in the country's telecom network

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 8: The government is likely to amend the telecom licence norms this month to incorporate the guidelines of national security directive on telecommunication sector that will help in controlling installation of network equipment from China and other non-friendly countries.

Under the provisions of this directive, the government will declare a list of trusted sources and trusted products for installation in the country's telecom network.

directive). It should be done in the



coming week," an official source said.

Notably, Chinese telecom gear maker Huawei has had its run-ins in the past with the governments of Canada and the US. The US has alleged that it did not comply with its cybersecurity and privacy laws, leaving the country and the citizens vulnerable to espionage.

The list of the trusted source and product for installation in telecom networks will be decided based on the approval of a committee

headed by the deputy national se curity advisor.

The committee will consist of members from relevant departments, ministries and will also have two members from the industry and independent experts.

The directive, however, does not envisage mandatory replacement of the existing equipment already inducted in the network of telecom operators and it will also not affect annual maintenance contracts or updates to existing equipment already inducted in the network as on date of effect of the directive

While the government has not barred procurement of equipment from Chinese companies, it amended the general financial rules (GFR) 2017 to enable the imposition of restrictions on bidders in public procurement from countries that share a land border with India on grounds of defence of India, or matters directly or indirectly related thereto,

including national security. Public companies need to scrap tenders if a qualified bidder is from a country that shares a land border with India, which includes China.

### **OnePlus inks pact** with Hasselblad; to invest \$150mn

"DoT is almost ready to amend licence conditions to incorporate guidelines NSD (national security

**BIZ-BUZZ** 

New Delhi: SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd (SBI Card) Monday said it plans to raise up to Rs 2,000 crore through the issuance of debt securities in one or more tranches. A meeting of the board of directors of the company is scheduled to be held Friday (March 12) to consider and approve raising of funds by way of issuance of non-convertible debentures, aggregating to Rs 2,000 crore, SBI Card said in a regulatory filing.

### Nayara Energy gets new CEO

Mumbai: Nayara Energy, the largest private-sector oil retailer. Mondav announced the appointment of Alois Virag as the new chief executive effective April 1. The appointment follows the incumbent chief executive B Anand's elevation as the president of the company, which is majority-owned by a few Russian governmentowned energy giant Rosneft. In his new role Anand will be responsible for developing strategic partnerships in the energy market, the company, formerly Essar Oil, said.

### Mindtree, Sify to cover vax costs

New Delhi: IT firm Mindtree and Sify Technologies Monday said they will cover the vaccine cost for employees and their family members. Mindtree Chief People Officer Paneesh Rao said the company will facilitate Covid-19 vaccination for all its India employees as well as their immediate family members, as per the guidelines provided by the government on the use and timelines

would increasingly feel the pinch from the continued impact on small businesses and rising unemployment

"Fitch believes that the disproportionate shock to India's informal economy and small businesses, coupled with high unemployment and declining private consumption, have yet to fully manifest on bank balance sheets," the rating agency said in a note.

India's economy returned to growth in the third quarter, but many sectors continue to operate below capacity and some indicators point to stress in retail customers, Fitch said.

Fitch added it sees high risk of a "protracted deterioration" in asset quality with more pressure on loans to retail and stressed small and medium-sized enterprises.

The Reserve Bank of India had in January warned that banks may see bad loans double to 14.8% under a severe stress scenario.

INDICATORS POINT TO STRESS IN RETAIL CUSTOMERS

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State-owned banks, with their limited capital buffers, will be more vulnerable to the impact of the pandemic than private-sector peers, and the government's plan to pump \$5.5 billion into these lenders over fiscal 2021 and 2022 is unlikely to be enough, Fitch said.

The ratings agency estimates state-owned lenders need \$15-58 billion in capital, under various stress scenarios.

Higher contingency reserves at private banks, which offer them better earnings and capital resilience, make them better poised for growth in 2021, Fitch said.

of India (SBI), Bhubaneswar Circle celebrated International Women's Day amid much fanfare. The bank conducted cooking and art

Bhubaneswar: State Bank

competitions on its



premises to mark the day. SBI Bhubaneswar Circle CGM Ruma Dey felicitated the winners. On the auspicious occasion, Dey also inaugurated a sand art set on the bank's premises. Moreover, ACP, Traffic also organised a programme to felicitate the women employees of Commissionerate Police. The Police Commissioner of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar Sudhansu Sarangi, Addl. DCP KK Panigrahi, SBI GM (NW-1) CLN Chayulu, Bhubaneswar zone DGM Bikram Anand, Bhubaneswar zone Regional Manager Srikant Dash were present at the ceremony.

SBI celebrates Women's Day

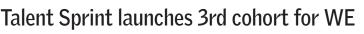
Bhubaneswar: Samsung launched of Galaxy A32 at a price of Rs 21,999 for 6GB + 128GB variant. This is the second Galaxy A series smartphone in India this year. Galaxy A32 comes with best-in-class64MP Quad Camera, stunning 6.4" FHD+s AMOLED screen with 90Hz refresh rate for smooth in-app navigation, browsing and gaming and a host of other innovative features. Galaxy A32 packs 5000mAh battery. Galaxy A32 delivers a big boost in performance with its advanced Octa-Core Mediatek Helio G80 processor. The smartphone also come equipped with inbuilt Game Booster software and supports Android 11 and One UI 3.1, Galaxy A32 consumers also get AltZLife feature. The model is available in four colours - Black. White, Blue, and Violet, As an introductory offer. consumers can get cashback up to Rs 2000 on HDFC Bank Credit Card, Debit Card and EMI transactions.

Samsung launches Galaxy A32

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New Delhi. March 8: Premium smartphone maker OnePlus Monday said it plans to invest more than \$150 million over the next three years to further build its mobile imaging capabilities to enhance the camera experience for its users.

The Chinese company has also announced a three-year partnership with camera manufacturer Hasselblad to co-develop the next generation of smartphone camera systems for future OnePlus flagship devices



Bhubaneswar: Talent Sprint, a leading Ed Tech platform and NSE group company, announced the launch of the third cohort of the pioneering Women Engineers Program (WE) with support from Google. The third cohort is being scaled up to accommodate 500 participants. The cohort is aimed at first year women engineering students across the country and will commence from May 2021. The Talent Sprint WE programme seeks to address this gender imbalance by selecting, training, and nurturing gifted women engineering students from across India, with diverse academic pedigrees and socio-economic backgrounds to fulfill their potential in the field of software engineering. The first two cohorts received 27,000 applications, of which 220 participants were invited to join the programme.



The two companies have already been cooperating on the revamped camera system – Hasselblad Camera for Mobile - for the new OnePlus 9 Series that will be launched globally on March 23.

"OnePlus has always prioritised a premium user experience over everything else. Beginning in 2021, we are making a concerted effort to significantly improve the smartphone camera experience for our users, with the expertise of a truly legendary partner in Hasselblad," OnePlus founder and CEO Pete Lau said in a statement.

With OnePlus' top-of-the-line hardware and computational photography and Hasselblad's rich aesthetic knowledge in traditional photography, the OnePlus 9 Series will be a major leap forward in the company's ability to deliver a premium, flagship camera, he added.

"Hasselblad believes in the power of images and our mission is to continue pushing the boundaries on imaging technology. By partnering with OnePlus, we hope to put Hasselblad's iconic design and outstanding image quality for in-credible photography," Jon Diele, VP at Hasselblad, said.

# 'Retail sector to add 2.5 crore new jobs by 2030'

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, March 8: The Indian retail sector is likely to generate 2.5 crore new jobs by 2030 and a lion's share will be the offline + online model which will account for nearly 50% of the total retail employment addition, a Nasscom report said Monday.

The online + offline model will lead to \$125 billion retail exports and \$8 billion in incremental GST contribution in the next 10 years, according to the report by Nasscom in association with leading management and consulting firm Technopak.

Retail 4.0 will result in a significant rise in the size of the domestic market, job creation and exports. The changing demand and supply drivers are likely to accelerate the growth momentum, with the



India retail market reaching up-to \$1.5 trillion by the financial year 2030.

The offline + online model will also enable \$125 billion worth of exports and account for 37 per cent of total retail tax contribution amounting to nearly \$8 billion in-

cremental GST contribution by 2030

According to the report, e-commerce in India is growing at 3-4 times the rate of traditional brick and mortal retail.

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offline + online (O+O) retail models that will bring incremental economic contribution, job growth, and exports. To achieve this, a greater need for collaboration among retail stakeholders, policymakers, and supporting sectors for techawareness will be the key, which will accelerate the sector's growth in the years to come," said Debjani Ghosh, President, Nasscom

As per the survey of over 360 retail stakeholders, 79 per cent of the respondents felt that technology will play a pivotal role in the retail growth in the country.

"There has been a rising awareness and willingness to embrace online with 70 per cent of the overall respondents have a positive outlook towards online + offline collaborations," it added.

"Retail sector is one of the growth engines for the nation's economy, with a double-digit contribution to the GDP, and employment to nearly 35 million individuals in FY2020," said Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aavog,

"The government of India is in process of formulating the National Retail Trade Policy which will not only create a conducive environment for retail trade but will also simplify policies hindering the growth of the sector in the country," Kant informed in a statement.







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# sports

Eyes on team combination in England T20Is: Dhawan/Rahul for opening slot with Rohit, Iyer/Suryakumar for No.4 and Chahar/Bhuvi for new ball bowler's slot

# **INDIA SPOILT FOR CHOICES**



combination to first clinch the series and then experiment or will they field absolute rookies in the squad looking at the bigger picture?

For a team that's so closely followed, the result does matter and that's why one can expect a settled first eleven for the first three games since all matches are at the same venue on similar kind of tracks.

The roaring comeback of Rishabh Pant will lead to a lot of interesting developments at the top of the order. Pant's inclusion means that KL Rahul, who till a few months back was the first choice keeper-opener, is unlikely to don the big gloves. Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma were a settled white ball opening pair till recently but Rahul's emergence as a potent white ball specialist has spiced

up the competition. Dhawan recently had a score of 150 odd in the Vijay Hazare Trophy for Delhi and when it comes to Rohit, there's nothing to be discussed.

So where does the team management fit in Rahul, who has been a successful IPL opener? Will he be slotted in the middle-order as Dhawan's game is not suited to batting lower down?

These are two pertinent questions and in the answer, will be a follow-up question. With skipper Kohli himself coming in at No.3 and two game-changers like Pant and all-rounder Hardik Pandva expected to play the big shots at No.5 and 6, where does it ideally leave Rahul?

The only place he can be slotted is No.4 but Shreyas Iver and Survakumar Yaday are also jostling for a place. If one closely follows the pattern of picking the playing XI, Surya, a sentimental favourite, will have to wait for his turn as Shreyas has done nothing wrong.

But when it comes to a three-way battle between Rahul, Shreyas and Surya, the Karnataka man beats the two Mumbai boys hollow with his repertoire of strokes and ability to shift gears.

Similarly, in the pace department, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, once upon a time India's best white ball exponent, is coming back after a long lay-off and will be engaged in a two-way fight with Deepak Chahar and Shardul Thakur.

For Bhuvneshwar, his experience and being a better bowler at the death compared to Chahar holds him in good stead but he hasn't played a lot of cricket save a few Mushtaq Ali games.

Ditto for Chahar, a potent outswing bowler but more of a one-trick pony with lack of variations during the back-10. Shardul is a crafty bowler who can swing it at brisk pace and among the three can use the long handle to the best effect.

Yuzvendra Chahal, Washington Sundar and Axar Patel are the three spinners expected to feature in the playing XI on the sluggish Motera tracks. In another three-way fight, Thangarasu Natarajan, with his variation of vorkers, stands a better chance to start off compared to Navdeep Saini.

Two players, who will only get a look-in if someone is injured or forcefully rested are Ishan Kishan and Rahul Tewatia as the two simply



good players and very little space to fit all of them with three sure-shot picks -Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah already resting or recuper-

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**DEEPAK CHAHAR** 





**BHUVNESHWAR KUMAR** 

# Rusty India eves aim to fight back

Lucknow, March 8: A rusty Indian women's cricket team will be seeking some rhythm in the second **ODI** against South Africa here Tuesday after being outplayed by the visitors in the series-opener.

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Though captain Mithali Raj and her deputy Harmanpreet Kaur had insisted that rustiness won't be an issue in their first series in 12 months, India clearly looked a side which had not played for a long time in the opener of the five-match series Sunday.

A better prepared South Africa, on the other hand, were clinical and will be hard to beat in the coming games. After the game, Kaur realised the players needed some time to gel as a unit. Barring Kaur, Raj and Deepti Sharma to a certain extent, none of the batters could apply themselves on a decent batting surface.

A lot of them were guilty of poor shot selection as pointed out by Kaur after the game. The spinners. who are traditionally considered India's strength, hardly troubled the South African duo of Lizelle Lee and 21-year-old Laura Wolvaardt, who

put up the highest ever opening wicket stand against India to run away with the contest.

There were some positives, however, such as Raj scoring a gritty halfcentury and pacer Jhulan Goswami showing she is still among the best in the business. Both the veterans were playing their first game since November 2019.

Kaur too looked good in her 100th ODI but would have liked to convert the start into a big score. Opener Smriti Mandhana struck three delightful fours before falling to a loose shot and would be backing herself to bat long Tuesday.

Pacer Monica Patel was handed her debut Sunday and more caps can be handed out in the second game with the management keeping one eye on preparations for the World Cup next year.

Pulling off one back against South Africa seems like a daunting task considering the way they played in the opener. They looked a team high on confidence having blanked Pakistan at home recently. Their pace attack led by Shabnim Ismail was impressive and Indians will have to find a way to negate that threat



### Benzema saves Real's day United down City in Manchester derby

### AGENCIES

Manchester: March 8: Manchester United turned the tables on Manchester City ending the latters' 21-game unbeaten streak with a 2-0 win at the Etihad Stadium in



Later in the night, Gareth Bale and Harry Kane both scored twice to help Tottenham make it three Premier League wins in a row and boost their top-four hopes after a 4-1 victory against Crystal Palace.

AGENCIES

Madrid, March 8: Diego Simeone said it was 'a shame' Atletico Madrid could not see out victory over Real Madrid in Sunday's city derby as he scoffed at those who predicted



Barcelona and eight ahead of Madrid, with a game in hand on both, but now those gaps are three and five points.

A return of nine points from Atletico's last six games has allowed the big two in Spain to close

against England, an assignment which marks the beginning of the side's build-up to this year's T20 World Cup

faces a problem of plenty at home going into the five T20Is There are 19 players avail-



SHREYAS IYER

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Ahmedabad, March 8: The

Indian team management





can't be fitted anywhere. In all, there are too many

the Premier League encounter here. Sunday.

Bruno Fernandes and Luke Shaw scored for the Red Devils in the Manchester derby to reduce the lead to 11 points. City are at the top of the Premier League standings with 65 points from 28 matches while United are second with 54 points.

Fernandes got the first goal of the match in just the second minute as he converted a goal after the visitors were awarded a penalty inside 38 seconds. This goal have United an early momentum in the match.

