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Projects worth ₹155cr for Balasore

Reiterating his commitment to the overall development of Balasore municipality, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday announced development projects worth ₹155 crore for the area in the first phase. "Balasore is one of Odisha's most important towns. It is the birthplace of my favourite writer Fakir Mohan Senapati. In the recent past, I had promised the people of Balasore of further development of the town," he said.

P5

US troops to pull out of Af by Sept 11

Washington: US President Joe Biden Tuesday said he has planned to have all US troops out of war-torn Afghanistan by Sept 11 this year, the 20th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attack on the twin-towers in New York. The President is deeply grateful for the honour, courage and determination of the US's men and women who served in Afghanistan for two decades, as well as the sacrifices made not just by those troops, but also by their families, a senior official said.

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SPIELBERG STILL CARES ABOUT BARRYMORE

Filmmaker Steven Spielberg, who worked with actress Drew Barrymore in *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*, said he still cares about her. "I still care about you and I always have ever since the first time this little blonde hurricane walked into my office for an audition," added the legend.

POST DIVORCE KANYE SEEKS CHILDREN'S JOINT CUSTODY

Two months after Kim Kardashian filed divorce papers, her husband Kanye West has asked for joint custody of their kids. According to a court document of the April 9, Kanye has requested for joint physical and legal custody of their four kids - North(7), Saint (5), Chicago (3) and Psalm(23 months).



FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES
If you are aiming to marry soon, you can start making preparations today. However, before you take the final decision, it would be better to look at both sides of the coin, advises Ganesha. Activities related to such an alliance will dominate today, and by the end of the day you may feel very elated.

TAURUS
This day appears to be earmarked for a long shopping spree. Ganesha sees you doing the rounds of malls, markets, dollar stores and bargain counters. You are likely to be happily busy in haggling over prices, trying to get the best deals for your purchases. Before you are done you would have bought tons of stuff.

GEMINI
A progressive day awaits you. However, you need to keep yourself in check when enjoying yourself. You will spend time with your friends and family and bond emotionally. Do not neglect your family members in the group activities that you take up, says Ganesha.

CANCER
A string of domestic responsibilities awaits you; today, you are about to realise that it is a long, long string. Chances are that this sudden rise in work pressure may also lead to blood pressure problems.

LEO
Nothing will overshadow your love for your kids today, and they will be the number one priority for you. It seems like a good day to take time out and monitor their progress in school; so, do not skip that PTA meeting.

VIRGO
You will begin your journey on the long, hard road to success, predicts Ganesha. Hard work will be the key to any progress that you make. Avoid short cuts, and all the toil and trouble will pay off with rich returns as recognition and rewards will come your way.

LIBRA
Today promises a definite sense of pride and joy from children who bring home glory, says Ganesha. Fiscal gains are also on the cards, and you may consider it worthwhile to put your money into lucrative businesses.

SCORPIO
In all probability, your mood is extremely hawkish today. Your belligerence may even put off Lady Luck for the time being. Ganesha advises you to stay away from confrontations and troubles of any kind. The evening, however, promises to be relaxing.

SAGITTARIUS
Your business is all set to expand with you making the most of your overseas contacts. Effective communication skills will help you sail through your tasks. And you are making all the right moves to become the leader of your pack.

CAPRICORN
Success never comes easy, but in your case, it will make an exception, says Ganesha. You will meet with success in social as well as professional life, and this will also make heavy your treasure box. At work, prepare to get loaded with new assignments and simultaneously deal with existing work pressure.

AQUARIUS
Get ready for a gala evening as you will party at the smallest excuse! You may toast a friend's success, or may be ecstatic about finding your lost pet. Otherwise it's the usual, says Ganesha. You plan a bit and march ahead successfully in your business or profession.

PISCES
The apple of your eye is what you will have your sights set on today. It is likely that you will find yourself attending a Parent-Teacher meet, says Ganesha. However, fortunately, it is likely only to receive news about how proud your children are making you.

MADHURI LOOKS 'PRETTY IN PINK'

Mumbai: Actress Madhuri Dixit Nene ups her style quotient in a pretty pink lehenga, in her new Instagram post Tuesday.

In the post, Madhuri is seen posing in a light and dark pink zari lehenga. She completed her look with dark pink lips, dark diamond earrings and

a neck piece. She tied her hair into an untidy bun. "Pretty in pink," she wrote as caption.

The actress is set to make her digital debut in the series *Finding Anamika*. In the show, Madhuri plays a superstar who goes missing. The show has been directed by Karishma Kohli and Bejoy Nambiar.



Yami urges everyone to 'go natural'

Mumbai: Actress Yami Gautam is utilising Tuesday for self care. She posted a picture on Instagram stories, where she is seen wearing a hair mask.

"Homemade pack for hair - Kinda day #gonatural," Yami wrote on the image.

Speaking about her work, Yami recently shared that she has started shooting for her upcoming thriller *A Thursday*. Yami essays a school teacher named Naina Jaiswal in the film.

The thriller is written and directed by Behzad Khambata, and it also features Dimple Kapadia, Atul Kulkarni, Neha Dhupia and Maya Sarao.



Social divide is ever-present, says Atul Kulkarni

Mumbai: Refuting claims made by many that social media leads to divisive opinions, actor Atul Kulkarni Tuesday offered his interpretation on the matter.

He tweeted: "It's a misconception that Social Media has CREATED social divide and divisive opinions. They've been ever-present and that's why they managed to surface so quickly and universally Social Media has just created a TANGIBLE RECORD of how we all think..."

Commenting on the actor's tweet, netizens expressed their opinion.

"It has reinforced and legitimised it. This divide may have been there but it was never something one could take pride in. Now it's something one flaunts," commented a user.

"The sane and sensible voices are drowned in the noise of extreme and polarized views on SM. It wasn't the case earlier," suggested another user.

"Perfecto... the hate was always there, social media has helped such people to come out of dormancy," shared another user.

On the work front, Kulkarni will next be seen in the upcoming thriller titled *A Thursday* alongside Yami Gautam, Dimple Kapadia, Neha Dhupia and Maya Sarao.

Amrit Mahotsav celebrated on OUAT campus

The event was aimed at creating awareness among the cadets on defining moments of Indian Independence movement

Bhubaneswar, Tuesday. Somen Banerjee, Deputy Director General (DDG) of NCC Directorate, Bhubaneswar, flagged off the celebrations.

While the year 2021 marks the beginning of 75th year of Indian Independence, April 13 reminds the world about the brutal Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

The event was aimed at creating

awareness among the cadets on the defining moments of Indian Independence movement. The cadets staged a mono act play on Jallianwala Bagh massacre on the occasion. They also undertook a unique initiative of plogging, an eco-friendly exercise through which people pick up trash while jogging, wherein they removed the plastic waste, garbage from the campus.

The cadets also sensitised locals about maintaining a pollution-free environment. The efforts of the NCC cadets under the stewardship of DDG NCC were applauded by the Dean, College of Veterinary Science.

At the end DDG Banerjee congratulated the cadets for taking the initiatives and expected them to become worthy citizens of the country.



Sunny Leone heads to Kerala for Shero shoot

Thiruvananthapuram: Sunny Leone returns to Kerala to start the shoot of her upcoming film, the psychological thriller *Shero*. The actress was in Kerala recently, to shoot for the reality TV show MTV Splitsvilla.

"I am elated to be back to Kerala to shoot for the first schedule of the film. I love this place and it serves as

the perfect backdrop for the film," she said.

Shero will be directed by Sreejith Vijayan and will be released in Tamil, Hindi, Telugu and Malayalam.

"I am thrilled to be a part of *Shero*. It is a very layered and interesting part," claimed the *Jism 2* actress.



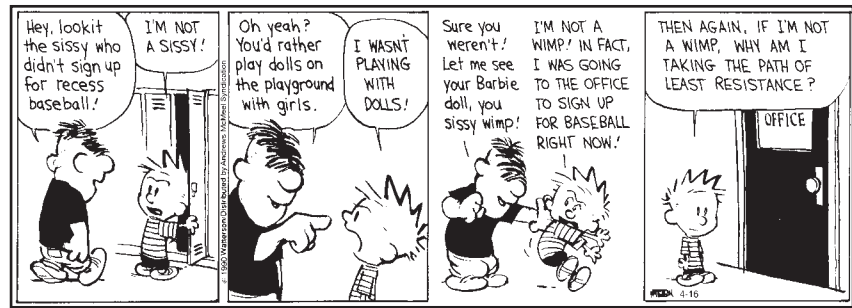
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BHUBANESWAR: The NCC cadets of 1st Odisha Remount and Veterinary (R&V) Sqn, Bhubaneswar celebrated 'Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav,' an event held to recall the defining moments of Indian Independence struggle, on the campus of OUAT,

PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS

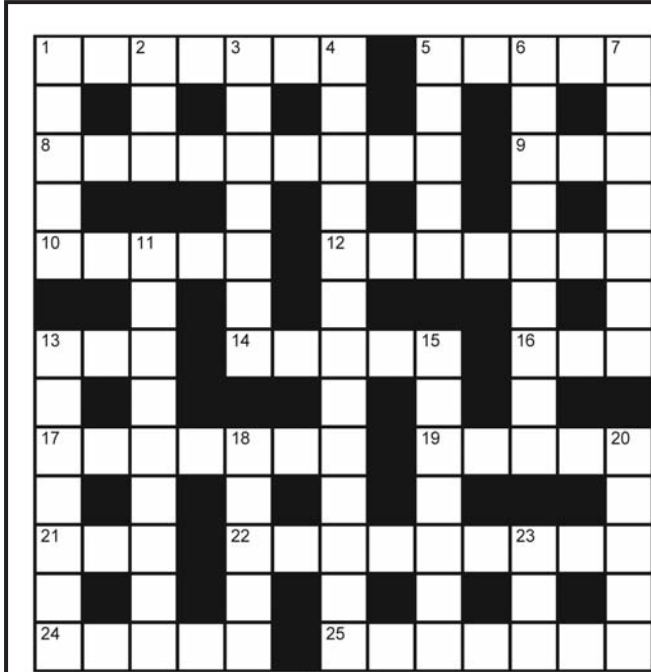


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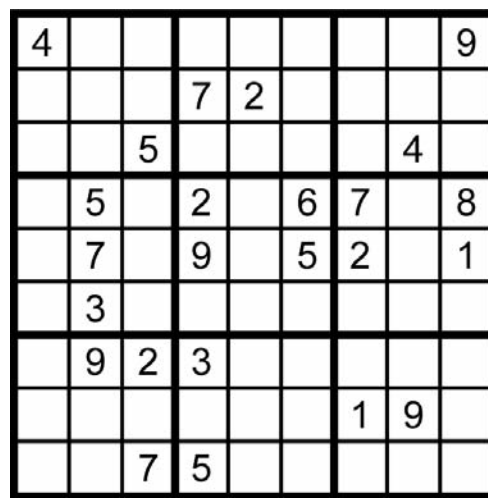
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8 Ship features
9 North Sea diver
10 Ham's need
12 Spar part
13 Commuting option
14 Critical
16 Saturn's wife
17 Insignificant
- Down**
19 Jet fighter button
21 Ostrich relative
22 Pirate
24 Hex
25 Isis, e.g.
- Across**
5 Eyeshade
6 Mexican dip
7 Far-North denizens
11 Poverty-stricken
13 Mansion employees
15 Green transparent gem
18 Motivate
20 Novices
23 Member of the flock

SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



I know there are no medicine, vaccine and hospital beds. But if you remember you never voted on these issues!