The first half saw no more goals and at halftime, United went in with a 1-0 lead over table-toppers City. In the second half, Luke Shaw got the second goal in the 50th minute

Bruno Fernandes rejoices his goal against Manchester City as his teammate Anthony Martial rushes in to join the celebration, Sunday

and as a result, the visitors gained a 2-0 lead. Manchester City will next take

on Southampton Wednesday while United will lock horns with West Ham March 14.

The duo combined twice with Kane the architect for both goals by Bale before the England captain hit a wonder strike and then created history with another in the 76th minute.

Son Heung-min assisted Kane's second and it was their 14th goal combination in the Premier League this season to beat the previous record of 13 set by Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton for Blackburn in the 1994-95 season.

Christian Benteke had threatened to spoil proceedings for Jose Mourinho's side when he equalised just before halftime, but two quickfire goals after the break ensured the hosts rose to sixth. Tottenham are two points behind fourth-placed Chelsea with 11 games remaining.

MCFC pip Goa, enter final

a runaway title triumph from his team.

A fine early strike from Luis Suarez after terrific work from Marcos Llorente put Atletico in the ascendancy on home soil, but they could not hold on to a narrow lead and Karim Benzema fired an 88th-minute equaliser to keep the visitors in with a sniff of a successful La Liga defence.

Seconds before Benzema tucked the ball past Jan Oblak, Suarez attempted to play in Saul Niguez for a chance to double Atletico's lead. but the striker's pass was poorly executed.

It was a reminder of how quickly games can change, and it remains to be seen whether Benzema's goal

vicates VBETER



points clear of second-placed

cious finish, and one of the positives Simeone might have pointed to. Yet after losing to Madrid away from home earlier this season, Atletico appear to have a major problem with their city rivals. It is now 10 successive La Liga derbies without a win against Madrid for Simeone's side, who have drawn six of those games and been beaten in the other four.

# India scrape past **Great Britain 3-2**

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Antwerp (Belgium), March 8: Striker Mandeep Singh struck a brace as the Indian men's hockey team eked out a close 3-2 win over Great Britain to end their Europe tour on an unbeaten note here Monday.

Harmanpreet Singh's strike in the very first minute and two goals by Mandeep in the 28th and 59th minutes helped India remain undefeated on the tour. For Great Britain, James Gall (20th) and striker Adam Forsyth (55th) were the goal scorers.

In their previous match, India's Simranjeet Singh had scored a late goal to hold Great Britain to a 1-1 draw and against Germany, the PR Sreejesh-led side had secured a 6-1 win and a 1-1 draw respectively. India started off aggressively

Monday and earned themselves a penalty corner in the very first minute of the game. The opportunity was duly converted by India's

vice captain Harmanpreet to give his side an early lead.

Great Britain restored parity in the 20th minute through midfielder Gall's field goal. India's moment to regain the lead came in the 28th minute when forward Mandeep successfully converted a penalty corner on the rebound.

Though India secured a penalty corner in the early minute of the third quarter and even made as many as five circle entries, they were denied each time by Great Britain defence. India's defence, however, remained resolute as they held on to the 2-1 lead.

India dominated the proceedings at the start of the fourth quarter, but a quick turnaround saw Great Britain grabbing the opportunity as Forsyth scored an equaliser in the 55th minute.

It was Mandeep who rose to the occasion late in the game as his strike helped India cap off their first assignment of 2021 with a 3-2 win.



### POST NEWS NETWORK

Goa, March 8: Two hundred and 10 minutes of football over two legs, yet there was no winner to head into the final between Mumbai City FC (MCFC) and FC Goa. Such was the battle that it came down to ISL's first-ever sudden death in a penalty-shootout to

decide the first finalist of season 7. And it turned out to be MCFC who had the last laugh as they edged Goa on penalties 6-5 at the GMC Stadium, Bambolim.

One of the highlights of the thriller was when both coaches sprung a surprise as they decided to substitute their goalkeepers with the contest heading into the

### penalty shootout.

Goa brought on Naveen Kumar while Mumbai raised some eye brows when they decided to field Phurba Lachenpa in place of skipper and one of the best goalkeepers of the season Amrinder Singh. But, as it turned out to be, the Sikkimese gloveman survived the battle of nerves, helping the Islanders book a place in the final for the first time.

With all to fight for in the second leg, this contest was always going down to the wire. Goa remained in the ascendance with Mumbai failing to register a single shot on target in the entire game. The opening half proved to be a cagey affair with neither side able to assert their dominance.

After a goalless 120 minutes, the shootout initially looked to be headed Mumbai's way after Goa missed their first two penalties. But Mumbai then missed a couple, restoring parity. Finally, after Glan Martins had missed his kick, Rowllin Borges stepped to drive home the winning penalty and sent his team to the final.

# Bajrang takes gold, No.1 rank in Rome

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Rome, March 8: Olympic-bound Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia pulled off a two-pointer in the last 30 seconds of the gold medal bout to defend his title at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series event, a result that propelled him back to World No.1 rank.

Up against Mongolia's Tulga Tumur Ochir, Bajrang was trailing 0-2 till the final moments of the 65kg final but managed to level the scores. 30 seconds from the final whistle. Since the last scoring point came from the Indian, he was declared the winner on criteria Sunday night.

Bajrang will now be back in the national camp but wants to train outside before the Asian championship, scheduled to be held in Kazakhstan from April 9 to 11. Bajrang was placed second in

the rankings before the event and is now on top of the table in the 65kg category with 14 points. The fresh



rankings are based on results of only this tournament which means that gold-medallists get the top spot.

Vishal Kaliramana too impressed in the non-Olympic 70kg category by winning a bronze with a 5-1 win over Syrbaz Talgat from Kazakhstan.

India returned with seven medals from the first Ranking Series event in a year with Vinesh Phogat and Sarita Mor winning gold and a silver respectively in the women's event. Greco Roman wrestlers -Neeraj (63kg), Kuldeep Malik (72kg), -Naveen (130kg) - bagged three bronze medals.

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finishing well behind champions

Madrid and Barcelona, and the

signing of Suarez from the

Blaugrana has proved a master-

stroke. The Uruguayan's 17th La

Liga goal of the season was a deli-





### WHEN GABRIELLE UNION HAD SUICIDAL THOUGHTS

Hollywood actress Gabrielle Union recently opened up about having suicidal thoughts in the past. "I've had so many rock bottom moments as an adult, starting with being raped at 19 at gunpoint at my job," Union said at Goop Health Virtual Summit.

### **KATONA TO PREFER SURROGACY** IF SHE OPTS FOR MORE KIDS

Singer Kerry Katona said she and her current partner Ryan Mahoney could consider surrogacy. Katona has daughters Molly (19), and Lilly-Sue (18), with Brian McFadden, besides Heidi (13), and Max (12), with Mark Croft, and six-year-old DJ with the late George Kay.



### FORTUNE FORECAST



You have been too busy with work and social obligations. It is high time you took a break and did something for yourself. Your health may need attention. Ganesha says, every thing else should take a backseat if you're stressed out.

### TAURUS

You will manage to achieve all short-term goals that you had set

today and your focus will now shift to setting long-term ones. Work pressure will continue but you will make it a point to find some time to renew your leisure activities.

### GEMINI

Today will prove to be an emotional and engaging day for you, predicts Ganesha. Fortune will favour you, though your emotions may cloud your reasoning and slow down your progress. Your spare time will be spent on devising methods to make the best use of your knowledge.

### CANCER

Today, you will use money to fulfil your needs. If there is anything that according to

you needs changing, you will throw some money to get it changed. Your loved ones will celebrate your financial gains and spend some more of it in the process.



around you.

Maybe it is the weather, or just one of those days, but today, you are extremely prone to wild mood swings, says Ganesha. You must remember that nothing is permanent, except change. So go with the flow and do not get caught in the undercurrent of the changes that are taking place all

**VIRGO** Today, your ingenuity will breed ideas like

rabbits. You have the healer's hands, and so shall you make right many a wrong, predicts Ganesha. You shall be most understanding, and reading people's mind will do wonders for you and your beloved.

### LIBRA Love is in the air. and passion lurks right around the corner. So

PEANUTS

He is truly

a good

dog

### TOP STARS OF MUMBAI FILM INDUSTRY WISH FANS

# 'Women's Day should be celebrated everyday'



Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan posted a picture collage of the women in his family, wife Jaya Bachchan, daughterin-law Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, granddaughters Aaradhya



Women's Day," she says.

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana

posted a series of pictures from

rural areas and posted, "Violence

against women and girls is un-

acceptable and must be stopped.

It is everyone's responsibility.

#ENDviolence against girls and

women in India. #WomensDay

we

must

Together.

@unicefindia." IANS



Bachchan and Navya Naveli Nanda, mother Teji Bachchan as

well as daughter Shweta Bachchan Nanda. He posted in Hindi about how everyone has been saying It is Women's Day today but a day like this should be celebrated everyday. Actress Ananya Pandey posted a picture of her maternal and pahumble gratiternal grandmothers. Calling them tude to all the women who

her 'best' Actress Juhi Chawla posted have been a throwback video about women part of my empowerment and how we are journey born with it, adding that it is imand who portant to be truthful to oneself. continue She captioned it: "The same mesto insage, then, now & forever Red spire heart Happy Women's Day me. Grinning face with smiling Нарру

Industries eyesThumbs up #WomensDay." need more Actor Madhuri Dixit Nene posted a women's picture of the women in her family as well representation<sup>:</sup> as Saroj Khan. She wrote: "My

> Mumbai: Actress Urvashi Rautela feels every industry needs more representation of women, so that progressive change comes along.

On International Women's Day, he actress said: "We need women's representation that reflects all women and girls in all their diversity and abilities, and across all cultural, social, economic and political situations. This is the only way we will get real societal change that incorporates women in decision-making equals and benefits us all. There is no force more powerful than a woman determined to ise," she added. Urvashi represented India in

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2015 Miss Universe pageant and eventually entered the film industry. She will soon be seen in the web series Inspector Avinas

ARGONRAL BHO!

starring Randeep Hooda in the

title role. IANS



# Simi calls Meghan 'evil', gets trolled

New Delhi: Indian actress-TV host Simi Garewal was trolled for her tweet on the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, following the couple's 90-minute explosive interview with Oprah Winfrey.

"#OprahMeghanHarry I don't believe a word Meghan says. Not a word. She is lying to make her-

self a victim. She is using the race card to gain sympathy. Evil," Simi had tweeted earlier Monday. Soon, Twitterati empathising with the former royal couple and their interview, slammed the 73vear-old. Manv questioned

Garewal's veracity to make such bold claims, considering the fact that she is not even related to the Royal family. "I don't know what will Meghan do now as the whole point of her interview was to convince

Simi Garewal," wrote a user. Another user wrote: "Such an evil and insensi-

tive comment."ians



### Nomadland, The Crown sweep Critics **Choice Awards**

Late actor Chadwick Boseman won the Best Actor for his role in 'Ma Rainey's Black Bottom' while Carey Mulligan was adjudged as

the Best Actress for 'Promising Young Women'

Los Angeles: The 26th Annual Critics Choice Awards saw Chloe Zhao's Nomadland and the series, The Crown, win most of the accolades during the ceremony hosted by Taye Diggs in an in-person/virtual hybrid show

Monday morning according to Indian time. Just like the recently-

concluded Golden Globes award ceremony, a few presenters were on a stage in Los Angeles, while nominees appeared on screen from all across the world.

The American drama film Nomadland, McDormand, Best Picture while Chloe Zhao won the Best

Director and Best Adapted Screenplay. Actor Chadwick

Boseman, who passed away last year due to colon cancer, won the Best Actor for his role in Ma Rainev's Black Bottom and Carey Mulligan won the Best Actress for Promising Young Women.

The Crown saw Josh O'Connor and Emma Corrin win in the Best Actor and Best Actress in Drama Series respectively



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while Gillian Anderson won the Best Supporting Actress award in Drama Series for her role of former British Prime Minister Margret Thatcher on the show.

Jason Sudeikis' Ted *Lasso* won big awards in the TV comedy cate gory, winning the Best Comedy award, as well as trophies for Sudeikis (Best Actor in Comedy Series) and Hannah Waddingham (Best Actress in a Comedy Series).

open, because you may soon find yourself entrapped in a passionate love episode. But the price of new love is always steep, and your beloved may burn a hole in your pocket.

### **SCORPIO**

You shall groom yourself all prim and proper today The thought of how you look dominates your mind today. You are likely to capture the imagi nation of people - both at work and at social gathering. Cash will exit left, right and centre from your pockets on account of fun and entertainment.

### **SAGITTARIUS**

Dark and gloomy shall be your temperament for most part of the day today. But the afternoon may just see the skies clearing. The apparent mood change, says Ganesha; will mainly be because of good news from abroad and business profits from your partner.

### CAPRICORN

Certain revelations about a relationship will draw your attention; you will find it intriguing and will spend a good amount of time trying to solve the mystery, says Ganesha.

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Your communication skills will work wonders today. Your eloquence will win you precious

brownie points, and may prove highly beneficial in meetings. In fact, all your arguments will sound very persuasive. The trick is not to get ruffled, says Ganesha, when people don't agree with you.

### **PISCES** You are unlikely to be your calm and lucid self today. You will likely catch yourself worrving unnecessari

ly and putting in more efforts than required at work. However, some leisure time will come your way in the evening wherein you will regain your usual perspective, says Ganesha



He is also

a loyal

friend.



Therefore, I would

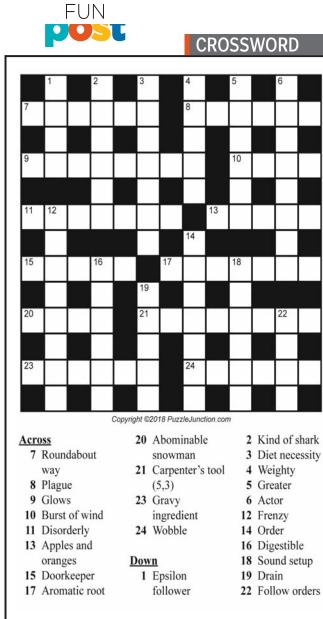
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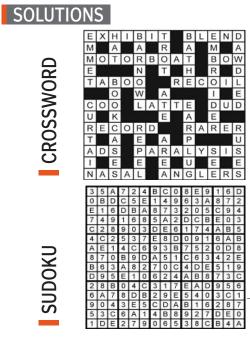
### CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

# A file photo of Chadwick Boseman



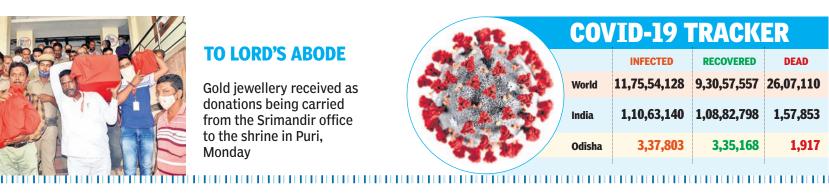
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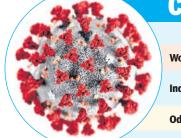






### **TO LORD'S ABODE**

Gold jewellery received as donations being carried from the Srimandir office to the shrine in Puri, Monday



### **COVID-19 TRACKER**

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dia	1,10,63,140	1,08,82,798	1,57,853
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**Nurtured well, Mission** Shakti a big tree now: CM

**MISSION SHAKTI WOULD BECOME A MASS MOVEMENT FOR 1 CRORE MOTHERS. SAYS THE CHIEF MINISTER** 

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, March 8: Mission Shakti has become a tree of hope for 80 lakh women in the state and very soon it is going to be a mass movement of 1 crore mothers, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik here, Monday.

Speaking at the state-level celebration of International Women's Day, Naveen said, "Mission Shaktia sapling planted March 8, 2001 – has become a huge tree now. It has become a tree of hope for 80 lakh mothers. Each leaf of this tree has one success story. That is the story of our Mission Shakti.'

The Chief Minister asserted that the success of Mission Shakti would inspire more and more women and it would soon become a mass movement of one crore women. The message of a strong Odisha will be conveyed at each household in Odisha, he said. Patnaik said that all women in the state have strongly welcomed the decision to create a special Mission Shakti department.

Stating that Mission Shakti has become a major social and economic movement today, he said it has given boost to the rural economy. The Chief Minister hoped that Mission Shakti would become the largest movement not only in



CM Naveen Patnaik speaks on the occasion as 5T Secretary VK Pandian looks on

Project works to the tune of ₹5,000 hree working women's hostels were inaugurated at Jharsuguda, Jajpur and Bhubaneswar

Online portals, mobile applications and awareness material to eliminate witch hunting launched

the country but all over the world. The women have played a major role during Covid-19 pandemic. Starting from self-help groups (SHGs) to Anganwadi, Asha and health workers, all the mothers have worked with responsibility, Patnaik further said.

The Chief Minister said the state government has always been committed to the development of women who joined the mass movement.

crore has been announced for them. He will continue to work for the well-being and rights of the women in the state, Patnaik added. During the event, three working women's hostels were inaugurated at Jharsuguda, Jaipur and

Bhubaneswar. Various online portals, mobile applications and awareness material to eliminate witch hunting were also launched. Awards were presented to the best performing districts, SHGs, officials and banks. Among others, Women and Child Development Minister Tukuni Sahu, dept secretary Anu Garg, Mission

Shakti director Sujata Karthikeyan, Chief Secretary Suresh Mahapatra, **Development Commissioner** Pradeep Jena and 5T Secretary VK Pandian were present.

### BJD women wing celebrates Women's Day

BHUBANESWAR: The women wing of BJD, Biju Mahila Janata Dal, Monday celebrated the International Women's Day and passed four resolutions thanking the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. "Mothers, who can easily take care of their home and children, can take responsibility of the nation and society with ease." Patnaik said while addressing the BJD women workers through videoconferencing. "Every mother has leadership qualities. We must create opportunities to develop their skills and use them for the development of the nation," he stated. Biju Babu had taken historic steps throughout the country in the 90s for the rights of women. Taking it a step

further, the government has provided 50 per cent reservation for women in panchayats and urban local bodies, he said, adding the BJD has worked dedicatedly toward making the dreams of women come true.

# **COVID POSED A HUGE CHALLENGE TO HEALTHCARE** SECTOR: PRIYABRATA DHIR

# City underscores role of women in myriad fields

### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, March 8: Several City-based organisations, societies and others celebrated International Women's Day here Monday with great enthusiasm and with focus on role of women during Covid-19 pandemic among others. Orissa POST takes a glance at the celebrations:

### 'Ride for Women's Pride'

A group of women motorcyclists, 'WE -The Road Queens', in association with Commissionerate Police, Bhubaneswar organised a bike rally titled 'Ride For Women's Pride' to mark the contribution of women during Covid-9 pandemic.

To mark the special day, 12 women bikers dressed in white kurti, blue jeans and donning orange turban rode motorcycles from Commissionerate Police office to Mahila Cell in Unit-I via Jaydev Vihar Square-Acharya Vihar Square- Vani Vihar Square-Rupali Square via Sahid Nagar- Ram Mandir Square- Master Canteen Square to Rajmahal Square.

The bike ride was flagged of by twin city Police Commissioner Sudhanshu Sarangi.

Co-founder of 'WE-The Road Queens' Sangeeta Sahoo said, "The ride named 'Ride For Women's Pride' is to remember the exemplary role played by frontline women workers during Covid-19. Those who are in emergency services like doctors, health professionals, media personnel, teachers, mothers, wives and care takers to elderly parents at homes deserve praise.

Day care centre in Utkal campus Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University Sabita Acharya celebrated the day with the announcement of setting up a day care centre in the varsity campus. The move is part of the vision of enabling a gender neutral campus. The School of Women's Studies organised the Women's Day celebrations which was presided by the first woman VC, Acharva.

The day care centre will be set up



Aska Lok Sabha MP Pramila Bisoyi felicitates Jashoda Pradhan of Gadibrahma SHG at a function organised by Nabard OP PHOTO

soon and will encourage young mothers to continue working. "The pandemic has widened the already existing gender gaps in the society. But it has also shown us the power of women leadership. Some of the countries which best managed the pandemic are led by women," said Acharya citing examples of New Zealand, Taiwan and Germany among many others. "We cannot return to the old world anymore. We have to shatter the barriers and harness the power of women lead-

### Dutee sees dip in gender discrimination cases

ce sprinter Dutee Chand on the occasion of International Women's A ce sprinter Dutee Chang on the occasion of internation and Day claimed that the incidents like gender discrimination and favouritism in sports have reduced much with the passage of time. "In my experience of state as well as national and international levels, there had been discrimination based on gender as well on beauty too. There was a time when ineligible but beautiful girls used to get into better places in sports," she said. She, however, claimed that the times have changed and sports have become fairer with time. "Now, more genuine talents are getting the right places in sports. The selections and other processes are done publicly to ensure fair play and justice to true talent,' she said at a public event named 'Womaniya' organised by a city-based private school. Dutee, however, lamented that sexual harassment and sacrifice always remained part of the concerns for women. She also shared her experience of discrimination based on gender despite a series of achievements she achieved in her career. Noted Odissi dancer Aruna Mohanty spoke about equal treatment of housewives.



Narayani Motors was established in Bhubaneswar in 2005. Over the last 15 years, the company has been recognised as a popular brand for its products and post-sale services. Now the company has many showrooms across the state. During an interaction with **Orissa POST**, owner of the company **Purshotam Budhraja** talks about the journey.

ership," she further added. Virtual workshop at ILS

A four-week long virtual workshop on 'Women Entrepreneurship' was inaugurated at the Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) here. The workshop supported by the Department of Science and Technology at the Centre aims to provide 30 women professionals selected from all over the country to orient them to different issues and challenges of business opportunity in the field of science and technology. The event was

area of science and technology as well as in taking science towards suc-

cessful business enterprise. He urged the young women scientists to take up challenging scientific tasks using the exciting current opportunities. RMRC director Sanghamitra Pati

inaugurated by Anu Acharya, CEO,

Map My Genome. In her address, she

highlighted her experience and

journey as a successful entrepreneur

in the area of human genomics.

ILS director Ajay Parida men-

tioned about the significant con-

tribution women have made in the

stressed the need for providing an enabling environment and encouraging platforms to make them successful in every field- be it science and technology or in startups and entrepreneurship.

### Nabard focus on rural women

The Bhubaneswar branch of Nabard celebrated the International Women's Day Monday on the theme 'Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a Covid-19 World'. The event was graced by Aska Lok Sabha MP Pramila Bisoyi and Water Resources department deputy secretary Madhusmita Sahoo. Many women micro-entrepreneurs from 10 districts - Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Khurda, Navagarh and Puri - who transformed themselves into 'change agents' and contributed to the overall development of the society were invited and felicitated.

Nabard Odisha Chief General Manager C Udayabhaskar shared in details various support schemes of Nabard for the development of rural women. He stressed upon the need to double the dosage of credit to women SHGs/entrepreneurs/farmers in the ensuing financial year so that they can take up various remunerative livelihood activities and contribute to doubling their family income. He said that Nabard during the next financial year would develop 3,000 micro-entrepreneurs and extended financial support for construction of 15,000 toilets.

### **ENFORCE TRAFFIC RULES, RTOS TOLD**

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, March 8: Chief Secretary SC Mahapatra Monday directed the police officials and regional transport officers (RTOs) to strengthen enforcement activities especially on two-wheelers to curbing road mishaps in the state. He asked the officials to prepare district specific workable action plan in this regard Holding a meeting with all the district Collectors and superintendents of police (SPs) through videoconferencing, he directed to prepare the action plan to reduce the road mishap fatalities in their districts concerned. In Odisha, the major reasons for the road mishap deaths are overspeeding and helmetless driving. Out of 5,333 road fatalities reported in 2019, 2,397 persons were killed due to non-use of helmets. The chief secretary directed the district administrations to control speed and helmetless driving. Transport secretary Madhu Sudan Padhi said 286 accidentprone areas (black spots) identified in 2016, 435 in 2017 and 275 in 2018 have been rectified while work is on for modification of 335 black spots identified in 2019.

Healthcare workers have been the first line of defence in the battle against the pandemic. Health workers and the hospital authorities risked their lives to save others during the Covid-19 pandemic. Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Sparsh Hospital, Dr Priyabrata Dhir spoke with **Orissa POST** *highlighting the impact of the* pandemic on the healthcare sector and how his hospital successfully overcame the challenges

### ■ How Covid-19 impacted functioning of the hospital & how could you cope with that?

Covid-19 pandemic impacted the hospital industries across the world. Many hospitals have scaled back and postponed nonemergency care. Health and social system across the globe are struggling to cope with the impact of Covid. At Sparsh Hospital, we have the same situation. With past experience during various disasters, our rapid action team reacted to this and devised various strategies to ensure uninterrupted service to our existing and new patients. We also took good care of our employees.

### What are the advanced equipment and facilities you have added for better patient care?

■ The pandemic made us realise that quality health care & technical up-gradation is the only mantra to win over the situation. At Sparsh Hospital during this pandemic period we update our critical care unit by adding world-class and highly updated ventilators, monitors, diagnostic tools to match with the need of the hour.

What are the healthcare

### challenges you see in post-Covid era?

There are many challenges in health care sector now. Sudden decline in health care business impacted sustainability the business. There will be direct impact on supplier movement to supply the consumables in right time due to restrictions on logistic movement. Getting quality products w.r.t consumables and drugs though resource availability is more challenging as far as exports and imports are concerned. The elective services impacted though Covid fear is mounting.

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The mandatory guideline of government policy involves costs for the health care providers instead of availing them profit from the services. Availability of health care resource and service from the supportive providers is now a challenge to meet uninterrupted services to the patients.

### How do you try to ensure affordable healthcare facilities?

■ Well, there are many steps that are being taken to provide affordable healthcare. Revising supplier negotiation w.r.t credit period for consumables in pharmacy and keeping the government price fix to the medicine used during pandemic. Restructuring and reengineering of staff policy through deferred incentive, increment and time limitation of duty hour which in turn help reduce employee costs are being under-

taken

### How has the journey of Narayani Motors been so far?

Narayani Motors started with a low budget but now it has achieved several milestones during the last 15 years. I believed in hard working to achieve success. True relationship with our customers and meeting the customers' demands are the mantra of our company.

### Effects of the pandemic

We saw zero demand from the beginning of the financial year 2020-21 till October due to the pandemic and the lockdown. However, since November, 2020 business has been picking its pace. We hope that company's target may be achieved in the current fiscal which were unable to do during the last financial year.

### ■ Plans for financial year 2021-22

We aim to develop our showrooms in this fiscal and also supply our products as per the customers' demand. We have lined up several lucrative offers for our customers. We have also planned to open new showrooms in the state.

### ■ Your opinion on Budget 2021

We are happy with the Budget. It was presented aiming at growth of industries that were facing severe losses. The Budget will also generate demand in the market. I hope for the best.

### What are the USPs of your company and what models are available in your showroom now?

Automobile business is a special genre of business. This is run keeping in sight the interests of families and the youth. Narayani Motors is a household name in the state. Customers have deep faith and confidence is us. That is why NM is dedicated to the service of our customers. Our inventory has models for all categories of customers such as men, women, senior citi-

zens and especially youth. Similarly, we supply models based on the demand and likes of customers.

■ NM is a very familiar showroom in the state.

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### Who will you give the credit for its success?

■ There are a large number of people behind its success. In my reckoning, success should not be measured by the metrics of customers' love and busi ness volume. The showroom should have a large variety of brands to cater for all categories of customers. Customer relationship, post sales service, discounts to customers are the key to drive growth. Similarly, a major reason of our success is our hard work, planning

and formation of a roadmap and religious implementation of the roadmap are the major factors of our success. Also, the key to find business success is based on retaining the faith and goodwill of our cus-

tomers.

### Napkin vending machine installed at railway station

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Bhubaneswar, March 8: Bhubaneswar-based startup, Swarajya Vending Industries, has installed smart sanitary napkin vending machine at Bhubaneswar and Khurda railway stations on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Bhubaneswar Station manager C R Das inaugurated the vending machine as the chief guest of the event. Speaking on the occasion, Sandipanni Bharadwaj, Managing Director of Swarajya Vending Industries, said, "It's a unique vending machine, which dispenses sanitary napkins of differentbrands and different sizes. And it also accepts all modes of payment."







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# Aditya Dash's mom moves **SC seeking CBI enquiry**

### POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, March 8: Social activist Aditya Dash's mother Padmalaya Dash has filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the mysterious death of her son. In the petition filed through the

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Supreme Court advocate Swastik Dalai, the petitioner pleaded the apex court to direct CBI to initiate investigation into the death of social activist and motivational speaker Aditya Dash. The petitioner also prayed the apex court to issue directions to the Orissa High Court to dispose of the petition filed before it in a time-bound manner. The petitioner contended that almost nine months have been passed, but the state Crime Branch has not come up with any breakthrough.

The Supreme Court is likely to hear the petition March 12. The petitioner contended that

Man's decapitated

body found on

railway track

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The petitioner also prayed the apex court to issue directions to the **Orissa High Court to** dispose of the petition filed before it in a time-bound manner

the tardy pace of CB investigation has caused grave and immeasurable damage to the petitioner and urged the court to not allow the state Crime Branch to carry on the investigation endlessly into the mysterious death of Dash rather transfer the investigation to CBI so that it is concluded early.

The pace of the investigation is going on at snail's pace and no direct or indirect evidence was found yet," the petitioner contended.

Significantly, Dash's mutilated body was found on the railway tracks near Lingaraj Temple Road passenger halt here, July 7, 2020. The case was initially being probed by the Bhubaneswar GRP. Later, the Director General of Odisha Police ordered the Crime Branch to take over the investigation of the case July 30. October 22 last year, 'People for Seva', the NGO the deceased was associated with had submitted a memorandum to the Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal seeking a CBI investigation.

posed NIVs. NIV Bhubaneswar will

benefit from proximity to the above-

mentioned R&D centres of excel-

lence and leverage it for pushing col-

laborative research efforts. This

can cater to the population of east-

ern, south-eastern and central



Arundhati Jewellers owner Brahmananda Meher felicitates ace sprinter Dutee Chand at Janpath in Bhubaneswar on the occasion of International

### Women's Day, Monday **PRADHAN PITCHES FOR** Develop places linked to **NIV IN CAPITAL CITY** freedom struggle: Naveen as location for one of the four pro-

### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, March 8: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Monday urged the Centre to identify and develop the places linked to freedom struggle.