SHORT TAKES

Chandra assumes charge as CEC

New Delhi: Sushil Chandra assumed charge as the 24th Chief Election Commissioner Tuesday. Chandra was appointed as the CEC on Monday, the day Sunil Arora demitted office. Chandra was appointed as an election commissioner on February 14, 2019, ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. He would demit office May 14, 2022. Under him, the Election Commission (EC) will hold assembly polls in Goa, Manipur, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. The term of the assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Punjab ends on various dates in March next year. The term of the Uttar Pradesh assembly ends on May 14 next year.

Thunderstorm warning for state

Bhubaneswar: Forecasting thunderstorm with lightning for next two days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) Tuesday issued yellow warning for some districts. According to IMD's forecast, thunderstorm with lightning and gusty surface wind speed reaching 30-40 kmph would occur at one or two places over Malkangiri, Koraput, Nawarangpur, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Gajapati, Kandhamal and Nuapada, Wednesday. Heavy rainfall is also likely at one or two places in Malkangiri, Koraput and Nawarangpur, it said.

MARKET WATCH

INDEX	INDEX	VARIATION
SENSEX	48544.06	↑ 660.68
NIFTY	14504.80	↑ 194.00
DOLLAR	75.85	↓ ₹0.07
EURO	89.66	↑ ₹0.02
GOLD	₹46,906	↑ ₹487
SILVER	₹67,614	↑ ₹1486

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
TEMP MAX	39.6°C	38.5°C
TEMP MIN	26.0°C	25.4°C
Humidity	82%	79%
Rainfall	Nil	Partly cloudy sky

No vaccination in 11 dists

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, April 13: Marred by the massive shortage of COVID-19 vaccination doses, the state health department Tuesday was forced to close down around 77 per cent of the vaccine centres across the state.

Moreover, the vaccination drive was totally suspended in 11 districts of Odisha. Not even a single dose was given in these districts. The districts where the drive was totally suspended included Bhadrak, Boudh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Koraput, Nayagarh, Puri, Sambalpur and Sonepur.

There were also some districts where vaccination was abysmally poor: They included Kendrapara (one session), Keonjhar (two sessions), Balasore (three sessions) and Jagatsinghpur (two sessions).

The state government said till date a total of 45,85,049 persons have been vaccinated in the state including healthcare workers, front-line workers, elderly and people above 45 years. However, the state government officials expressed helplessness when it came to supply of vaccines. The government had been putting the onus on the Union government for the short supply.

"The state government is suffering from Covishield shortage. We had demanded 25 lakh vaccine doses for the state but have received only 2.7 lakh Monday. Due to lack



QUICKER APPROVAL

With an aim to expand the basket of COVID-19 vaccines and enhance the pace of inoculation in India, the Centre Tuesday said it has fast-tracked emergency approval for foreign-produced jabs that have been granted similar clearances in other countries. The first 100 beneficiaries of such foreign vaccines shall be assessed for seven days for safety outcomes before it is rolled out for further immunization programme, the Union Health Ministry said.

of supply we are unable to ensure proper planning of the vaccine drive," Bijay Panigrahi, State Health and Family Welfare Director, said.

He added that the vaccination drive is one of the ways to prevent the spread of the disease but there

are other ongoing works by the government which can help in reducing the cases in the state. The official said that the main concern for the state government now is the shortage of Covishield which comes to the state in fragmented consignments that last only for 2-3 days. The government wants a large stock to plan the drive for almost 10 days in advance.

The state government again wrote a letter to the Centre seeking more vaccine doses from the state. It apprised the Centre about the present condition of the vaccine shortage in Odisha. Slowly more and more vaccine centres in the state have closed down for the day owing to the shortage of vaccines. Beneficiaries going to vaccine centres in many parts of the state were seen coming back back without vaccine.

Dr Reddy's gets nod to import Sputnik V

AGENCIES

Hyderabad, April 13: Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), the city-based pharmaceutical major Tuesday said it received permission from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) to import Sputnik V vaccine into India for restricted use in emergency situations.

"We are very pleased to obtain the emergency use authorization for Sputnik V in India. With the rising cases in India, vaccination is the most effective tool in our battle against Covid," said DRL's co-chairman and managing director GV Prasad. According to the Hyderabad-based company, emergency use will be as per the provisions of the new drug and clinical trials rules, 2019 under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The pharmaceutical major partnered with Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) in September 2020 to conduct clinical trials of Sputnik V and distribute the vaccine in India.

"In addition to the trials conducted in Russia by RDIF, Phase



II/III clinical trials of the vaccine were carried out by Dr. Reddy's in India," said a company official.

As per DRL's statement, Sputnik V is approved to tackle coronavirus in 60 countries across the world, including ranking second among coronavirus vaccines globally in terms of the number of approvals issued by the government regulators. "Sputnik V uses two different vectors for the two shots in a course of vaccination. The efficacy of Sputnik V was determined to be 91.6 per cent as per a published article in the Lancet, one of the world's oldest and most respected medical journals," said the official.

Considering the shortage of vaccines, DRL received DCGI's permission within a day's time.

HOROSCOPE GLITCH MAKES YOUNG COUPLE TO END LIFE

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jharsuguda, April 13: The bodies of a couple were recovered from a house at Kishanpada village of Rengali area under Banharipali police limits in Jharsuguda district, police said Tuesday. The bodies were found hanging from the ceiling.

The shocking incident occurred Monday. It is learnt that the couple committed suicide after their respective families denied their marriage following disagreement of their horoscopes. According to sources, the deceased, a 27-year-old youth of Kishanpada village and a 22-year-old girl of Sambalpur district, were in a relationship.

When they disclosed their love affair to their families, they agreed to it since they belonged to the same caste. However, when they found that their horoscopes did not match, they denied the marriage.

Some days later, the family members of the youth had fixed his marriage with another girl. The marriage was scheduled to be solemnised May 5. But the youth was not happy with this.

He brought the girl to his house Sunday and slept in a room. In the morning, when they did not come out even after a long wait, the family members knocked the doors but got no answers. They immediately informed the police who broke open the door only to find them hanging from the ceiling. Registering a case, police sent the bodies for post-mortem and have launched a probe.

'Healthy normal' rain this year: Skymet

AGENCIES

New Delhi, April 13: The southwest monsoon, which brings more than 75 per cent of the country's rainfall during June-September, will be normal this year, Skymet Weather, a private weather forecaster said Tuesday. The north India plains, along with a few parts of the north-east region, are likely to be at risk of being rain deficient through the season, the Skymet said.

GP Sharma, President (Meteorology) of the Skymet Weather said the Long Period Average (LPA)

of the rainfall during June to September will be 103 per cent with an error margin of plus or minus 5 per cent. "That is the healthy normal," Sharma said. He added that there is 60 per cent probability of a 'normal' monsoon and 15 per cent probability of 'above normal' rainfall. Monsoon in the range of 96-104 of the LPA is considered to be normal and 103 per cent of the LPA is on the higher side of the normal range.

On a monthly scale, June may receive rainfall of 106 per cent of LPA, while July may record 97 per cent of LPA. August and September are ex-

pected to receive 99 per cent and 116 per cent of the LPA, the Skymet said.

Sharma said 2021 will be the third consecutive year of a good monsoon. Last two years have recorded above normal rainfall. In terms of geographical risk, the plains of north India along with a few parts of the northeast region are likely to be at risk of being rain deficient through the season, the Skymet said. "Also, interior parts of Karnataka face the scare of scanty rains in the core monsoon months of July and August. The onset month of June and the withdrawal phase of September is as-

suming good countrywide rainfall distribution," it added.

Yogesh Patil, CEO, Skymet, said the La Nina conditions prevailing in the Pacific Ocean since last year presage softening and are expected to remain neutral through the monsoon season. La Nina refers to the cooling of the Pacific waters. It has an impact over the sub-continent's weather.

"ENSO continues to wield a spike mid-way through the season suggesting a fresh phase of cooling, albeit marginal, over the central Pacific Ocean. Therefore, the occurrence of El Nino is ruled out," he said.

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File response on condition of migrant kids, SC directs states

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, April 13: The Supreme Court Tuesday asked Odisha and other states to file their response on a petition seeking information about the number of migrant children and their condition amid the nationwide outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

A three-judge bench of the apex court headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde directed all states to file an affidavit in response to the petition. Earlier, the apex court had implemented all states in the petition March 8. Significantly, a petition has been filed by the Child Rights Trust in the apex court seeking direction from the court to protect the funda-



mental rights of children during the Covid-19 pandemic. The petitioner stated that the pandemic was having a discriminatory impact on migrant children and had aggravated their vulnerabilities.

Pleading the SC to pass orders for the protection of migrant children, the petitioner submitted that migrant children

would be denied their fundamental rights to education, health and nutrition if the matter is not heard.

"Although there have been marked efforts by the respondents to provide migrant workers with welfare measures, no report emanated from the Union or the state governments detailing relief measures extended to women and children who are stranded or in relief camps and quarantine centers at source districts," the petitioner read. The petitioner contended that the unprecedented lockdown, ensuing migrant crisis and the subsequent effect of the same on children and their fundamental and human rights is conspicuous and is an ongoing crisis.

NO NATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN INDIA: US THINK TANK

AGENCIES

New Delhi/Washington, April 13: As America seeks to counter a rising China, no nation is more important than India, with its vast size, abundance of highly skilled technical professionals, and strong political and cultural ties with the United States. This conclusion has been made by one of the leading science and technology think tanks in the US.