"With the passage of time, the youth of our country need to be reminded of the sacrifices of our forefathers in a context they can identify with. One of the ways in which this can be done is to highlight the events of our freedom struggle and develop the places linked to it," he said

The Chief Minister was addressing the preparatory meeting of the National Committee to Commemorate Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (celebration of the 75

Teams at police stations to crack down on snatchers

witnessing around 50/60 snatch-

ing cases every month during the

afternoon.

past few years.

The Chief Minister was

preparatory meeting of the National Committee to Commemorate Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav

years of Independence) through videoconferencing. The meeting of the panel was held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He emphasised on the need to highlight significant events led by lesser known leaders as well as to capture the pan-India nature of the movement.

Stating events that happened out-

### **Divert unused** fund to three projects, GM varsity told

### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, March 8: The Higher Education department Monday directed the Gangadhar Meher University for diversion of the unutilised fund of Rs 5 crore towards execution of three new projects sanctioned during financial year 2020-21.

The govt had sanctioned **₹5Cr for GM University** for construction of a sports complex, but the work could not commence even after lapse of two years

In a letter, Higher Education joint secretary Birendra Kumar Nayak wrote to the registrar of GM University that in FY 2018-19 the government had sanctioned Rs 5 crore in favour of university for construction of a sports complex. However, this work has not been started even after lapse of a long time. "Meanwhile, you have submitted a proposal for execution of the other three projects including construction of a utility building, construction of boundary wall at new GMU campus and construction of a cubicle. The

### POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, March 8: The New Delhi, March 8: Union body of a man with its head sev-Petroleum and Natural Gas ered was found on a railway track Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Monday urged Union Health near Lingaraj Road railway station here Monday morning. The 42year-old deceased identified as Sushant Sahu is a resident of (NIV) in Bhubaneswar.

Housing Board Colony in Bhimatangi area here. Sushant was a florist who had a makeshift shop near his residence. According to the deceased's wife.

Sushant left house after having dinner at around 10pm Sunday. However, he did not return home for a long time prompting his family members to search for him till late in the night.

The family members of the deceased told media persons that he might have jumped before a moving train under the influence of liquor. Police sources revealed that the deceased and his wife had a heated argument over some issues Sunday night before he left home. Cops suspect that Sahu might have committed suicide over family discord.

Locals spotted the decapitated body lying near the track Monday morning. Informed, the GRP reached the spot. Police recovered the body and severed head and sent them for post-mortem.



Minister Harsh Vardhan to set up a National Institute of Virology In a letter to Vardhan, Pradhan stated that Bhubaneswar has emerged as a prime centre of medical research and education in east-

ern India with the presence of world-class institutes such as All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Institute of Life Sciences, ICMR-**Regional Medical Research Centre** and ICAR-ICFMD (International

Centre for Foot & Mouth Disease). 'Owing to its strategic location and skilled manpower; Bhubaneswar is well positioned to be considered

Bhubaneswar. March 8: At a time

when the rising graph of snatching

cases in the city has become a major

headache for the cops and denizens,

the Commissionerate Police Monday

said special squads are being formed

at each police station to deal with

Speaking to media persons,

Deputy

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the street crimes.

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Indian states. This will also be in line with the Purvodaya vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Pradhan said. He urged the Health minister to seriously consider the setting up of one of the four proposed NIVs at Bhubaneswar. Pradhan also congratulated

Vardhan for the country's successful fight against the novel coronavirus. He said that India's success story of curbing the spread of virus and supplying vaccines to the world has been acknowledged by the WHO and international organisations.

looters on bike Sunday snatched

away the gold chain of a lady in

Bharatpur area of the city. The lady,

Anasuva Behera of Khandagiri

Bari under Bharatpur police limits,

was plucking flowers for puja near

her residence Sunday morning

when the miscreants reached the

spot. One of them holding a sharp

weapon pushed her to the ground

and tried to snatch her chain. When

she resisted the loot bid, the ac-

addressing the

### BHUBANESWAR

- Protest by Congress party, Master Canteen Square, 11am
- Workshop by 'Satabdi Ra Kalakaar'. Biju Natya Kendra, Nayapalli, 3pm
- Guru Dakshina Utsay by Kala Ashram, Rabindra Mandap, 6pm

**BALIANTA** 

 44th annual 'Astaprahari', Dudurabasta, Srimahavee peeth, 8am

### BRAHMAGIRI

 Jagara Mahotsav, Esaneswar Peeth, 7pm

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### **AFFIDAVI**

By virtue of an affidavit before Notary, Cuttack I, Kirtiraj Nanda, S/o. Jeetendra Kumar Nanda, At/P.O.- Odagaon, P.S.-Odagaon, Nayagarh declare that I want to change my name from "Kirtiraj Nanda" to "Kirrttiraj Nanda" for all future purposes.

Commissioner of Police (DCP) Umashankar Dash said that the team comprising one or two officers assisted by four constables at each police station of the city will exclusively deal with growing number of snatching cases.

Notably, two unknown armed

cused hit her leg with the weapon and decamped with the chain. The incident of loot was caught in CCTV cameras installed in nearby houses Meanwhile, in another incident, some bike-borne miscreants snatched away a lady's bag containing cash and mobile phone near



The criminals who get arrested by police again engaged in the same activities after getting out of the jail Speaking on the issue, the DCP said that the city police have been on bail

The police have been forming special squads at the police stations to check various 'street crimes'.

Dash mentioned the need for installation of more number of CCTV cameras in the city. The police are also planning to

come out with an album of such ha-

bitual looters at police station lev-

els to keep strict vigil on them.

side India need to be captured, Patnaik

said, "Our greatest tribute to the

founding father of our nation will be

to carry forward in letter and spirit

the values and ethos of our

Independence movement as en-

shrined in the Constitution of India.

The ideals of freedom, justice

and equality which defined the

freedom struggle need to be reit-

erated in today's circumstances,

he said, adding all efforts should be

made to ensure every Indian, re-

siding anywhere in the world, should

be touched through the various ac-

tivities as part of the commemo-

ration ceremonies. Service ori-

ented activities can be part of the

programme to encourage com-

munity service among the citizens

especially the youth, he added.

App soon to monitor

hotel check-ins in City

he Commissionerate Police

will launch a mobile app this

week to keep tabs on

anti-socials visiting hotels in

Capital city. A pilot project to

this effect has remained

successful, said the DCP.

is estimated around Rs 6.55 crore. Therefore, it is hereby decided to sanction the following three

total estimated cost of this project

projects and cancel the sports complex project. The unutilized amount of Rs 5 crore shall be diverted for execution of the three projects.

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### BMC's novel way to treat legacy waste

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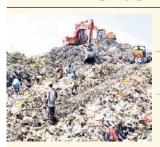
Bhubaneswar, March 8: The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has decided to use biomining method to get rid of the legacy waste, garbage that remain piled up for several years, at Bhuasuni dumpyard here as it would help recover around 60-acre land.

According to sources, BMC has recently issued a request for proposal (RFP) for the mammoth exercise.

'We've issued an RFP for biomining of legacy waste at Bhuasuni. The operator is expected to install a plant of the required capacity for the process," a senior BMC official said.

According to the civic body official, around 16 lakh metric tonne of legacy waste remain pile up at Bhuasuni, on the outskirts of the Capital city. It will take around three years to biomine the waste and reclaim the land.

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scaping, gardening or road medians within the City or at the site. Nonrecyclable plastic material, on the other hand, shall be used in road construction or as an alternative fuel (refuse derived fuel) in cement plants.

"The heavy fractions like sand and gravel will be used for construction of road shoulders or for plinth filling. Stones and concrete recovered, if any, will be used for road subgrade or for reuse in the construction industry," said the official.

"In a bid to achieve the desired target, we're looking to have a min-

imum average quantity of 2,000 MT per day. The material retrieved from the legacy waste will be immediately sent to the recycle/identified vendors without hoarding them at site for more than 20 days, the official added.

Notably, land reclamation is a relatively new approach used to expand municipal solid waste capacity and avoid the high cost of acquiring additional land. Otherwise, once the dumpsite gets filled with garbage, there will be no option other than closing it permanently.

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# Herbivores face food crunch as Similipal burns

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Baripada, March 8: Forest fires in Similipal National Park have seriously affected the survival of herbivorous animals and other wildlife species in the sanctuary. These animals are facing food crunch as the raging fires have gobbled up large chunks of the forest.

Reports said thousands hectares of pasture land, twigs and leaves, bushes and small plants have been reduced into ashes. The fire which has occurred due to the mistakes of humans has put lives of herbivorous animals at stake. Many medicinal plants and a huge number of insects, prey to various species of birds have also perished in the fire.

The wildlife sanctuary has 1,076 types of plants, 94 types of orchids, 604 types of medicinal plants, 45 types of mammals, 304 types of birds, 62 types of reptiles and 20 types of amphibians.

The forest dwellers who earn their living from the forest and the animal and birds getting their food from it are posed with serious challenges threatening their survival. Herbivorous animals like deer, sambhar, elephant, rabbit, wild boar and the cattle, goats and sheep living the foothill survive on the grass, leaves and branches of the trees growing in the forest. However, they have been reduced to ashes now. This has resulted in food scarcity for the animals

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Environmentalist Sanat Kumar reported from over 20 points under Dash has called all stakeholders to Udala, Dujura, Bangiriposi, join hands to save the wildlife sanc-Rasgovindpur ranges close to tuary from the fire which is threat-Similipal biosphere reserve. ening the survival of vast array of Leaves of all the staff under

Baripada division have been canflora and fauna and is a storehouse celled for indefinite period, Joshi said Meanwhile, Divisional Forest adding that 100 more personnel Officer (DFO) Santosh Joshi canhave been engaged on contractual celled Sunday leaves of all forest staff basis in the fire fighting operation. under the division even as fresh The forest officials are trying to douse the fire but staff crunch has reports of fire incidents have been

hit their efforts. There are only 1.200 forests personnel engaged in dousing fire while there is a need for around 5000.

He warned the miscreants of immediate arrest if anyone is found to have set forests on fire. Joshi appealed to locals to conserve forests and refrain from lilting the dry leafs in the forest.

Expressing concern over the raging forest fire, the Queen and Princess of erstwhile Mayurbhanj royal family - Rasmi Rajyalaxmi Bhanjadeo and daughter Akshita also pitched in to douse the flames at Tangadhua, Raipal and Badampur villages under Bangiriposhi range in Mayurbhani district. The queen also discussed with local villagers the methods that should be implemented for dousing the fire and to prevent its spread any further.

### **DFO announces** ₹5,000 cash award for info on forest fire

### POST NEWS NETWORK

Sambalpur; March 8: Sambalpur Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Sanjeet Kumar announced Monday a cash award of Rs 5,000 for anyone giving information about persons who are setting forests on fire in the district. The DFO also warned of stringent legal action against those found guilty. He added that the wrongdoers will be immediately arrested. "Those found committing such acts will be arrested immediately. A cash award of Rs 5,000 will be given to the informers," Kumar said.

"Mass awareness campaign is being spread regarding the safety of the forests. We have also appealed to the public to cooperate with the forest department officials. Setting forest on fire is a punishable offence under the Odisha Forest Act and one(s) found guilty of such crime may be punished with a jail term of three to seven years," the DFO expressed.

The senior official has issued instructions to all Forest Department staff in this regard.

Notably, in order to keep a vigil eye on wildfires at least 15 contractual workers will be engaged under the direct supervision of each forest ranger in Sambalpur district. The squads have been directed to keep a detailed record of addresses of persons entering into forests.

### Deceased's kin ransack hospital in Bolangir



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bolangir, March 8: Tension gripped the Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital here after family members of a patient who died Monday created a ruckus alleging medical negligence. The situation went out of control when the family members and relatives of the deceased reached the hospital and started vandalising properties. They vented their ire at the doctors and nurses as well by attacking them. For some time, the hospital compound resembled a battlefield. After getting information about the incident, police reached the hospital and overpowered the protesters and brought the situation under control.

Reports have been lodged from the deceased patient's side as well as by the hospital authorities. Police so far have detained nine persons in this regard.

According to a source, a youth of Bhurshipali village succumbed while undergoing treatment at the hospital Monday. The family members of the youth alleged that medical negligence had led to his death. A detailed probe is under way, it

was learnt.

### Rayagada villagers get death threats

Gunupur: Death threats were issued Sunday to 28 persons through posters in Katuru village under Gunupur municipality area in Rayagada district. The posters are written in Telugu. Those that have received the threats are said to be in 'rich persons' category in the village. In the posters, it has been alleged that the targeted villagers



### Marine algae farming begins in four districts of Odisha

of oxygen



### POST NEWS NETWORK

Paradip, March 8: For the first time in the state, farming of marine algae has begun in four districts of Odisha.

The initiative has been jointly taken by the state Fisheries Department and a private firm of Tamil Nadu. The four districts where farming has begun are Jagatsinghour, Ganiam, Puri and Balasore, an official informed.

"The Jagatsinghpur adminisration has started marine algae

# Clay idol museum at Dhenkanal school a big draw among visitors

### POST NEWS NETWORK

Satamile, March 8: Apart from being known for imparting quality education, Patla High School in Hindol block of Dhenkanal district is famous for its museum which houses clay idols and images. The museum is the brainchild of the school's headmaster Dhaneswar Sahu.

Dhaneswar lives in Mahalunda village under Hindol block. He joined Patla High School in 1984 as a teacher. He was promoted to the post of headmaster in 2012. Since then he has been discharging his duties sincerely.

When asked about the beginning of the museum, Dhaneswar said he had once visited the Nehru Children's Museum in Kolkata.

"I drew inspiration from the visit to set up a clay idols museum. I started working on it from my house. My wife Salila supported me in realizing my dream. I col-



Started in 2016, the museum was completed in 2018. It has idols of freedom fighters, poets, writers and social reformers, tribals and **Eskimos: traditions and** rituals associated with **Odisha temples** 

dom fighters, poets, writers and social reformers. Apart from this, there are idols depict lifestyles of the tribal and Eskimos: traditions

What attract children most is those idols that narrate stories with morals.

With the permission from the Education Department and Administration, the museum was shifted from Dhaneswar's house to the school premises November 14, 2018, on the occasion of Children's Day. The then Sub-Collector Bhabesh Kumar Nayak inaugurated it.

'I am thankful to the staff and students who have been helping me in taking care of the museum. To see it, students and visitors from different parts of Odisha visit the school. The museum helps students understand some difficult topics. In 2019, the institution was awarded as the 'Best School in the District' during Independence Day celebration. It gave me immense satisfaction. I have a wish to make the museum a larger one with addition of some more idols relating to different subjects and topics in

have become affluent by adopting unfair means. It has been alleged that they are smuggling ganja and misbehaving with women of the village. The name of a youth has also featured in the list of persons who have received death threats. This development has sparked fear and apprehension among villagers. When contacted, Gunupur IIC Manoj Kumar Behera said that they have seized the posters and launched a probe into it. The posters are on plain white paper. The police are trying to ascertain

the authenticity of the posters and whether they have any Maoist link.

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preparing medicines, shaving lotion, cosmetic and ice-cream. Several aquatic animals feed on it.

ter to help facilitate growth of the

algae," Marine Fisheries Officer

It will take around 45 days to ma-

ture. Fishermen in Odisha would

benefit a lot in eking out their liv-

ing from marine algae farming,

the department official pointed out.

usually found in deep sea look like

Hydrocharitaceae (in local parl-

ance called as Chingudia Dala).

The marine algae are ideal for

Notably, marine algae which are

Manoranjan Mohapatra said.

The market price of marine algae is Rs 50 per kilogram. Tamil Nadu has been carrying out marine algae cultivation for a long time.

On being informed, a team of police

reached Ariba village. Police have registered

a case in this connection and initiated a

probe. Gurandi police personnel interrogated

the family members and neighbours of the

two deceased. The probe is still underway,

tion SI Loknath Behera said.

a police official said.

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Started in 2016 the museum was

and rituals associated with Odisha temples. There are idols on NCC Scout movement, Red Cross and animals that are on the verge of coming days," Dhaneswar added. The school was established in 1981 with classes from Class I to VIII. In 1998, Class IX and X were

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### Lovebirds commit suici

#### POST NEWS NETWORK

Paralakhemundi, March 8: The bodies of a couple were found lying in a pool of blood in a closed room at Ariba village under Gurandi police limits in Gajapati district Sunday evening. The deceased were identified as 21-year-old Sibal Dileswari and 28year-old Taluru Srinu. Sources said that the the two were in a relationship for the last couple of years.

However, the family members of Sibal did not approve of their relationship. They arranged to marry the girl off elsewhere. This decision led to the couple planning to end their

### Jilted lover kills girl's mother

POST NEWS NETWORK

Kesinga, March 8: A 55year-old woman was stabbed to death by a youth who was in love with her daughter at Karlakhunta village under Kesinga police limits in Kalahandi district. The incident took place Sunday.

The deceased has been identified as Sindhu Bag and the accused as Tilakar Naik, a resident of the same village. According to a source, Tilakar had proposed to Sindhu's daughter Ranjita. But, Ranjita had turned down his proposal.

With an intent to settle the score. Tilakar was waiting at a place for the motherdaughter duo Sunday. When

Sindhu and Ranjita were returning from the village pond Tilakar attacked Ranjita with a knife. Sindhu rushed to help her daughter but became an unwanted victim. Hearing their cries, the

villagers came to their rescue and rushed the severely wounded Sindhu and Ranjita to Kesinga community health centre (CHC) where the doctors announced Sindhu brought dead. Ranjita is undergoing

treatment and her condition is stated to be critical. The police handed over

the body to the family members after post-mortem and have detained Tilakar.



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- The bidder has to participate in Online bidding only. Furth details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: http www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd./- Executive Officer Pattamundai Municipality



Ph No.: 0663-2540640, 2541443 (Under Section 13(4) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act., 2002 read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of UCO Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets nd Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 8 of Security nterest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the borrower(s), guarantor(s) to epay the amount mentioned below within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property/ies described here-in-below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules.

The borrower(s), guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any ings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the UCO Bank for the amount plus interest plus other expenses thereon.

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ther tp://	SECTOR-5 BRANCH, ROURKELA Borrower: Late Ramesh Chandra Mohanty, S/o: Mahadev Mohanty, Co-Borrower: Mrs. Krishna Mohanty, W/o: Late Ramesh Chandra Mohanty, At.: Qr. No. C-64, Sector-15, Rourkela- 769003, Odisha.	further interest &	13.02.2020 / 03.03.2021	Equitable Mortgage of Land & Building situated at Mouza: Rourkela Town, Unit No. 17, Hamirpur, Tahasil: Rourkela, Dist.: Sundargarh, Odisha, Plot No.: 241/570, Khata No.: 80/77, standing in the name of Late Ramesh Chandra Mohanty, S/o: Sahadev Mohanty.
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**China's Olive Branch** 

n a strategic move China held out an olive branch to India on 7 March un-

derscoring the need to stop undercutting each other and shedding mutual suspicion. It also wants enabling conditions to be created by expanding

bilateral cooperation to resolve the border issue. All that sounds well and good

but, there is more to it than meets the eye. The new overtures made by

China's State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi at a press briefing

reflects new strategising not due to any reappraisal of India's might, but to

diplomatically circumvent the renewed initiative of the Quad group to close

ranks and take on China unitedly. Significantly, Wang made the remarks only

a few days before the first ever meeting of the leaders of the Quad grouping

on March 12. This is a clear signal to New Delhi which is preparing to join

the Quad meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe

Beijing views the Quad with suspicion. Three years ago Wang was dismissive

of its revival which he described with the pejorative expression of "a head-

line-grabbing idea" comparing it with "foam on the sea". He even predicted

it would "soon dissipate". However, three years are a long period in diplo-

matic manoeuvrings. Since then big events took place, including the protracted

standoff along the Line of Actual Control, a clash in Galwan and the first

de-escalation last month plus the joint naval exercises by the Quad navies.

cal line that the boundary dispute was an issue left from history and not the

whole story of the China-India relationship. He insisted both the countries

were friends and partners who should shed mutual suspicion. With India show

ing keen interest in Quad grouping, China is now singing a new tune that

the boundary situation should not be placed at the centre of the relationship

music to the ears of the foreign service establishment of India

Quad in Tokyo on October 6, 2020 caused further anxieties to China.

The threat posed by China to geo-strategic scenario of the Indo-Pacific re-

gion represents a great challenge to the Quad countries in terms of disrup-

tions of cooperation in maritime security, cyber-security, data flow, quality

In Beijing's perception the Indo-Pacific is a direct threat to the BRI and China's

strategy of encircling India. During his recent visit to Malaysia, Wang

lashed out at the Quad, stating that Washington was aiming to build an

In an attempt to buy peace with India, Wang harped on its age-old tacti-

Biden, Japan PM Yoshihide Suga and Australian PM Scott Morrison.

### FOCUS PANDEMIC RESPONSE

# **BUILD BACK EQUAL**

¶he pandemic has exposed and exacerbated a wide range of inequalities. If leaders are serious about "building back better." policies to overcome the systemic forces that underlie them must form the heart of their agendas.

One such divide is the gender gap. Since the pandemic began, women have suffered job losses at a higher rate than men - not least because they are overrepresented in many of the hardest-hit industries, such as food service and retail - and faced higher levels of social precarity and food insecurity. The pandemic is set to increase the gender gap in extreme poverty as well. Moreover, as feminist thinkers like Silvia Federici have pointed out, the burden of domestic labour - already disproportionately borne by women - became far heavier during pandemic lockdowns. At the same time, women are usually the victims of domestic violence, which has become more frequent and severe since the pandemic began.

Not surprisingly, women's mental health has suffered disproportionately over the last year. The burden of the pandemic has been particularly heavy for women who are also subject to other forms of marginalisation, based on race, age, or immigration status.

More broadly, the pandemic has expanded the divide between rich and poor. A handful of billionaires have seen their wealth skyrocket over the last year, while lower-skill workers have faced far larger employment and earnings losses than higher-skill workers. The top income decile, largely comprising workers who have been able to work remotely during the pandemic, have been able to expand their savings, whereas many laid-off workers have borrowed to stay afloat, driving up the number of people who are over-indebted or have minimal savings. At the global level, there have been vast differences between the



Today, our world is more interconnected than ever, and yet rampant inequality is diminishing our receptiveness to collective action we need

capacity of developed and developing countries to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Advanced economies have mobilised, on average, 25% of their GDP to mitigate its effects, compared to 7% in developing countries and just 1.5% in the poorest countries. And whereas wealthy countries may have their entire populations vaccinated by mid-2022, more than 85 poor countries will not have widespread ac-

cess to vaccines before 2023. In this context, "building back better" must mean creating an economy that works for everyone what in 2013 then-US President Barack Obama called the "defining challenge of our time." But this is not just a matter of empowering those who have been "left behind" by globalisation, by providing more resources for education, training, and capacity building. That widely endorsed "solution" is based on rosy but deeply flawed assumptions about the contemporary world order.

In fact, addressing today's inequities demands a far more comprehensive - and critical - assessment of underlying systemic forces. The pandemic's disproportionate impact on women, for example, is a direct result of deeply

entrenched patriarchal rules and norms that perpetuate segmented structures in the home, the labour market, and the workplace.

It is because of these rules and norms that, when care infrastructure deteriorates, women pick up the slack, and when jobs are scarce, women lose out the most. Many women are then forced into precarious employment, where they are vulnerable to physical and sexual violence. So, even as a few women shatter glass ceilings, the majority of women remain on the floor, sweeping up the shards. Initiatives intended to empower

women within the current system such as by encouraging female entrepreneurship or ensuring equal legal rights – are certainly vital. But anything close to true equality will require us to address the insidious effects of patriarchal power dynamics - and that means challenging and reforming the system in which they are embedded.

The same goes for closing the gaps between the haves and havenots, both within and across countries. As the Nobel laureate economist Joseph E. Stiglitz has argued the rules of the game are designed to strengthen the position of those already at the top of the develop-

ment ladder, while holding back the less advantaged. Those rules have benefited creditors over debtors, and fueled speculation rather than productive investment. Intellectual property rights and other restrictive business practices have increased the market power of large international firms, including the tech giants, over smaller suppliers and consumers, thereby undermining innovation.

The rules of the game have also enabled large firms to hide their profits in tax havens, instead of paying their fair share or pursuing employment-generating investment And the effect on government revenues has weakened the state's capacity to supply public goods, correct market failures, and even to meet the immediate needs of citizens during a crisis.

Perhaps most insidious of all, the growing realisation that the game is rigged has eroded public confidence in institutions, fueled political fragmentation and social discontent, and spurred deepening mistrust among countries. From vaccine skepticism to lack of international coordination, the COVID-19 crisis reflects the consequences of these trends.

Seventy-five years ago, the United Nations Charter issued a clarion call for collective action to meet the new challenges of an interdependent world. Today, our world is more interconnected than ever, and yet rampant inequality is diminishing our receptiveness to the collective action we need. To reverse this tendency requires addressing the unfair power dynamics that are embedded in the global economic system. "Don't gamble on the future," warned Simone de Beauvoir. "Act now, without delay.'

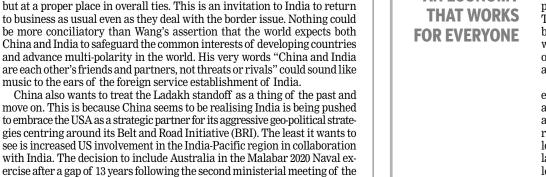
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**"BUILDING BACK MEAN CREATING** 



**BETTER" MUST AN ECONOMY** THAT WORKS **FOR EVERYONE** 



### "Indo-Pacific NATO" through the Quad. This is a proof that China no longer dismisses Quad as "foam on the sea" that would "soon dissipate" India's pull-out from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

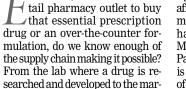
(RCEP) negotiations last year has put it in a disadvantageous position. But, the China-centric supply chains suffered after India, Japan and Australia launched the Resilient Supply Chain Initiative (RSCI) focused on key sectors such as semi-conductors, pharmaceuticals, automobiles and telecommunications.

Viewed in this backdrop, China's peace offer should definitely be taken with tons of salt. Chinese sweet talk is but a trap to wean India away from its strategic partners and make its global economic domination dream a reality. The moot point, however, is whether Indian diplomacy has the guts and resilience to withhold the Chinese onslaught that is bound to commence after this sweet nothing talk. Second, India has also to take care not to be seen to be extremely dependent on borrowed strength from other Quad countries.

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ach time, we check into a re- ity and availability of quality and affordable medicines for citizens. To meet this mandate, the government has been running the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana since 2015. The scheme is implemented through the Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BBPI)

Time to reform drug supply chain

position. In the absence of an automated system, there is visible demand-supply mismatch and inadequate access to the rural hinterland. Reforming and standardising

the Indian pharmaceutical supply

chain is crucial given its global po-

chain management. To illustrate, German pharmaceutical major\_ Merck has placed sensors through its supply chain that collect data about inventory distribution practices and availability for every

stock keeping unit. Beginning from R&D to retail distribution, niche technologies offer immense potential to change the landscape of drug supply chain management. Artificial Intelligence (AI) algorithms can improve endto-end visibility, leading to more efficient demand forecasting, inventory management, logistics optimisation, procurement, supply chain planning and workforce planning. Intelligent robotics can also be applied to the pharma supply chain bristling with repetitive, time devouring processes. For example, integration of robotics with a manufacturer's current equipment can complete simple tasks efficiently while communicating on progress and status with other systems, all in real-time, Blockchain technology promises to revolutionise the supply chain. Using blockchain, all stakeholders can have transparency over the endto-end drug delivery process. Moreover, using a blockchain system, products can be tracked, traced and recalled when necessary. Emerging technologies promise to fast pedal the drug supply chain's transformative journey.

- while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.
- We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves. DALAI LAMA

### WORDS**WORTH**

### McJob

he Associated Press reported in November 2003 that Jim Cantalupo, the Chairman and CEO of the fast-food firm McDonald's, had published an open letter to Merriam-Webster about the 11th edition of their Collegiate Dictionary, published in July 2003. He complained about the inclusion in that work of the word Mc Job, and for defining it as "low paying and dead-end work". The affairs of dictionary makers are rarely controversial. But it does occasionally happen that words, or their definitions, become contentious. And this isn't the first time that Mc Job has been in the headlines. A report in the Independent newspaper in Britain in 1997 claimed that the Oxford English Dictionary had been advised on legal grounds not to include the word, though this never led to anything and the term is in the online OED. There are several problems with Cantalupo's objections. Not the least of them, as Merriam-Webster was quick to point out, is that they don't define the word in those pejorative terms, but use the phrase "a low-paying job that requires little skill and provides little opportunity for advancement". They are not alone: the Fourth Edition of the American Heritage Dictionary, for example, says it is "A job, usually in the retail or service sector, that is low paying, often temporary, and offers minimal or no benefits or opportunity for promotion". The online OED says: "An unstimulating, low-paid job with few prospects, especially one created by the expansion of the service sector". There's little that Cantalupo can dispute here; however unflattering it might appear to be to his organisation, that is indeed what people mean by the term. Critics might also argue that he should have complained five months earlier, when the Collegiate was first published. Actually, he's more like 17 years too late. Mc Job appeared in the Washington Post in 1986, though it was the publication of Douglas Coupland's book Generation X in 1991 that popularised it. In the decade since, it has spread around most of the world. The job of dictionaries, their editors argue, is to reflect the way that the language is actually being used. Merriam-Webster rightly say that the word is in wide general use (not just on the Internet, as Cantalupo asserts in his letter). They comment: "In editing the Collegiate Dictionary, we bear in mind the guidance offered by Noah Webster that the business of the lexicographer is to collect, arrange, and define, as far as possible, all the words that belong to a language, and leave the author to select from them at his pleasure and according to his judgment". Cantalupo also objects on the grounds that Mc JOBS is a registered trademark of McDonald's used for the company's training program for mentally and physically challenged people. McDonald's has actually trademarked dozens of terms beginning in Mc, such as McDouble, McDrive, McExpress, McFamily, McFlurry, McHero, McKids, McKroket, McMaco, McMenu, McMusic, McNifica, McNuggets, McOz, McPlane, McPollo, McRib, McRoyal, McScholar, McSwing, and McWorld. This plethora of terms, and the determined attempt on the part of the company to associate Mc with McDonald's in the public mind, has been all too successful.