The Washington-based Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), in a significant paper authored by David Moschella and Robert Atkinson, has said that the economic and geopolitical stakes for the US could not be much higher. Reviewing geopolitics of the world, the ITIF said that based on what the Biden administration and the Modi government



decide, the world could end up in two possible scenarios. In the first possibility, the ITIF predicted, "As tensions between India and China are reduced, and the many business synergies be-

tween these two neighbouring nations come to the fore. The combination of China's manufacturing might and India's software and service prowess provides across-the-board value-chain capabilities. The US remains heavily reliant on both nations, whose market sizes dwarf that of America, giving Chinese and Indian companies colossal economies of scale and leading to large bilateral trade deficits for the United States with both nations."

"These dynamics ultimately result in world-leading Chinese and Indian universities, companies, and research institutions. Given its relatively small size and many dependencies, there is little the United States can do, as the heart of the global economy shifts to the East, and as democratic nations and norms are increasingly seen as failing to keep pace with China's rapid soci-

etal progress." In the other scenario, "The interests of India and the United States become increasingly aligned, as the economic, military, and international relations challenges from China grow. Rapidly growing Indian manufacturing, much of it from plants moving out of China, helps reduce US dependencies on China while slowing China's growth."

"At the same time, Indian students continue to flock to the United States, with many staying and making essential contributions to America's technological capabilities. The Indian diaspora creates even more powerful bonds between India and the United States, generating a great many business, political, and cultural leaders."

Rising US company dependence on India-based technology services proves to have more benefits than drawbacks.

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Two IT-enabled services launched for seamless dispatch of ore in state

Work efficiently with absolute transparency, follow teamwork, CM tells new entrants

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, April 13: As part of the 5T initiative, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday launched two IT-enabled modules and attended orientation programme for the newly-recruited 100 junior executive assistants of Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC).

The two services are: Gandhamardan Iron Ore Mines Traffic and Ore Dispatch Automation Project, and Vendor Invoice Management System (VIMS).

"By implementing the two additional IT systems, OMC, one of the largest and fastest growing mining PSUs in the country, has further strengthened its business processes," Naveen said.

He said that Gandhamardan Iron Ore Mines Traffic and Ore Dispatch Automation Project is a technology-enabled solution which provides seamless traffic management for timely ore dispatch from the mines augmenting sales while ensuring safety standards and transparency.

Similarly, the VIMS will provide a digital platform for end-to-end processing of invoices of OMC vendors for timely payment in a transparent manner, he said.

Addressing the occasion, Naveen advised the newly-recruited junior executive assistants to work efficiently giving utmost importance to transparency and teamwork. He also appreciated the role of OMC for propelling the economic growth of the state and contributing immensely in the CSR activities.

NAVEEN ADVISED THE NEWLY-RECRUITED JUNIOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS TO WORK EFFICIENTLY GIVING UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO TRANSPARENCY AND TEAMWORK

HE ALSO APPRECIATED THE ROLE OF OMC IN PROPELLING ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE STATE AND CONTRIBUTING IMMENSELY TO CSR ACTIVITIES

SECRETARY TO CHIEF MINISTER 5T VK PANDIAN ENLIGHTENED THE NEW ENTRANTS ON COMPLYING WITH PRINCIPLES OF 5T

Steel and Mines Minister Prafulla Kumar Mallik said that the OMC is leading the state since 1956 with its contribution to development and CSR activities.

Secretary to Chief Minister 5T VK Pandian enlightened the new entrants on the vision of 5T initiative. He spoke on how they should follow the principles of 5T to contribute to the transformation of the state.

The function was also attended by Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, OMC chairman Surendra Kumar, MD of OMC Balwant Singh and other officials.

OMC has been consistently displaying better performance in terms of ore production and sales revenues. It is expected that OMC is on its path to double the production and sales in the next two to three years and achieve \$1 Billion revenue in the next year.



CM Naveen Patnaik, Chief Secretary Suresh Mahapatra, 5T Secretary VK Pandian and Steel & Mines Minister Prafulla Kumar Mallik at the event

Tap water for rural households by 2024

POST NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, April 13: The Odisha government has planned to provide piped water supply to 29,749 schools and 43,727 Anganwadi centres (AWCs) in order to ensure 100 per cent tap water connection at all the schools, Ashramshalas and Anganwadi centres in 2021-22.

in every rural household.

According to the ministry of Jal Shakti, Odisha has 85.66 lakh rural households out of which tap connections were provided to 23.25 lakh households – an achievement of 27.15 per cent. The ministry said that only 3.63 per cent rural households were having tap water connections in August 2019, when the

JAL JEEVAN MISSION



The state gov't Tuesday submitted its Jal Jeevan Mission annual action plan for the financial year 2021-22 as well as the saturation plan for the state to the Ministry of Jal Shakti

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The state government Tuesday submitted its Jal Jeevan Mission annual action plan for the financial year 2021-22 as well as the saturation plan for the state to the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The action plan aims at ensuring tap water connection to every rural household. Odisha has set 2023-24 as the target year for providing 100 per cent Functional Household Tap Water Connection

Jal Jeevan Mission started.

"In the past one-and-a-half years, Jal Jeevan Mission has ensured safe drinking water for 20.15 lakh rural homes. Every household in 2,996 villages in Odisha are getting safe drinking water. Odisha has declared its 57 panchayats as 'Har Ghar Jal' ones," the ministry said.

The ministry also informed that the state government has invested

'Odisha Water Academy' on cards

BHUBANESWAR: In a first of its kind initiative, the state government has decided to set up 'Odisha Water Academy', a Centre of Excellence at Bhubaneswar.

The academy will function as a pioneering training and capacity building institution in the field of water and wastewater service provision. The main objective of the institution is to enhance the quality and service levels in the sector for customer satisfaction and for better health and environment outcomes.

The establishment of 'Odisha Water Academy' is another progressive step in line with the Chief Minister's vision towards transformative reforms in water and waste water sector in the state.

Minister for Housing & Urban Development, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water, and Law Pratap Jena stated that safe drinking water and wastewater service pro-

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vision to each urban household in the state is a priority of the Government. The academy will be beneficial to the personnel working under the Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO), Public Health Engineering Organisation (PHEO), Odisha Water Supply and Sewerage Board (OWSSB) and other related organisations supporting the sector and services for their capacity development, he added.

The training and capacity building undertaken by the academy

will be for both managers and workers and will include both at the induction and in-house stages. It will enable them to remain up-to-date with state-of-the-art, innovative, hi-tech technologies and advanced management skills to run the water and wastewater business in the state more efficiently than before.

The academy would be registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and would work under the administrative control of WATCO.

It would be managed under its own memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations with a governing body headed by the Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department-cum-Chairman, WATCO and supported by a professional training partner team and world-class professional institutional partnership.

heavily in imparting training to SHG members.

"Self-help group members were trained to conduct water quality surveillance-sanitary inspections

of 4.64 lakh drinking water sources across the state. Field Testing Kits are being provided at panchayat levels and handed over to the sub-committee constituted for

carrying out frequent tests especially during pre and post monsoon for testing water quality for taking corrective measures," the ministry said.

BJD to observe Biju death anniv April 17

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, April 13: The ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Tuesday asked its party rank and file to observe the 23rd death anniversary of legendary leader and former Odisha Chief Minister Biju Patnaik April 17 adhering to the Covid-19 protocols.

BJD president and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in an open letter to all the party functionaries beginning from town presidents to MPs and MLAs, suggested observing the day.

However, there will be no such observance in Puri district due to by-election in Pipli Assembly segment which goes to polls April 17.

To commemorate the occasion, the 'Odisha Mo Parivar' will conduct 'Jeevan Bindu' programme for blood donation in all constituencies and launch of awareness drive for mandatory use of masks and strict adherence to Covid-19 guidelines.

CITY FOUNDATION DAY



Odisha Assembly Speaker Surya Narayan Patro, Information and Public Relations Minister Raghunandan Das, MLA Suresh Routray and I&PR department director Krupasindhu Mishra among others participate in the 73rd foundation day celebration of the capital city of Bhubaneswar at PMG Square, Tuesday

Minor forced into flesh trade; police in soup

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, April 13: The Commissionerate Police reportedly handed over a minor girl to her stepmother who has allegedly been engaging her into flesh trade.

The victim girl in a video possessed by Orissa POST claimed that she along with several others are being forced into prostitution by the locals of a slum under Bharatpur police station.

The girl, a native of Sundargarh, also revealed that the miscreants lured her of a job at a paper mill in Bhubaneswar with a monthly salary of Rs 20,000 and later forced her into prostitution.

The girl, Monday evening, managed to escape from a house at the slum where she was held captive when the miscreants had gone outside. The miscreants soon started searching for her who in hurry entered into one nearby house and requested the house owner to save her.

Later, the locals informed the police who reached there and rescued the girl at around 11:30pm. However, the police informed the same persons from whose clutches the girl had escaped, handed over the girl to her stepmother. Locals raised objections over the haste the police made in handing over the girl, even not waiting for the morning to initiate an investigation. Bharatpur IIC said that the girl did not reveal anything before the police. "So, we handed her over to the woman who claimed to be the victim's mother."

Krupajal, Vietnam university ink pact

BHUBANESWAR: Krupajal Group of Institutions (KGI) here has inked a pact with Thu Dau Mot University of Vietnam for research and innovation in the field of computer science as well as information technology, sources said Tuesday. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed between KGI Chairman Bhabanai Charan Rath and Bui Thanh Hung of Thu Dau Mot University during an international webinar on 'Emerging Trends in Information Technology' Tuesday.

Mugger arrested

BHUBANESWAR: Commissionerate Police Tuesday arrested a notorious criminal who was working as a painter during daytime and robbing people at night. The accused was identified as Dilip Kumar Nayak, 28, a native of Nuagaon in Nayagarh district. Nayak, a history-sheeter, was residing at Sisupalgarh here.

WASSUP TODAY BHUBANESWAR

- Rally on birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar by Nagarika Ekata Parishad, Kalinga Buddha Vihar to AG Square, 8am
- Rally on birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar by Bharatiya Kheta Mazdoor, Bhagabati Bhawan, Ashok Nagar, 9.30am
- Odia New Year, Guru Kelucharan Odissi Research Centre, 5pm
- BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary by Samajwadi Party, party office, VR-38, Unit-VI, 6pm

PURI

- Demonstration of techniques by Puri Boxing Academy, Indoor Stadium, 7.30 am
- Competition to mark Ambedkar's birth anniversary, Youth Hostel, 11 am
- Celebration of Odia New Year, Annapurna Theatre, 6 pm

SAKHIGOPAL

- Khaiphoda Yatra, Bhipur and Dasbidiyadharpur, 12 noon
- Conclusion of Bishwashanti Mahayagya, Maninag Durga temple, Biramchandrapur, 6 pm
- Conclusion of Yagya at Batamahaveer temple, 6 pm

JATNI

- Book release, Arun Garden, Ramchandrapur Bazar, 5 pm
- Programmes/announcements for wassup today may be sent to opwassup@gmail.com for record, it must also carry the sender's mobile number for our verification, but not for publication.