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AND EASING OF FDI **NORMS IN THE SECTOR HAVE UPPED THE** CHALLENGE FOR DRUG

# DISTRIBUTION

SPECTRUM PHARMA INDUSTRY

ketplace where it is distributed and delivered to patients, it's a knotty trail. The modern pharmaceutical supply chain is complex and convoluted. Many actors - drug manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, insurance providers, intermediaries, et al play their part across the ecosystem. Moreover, globalisation and easing of FDI norms in the sector have upped the challenge for drug distribution. Medicines are made from Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) that may be sourced from different countries. Say, some lifesaving drugs change multiple hands between manufacturing and final distribution to the patients. This scenario offers scope for counterfeiting drugs or compromising quality, thus posing health risks. Unless there is an automated system offering 'real time' visibility on the movement of drugs from labs to patients, the drug supply chain turns inefficient, expensive and creates vacuum for inferior quality products to fill in.

The government of India is committed to Universal Health Coverage (UHC), one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which all nations have agreed to achieve by 2030. Under UHC, nations have the mandate to ensure accessibil-

which is tasked with procurement, supply and marketing of generic drugs. Under the aegis of the scheme, states have opened Janaushadhi Kendras at state-run medical colleges and hospitals.

Here, the daunting challenge is making available some 1400 medicines and 200+ surgicals at over 7000 such generic drug outlets across the country. In a developing country like India, the drug distribution supply chain is mostly controlled by the government. The chain, however, is highly fragmented. Owing to the many-layered distribution apparatus, the cost of medicines at the final distribution point shoots up. More than the  $\cos t$  challenge, there are other hurdles to be overcome. Usually the government-run drug supply chains lack automation with much dependency on human interventions. They are beset with problems like lack of proper tracking and monitoring of drug indents, absence of a single platform for supplier and drug distributors, vulnerable data due to physical record-keeping, time-consuming process riddled with inaccuracies due to manual filling of data, lack of a digital payment gateway and unavailability of current stock

sitioning. The domestic pharmaceutical sector accounts for 3-3.5 per cent of the global pharma industry in value and 10 per cent in volume terms. Globally, India is the largest supplier of generics - our generic drugs account for 20 per cent of the global exports by volume. Our overall pharma exports are valued at about \$20 billion.

A robust and seamless interface connects all stakeholders, offering a complete picture on the route of medicines from the point of manufacturing to the palm of the consuming patient. Adoption of this system makes sense since it is capable of profiling all drug suppliers and equipment manufacturers, manage the procurement of drugs and surgical equipment and generate purchase orders against tenders and rate contracts. For quelling concerns regarding quality of drugs, the system has embedded features for rating supplies and appraising quality of testing labs. The automation of key processes of procurement, distribution and quality control assists in demand assessment and tracking distribution of medicines. To put it succinctly, such automated systems ensure end-to-end visibility - the holy grail of supply

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### TO THE EDITOR

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### **Raging wildfire**

Sir, This refers to news item "Wildfire still raging in Similipal" published in Orissa POST on March 8. In spite of best efforts, the forest department has failed to control the fire at Similipal National Park, the sixth largest national park of India. More than one-third of this forest is burnt, affecting wild animals and rare species of vegetation. Does our forest department has the necessary infrastructure and is alert enough to control such fires? Modern sensory equipment used in forest fire early warning systems help quickly and accurately locate forest fires. Local fire brigades extinguish most forest fires at their first attempt. Regular forest fire drills, in which all the actors get to know each other and practise working together, should be part of disaster management system.

Gopal Mittal, BHUBANESWAR

### Bengal needs real 'poribortan'

Sir, This refers to the news item "PM Modi scalds Mamata" published in Orissa POST on March 8. The most riveting electoral contest in Bengal Assembly elections is in Nandigram. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will face BJP's Suvendu Adhikari, who was not too long ago one of Mamata's key political associates. But he has become a high profile defector to the saffron party, and an aggressive campaigner against Mamata. It is understandable that some voters wonder if this election is a contest between the Trinamool's A and B teams. Nandigram is the location of a proposed SEZ by the erstwhile Left Front government which flamed out 14 years ago in a burst of violence. It became a lightning rod, along with Singur, for the things that were wrong with the Left Front administration. The area provided a springboard for the TMC's subsequent ascent to power and Adhikari played a key role in it. Today, the contest in Nandigram is a symbol of the unmet challenges of economic development that Mamata once seemed to herald. This election is centered on personalities, emotions, identity and fear. If Mamata has used the 'outsider' tag to combat the BJP, Adhikari is following the same approach in Nandigram. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Sunday's public address promised a "real change" in Bengal. The same was promised by Mamata Banerjee a decade ago, but the state needs more than just rhetoric to wit- +ness meaningful "poribortan". India's economic renaissance needs Bengal at its centre. N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE



# **Women farmers take centre** stage at Delhi protest sites

### REUTERS

New Delhi, March 8: Thousands of women joined protests by farmers on the outskirts of Delhi Monday to mark International Women's Day demanding the scrapping of new laws that open up agriculture produce markets to private buyers.

Since December, many farmers accompanied by their families have camped at three sites on the outskirts of the Indian capital to oppose the biggest farm reforms in decades which they say hurt them.

Wearing bright yellow scarves representing the colour of mustard fields, the women took centrestage at one key site, chanting slogans, holding small marches, and making speeches through loudspeakers to target the laws.

"This is an important day as it represents women's strength." said Veena, a 37-year-old from a farming family, who gave only one name in order to protect her identity.

"I believe if we women are united, then we can achieve our target much quicker." added Veena, who travelled from the northern state of Punjab to the sprawling Tikri protest spot. More than 20,000 women gathered at the site near Delhi's border with the state of Harvana, police and event organisers said.

"This is a day that will be managed and controlled by women, the speakers will be women, there will



farm laws at Tikri border in Delhi, on the occasion of International Women's Day, Monday

ernment offered to suspend the be a lot of feminist perspectives brought in, and discussions on laws for 18 months, but the farmers have refused to back down, dewhat these laws mean for women farmers," said farm activist Kavitha manding their repeal. Agriculture accounts for nearly

15% of India's \$2.9 trillion econ-"It is one more occasion to showcase and highlight the contribuomy and employs about half its tion of women farmers both in workforce agriculture in India as well as to this Women farmers have as much at

stake as men from the new laws, India says the reforms will bring Kuruganti added.

"Markets that are distant as well as exploitative make single women farmers more vulnerable, and in any case a patriarchal society has discriminated and made them vulnerable.

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 8: The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) Monday moved the Supreme Court against the Haryana government to "avert a potential severe water crisis" in Delhi, water utility's vice chairman Raghav Chadha said.

Chadha claimed the Haryana government has reduced the supply of raw water to Delhi, resulting in shortage of water supply in the national capital.

"Such behaviour of the Haryana government is not only undesirable, but also deeply disappointing. The regular fall in the level of Yamuna, especially during summers, along with the discharge of pollutants that cause rise in ammonia levels, is a matter of grave concern," he said in a statement.

"Delhi is facing a potential severe water crisis due to high ammonia levels in the Yamuna and the continuously depleting water level at Wazirabad barrage, which supplies drinking water to the Wazirabad, Okhla and Chandrawal water treatment plants of the DJB," he said.

The DJB has moved the SC against Haryana to avert a severe water crisis in Delhi. It has sought directions from the apex court to the neighbouring state to immediately cease the discharge of untreated pollutants into the Yamuna and release sufficient water to the national capital, Chadha said.

Raw water is sourced from the



**WATER CRISIS** 

Delhi Jal Board moves SC against Haryana

Yamuna and is drawn at Wazirabad barrage. The quantity and quality of raw water at Wazirabad Barrage is dependent on the release of water by the Haryana government, he said. Harvana supplies water to Delhi through the Carrier-Lined Channel (CLC), Delhi Sub-Branch (DSB) and the Yamuna.

CLC and DSB supply water from Hathni Kund via Munak canal and Bhakra Beas Management Board. At present. Delhi receives 479 million gallons water a day (MGD) against 609 MGD from Haryana. Besides, Delhi draws 90 MGD groundwater and receives 250 MGD from the Upper Ganga Canal.

"The continuous fall in the Yamuna's water level is a matter of grave concern. Despite notifying officers concerned of the Harvana

**Delhi is facing a** potential severe . water crisis due to high ammonia levels in the Yamuna and the continuously depleting water level at Wazirabad barrage, which supplies drinking water to the Wazirabad, Okhla and **Chandrawal water** treatment plants of the DJB RAGHAV CHADHA I VICE CHAIRMAN, DJB

government on a daily basis, no concrete action has been taken yet and there has been no improvement towards restoring any normalcy," Chadha said. As per a Supreme Court order of

February 1996, the pond level in

Wazirabad has to be kept full.

The normal level of the Yamuna near Wazirabad Pond should be 674.50 feet but it has dropped to 670.90 feet. The drastic fall in the water level at Wazirabad pond has affected water production at Wazirabad, Okhla and Chandrawal water treatment plants which supply drinking water to central, north, west and south Delhi.

Currently, Harvana through CLC canal is supplying only 549.16 cusecs against 683 cusecs and Delhi Sub-Branch canal is supplying 306.63 cusecs against 330 cusecs, Chadha had said on Sunday. The treatment capacity at Wazirabad and Chandrawal water treatment plants has dipped by 30 per cent. The same has reduced by 15 per cent at Okhla WTP, he had said.

### 2.5 lakh got unemployment allowance so far: Raj govt

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antiquated farm sector, improve

supply chains and cut colossal

Minister Narendra Modi's gov-

Faced with the protests, Prime



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jaipur, March 8: The Rajasthan government said Monday it is fulfilling its election promise of giving allowance to the educated unemployed and so far about 2.5 lakh vouths have benefited from it. Skill.

being operated on first come first

serve basis. The Minister of State for Entrepreneurship said the Rajasthan government is very sensitive towards the unemployed in the current economic situation. In view of the state of un-

# Show of strength: Raje warns Gehlot, silences anti-faction

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Jaipur, March 8: Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje showed her strength and warned the incumbent Gehlot government during her two-day religious sojourn in the eastern belt of the state. She also took on her anti-faction in a fiery speech.

As she addressed a mammoth gathering Sunday, she silenced her critics by announcing, "My mother has lit the lamp and bloomed the lotus...she never let the flame of the lamp subside and has never let the lotus die.'

"Each of her veins carried the spirit of nationalism along with the spirit of the BJP. I am the daughter of this mother." she said in a roar-



**Delhi's economy projected** to contract by 5.68 pc in FY21 –

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 8: The economy of Delhi is expected to contract by 5.68 per cent in real terms while the per capital income is projected to fall to ₹3.54 lakh in the current financial year due to the impact of the pandemic, according to Delhi Economic Survey 2020-21.

However, the advance estimate of the gross state domestic product (GSDP) of Delhi at current price during 2020-21 is ₹7,98,310 crore, showing a contraction of 3.92 per cent over the previous year.

The GSDP at current prices increased by about 45 per cent in the last six years- from ₹5,50,804 crore in 2015-16 to ₹7,98,310 crore during 2020-21. The per capita income also

and financial constraints.

Delhi has the second highest per capita income (in real terms) in India. The per capita income of Delhi at current prices during 2020-21 is estimated at ₹3,54,004 against per capita income of ₹1,27,768 at national level, the report said.

"Delhi's per capita income during 2020-21 at current prices, has been worked out to ₹3,54,004 as against ₹3,76,221 during 2019-20 showing a contraction of 5.91 per cent. In real terms, per capita income of Delhi has been estimated at ₹2,54,001 in 2020-21 as against ₹2,74,671 in 2019-20 registering a contraction of 7.53 per cent." the Survey said. It showed predominance of service sector with its share of contribution to Gross State Value Added (at current

Employment and Entrepreneurship Minister Ashok Chandna said.

During the Question Hour, the minister informed the Assembly that under the Chief Minister Yuva Sambal Yojana, started in February 2019, unemployment allowance has been given to 2,49,433, till date. He added that till date over 4.56 applications were received for the allowance

"Earlier, there was a cap of 1.60 lakh on the maximum number of beneficiaries, which now has been increased to 2 lakh," he said.

In reply to the supplementary question of MLA Rajendra Rathore, Chandna also said 50,202 beneficiaries have opted out of the scheme. He informed that this scheme is

### employment, the government has increased the maximum limit of the candidates for granting unemployment allowance from one lakh to 1.60 lakhs earlier and currently this limit has been in-

creased to 2 lakhs. He said that unemployment allowance of Rs 3,000 per month is being given to male candidates and Rs 3,500 per month to transgender, female and special qualified candidates. He informed that as on January 31, 2021, a total of 15,03,834 educated unemployed candidates are registered in employment offices on the departmental portal. Of

these, the number of undergraduate

and graduate unemployed is

12,24,008, he said.

ing voice.

BJP national President JP Nadda during his recent visit Jaipur had asked the party members to selfanalyse and evaluate how much they are contributing to the party. Now, Raje's words are being seen as a clear answer to Nadda's call.

It needs to be mentioned here that the lamp here is quoted with reference to Jansangh's symbol while lotus was used for BJP's symbol.

Raje has maintained a distance from the state party office since a new leadership was formed in Rajasthan.

Meanwhile, addressing people during her religious vatra, she also said that she would like to seek blessings of God to uproot the Rajasthan government which is seen split in two parts.

"The development of the entire

THE FORMER UNIEI MINISTER HAS **MAINTAINED A DISTANCE FROM** THE STATE PARTY **OFFICE SINCE A NEW LEADERSHIP WAS FORMED IN RAJASTHAN** 

state has stopped under the present state government's rule. So I have come to pray to Giriraj Maharaj to bless and give strength to all of us so that we can uproot this Ashok Gehlot's government, which is divided into two factions, to bring back development in the state," she added.

for the love and blessings that the people of the state gave to me on my birthday. My mother used to say that going to a pilgrimage alone does not complete the pilgrimage. Therefore, I have come with you all on the pilgrimage of Giriraj Maharaj," she said.

"On this occasion, I thank the honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who paved the way for the construction of Lord Shri Ram's temple," she said.

"It is a happy coincidence that a grand Ram temple is being built in the Ram Janmabhoomi with the help of the sacred stones of this holy Krishna Janmabhoomi area," she further added.

"I have a deep connection with this religious area, so this time I have decided to pay homage to the holy places of worship here and celebrate my birthday," she said.

went down from ₹3.76 lakh in 2019-20 to ₹3.54 lakh in the current fiscal year, stated the survey tabled in the Budget session of Delhi Assembly by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

In real terms, the contraction in Delhi's GSDP is expected at 5.68 per cent in 2020-21 compared to a degrowth of 8 per cent at national level, said the report.

Sisodia said in the Assembly that the pandemic halted government activities for some months. causing decline in trade and revenue

(13.56 per cent) and primary sector (1.85 per cent). The income from trade, hotels and restaurants in Delhi constituted ₹79,263 crore during 2020-21 (advanced estimate) at current prices, which is nearly 11.18 per

prices) at 84.59 per cent during 2020-

21 followed by secondary sector

cent of Gross State Value Added (GSVA) of Delhi (base year 2011-12). More clearly, this sector's contribution to GSVA of Delhi during the last ten years was more than 11 per cent, it said.