BMC curbs on Pana Sankranti

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, April 13: In the wake of the recent surge in Covid-19 cases in the state, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Tuesday issued fresh guidelines imposing restrictions on the celebration of Maha Vishubha Sankranti, popularly known as Pana Sankranti, Wednesday.

Similarly, the civic body also put restrictions on the observance of Ramadan (Ramzaan) month.

The BMC issued fresh instructions for Pana Sankranti and Ramzaan as per the guidelines issued by the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) for the organisation of festivals and functions at public places.

As per the guidelines, any kind of congregation/gathering for the above two festivals is not allowed within the BMC jurisdiction. However, usual religious rituals/prayers/namaaz/at mosque and temples are allowed with a maximum of 100 participants or 50 per cent capacity of the premises whichever is less.

All the participants at mosques and temples shall have to wear



A vendor sells baelfruits in Bhubaneswar on the eve of Maha Vishubha Sankranti

masks properly and ensure social distancing during the festivals. It will be the responsibility of temple and mosque management to ensure the implementation of the Covid-19 norms, said the guidelines.

The new guidelines prohibit the practices of distributing pana/other beverages at temples and other public places during Maha Vishubha Sankranti.

The mosque and temple authorities have been asked to make provision for hand washing and hand sanitising on their premises. Any person having symptoms of

influenza like illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) shall not be allowed to the temple or mosque, added the guidelines. Meanwhile, restrictions are also imposed on the celebration of Pana Sankranti at the Siruli Mahaveer temple at Chandanpur in Puri district.

23 at Srimandir test positive

PURI: At least 23 people associated with Srimandir have tested positive for Covid-19. Seven servants of Srimandir, three of their family members, eight persons engaged at the shoe stands near the shrine, three employees of the temple administration, a security personnel and a gardener have tested positive for the virus, sources said. The infected have been asked to stay in isolation for at least 10 days, said an official.

Covid violators cough up ₹1.88Cr in 6 days

CUTTACK: The state police has collected Rs 29,71,950 from 9,790 Covid norm violators on the sixth day of its 10-day special drive, an official said Tuesday. The state police has so far collected Rs 1,88,45,150 by way of penalty from as many as 66,046 violators of Covid norms, added the official. Notably, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik April 6 directed the Odisha Police to begin a 10-day drive to strictly implement existing Covid norms across the state in a bid to curb spread of the virus.

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CM announces projects worth ₹155 cr for Balasore municipality



DEVELOPMENT PUSH

The government will take up a project to protect and beautify the Budhabalanga river embankment at a cost of ₹53 crore

The projects include development of the Sahadevkhunta bus stand for the convenience of passengers at a cost of ₹8 crore

₹70 crore will be spent on six laning and street lighting of the main road from Tumuliagate flyover to Station Square and development of all the main roads under the civic body

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, April 13: Reiterating his commitment to the overall development of Balasore municipality, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Tuesday announced development projects worth ₹155 crore for the area in the first phase.

“Balasore is one of Odisha’s most important towns. It is the birthplace of my favourite writer Fakir Mohan Senapati. In the recent past I had promised the people of Balasore of further development of Balasore municipality,” he said.

The projects include development of the Sahadevkhunta bus

stand for the convenience of passengers at a cost of ₹8 crore, six laning and street lighting of the main road from Tumuliagate flyover to Station Square and development of all the main roads under the Balasore Municipality at a cost of ₹70 crore.

A multipurpose indoor hall and a swimming pool will also be constructed for sports persons at a cost of ₹14 crore and provision for imparting high-level training to sports persons will be made, he said.

Similarly, the government will take up a project to protect and beautify the Budhabalanga river embankment at a cost of ₹53 crore

and the river banks of the Budhabalanga will be developed as a place for entertainment. Besides, the drainage channel of Balasore Municipality area and the roads along it would be developed at a cost of ₹7 crore

The Chief Minister announced on the basis of the reports submitted by Chief Secretary SC Mohapatra and 5T Secretary VK Pandian who visited Balasore this morning.

The Chief Minister said work for the Balasore Medical College and teaching hospital at a cost of ₹275 crore and laying of cement concrete road at a cost of ₹16 crore is progressing.

Woman charred to death for opposing hubby’s illicit affair

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jaleswar, April 13: In a shocking incident, a man allegedly burnt his wife to death as the latter opposed his extra-marital affairs with a woman in Jaleswar area of Balasore Tuesday. Police seized the charred body and started an investigation into it along with a scientific team.

According to reports, Purnachandra Das of Chakahara village married Kaberi Das of Mahulia village a few years ago. He works in a brick kiln where he developed an amorous affair with a tribal woman.

Kaberi had been opposing the illicit relationship, resulting in squabbles between the couple. The families of the two had settled the issue several times in the past.

Last night, Purnachandra received a phone call from a woman, which led to a bitter quarrel between the two. Enraged, he beat his wife with a blunt wooden object, leaving her dead. In the midnight, he took the body to a casuarina forest on the bank of Subarnarekha river and set the body ablaze by pouring kerosene. However, some villagers spotted a charred body and informed police about it.

Following a complaint from the family of the deceased, police started an investigation and arrested the accused.

Two policemen transferred for excesses during mask checking



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhadrak, April 13: Two police officials of Aradi outpost in Bhadrak district were transferred for inflicting injuries on two people during a mask checking drive. The incident, which took place three days ago, drew sharp reactions

from various quarters. After a video of the alleged police excess went viral, people in the region have demanded action against the guilty police personnel.

SP Charan Singh Meena has taken up the issue seriously and shifted two policemen - ASI Pradip Nayak and Havildar Ramesh Malick, to the district headquarters office after a preliminary investigation.

According to reports, two siblings of Betaligaon - Smrutiranajn Mekap and Subharanajn Mekap - were on way to Aradi on a bike. The two did not wear masks. They were intercepted by police near the outpost. While arguments between the police and the two ensued, the siblings had video-recorded the scene. Seeing this, enraged policemen beat them.

College girl kidnapped, raped

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, April 13: Police arrested a youth on charges of kidnapping and raping a college student here in Ganjam district. The victim was rescued from Puri following which the police sent the accused and victim for medical checkup at MKCG Medical College and Hospital here.

Police produced the accused in a court Monday and the statement of the victim was also recorded. Police said, the college student and the accused met on Facebook and became friends. Later, they fell in love. The girl left her house for college March 31 and did not return. Her family searched for her but could not find her. Later they filed an FIR at the Town police station.

RELIGIOUS, PUBLIC PLACES CLOSED FOR 7 DAYS IN GANJAM

SECTION 144 CLAMPED AROUND BERHAMPUR TEMPLE AFTER 2 PRIESTS TEST COVID POSITIVE

POST NEWS NETWORK

Berhampur, April 13: As a part of the measures initiated to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Ganjam district administration Tuesday announced closure of all public and religious places for seven days starting April 14.

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 were clamped Tuesday at Maa Budhu Thakurani temple in Berhampur town Tuesday.

“It is, hereby, ordered that all religious institutions in Ganjam district are closed for the public for the next seven days from 14.04.2021 to 21.04.2021. During this period, all religious places will be sanitised and sevayats/priests will only ensure daily rituals,” an order of the District Emergency Operation Centre said.

The order further said, “All public places like parks, grounds, sea beaches and lakes shall be closed for seven days with effect from 14-04-2021 to 21-04-2021 for maintenance and sanitisation purposes.”

The order also prevents celebration of Pana Sankranti and Meru Jatra in public places and gatherings.

Notably, Ganjam district was one of the main hotspot of COVID-19 infection



when the pandemic first broke in India. However, the spread of the disease has been curbed to a great extent due to the efforts of the district administration. The district reported 80 new COVID-19 cases, Tuesday.

Prohibitory orders for Maa Budhu Thakurani temple came after two priests of the temple tested positive for COVID-19.

The deity’s ‘Ghata’ procession was scheduled to take place Tuesday. In order to check the spread of the virus,

the administration has also sealed the route from Buddhi Thakurani temple to the Desibehera Street. The area around the temple has been declared a containment zone. Public gathering in front of the temple has been banned. “If anyone is found violating the prohibitory orders, stringent action will be taken against them,” the administration stated in a release.

Notably, the disease has so far claimed 83 lives in the town.

Eram remembers martyrs of freedom struggle

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, April 13: To commemorate 75th year of Independence, NCC Group HQ here Tuesday organised a Plog Run at Eram village in the memory of the martyrs of the Jalianwala massacre.

Eram, a small village in Basudevpur, Bhadrak, played an important role in the history

of Indian Independence movement. It is also known as Rakta Tirtha Eram and the second Jalianwala Bagh of India.

Eram was remote, inaccessible and surrounded by the Bay of Bengal and two rivers Gamoi and Kansbans. From 1920, Eram had become a secret place for Utkal Congress meetings.

On 28 September 1942, a

large gathering protesting against British Raj was to prepare a course of action to fight against it.

A police team from Basudevpur police station marched towards Eram. As in Jalianwala Bagh, police opened fire on the people at 6:30 pm. Within few minutes 304 shots were fired killing 29 people and injuring 56 others.

Major facelift on the anvil for Kharinasi False Point lighthouse

POST NEWS NETWORK

Kendrapara, April 13: False Point lighthouse in Mahakalpada block of Kendrapara district is set to get a major facelift to attract tourists.

An attractive gallery, a jetty, rest houses, Jatri Nivas and a market place to sell the indigenous handicraft and other items will be set up here. Solar power will be used at all these facilities.

Four other light houses will also be developed in the state. The development of the light houses will be carried out in PPP mode under Sagaramala project.

A proposal to this effect has been sent by the Union Civil Aviation Ministry to the state government. About 65 light houses across the country will be developed. Tourist footfall to the False



Point lighthouse is increasing every year. But absence of a bridge across Kharinasi river is a hurdle. The False Point lighthouse is located on the bank of Kharinasi river, 45 km

from the district headquarters.

After development of the light house, tourists will be able to see the mangrove forest, salt water crocodiles and other marine creatures from close proximity. The False Point lighthouse was the first lighthouse made on the east coast of India. Its construction was started in 1819 and was completed in 1826.

However, over years, some parts of the light-house began to crumble. Its renovation was carried out in 1936. Blocks of stones from Cuttack’s Barabati Fort have been used for the 125-high lighthouse.

It was lighted with petroleum gas October 16, 1836. The then Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, Sir Ashley Eden, inaugurated the lighthouse in 1880.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. ST-OT-BRIDGE-KUR-PSA-219, Dt. 08.04.2021
NAME OF WORK: REBUILDING OF 96 NUMBERS STONE SLAB BRIDGE ON KHURDA ROAD - PALASA SECTION OF KHURDAROAD DIVISION.
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Bidding Start Date: 15.04.2021.
Date and Time of Closing of Tender: At 11:00 Hrs. of 29.04.2021.
No manual offers sent by Post / Courier / Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration. Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-Tender is available in website: <https://www.irps.gov.in>
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01) Tender No. 02-KUR-TRD-OT-2021-22, Date: 06.04.2021
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Approximate Value (₹): 1,38,14,944.17
Date & Time of submission of Bids: Upto 13:00 Hrs. of 28.04.2021
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NAME OF THE WORK: SLEWING AND RESLEWING OF OHE IN CONNECTION WITH REBUILDING OF 08 NOS STONE SLAB BRIDGES ON RETANG - KAIAPAD ROAD SECTION OF KHURDAROAD DIVISION.
Approximate Value (₹): 11,13,496.80
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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 23rd February, 2021

S.O. 874(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Newly Proposed in the stretch of land from Km 123.21 to Km238.2 (o/o Tahasilidar, Umarkote) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under subsection (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Tahasilidar cum Land Acquisition officer, Umarkote in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling Newly Proposed in the stretch of land from Km. 123.21 to km. 238.2 (O/o- Tahasilidar, Umarkote) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA

Sl. Survey/Plot No.	Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Umarkote					
Village: Adhikarigurra					
1	253	Government	Gochara	0.3660000(Hectare)	0.3660000
2	254	Government	Gochara	5.7370000(Hectare)	5.7370000
3	255	Government	Patra Jungle	0.2810000(Hectare)	0.2810000
4	257	Private	Patra Jungle	0.2690000(Hectare)	0.2690000
5	258	Government	Rasta	0.0150000(Hectare)	0.0150000
6	259	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0080000(Hectare)	0.0080000
Village: Chhanchanbera					
1	176	Government	Bada Jungle	1.1630000(Hectare)	1.1630000
2	191	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0920000(Hectare)	0.0920000
3	196	Private	Dangar-3	0.3120000(Hectare)	0.3120000
4	197	Private	Dhana-1	0.3090000(Hectare)	0.3090000
5	198	Private	Dangar-3	0.0400000(Hectare)	0.0400000
6	199	Private	Dangar-3	0.0610000(Hectare)	0.0610000
7	200	Private	Dhana-1	0.6440000(Hectare)	0.6440000
8	201	Private	Dangar-3	0.0700000(Hectare)	0.0700000
9	202	Private	Dhana-1	0.0200000(Hectare)	0.0200000
10	203	Private	Dangar-3	0.1050000(Hectare)	0.1050000
11	204	Government	Patra Jungle	4.1060000(Hectare)	4.1060000
12	205	Government	Patra Jungle	1.4670000(Hectare)	1.4670000
13	218	Government	Road	0.0340000(Hectare)	0.0340000
14	223	Private	Dhana/1	0.0144000(Hectare)	0.0144000
15	224	Private	Dhana/3	0.0142000(Hectare)	0.0142000
Village: Dangarigurra					
1	1	Government	River	0.0165000(Hectare)	0.0165000
2	16	Private	Dhana/2	0.0271000(Hectare)	0.0271000
3	165	Private	Dangar/3	0.2092000(Hectare)	0.2092000
4	166	Government	Sadak	0.0297000(Hectare)	0.0297000
5	174	Private	Dhana/3	0.4563000(Hectare)	0.4563000
6	65	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0464000(Hectare)	0.0464000
Village: Gatigura					
1	100	Private	Patrajungle	5.7860000(Hectare)	5.7860000
2	101	Government	Patrajungle	2.4050000(Hectare)	2.4050000
3	61	Private	Dhana-3	0.2220000(Hectare)	0.2220000
4	62	Private	Khetraaadi	0.0370000(Hectare)	0.0370000
5	63	Private	Gharabari	0.6610000(Hectare)	0.6610000
Village: Karamari					
1	14	Private	Dhana/3	0.0030000(Hectare)	0.0030000
2	15	Private	Dhana/2	0.2622000(Hectare)	0.2622000
3	16	Private	Dhana/2	0.0898000(Hectare)	0.0898000
4	18	Private	Dhana/2	0.0010000(Hectare)	0.0010000
5	37	Private	Dhana/3	0.0411000(Hectare)	0.0411000
Village: Khatiguda					
1	23/3	Private	Dhana/3	0.0775000(Hectare)	0.0775000
2	23/6	Private	Dangara/1	0.0097000(Hectare)	0.0097000
Village: Khrka					
1	373	Private	Dangara/3	0.2051000(Hectare)	0.2051000
2	375	Private	Dhana/2	0.1081000(Hectare)	0.1081000
3	376	Private	Dhana/2	0.0527000(Hectare)	0.0527000
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6	95	Government	Patita	15.8250000(Hectare)	15.8250000
7	95/113	Government	Rasta	0.2780000(Hectare)	0.2780000
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Village: Kutuguda					
1	5/549	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0138000(Hectare)	0.0138000
Village: Mahuli					
1	169	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0010000(Hectare)	0.0010000
2	172	Private	Dangara/3	0.1304000(Hectare)	0.1304000
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Village: Malkaguda					
1	291	Government	Jungle	0.0120000(Hectare)	0.0120000
2	292	Government	Jungle	0.0125000(Hectare)	0.0125000
3	293	Private	Dhana	0.0260000(Hectare)	0.0260000
4	294	Private	Dhana	0.0148000(Hectare)	0.0148000
Village: Matgan					
1	92	Government	Bada Jungle	0.9246000(Hectare)	0.9246000
Village: Murtama					
1	12	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0965000(Hectare)	0.0965000

FOCUS DIGITAL SPACE

JOB IN THE PLATFORM AGE



Until recently, there had been relatively little discussion of what the rapid growth of digital labour platforms meant for the nature of work and the employment relationship. But an important recent report provides answers to many questions – and raises several more that policymakers and regulators need to address

tend to be more aware of location-based platforms because of their near-ubiquity in some places. The ILO estimates that the number of platforms worldwide increased from 142 in 2010 to almost 800 in 2020, with online web-based platforms tripling in number while location-based platforms grew almost tenfold.

Today, all kinds of businesses – from Fortune 500 companies to start-ups and small enterprises seeking people to perform specific tasks – rely on online employment platforms. In general, platforms drastically reduce search costs for both workers and those who would use their services.

Estimates of the number of people who obtain work through these platforms are hard to come by, partly because it is not clear how many regard them as their only source of income. But some surveys suggest that the proportion of the population in Europe that has done some platform work ranges from 9-22 per cent.

Most digital labour platforms operate by accessing and sharing information about workers with those who might use them. Their own employee base tends to be very small compared to the number of workers with whom they deal indirectly. For example, the freelance work platform PeoplePerHour has only around 50

employees, but as an intermediary it provides work for around 2.4 million skilled workers.

The ILO report provides much new information, based on a global survey of 12,000 platform workers. Workers engaged in location-based platforms generated the bulk of their earnings from that source, and around one-third of online-platform workers (more in developing countries) relied primarily on this employment for their income.

Interestingly, cross-country wage differentials persist on online platforms, even though platforms should confer no geographic disadvantage. The ILO survey found that on freelance platforms, for example, workers in developing countries earned on average 60 per cent less than those in developed countries, even after controlling for basic characteristics like age and education and the types of tasks performed.

The crux of the issue is that those obtaining work through digital labour platforms are effectively self-employed, with the platform itself bearing no responsibility for wages or remuneration, or working hours and conditions. Some location-based platforms, particularly delivery and taxi services, have come under regulatory and legal scrutiny in countries seeking to treat them

as employers, but this is still the exception.

Furthermore, platform work – no matter how highly skilled – typically commands piece-rate wages. All the problems facing piece-rate workers since time immemorial are starkly evident: income insecurity, a highly unequal distribution of risk, and a tendency to self-exploitation that undermines any notion of worker autonomy and flexibility.

Then there are the concerns about the platforms' often opaque algorithms, and the fees and commissions they charge workers, who generally lack redress for any grievance, and often have no real communication with those running the platform. Moreover, their awareness of faceless global competition may intensify their feeling of powerlessness, and subject workers to ever greater downward pressure on the pay rate.

This is truly a brave new world for workers, with some fresh opportunities and numerous challenges. In many advanced economies, platforms are typically associated with the informalisation of the workforce. But in developing countries with mostly informal workers, platforms can sometimes be a step to formalisation.

How can regulation address this new-old employment relationship that seems so skewed against workers? Clearly, we need to rethink what constitutes an employer, and specify both their responsibilities and workers' rights in more detail. We also need more extensive and flexible considerations of labour standards that extend to piece-rate work.

Only some of this can be done at the national level. Because digital labour platforms operate across multiple jurisdictions, international policy coordination also is essential. Now that the world is once again recognising the importance of global dialogue and cooperation, regulation of platform work should be put on the agenda.

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Jayati Ghosh

DIGITAL LABOUR PLATFORMS DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES OF OLD, OWING TO THEIR DIFFUSE AND APPARENTLY NON-HIERARCHICAL NATURE

One of the most significant socioeconomic changes accelerated by Covid-19 must surely be the rise of digital labour platforms. Of course, platform-based employment had already been growing exponentially before the pandemic. But the combination of lockdowns and stay-at-home orders, and the consequent greater reliance on remote work, has dramatically increased both their spread and intensity of use.

Until recently, there had been relatively little discussion of what the rapid proliferation of digital employment platforms meant for the nature of work and the employment relationship. But an important recent report from the International Labour Organisation provides answers to many questions – and raises several more that policymakers and regulators need to address.

What exactly is platform-based work? Platforms are effectively digital marketplaces, connecting producers and consumers of goods and services – and in the case of employment platforms, connecting workers with those who would use their labour.

Digital labour platforms differ significantly from employment exchanges of old, owing to their diffuse and apparently non-hierarchical nature. They also give the impression of hands-off objectivity, by supposedly simply aggregating agents' desires and responses, although the algorithms used in such aggregation have been shown to generate their own forms of hierarchy and discrimination.