### WOMEN'S DAY RIDE



Women passengers arrive at Sindhi camp bus station to board buses, after travelling in public buses was made free for women and girls on the occasion of International Women's Day, in Jaipur, Monday. PTI PHOTO

# Victims of apathy, camel numbers dwindling in Raj

"If the government does not do anything in the next five years, camels will be finished in the desert state. There are many villages near Bikaner where there were 500 camels a few years ago. Today, there isn't even a single camel around

HANWANT SINGH RATHORE

### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Jaipur, March 8: As the camel population in Rajasthan witnesses a sharp decline, there are apprehensions whether the ship of the desert can weather the challenges it is facing and survive for the next five years.

Hanwant Singh Rathore, director of Lokhit Pashu Palak Sansthan, told IANS: "If the government does not do anything in the next five years, camels will be finished in the desert state. There are many villages near



Bikaner where there were 500 camels a few years ago. Today, there isn't even a single camel around.'

As per the 20th livestock census announced by Rajasthan government, camels, which once stood at 3,25,713 in number in 2012, were reduced to 2,12,739. Earlier in 2007, camel numbers stood at 4,21,836, against 3,25,713 in 2012 in Rajasthan recording a change of -22.79 per cent. In fact, till 1991, there were more than 10 lakh camels in the country, a number that

has declined to 2.5 lakh as of now, out of which the maximum number exists in Rajasthan.

Rathore listed multiple reasons for the decline in camel numbers. "First, the youth are disinterested in caring for these animals as they see no profit in it. Secondly, newer modes of transport such as cars, jeeps have replaced the camel as the preferred mode of transport. Thirdly, the government doesn't seem to be interested in boosting the growth of this animal," he added. Rathore says at a time when petrol and diesel prices are soaring. why can't the government promote the animal for the purposes of ploughing and transportation. "It seems that the government has no

policy to save the animal," he added. The Lokhit Pashu-Palak Sansthan (LPPS) was founded in 1996 by Rathore in response to requests for support by Raika camel breeders in Pali District. Rathore said, "When the camel was declared the state animal in 2014, we became hopeful that traditional breeders and caretaker communities and our animals would benefit. However, these hopes were dashed in 2015, when the Rajasthan Camel Prohibition of Export Act was passed. This has had a negative effect, which affected

the camel population," he added. The ban in the Act prohibits camel sales to any other state or country and was pushed arguing that camels were being sent to be slaughtered in Bangladesh. Camels were also sold to Haryana and neighbouring states, but now that has stopped. Now, camels taking goods across the state border have also stopped," explains Rathore.

'We need to be able to sell our male camels freely, including to Arab countries where there is a demand for racing camels. So, remove the export ban for male camels immediately, although it can stay in place for female camels," he added further: Rathore says there needs to be a policy to sustain camels. "We have suggested to the concerned department marketing of camel milk and camel dung paper and asked officials to connect camels with the state's heritage and culture or promote camel safaris through tourism. But the government, it seems, is not interested," he alleged.

A senior government officer told IANS, "The livestock sector is facing new challenges like increased incidence of emerging and re-emerging animal diseases, vulnerability to exotic diseases and shortage of feed and fodder."





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### **ICG AVERTS MAJOR DRUG TRANSSHIPMENT**

The Indian Coast Guard prevented the transshipment of around 260 kg of narcotics worth Rs 2,100 crore in the Lakshadweep Sea, an official statement said Monday



# 'India will be named after Modi one day'

the society acknowledges the role of women in politics, they will prefer women candidates to men.

I believe, once

One the society realizes that women can contribute better than their male counterparts, there won't be any need of reservation PEMA KHANDU

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ARUNACHAL PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER

There are so many women scientists and engineers. An old container ship was run by women,who

have also gone to space I told Scindia that he will 100 per cent become the chief minister one day. But he chose a different path. Had he not left the party, he would have been CM. He is today a backbencher in the BJP and can never become chief minister there

RAHUL GANDHI CONGRESS LEADER



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16.000 crores. Pinarayi Vijayan is not like that and the people know about it. Your culture is different from ours. Your ways will not work here as Kerala is

PINARAYI VIJAYAN KERALA CHIEF MINISTER

### SHORT TAKES

### 6 labourers killed after wall falls

Patna: At least six labourers died on Monday when the wall of a primary school fell on them in Bihar's Khagaria district, police said. The incident took place at Chandi Tola village under Maheshkhunt police station at around 3 pm. According to Subhash Chandra Mandal, SHO of Maheshkhunt police station, some of the labourers had commenced an excavation work adjoining to the wall of the school, that damaged it resulting in the collapse, trapping labourers working at the site.

### Tiger run over by train

Kolkata, March 8: Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee Monday asserted that women are safe in West Bengal but not in BJP-ruled states like Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, while claiming that a day will come when the country will be named after Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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Taking a jibe at Modi for alleging in a rally in Kolkata Sunday that women are unsafe in West Bengal, the chief minister said that had there been no safety in the state, women would not have been able to move freely even at night.

Instead of "spreading lies and canards" against the TMC government in West Bengal, he should focus on BJP-ruled states such as Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh where, according to media reports, crimes against women are rampant, she said at a rally organised on the occasion of the International Women's Day. "He (Modi) is lecturing us on women's safety and empowerment. What is the situation of women's safety in BJP-ruled states? What is the situation in Modi's favourite



Gujarat in the last two years.... Ahmedabad (the largest city in Gujarat) and Modi's favourite UP are at the top of the list of incidents of rape in the country," Banerjee said. Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah should shift focus on these states, she said.

"Our women work here (in Bengal). Had women been unsafe here, they wouldn't have been able to move around freely even late at night. We do not tolerate crimes against women," she said. Taking a dig at the PM over the inclusion of his photo in COVID-19 vaccination certificates, Banerjee claimed that a day will come when the country will be named after Narendra

Modi. "The prime minister has named a stadium after him. He has put his photographs on COVID-19 vaccination certificates. He has turned the COVID vaccine to Modi vaccine. A day will come when the country will be named after him," she said. Referring to the steep hike in the prices of fuel, the TMC boss said that her government is giving free ration to people and if Modi sincerely wants to do something for the poor, he must provide LPG cylinders without charging anything.

The Chief Minister described Modi's rally held in the city's Brigade Parade Ground on Sunday as "Bgrade", claiming that the turnout of people was not good there.

"Yesterday, they held a rally in Brigade. It was actually a B-grade rally. You cannot have everything with money. The number of people we have in our rally today, there was not even half of that yesterday (in the BJP's rally)," she said. The TMC supremo was addressing a gathering after leading "Didir Sathe Amra" (We are with Didi) rally in Kolkata.

Banerjee asserted that she will return to power for the third consecutive time in Bengal. "The fight is between me and the BJP in all 294 seats. They have the machinery, the money, the goons, and I do not have anything. What I have is the support of 100 per cent of the people of the state." she said.

She also urged the people of the state to greet callers saying "Jai Bangla" (hail Bengal) instead of "hello" whenever they get a call on their phone.

The TMC's "Jai Bangla" slogan has stirred a controversy as the BJP described it as one used during the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971.

Banerjee had earlier clarified that the "Jai Bangla" slogan was found in poet Kaji Nazrul Islams writings well before the Bangladesh Liberation War.

86.25 pc new COVID cases in 6 states: Govt

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 8: Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu are the six states that cumulatively account for 86.25 per cent of the new coronavirus cases reported in the past 24 hours, the Health Ministry said on Monday.

Maharashtra has reported a maximum of 11,141 fresh cases in a single day, accounting for 59.90 per cent of the total new cases recorded while Kerala registered 2,100 new infections that account for 11.29 per cent of the new infections.

Punjab recorded 1,043 new infections (5.60 per cent of total new cases) in the past 24 hours while Karnataka recorded 622 fresh cases that account for 3.3 per cent of the total new infections, the ministry said.

Gujarat recorded 575 new infections in the past 24 hours which account for 3.09 per per cent of new cases while Tamil Nadu recorded 567 new infections that account for 3.04 per cent of the total new infections, the ministry said.

In the last 24 hours, a total of 18,599 new cases were registered, the Health ministry said.

The Centre is regularly holding high-level review meetings with the states and Union Territories showing a surge in new daily cases and the health secretary is also holding weekly review meetings, it said.

"Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu have been reporting a surge in the COVID daily new cases. They cumulatively account for 86.25 per cent of the new cases reported in the past 24 hours." the ministry said in a statement.

The Centre has recently rushed high-level public health teams to Maharashtra and Punjab to assist in COVID-19 control and containment measures in view of the recent spike in cases, it added.

The central government said it had already deputed high-level teams to Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Jammu and Kashmir to support them in their fight against the recent spike in COVID-19 cases.

### Freedom of Religion Bill 2021 passed in MP Assembly

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhopal, March 8: The Madhya Pradesh Assembly Monday passed a bill that penalizes religious conversion through marriage or any other fraudulent means and provides for a prison sentence of upto 10 years.

While the opposition Congress questioned the need for a new law, Home Minister Narottam Mishra said unlike the 1968 legislation, the present act provides for annulment of marriage and a harsher sentence.

The act also provides for fine of up to Rs one lakh. It replaced an ordinance promulgated by the BJP government on January 9. A similar law has been enforced in the BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh.

The ordinance barred religious conversion by "misrepresentation, allurement, use of threat of force, undue influence, coercion, marriage or by any other fraudulent means". After the "Madhva Pradesh Freedom of Religion Bill 2021" was passed by a voice vote, some BJP MLAs chanted "Jai Shri Ram' Replying to the debate before the bill was passed, Home Minister Mishra said the government would not tolerate "Rafiq becoming Ravi" for "Love Jihad". The government was not "averse to love but is against Jihad", he said.

### No tax or duty hikes in Karnataka Budget

Bangalore, March 8: The Karnataka budget for fiscal 2021-22 has not proposed increase in sales tax on petrol and diesel or excise duty on liquor or in registration fee on transport vehicles, said Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa Monday.

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"As the Covid pandemic has caused untold miseries to the people in the year 2020-21, I am not willing to put burden of additional taxes on them. No taxes, including sales tax on petrol or diesel has been increased for the year 2021-22," said Yediyurappa while presenting the state Budget for the ensuing fiscal in the legislative assembly. Yediyurappa, who also holds the finance portfolio, said that though sales tax on petrol and diesel in the state was lesser com-

fee on transport vehicles, the budget has set Rs 7,515 crore target for 2021-22. "The state transport department has collected Rs 4,294 crore till February as against the annual target of Rs 7,115 crore for this fiscal (2020-21)," said the Chief Minister amid boycott and walkout by opposition Congress members. The state Budget has, however,

reduced stamp duty on apartments priced Rs 35-45 lakh to 3 per cent from 5 per cent. "To promote affordable housing, the stamp duty for registering apartments valued Rs 35-45 lakh is proposed to be reduced to 3 per cent from 5 per cent for fiscal 20231-22," said Yediyurappa on the occasion.

The Budget has set Rs 12,655crore target for the coming fiscal (2021-22) from the state stamps and registrations department. "The department has collected Rs 9.014 crore from stamps and registrations till February from across the state as against the annual target



A worker collects Sun-dried chillies at a farm in Shertha village, on the outskirts of Ahmedabad

JEE Mains results announced



Nagpur: A tiger was killed after being run over by a goods train in Maharashtra's Gondia district Monday morning, a forest official said. The incident took place around 8 am between Gongli and Hirdamali railway station on Balharshah-Gondia route in the district located in the state's Vidarbha region, he said.

### 2 senior citizens found murdered

Panaii: Two persons, both senior citizens were found dead, believed to be murdered, in South Goa's Fatorda area, police said Monday. The bodies of the deceased Minguel Miranda (65) and his mother in-law Caterina Pinto (85) were found in a storeroom of their house.

Major fire breaks out at a building

Kolkata: A fire broke out on the 13th floor of a multistoreyed building, housing offices of the Railways, on Strand Road here Monday evening, an official said. At least 10 fire engines were pressed into service to bring the blaze under control, a Fire Brigade official said.

### Youth lynched

Ranchi: A 22-year-old youth was allegedly lynched on charges of theft in state capital Ranchi, the Jharkhand police said. According to the police. Sachin Kumar Verma. a resident of Nawatoli village situated near the Kotwali police station, was brutally beaten up by a group of people on charges of theft Sunday night.

crease the burden on the common man," said Yediyurappa in Kannada while presenting his 8th budget during his tenure as Chief Minster. The Budget has also not increased excise duty on Indian made foreign liquor or beer for the ensuing

pared to other southern states, he

was not increasing it (tax) on fuels.

"The Budget has been formu-

lated in such a way so as not to in-

fiscal. "The revenue target from excise duty on liquor and beer has been fixed at Rs 24,580 crore for the ensuing fiscal (2021-22). The state Excise Department

has collected Rs 20,900 crore till February as against the fixed target of Rs 22,700 crore for the current fiscal (2020-21)

With no increase in registration

of Rs 12,655 crore for this fiscal (2020-21)," said Yediyurappa.

The Budget has reduced the revenue target from commercial taxes to Rs 76,473 crore for fiscal 2021-22 from Rs 82,443 crore set for fiscal 2020-21. "The state commercial taxes department has collected Rs 71.833 crore till February as against the annual target of Rs 82,443 crore,"

said Yediyurappa. The Chief Minister also told the lawmakers that the southern state (Karnataka) was second in the country in overall Goods and Services tax (GST) collection despite the Covid pandemic



The perfect scorers are Pravar Kataria and Ranjim Prabal Das from Delhi, Guramrit Singh from Chandigarh, Saket Jha from Rajasthan, Sidhanth Mukherjee from Maharashtra and Ananth Krishna Kidambi from Gujarat

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Mar 8: Six candidates scored perfect 100 in engineering entrance exam JEE-Mains, results of which were announced Monday, according to officials of the National Testing Agency.

According to officials, NTA scores are normalised scores across multi-session papers and are based on the relative performance of all those who appeared for the examination in one session. "The marks obtained are converted into a scale ranging from 100 to 0 for each session of examinees. NTA score is not the same as the percentage of marks obtained," a senior official said.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) had conducted the February session examination from February 23 to 26, 2021.

The exam was conducted at over 800 centres in 331 cities, including nine centres abroad --Colombo, Doha, Dubai, Kathmandu, Muscat, Riyadh, Sharjah, Singapore and Kuwait. This year, a total of 6.52 lakh can-

didates had registered for the entrance examination, 95 per cent of whom had appeared in the B.E/B.Tech papers and 81.2 per cent appeared in

B.Arch/B.Planning paper. This was the first time that the exam was conducted in 13 languages --Assamese, Bengali, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu,

Hindi, English and Gujarati.

Starting this year, the exam will be conducted four times a year to offer flexibility to students and a chance to improve their scores. The next phases will be held in March, April and May.