The ILO report focuses on two main types of digital labour platforms. Location-based platforms provide work or services within a specified physical area. They include taxi and delivery services, domestic services like cleaning and repair, and various forms of care provision.

Online web-based platforms, meanwhile, cover tasks that could be performed anywhere in the world. These could be specific short-duration assignments like annotating images or transcribing videos, or involve complex and highly skilled work such as translation, legal or financial services, design and software development, and data analytics.

Both types of platform have expanded dramatically, but people

Ocean of Wrongs

The spectacle of hundreds of thousands of people congregating at Har Ki Pauri Ghat in Haridwar, Uttarakhand on the occasion of the on-going Mahakumbh Mela at a time when the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic is ravaging the country is the most unedifying, to say the least. All protocols, including social distancing, to break the chain of the virus have been thrown to the winds. An official estimate puts the figure of people thronging the ghats for a holy dip at 3.2 million and the deluge will continue till the last day of bathing on April 27.

The BJP government's intentional failure to make any efforts to enforce law and prevent the mammoth gathering from taking the form of a 'super-spreader' is truly not shocking. On one hand, it betrays the party's communal bias and hypocrisy but on the other, it seems to be helping the party get more popular with a certain kind of people who form the majority opinion. In contrast, the vindictive response to the Nizamuddin Markaz of the Tablighi Jamaat in New Delhi last year stands like a sore thumb. This is not to support wrongdoings of Moslems. There is no doubt that the Tablighi gathering was a threat to general well being of people of this country. Similarly, the Haridwar gathering is no less dangerous. People went gung-ho against the Tablighi gathering of about 3500 people in Delhi last year. In contrast, the Mahakumbh figures are in millions. This, when the second current wave is observed as being more deadly.

Now the country, like the rest of the world, is in the grip of a fresh wave of the pandemic that is wreaking even greater havoc as the caseload and casualty figures show. Both the Centre and the BJP-ruled Uttarakhand state government have done nothing to dissuade devotees from thronging the banks of the Ganga in thousands or to ensure that they follow the Covid guidelines. This, while governments across the world have taken steps to stop even small congregations at religious places.

The Central government is apparently shying away from hurting religious sentiments of the Hindu population for vote-bank politics - a term it never tires of slapping on Opposition parties for their purported patronage of minority groups. To protect its image of being a champion of Hindootva, albeit a skewed and spurious version of Hindooism, it is not lifting its finger even when the whole country runs the risk of getting infected with the deadlier and mutated virus by millions of devotees gathering at the mela. It seems the BJP is primarily playing to a gallery packed with 'newborn' Hindoos. It is these people who supposedly feel they have been wronged by their parents and grandparents who made certain political choices that the older generations thought were appropriate for their times. These people find the education system to have been wrongly created, the assets built painstakingly by their forefathers were all wrong, history of India has been wrongly written, tolerance of other religions or secularism is wrong, they find acceptance of historical facts such as Moslems and Europeans ruling over this subcontinent as wrong and so in this ocean of wrongs, they silently consider the Constitution of India to be wrong also. In this desire to disown and vilify the past of this land, these newborn actors forget that we Hindoos have always been the majority population on this subcontinent. They also forget that Hindooism or Sanatana dharma are not ideas that fit into one single frame of thought. A Hindoo from Uttar Pradesh does not necessarily have similarities with a Hindoo of Orissa or Kerala. It is not only different languages, food and culture that diversely keep us together, but it is also the different kinds of Hindooism that help in unifying us. Any student of world history would be aware that whole of mainland Europe is Catholic yet all countries in it are divided and have gone to brutal wars against each other in the past. The newborn Hindoos of India do not realise that straight-jacketing of a large population with their narrow concept of unification will only help create more wrongs which will make future generations realise how wrong we are now.

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Tathagata Satpathy

WISDOM CORNER

- “Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence.” **BR AMBEKAR**
- “Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.” **ALFRED LORD TENNYSON**
- “Life without liberty is like a body without spirit.” **KAHLIL GIBRAN**

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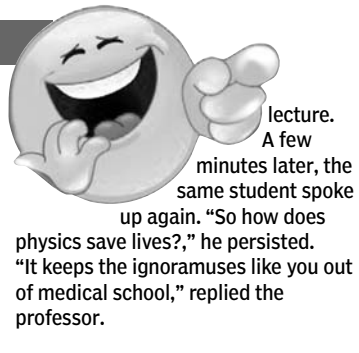
Moniker

Moniker has had so many spellings that it's difficult to keep track of them all. Jonathon Green gives 14 in The Cassell Dictionary of Slang, for example. This variability is a sure sign the word was for long passed from person to person in speech rather than in writing. The first known written example is from 1851, in Henry Mayhew's London Labour and the London Poor, in which Mayhew gives it as monekeer. It was recorded in the Sydney Slang Dictionary in Australia in 1881, spelled monniker, and seems to have reached the USA not long after. This may imply that it was a London term, exported by migrants. Most slang writers, including Eric Partridge and Jonathon Green, suggest it was originally tramps' slang. As a moniker was often, even usually, an assumed name or nickname, this is plausible. There are as many suggestions of its origin as there are variants on its name, though few of them sound even marginally convincing. A long list of them is given in Paul Beale's 1984 revision of Eric Partridge's Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English. Some early forms have suggested to writers that it might be from monarch, the idea being that it is one's name that partly rules one's life. One learned proposal was that it was ekename (an ancient term for a nickname, from eke, additional – a relative of eke out – which changed to nickname through a shift of the n in an ekename) that was converted into moniker by backslang. A further idea is that it comes from the saintly name Monica. Others link it to one or other of a pair of Italian words, which is just possible if we assume that it's old enough to have entered slang via Lingua Franca. The association with tramps has led some writers to find a source in Shelta, an ancient secret language used by Irish and Welsh tinkers and gypsies, in which it would be derived from Irish ainm, name (support for this is in The Secret Languages of Ireland by R A Stewart Macalister, dated 1937, which gives munika as one form of the Shelta word.) Expert opinion, for which you may read "guesswork" if you like, is leaning towards a blend of monogram with signature, largely because moniker can mean someone's John Hancock.

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Why must we learn this?

One day our professor was discussing a particularly complicated concept. A pre-med student rudely interrupted to ask, "Why do we have to learn this pointless information?" "To save lives," the professor responded quickly and continued the



IN JEST THIS

Kids need opportunities, but also passion



Melvin Durai

MONEY HELPS GIVE KIDS OPPORTUNITIES, BUT THANKFULLY TALENT AND PASSION CAN SOMETIMES OVERCOME LACK OF MONEY

My wife loves music and decided many years ago that it would be wise for us to invest in a piano and pay for weekly lessons for our three children. This has worked well for two of our kids, who may never play professionally but have at least produced sounds that are as pleasing to my ear as the oven timer whenever a cake is done.

Our third child, however, enjoys playing the piano as much as she enjoys visiting the dentist. She doesn't see the piano lessons as a privilege, but a needless hardship. She grumbles and groans before each lesson, like a politician warming up for a session in Parliament.

Instead of paying for piano lessons since she was 7, I wish we had spent the money on tennis lessons instead. She loves tennis and is always eager to play. At age 17, she's been taking tennis lessons for only a year, partly because we couldn't afford to pay for both tennis and piano lessons when she was younger. We had to make a

choice, and perhaps if we had been wise enough to give her tennis lessons from an early age, she would now be giving us the pleasure of hearing her complain about tennis.

As parents, we want to give our children opportunities to succeed, but we don't always know which opportunities will benefit them the most. If I had enough money, I would have given my kids lessons in tennis and golf. My wife is drawn to music and arts, and would have given our kids lessons in dancing, singing, acting, stand-up comedy and anything else that can be performed on a stage. If only we had spent the money to give them lessons in a variety of areas, they would be the most accomplished children in the world, destined to be great athletes or artists and to return their parents' investment tenfold.

But you have to make choices – and it's not all about money. It's also about time. Your children can't spend an hour a day on a tennis court, another hour on a golf course, a third hour on music lessons and

a fourth hour on dancing lessons, not without spending a fifth hour with a therapist.

What you can't predict is how much talent and passion your children will bring to each activity. Just look at Nethra Kumanan, who recently became the first Indian woman sailor to ever qualify for the Olympics. She will compete in the laser radial class of sailing at the Tokyo Olympics, which could mean that, for the first time ever, I might watch sailing.

The 22-year-old engineering student from Chennai was introduced to the sport when she was 14 at a summer camp organised by the Tamil Nadu Sailing Association. She was already into three sports, tennis, basketball and cycling, and also loved Bharatanatyam. But somehow sailing captivated her enough that she gave up dancing. Despite training diligently for six years under a renowned guru, she transitioned smoothly from Bharatanatyam to Bharat-yacht-ma'am.

It helped immensely that her father, a software entrepreneur, had the means to send her to Spain for training, but without talent, passion and dedication, Nethra would be just another athlete dreaming of the Olympics. (At least they can dream. I can't even dream of dreaming.)

Money helps give kids opportunities, but thankfully talent and passion can sometimes overcome lack of money. That's how a one-time bus conductor named Rajjinkanth became a legendary actor and recipient of this year's Dadasaheb Phalke Award. In a message posted to Twitter, Rajjinkanth expressed his gratitude to many people, including a friend named Raj Bahadur "for discovering my acting skill and for encouraging me."

Bahadur was a bus driver who encouraged his conductor to take an acting course at a film institute in the 1970s. That bus conductor, whose parents didn't pay for a single acting lesson, went on to become one of the most beloved actors ever.

Redefine relations

Sir, When Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov visited both New Delhi and Islamabad in his whirlwind tour, the visible, and palpable, warmth between the two nations at Islamabad was conspicuous by its absence in Delhi. Not mere photo ops, Russia's assurance to Pakistan on supply of highly sophisticated military equipment to that country and promise to conduct joint military exercise there does not bode well for India's interests. Well, it is not as if all of a sudden Moscow has found a new strategic and military partner in Islamabad. For years, after a considerable period of strong dislike, Russia has built bridges with Pakistan in its own way. But in international relations, what is unsaid often matters more than what is said. Foreign policy is a matter of costs and benefits; no two nations are permanent foes. New Delhi, of course, is not on a slippery slope as far as its military and trade ties with Moscow are concerned. But international diplomacy is a clever struggle where minds speak more than words. New Delhi's proximity with Washington has not gone unnoticed in Russian diplomatic circles especially when India has always called Russia an 'old friend'. The difference of opinion between the two 'friends' was more than evident during Sergey Lavrov's meeting with his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar. Friends have the right to quarrel but if that translates into a fight, then the repercussions are bound to vitiate the atmosphere in the region. As a matter of protocol, a visiting foreign minister may or may not call on the prime minister of the host country. But PM Narendra Modi is known to rise above formalities. Therefore, tongues wagged when Lavrov left for Islamabad without meeting the PM. Be that as it may, India has to engage Russia on a personal level keeping with its dehyphenation policy on international relations.

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA

Covid surge

Sir, This refers to the news on front page of Orissa POST of 13 April, 2021, "India overtakes Brazil in number of cases." This is no achievement, but considering Brazil's population is only 15 per cent of India's population and the number of deaths more than twice, India is in a much better position. Among the 220 countries in the world, India is at 125th position in total cases per one million people and at 119th position in deaths per one million people. India has become the vaccine hub, and is taking all measures to control the second surge of Covid-19.

Gopal Mittal, BHUBANESWAR

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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Indicted by Lokayukta, Kerala minister resigns

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, April 13: In a setback to the Pinarayi Vijayan-led LDF government in Kerala, Higher Education minister KT Jaleel resigned Tuesday, days after the Lokayukta indicted him for nepotism, abuse of power and breach of oath of office.

Jaleel has sent his resignation to the Chief Minister and it has been forwarded to the Governor, CMO sources told PTI. The resignation has been accepted by Governor Arif Mohammad Khan, Raj Bhavan said.

In a Facebook Post, Jaleel himself confirmed that he had put in his papers. "I am happy to say that those who had been baying for my blood can be relieved for now. I have submitted my resignation to the Chief Minister. Since the past two years, I



have been facing a media onslaught," Jaleel, media minister in the LDF ministry to resign on nepotism charges, said in the post.

The resignation came four days after the Lokayukta's adverse remarks dealt an unexpected blow to Jaleel, and on a day his plea seeking a stay on the verdict was being heard by the Kerala High court, which has reserved orders on his petition.

The development comes at a time when the LDF government has hardly a couple of days left for its term to get over.

Weddings return as guns fall silent

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jammu, April 13: As India and Pakistan adhere to ceasefire agreement after years of cross-border shelling, marriage celebrations have silently returned to villages along the LOC in Jammu & Kashmir.

Director General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan agreed to uphold ceasefire along the borders in the UT from the night of February 24 and 25, bringing respite to the residents who were reeling under the constant threat of shelling from across the border.

The original ceasefire agreement was reached between the nations in November 2003 but it virtually lost its relevance after 2006 due to frequent ceasefire violations that touched an all-time high in 2020 with over 5,000 incidents of firing and shelling being recorded. The latest decision brought relief to the border residents who resumed activities like farming and schooling that were the worst-hit by Pakistani shelling.

With both countries ob-

serving the ceasefire agreement religiously since February, people have also started celebrating weddings in their own houses instead of moving the events to safer places outside the villages, the officials said.

They said brightly illuminated wedding houses are a common sight on the borders these days in both Poonch and Rajouri districts as are people dancing to drums and accompaniments, a sight which many have forgotten due to the constant fear of shelling and the practice of observing complete darkness to escape being attacked during the hostilities.

"We are happy to witness such celebrations after a very long time," Parvez Ahmad, a groom from village Gagriya along the zero line in Sawian area of Poonch said. Ahmad was among the lucky youngsters who tied the knot last week. But the shadow of fear from early days seemed to linger as two of his relatives in the wedding party carried white flags when they walked through the village to the bride's house.

Fresh curbs in Kerala amid Covid resurgence

AGENCIES

Thiruvananthapuram, April 13: Kerala has imposed more restrictions as the number of active Covid cases continues to soar.

A review meeting chaired by the Chief secretary V.P. Joy has directed shutting shops by 9 pm and hotels to function only with 50 per cent occupancy.

Only 200 people will be allowed for outdoor functions and 100 for indoor functions and programmes will have to be completed within two hours. Feasts will not be allowed and instead food packets can be distributed among guests, the order said.

Mega shopping festivals

in malls and supermarkets will not be allowed as this leads to over-crowding.

In the meeting, the Chief secretary also decided to impose stricter quarantine measures for those entering the state from outside. A minimum quarantine of one week is mandatory hereafter for those entering the state.

Kerala recorded 7,515 COVID-19 cases Tuesday, including 36 health workers, taking the total case-load to 11.80 lakh and active cases mounted to 52,132, the state government said. As many as 2,959 people were cured of the infection, taking the total recoveries to 11,23,133.

Al-Badr terror module busted

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar, April 13: A module of terror outfit Al-Badr was busted in Jammu and Kashmir's Handwara Tuesday and two terrorists and three of their associates were held, police said.

Incriminating materials including arms and ammunition were also recovered. Police said acting on a specific information regarding movement of terrorists on the Baramulla-Handwara Highway, a special checkpoint was established near Kachloo Crossing by police, Army's 32 Rashtriya Rifles and the

Central Reserve Police Force's 92nd Bn.

During checking of vehicles, three persons on a motorcycle drew suspicion as they tried to escape from the spot but were apprehended by the alert joint party.

Police said they have been identified as Mohd Yaseen Rafter, Showkat Ahmad Ganie and Ghulam Nabi Rafter; all residents of village Kachloo Qaziabad.

"During search, incriminating materials of proscribed terror outfit Al-Badr; arms and ammunition were recovered from their possession," police said.

Srinagar's Krishna Dhaba reopens months after militant attack

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar, April 13: "Life cannot stop, we have to move on," said Ramesh Mehra, the owner of popular food joint Krishna Dhaba here, Tuesday as he returned to work nearly two months after his son was shot dead by militants.

Mehra's world came crashing down

February 17 when his son, Akash, was shot at by militants from a close range. After fighting for his life for 10 days, Akash died at SMHS Hospital here February 28. Known for serving vegetarian food and equally popular among locals and tourists, Krishna Dhaba had been closed since February 17. As Mehra returned to work alone Tuesday, he was welcomed by other

business owners. Asked if it feels safe to resume business in Kashmir, Mehra told PTI, "We have always felt safe here... Such things happen here with other people too."

On whether the thought of leaving Kashmir crossed his mind during the two months since the killing of his son, he said, "We were born here and have lived here all our life.

Where else will we go?"

Krishna Dhaba is located in Durganag, a high-security area of the city. Several high-profile installations like the office of UN Military Observers Group for India and Pakistan and the residence of the Jammu and Kashmir chief justice are located within 200 metres of the food joint.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION New Delhi, the 23 rd February, 2021									
S.O. 875(E). — In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening / two lane with paved shoulder / four-laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Newly Proposed in the stretch of land from Km. 123.21 to Km. 238.2 (O/o Tahasildar, Papadahandi) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the State of ODISHA, hereby declares its intention of acquire such land.									
Any person interested in the said land, may within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.									
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of the day quote

Mamata's condition is like that of a defeated player in a game. She has done injustice to the people of the state for many years. The BJP, however, will usher in development, stop atrocities on women and create jobs for youth, if voted to power

J P NADDA | BJP PRESIDENT

There is a crisis in UP caused by corona. The BJP government has to answer as to why it indulged in false propaganda on controlling corona. There is a shortage of vaccines, tests, doctors, beds and ambulances. There is delay in test reports, and black marketing of medicines. Why is the BJP government silent on this?

AKHILESH YADAV | SAMAJWADI PARTY CHIEF

A very happy Tamil New Year to everyone. In our Tamil culture, the arrival of the New Year is very important. We are in the process of transitioning from the 'Sarvar' year to the 'Plava' year

SADHGURU JAGGI VASUDEW | SPIRITUAL LEADER



It is painful for the Shiv Sena to put restrictions on our festivals and religious celebrations but the party dares to do so to save the lives of people. Our priority is to save as many lives as possible. I believe that people coming from the Kumbh mela will cause further spread of COVID-19 cases, which will cause havoc

SANJAY RAUT | SHIV SENA MP

KEJRI APPEALS FOR PLASMA DONATION

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Tuesday said very less plasma is available in stock for treating COVID-19 patients and appealed to those who have recovered from the disease to actively donate it



BJP leaders face EC's ire in WB

AGENCIES

New Delhi, April 13: The Election Commission Tuesday barred BJP leader Rahul Sinha from campaigning for 48 hours and slapped a notice on its West Bengal chief Dilip Ghosh over their "provocative" remarks on the killing of four people in firing by CISF during poll violence in Sitalkuchi, saying such statements could have a serious impact on law and order.

Strongly condemning Sinha's reported remarks that central forces "should have killed eight rather than four people", the EC said he made "highly provocative statements mocking human life and inciting the forces that could have serious law and order implications".

The Commission said it found the remarks of the leaders violative of the model code and various provisions of the Representation of the People Act and the Indian Penal Code. The poll panel Monday barred West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee from campaigning for 24 hours for her remarks against central forces and a statement that allegedly had religious overtones. The EC, in another order, has let off



BJP candidate from Nandigram Suwendu Adhikari with a light rap for his remarks that "if people vote for Begum there will be mini Pakistan". "Now, therefore, the Commission hereby warns Shri Suwendu Adhikari and advises him to desist from using such statement while making public utterances during the period when Model Code of Conduct is in force," the order issued Monday night said. Adhikari is pitted against Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram where polls were held earlier this month. The EC took suo motu cognisance of Rahul Sinha's remarks and said it decided to issue the order without giving any notice to him due to the urgency of

the matter. After the Trinamool Congress approached the Commission against Ghosh over his reported remarks that there would be "Sitalkuchi in several places", the EC asked him to respond to its notice making his stand clear on the issue by 10 AM Wednesday.

The notice said the Commission is of the considered view that Dilip Ghosh has in violation of various clauses of the Model Code of Conduct and provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and the Indian Penal Code "made statements that are provocative and can seriously incite the emotions". This could "lead to a

MAMATA STAGES DHARNA

KOLKATA: West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee Tuesday staged a 3.5-hour-long dharna in the heart of the city to protest against the Election Commission's "unconstitutional" decision to bar her from campaigning for 24 hours. Banerjee, still confined to a wheelchair owing to the injuries she sustained in Nandigram last month, arrived at Mayo Road here around 11.40 am and began her sit-in next to a statue of Mahatma Gandhi, with the security personnel having cordoned off the area.



breakdown of law and order thereby adversely affecting the election process", the notice said. The ban Sinha begins at 12 noon Tuesday and will remain in force till 12 noon of April 15, the order said. The order quoted the text of Sinha's speech in which he said, "The central forces have given them a befitting answer. If they do it again they will be dealt again in a befitting manner."