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"Due to the lockdown in Bahrain, the exam could not be conducted. NTA is in constant communication with Indian Embassy, Bahrain, and will work out a plan in the interest of candidates for the conduct of Paper 2 A (B.Arch.) and 2B (B.Planning). For Paper 1 (B.E./B.Tech), those candidates who have opted for March Session will appear in March along with other candidates.

"After February, March, April, and May Sessions of JEE (Main)-2021 Exam, the ranks of the candidates will be released taking into consideration the best of the four NTA scores in accordance with the policy. The candidates have the choice to appear in one, two, three, four examinations for admission," the official said.

which tarnished the image of the

court. The bench said the court

gives highest respect to women and

even in the hearing never suggested

to the accused to marry the victim.

submitted that according to the

section 165 of Evidence Act the

court is mandated to ask any

question to discover facts or for

Mehta said the court's state-

ments were twisted out of con-

text and a section of society

wrongly started targeting the court

The Chief Justice said: "We have

the highest regard for women". He

added, "Our reputation is in hands

of the Bar." The top court will con-

tinue to hear the plea on termina-

tion of pregnancy on Friday.

any purpose.

and the judges.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta

### **RS WASHOUT OVER RISING FUEL PRICES**

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 8: The Opposition's continuous uproar and persistent demand for a discussion on the increase in petrol, diesel and LPG prices Monday led to washout of the day's proceedings in Rajya Sabha.

The upper house which met for the first time in the second part of the Budget Session saw repeated adjournments aa the Opposition continued protests inside the House

Rajya Sabha witnessed four adjournments -- first around 10.05 am till 11 am and again till 1 pm and then two quick adjournments of 15 minutes each -- before it was adjourned for the day.

The House will now meet on its regular timing of 11 AM to 6 PM from Tuesday, after Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu accepted the demands of some members for a regular sitting. The House was meeting for five hours from 9 AM to 2 PM since the first part of the Budget Session that started on January 31. Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge gave a notice for suspension of business for Monday and demanded a discussion on the "huge and frequent" rise in prices ofpetrol, diesel and LPG even when global prices were "low".

# 'Will you marry her' remark misreported: CJI

LAST WEEK, DURING **THE BAIL HEARING OF THE 23-YEAR-OLD MAN ACCUSED OF RAPING THE MINOR**, **THE BENCH HAD ASKED THE ACCUSED, 'WILL YOU MARRY HER?** 

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New Delhi, March 8: A Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde Monday said news reports and quotes by activists have taken "out of context" a query posed



by the apex court to a rape accused "on marrying the victim", while emphasising that it always holds women with highest regard and respect

The bench also comprising Justices AS Bopanna and V. Ramasubramanian said the court

had asked the man, in the context of the case, whether he will marry the complainant, the victim, and had not asked him to "go and marry her". The Chief Justice stressed that the court proceedings in the matter was completely misreported. The bench made comments dur-

ing the hearing of a plea filed by a 14-year-old rape victim, who has moved the top court through advocate V.K. Biju, and sought permission to terminate her 26-week pregnancy.

Last week, during the bail hearing of the 23-year-old man accused of raping the minor, the bench had asked the accused, 'Will you marry her?'

An FIR was lodged by the girl against the accused after he backtracked on his promises to marry her. On February 5, the Bombay High Court allowed the girl's application cancelling anticipatory bail granted to the petitioner.

Challenging the high court order, the petitioner moved the top court. On Monday, Biju submitted that he was completely against the reports

















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New Delhi, March 8: Cybercriminals

have posted sales advertisements

for three major Covid-19 vaccines

and the prices per dose range from

 $250 \ to \ 1,200, with an average cost$ 

of about \$500, said a report from cy-

The majority of sellers came

from France, Germany, the UK and

the US, said the researchers, while

most likely what you would receive

would not be an effective, valid

dose. The research showed that majority of these underground

sellers have made between 100 and

500 transactions, indicating that

they have been completing sales

but what exactly darknet users are

For the study, the security re-

searchers examined 15 different

marketplaces on the darknet and

found advertisements for three

major Covid-19 vaccines --

Pfizer/BioNTech, AstraZeneca and

Moderna. Communications are

made via encrypted messaging apps

like Wickr and Telegram, while

payments are requested in the form

of cryptocurrency, primarily Bitcoin.

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thing on the darknet, so it's not

surprising sellers there would at-

tempt to capitalise on the vacci-

nation campaign. Over the past

year, there have been a whole host

vertisements are scams.

It is not clear how many of the vaccine doses being advertised on-

"You can find just about any-

purchasing remains unclear.

bersecurity firm Kaspersky.



The NIA taking over the case of a vehicle laden with explosives being found near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence in Mumbai suggests something was 'fishy'

UDDHAV THACKERAY | MAHA CHIEF MINISTER

### KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT'S **GIFT ON WOMEN'S DAY**

On international women's day, Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurapps Monday announced a proposal to provide six-months child care leave to women employees of the Government



# uote

It is an opportunity to showcase to the world our achievements since 1947. We need to tell people about the sacrifice of freedom movement heroes

NARENDRA MODI PRIME MINISTER

The BJP is enjoying majority in the Parliament. and had passed farm bills and that of revocation of Article 370 even as the people were not in their favour. Why are they not passing this (women reservation) bill when the entire country wants it?

FAROOO ABDULLAH NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

When ruling parties legislators ask supplementary questions you (RJD MLC Subodh Rai) cannot say anything to them but when RJD legislators ask questions, then you become anory

NITISH KUMAR

CHIEF MINISTER OF BIHAR

### SHORT TAKES

### **Exclusive vax** centres for ladies

Mumbai: In an unique gesture to mark the International Women's Day being celebrated globally Monday, Maharashtra government has set up 189 special vaccination centres exclusively for females, an official said here. "To mark this significant day, we have set up an average of 5 vaccination dedicated only for women in each of the 36 districts in the state," a health department official told IANS. At all these special centres, elaborate arrangements have been made to welcome women trooping in for the vaccination doses along with other facilities and presence of female staff, he added.

**Anshuman Singh** passes away Lucknow: Former Rajasthan Governor Anshuman Singh passed away at the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow Monday at the age of 86. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot expressed grief over his death.

# **Covid vaccine for** sale on darknet for \$250 to \$1,200

### MATTER OF CONCERN

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and many of them have been successful," Dmitry Galov, security expert at Kaspersky, said in a statement

"Right now, not only are people selling vaccine doses, but they're also selling vaccination records - pieces of paper that can help you travel freely. It's important for users to be cautious of any 'deal' related to the pandemic, and, of course, it's never a good idea to buy a vaccine off the darknet," Galov added. The report comes at a time when production shortages have been a major hindrance for accelerating vaccination drive against Covid-19.

The researchers noted that darknet shopping is risky business, and it is clear from the past year that scammers have been all too eager

to profit off the current crisis. That means no one can be at all confident they will actually receive anything after transferring bitcoins, let alone a real vaccine dose that was stored properly and is safe to take, Kaspersky said.





Women officers of Himachal Pradesh police perform stunts on the occasion of International Women's Day, during an event at the Ridge, in Shimla PTI PHOTO

# Bihar Police to get two dozen sniffer dogs soon

THE GERMAN SHEPHERDS, BELGIUM SHEPHERDS AND LABRADORS ARE PRESENTLY UNDERGOING TRAINING IN HYDERABAD

Patna, March 8: Bihar Police sniffer dogs.

The German Shepherds, Belgium Shepherds and Labradors An event related to sniffer dogs

will be organised at the BMP 5 ground in Patna soon where Bihar Police will showcase the skills of the old and new dogs.

"Apart from their sniffing capacity, these dogs are extremely good runners and jumpers, which is helpful for nabbing criminals. They have been trained to detect



bombs, land mines, narcotics and liquor," the official said. As per the data, the CID of Bihar Police has 68 sniffer dogs, with the home department sanctioning ₹1.5 lakh per month for their maintenance. Bihar Police had purchased 20 sniffer dogs one-and-a-half years

### back to detect liquor. One of the dogs, Damini, a German Shepherd, has played an important role in cracking over two dozen cases. Two of the dogs -Maddy and Hunter -- are experts in detecting liquor from under the ground.

### **BATLA HOUSE ENCOUNTER Accused Ariz** Khan convicted of inspector's killing PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 8: A court here Monday convicted Ariz Khan, allegedly associated with the terror outfit Indian Mujahideen, for the murder of Delhi police inspector Mohan Chand Sharma in a case related to 2008 Batla House encounter which was questioned by certain political parties and leaders.

Additional Sessions Judge Sandeep Yadav said "the evidence produced by the prosecution duly proved the case beyond reasonable doubts." The judge said that it was "duly proved that Ariz Khan and his associates caused murder of police official and fired gunshot on the police official."

The court will hear arguments on the quantum of sentence March 15. Ariz Khan faces a maximum punishment of death penalty while the minimum sentence for murder is life imprisonment.

He was arrested February 14. 2018, after a decade being on run. The judgement assumes importance as Congress leader Digvijay Singh had voiced his doubts over the police claims about the encounter and Samaiwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) had also demanded a judicial inquiry into the matter.

### INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE will soon be strengthened with the addition of over two dozen

are presently undergoing training in Hyderabad. Named Pubji, Teja, Duke, Simba and Sheru, among others, these dogs are expected to be commissioned to the investigating teams of the Bihar Police very soon, an official said.

### 2 Maoists surrender

Ranchi: Two Maoists carrying bounties on their heads, surrendered before police in Jharkhand Monday. The insurgents were TSPC zonal commander Raghubansh Ganjhu alias Chiretan and sub zonal commander Lakshman Ganjhu alias Patthar.

## NCB arrests drug peddler in Goa

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Panaji, March 8: The Narcotics Control Bureau has arrested a Goabased man who allegedly had links with the accused in a drugs case related to actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death, an NCB official said Monday. The NCB raided the premises of the accused, Hemant Saha, at Morjim in North Goa district and recovered 15 blots of LSD (commercial quantity) and 30 gm charas,

SUSHANT DEATH CASE PROBE

NCB's zonal director Sameer Wankhede said in a release.

The raid was part of a series of searches held in Goa over the weekend. The accused was arrested Sunday from Miramar beach village near Panaji following a joint operation by the NCB from Mumbai and Goa, Wankhede said. The official said the drugs

case accused Anuj Keswani and



Regal Mahakaal during questioning named Saha as thesupplier of LSD and charas.

Saha, a native of Madhya Pradesh, was running a shack in Morjim area for past several years, he said. The NCP alsoconducted searches in Mazal Wado at Assagao in North Goa on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday and recovered 41 blots of LSD (commercial quantity), 28 gm charas, 22 gm cocaine, 1.10 kg ganja, 160

gm of a white powder and 500 gm of 'blue crystal', both suspected to be psychotropic substances, and ₹10,000 cash. "Two foreign nationals -- Ugochukwu Solomon Ubabuko (hailing from Nigeria) and John Infinity (Congo) - have been apprehended in this connection and are being interrogated," Wankhede said. The NCB also learnt that Ubabuko was earlier arrested by Goa police in 2013, he said

The NCB began probing the alleged use of drugs in some quarters in Bollywood after the death of Rajput (34) in June last year. It had arrested Rhea Chakraborty, her brother Showik, some staff members of Rajput and a few others under various sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Chakraborty, her brother and some other accused are currently out on bail.

### likely to be cut short'

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### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 8: The Budget Session of Parliament is likely to be cut short and may conclude before the first phase of elections March 27, sources said even as the two Houses will resume their normal timing of 11 am onwards from Tuesday.

While Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla made an announcement about resumption of normal timings in the House, a similar announcement was made by the Chair in Raiva Sabha earlier in the day.

Birla said Lok Sabha members would also sit in galleries, apparently to maintain distancing norms. Birla made the announcement when the House met at 5 pm after an hour-long adjournment after paying tributes to two sitting and

seven former members who died recently. "This is a happy news for all the members. On the request received from many members from various parties, the Chairman (M Venkaiah Naidu) has decided that from tomorrow, Tuesday, March 9, 2021, the sitting of Rajya Sabha will commence from 11 am up to 6 pm, as per usual timings of the House." "The members will be seated in the Rajya Sabha chamber and the galleries only, with some distancing," Vandana Chavan, who was presiding over the proceed-

ings of the upper house, said. Several parties had requested that the session, which was originally scheduled to continue till April 8, be curtailed due to the assembly elections in four states and one union territory being held between March 27 and April 29.

However, the Congress party had distanced itself from the comment of Singh, who later in 2016 had also claimed that there was no evidence to prove the guilt of the accused arrested in the matter and had asked the central government to order a judicial probe into the encounter by dubbing it as "fake".

### Teen raped by nine people for 8 days in Raj



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Kota (Raj), March 8: A 15-yearold girl was allegedly raped at separate places by at least nine people over eight days in Rajasthan's Jhalawar, police said Monday. Two of the accused are minors.

The girl somehow managed to reach her home Friday after which a complaint was lodged. Four of the accused, including the two minors, have been held, police said. Suket DSP Manjeet Singh said the girl alleged that her friend Bulbul and another youth, Chothmal, February 25 took her to Jhalawar City on the pretext of buying a schoolbag for her.

He, however, said the girl is a school dropout. She alleged that two to three other people joined them at a park where she was drugged and raped by them. She alleged that at least nine people at different times and separate places in Jhalawar raped her over eight days.

The DSP said a medical examination of the girl was conducted immediately and four of the ac-minor and attempts are under way to arrest the rest, he said.

### SOCIAL MENACE '10mn more girls can be pushed into child marriage'

Worldwide, an estimated 650 million girls and women alive today were *married in childhood, with* about half of those occurring in Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, India and Nigeria, according to the analysis

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 8: According to a new analysis released by the UNICEF 'COVID-19: A threat to progress against child marriage', 10 million additional child marriages

may occur before the end of the decade, threatening years of

progress in reducing the practice. Five countries, including India, account for about half of the total child brides in the world, according to a new analysis released by the UNICEF said on the occasion of International Women's Day.

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To off-set the impacts of COVID-19 and end the practice by 2030 – the target set out in the Sustainable Development Goals – progress must be significantly accelerated, it said.



"One year into the pandemic, immediate action is needed to mitigate the toll on girls and their families. By reopening schools, implementing effective laws and policies, ensuring access to health and social services - including sexual and reproductive health services - and providing comprehensive social protection measures for families, we

can significantly reduce a girl's risk of having her childhood stolen through child marriage," said **UNICEF Executive Director** Henrietta Fore.

With 25 million child marriages averted in the last decade, UNICEF warned on International Women's Day that these gains are now under serious threat

Quoting its previous report, UNICEF said one in three of the world's child brides live in India. The UN body said persistence of child marriage remains a potential challenge to India achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5 by 2030 even as its progress has been one of the strongest among countries in South Asia during the last decade.

The analysis said findings from

NFHS surveys between 1992-93 and 2015-16 show the percentage of young women who married in childhood has halved (from 54 to 27 per cent), and the pace of decline has increased in the last decade. "The decline has been led by urban areas, which only had 18 per cent of women in the age group of 20-24 reporting (in 2015-16) – as compared to 32 per cent in rural areas - having got married before the age of 18," it said.

Noting that a girl's risk of getting married before the age of 18 has a direct correlation with their background characteristics, the analysis said, girls in rural areas or from poorer households are at greater risk, and a higher proportion of child brides are found among those with little or no education.