The EC notice against Ghosh cited his alleged remarks in which the BJP leader said, "Where did so many naughty boys come from? Those naughty boys were shot at yes-

terday in Sitalkuchi. These naughty boys will not be there in Bengal."

"This is just the beginning. Those who thought that the central forces' rifles were meant to be just for a show have well understood now the power of cartridges. There will be Sitalkuchi in several places. So be careful". He also reportedly said that "this will be carried on throughout Bengal. Those who will take the law in their own hands will be given a befitting answer".

The eight-phase assembly polls in West Bengal are being held between March 27 and April 29.

SHOCKING INCIDENT

'10 Covid patients die due to oxygen shortage in Maha'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, April 13: Relatives of 10 COVID-19 patients who succumbed at two hospitals in adjoining Palghar district alleged that a shortage of oxygen led to the deaths, a charge denied by civic authorities and the management of the medical facilities Tuesday.

On Monday, seven coronavirus patients died in Vinayaka Hospital, located in Nalaspada east, while three others succumbed in Riddhi Vinayak Hospital, which is in the western part of the township, some 60 kilometres from Mumbai.



Angry relatives of the patients claimed that a lack of oxygen supply at the hospitals led to the deaths. The issue got escalated after former mayor of Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation Rajeev Patil, in an audio clip, claimed that a shortage of oxygen, required for treatment of critical patients, led to the deaths at the hospitals, which fall under the jurisdiction of the civic body.

Refuting the allegations, Kishore Gavas, deputy commission, Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation, Tuesday said the deaths occurred as the patients were critical. Both hospitals have ample oxygen stock, the civic official said.

Seconding Gavas, a release from Vinayaka Hospital said it has "a huge supply of oxygen" and, hence, the cause of death of these patients being attributed to its shortage was "factually incorrect". "We have received oxygen supply from the (civic) corporation and like us there is no shortage of the oxygen in any other hospital as well."

"Hence, the shortage of the life-saving gas is not the reality here," the hospital's release added. On Monday, a large number of people had gathered at the hospitals after word spread that the deaths were caused due to a shortage of medical oxygen.

SHORT TAKES

'Vax can be taken during Ramzan'

Lucknow: COVID-19 vaccines can be taken in Ramzan and do not affect the 'roza' (fast) observed during the holy month, a prominent Islamic seminary said in an edict here Tuesday. "The vaccine enters blood vessels and not the stomach. Therefore, taking it does not affect 'roza'. Only because of 'roza', Muslims should not avoid taking the COVID-19 vaccine," the "fatwa" issued by Darul Ifta Farangi Mahal said. The fatwa was in reply to a question from Abdul Rashid Kidwai, a resident of Madhya Pradesh. Kidwai said that he had taken the first vaccine shot earlier and wanted to know if he can take the second dose which is due in the Ramzan period.

3 fishermen feared killed

Mangalore: At least three fishermen are feared dead and nine others are missing after their fishing boat collided with a foreign vessel off the coast of Mangaluru early Tuesday, sources said. The boat, IFB Rabah, with 14 fishermen on board, had set off from Beypore in Kozhikode district of Kerala Sunday evening. The boats owner Jaffer said in Kozhikode that he had received information that three of them died in the mishap.

FIR against 3 Bihar MLAs

Patna: The Bihar Police have registered an FIR against three MLAs from the opposition parties for violating Covid norms in Rohtas district, an official said. Shyam Sunder Rai, the circle officer of the Nasriganj in Rohtas district confirmed the development. The FIR registered against Anita Chaudhary, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MLA from Nokha and a former minister; Arun Singh, the CPI-MLA from Karakat, Vijay Kumar Mandal, RJD MLA from Dinara in Rohtas district.

Yogi isolates himself

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Tuesday isolated himself after some officials in his contact tested positive for Covid-19. "The officers of my office tested positive for coronavirus. They were in touch with me, therefore, as a precaution, I am isolating myself and starting all my work digitally," the CM said in a tweet in Hindi.

WOMAN HANGS SELF, IN-LAWS MAKE VIDEO

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Muzaffarnagar (Uttar Pradesh), April 13: In a shocking incident, a family lined up outside a window to shoot a video even as their daughter-in-law hanged herself to death inside.

The family even shared the video on the social media to 'absolve' themselves of any complicity in the crime. The parents of the deceased, Komal, have alleged that her husband's family had been hounding her for dowry, which forced her to take the drastic step.

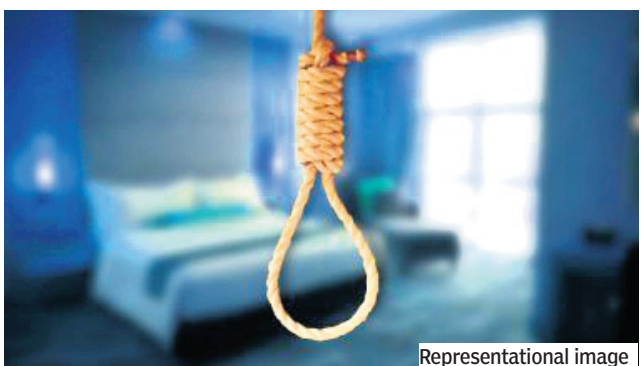
The woman's father-in-law and mother-in-law have been arrested while her husband, Ashish, and her brother-in-law are on the run. In the video, even as Komal is seen preparing to hang herself, the in-laws wait outside.

She can be seen tying a noose around a beam lining the asbestos roof. She is seen gasping as she ties the stole around her neck and tests the grip so it does not give way. As she lets go and hangs herself, a man's voice says, "Apne aap latak rahi hai (she hanged herself on her own)." The man's voice is presumably that of her

father-in-law. Confirming the video had been shot from outside the room where she hanged herself, SP (city) Arpit Vijayvargiya said, "They had tried to stop her from killing herself. Her parents, however, had a different story to tell. Komal and Ashish got married in September 2019."

"I had given Rs 5 lakh and a bike to his family at the time. But his father Devendra, mother Savita and brother Sachin were not happy. About six months ago, they beat up Komal and drove her out of the house. The elders of the village sent her back," the father of the deceased, Anil Kumar, said in his complaint to the police.

"Two months ago, they started demanding Rs 1.2 lakh. They said that they would get Ashish married to someone else if she could not pay the dowry. All four of them got together and killed my daughter," he said. Ashish, his brother and his parents have now been booked under sections 304B (dowry death), 498A (cruelty to married woman) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC and under sections 3 (giving or taking dowry) and 4 (demanding dowry) of The Dowry Prohibition Act.



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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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POLITICKLE by MANJUL



India, France explore ways to boost ties

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, April 13: India and France Tuesday explored ways to strengthen cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, including under a trilateral mechanism with Australia to address emerging challenges in the maritime and space domains.

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strengthen cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, including the India-France-Australia trilateral mechanism, addressing emerging challenges in the maritime and space domains and working together in the area of climate action and biodiversity protection," the MEA said.

"In this regard, India welcomes France's decision to take up the

'Maritime Resources' pillar of India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)," it said in a statement. At the East Asia summit in Bangkok in 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed setting up of the IPOI to conserve and sustainably use the maritime domain and to make meaningful efforts to create a safe and secure maritime domain.

The MEA said the two ministers held discussions on a number of regional and global issues of mutual interest and reiterated their shared commitment to a multipolar world and faith in multilateralism. The French minister arrived here Monday evening on a three-day visit to explore ways to further boost cooperation between the two countries including in the Indo-Pacific region.

After the talks, Jaishankar said India and France will advance their shared post-COVID agenda through

"close collaboration". "A comfortable, substantive and productive discussion with FM @JY_LeDrian. India and France will advance their shared post-COVID agenda through close collaboration," he tweeted.

French ambassador Emmanuel Lenain described the meeting as "excellent". "Excellent meeting b/w @JY_LeDrian @francediplo_EN & @DrSJaishankar @MEAIndia. The ministers discussed all aspects of the bilateral strategic partnership, regional & global challenges and cooperation at the #UNSC," Lenain said in a tweet. The MEA said that in the context of the changes in a Covid-impacted world, both Ministers recognised the immense opportunities for greater collaboration in diverse sectors such as trade and investments, defence and security, health, education, research and innovation, energy and climate change.

Morgues overflow with bodies of Covid victims

IN SOME VIDEOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, BODIES WERE SEEN LYING ON STRETCHERS OUTSIDE THE MORTUARY OF RAIPUR'S DR B R AMBEDKAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CHHATTISGARH'S BIGGEST GOVERNMENT-RUN HOSPITAL

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crematoriums and burial grounds here. Patients with various ailments, including COVID-19, were being treated in the DBRMAH. The bodies of non-Covid patients and those related to medico-legal cases were also kept in the hospital's mortuary, Raipur's Additional Municipal Commissioner Pulak Bhattacharya said.

The bodies of victims hailing from other districts were kept in the Raipur hospital's mortuary before being shifted to their native places, he said. "Due to a sudden spike in deaths due to COVID-19, the bodies piled up in the mortuary," Bhattacharya said. On Monday, the hospital's morgue had 40 bodies, mostly of COVID-19 vic-

tims, which was more than its capacity, he said.

"Since the last two days, the last rites of nearly 100 victims were being performed per day in Raipur. We have pressed more hearses into service so that the bodies can be shifted to crematoriums without any delay," he said. Till about a fortnight back, the bodies of COVID-19 victims were disposed of only in two crematoriums in Raipur, but now the district administration has ordered to use all 18 crematoriums and burial grounds falling under the city civic limits for the purpose, he said.

Crematoriums on the outskirts of Raipur have also been identified, the official said.

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Politics is being done today in the name of religion and caste and people are succeeding and becoming happy

ASHOK GEHLOT | RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER

ASSAM GEARS UP FOR BIHU FESTIVAL

Amid the Covid-19 surge, the people of Assam are geared up to celebrate 'Bohag Bihu' or 'Rongali Bihu', the beginning of the Assamese New Year, even as the government imposed various Covid-related restrictions



Remdesivir not for home use, says govt amid rise in demand

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, April 13: The Centre Tuesday said doctors should ensure "rational and judicious" use of anti-viral drug Remdesivir, underlining it is to be given only to COVID-19 patients admitted in hospitals and is not to be used in home settings. At a weekly press conference, NITI Aayog member (Health) Dr V K Paul said, "Remdesivir is to be used only in those who require hospitalisation and are on oxygen support. That is the precondition."



"There is no question of its use in the home setting and for mild cases, and it is not to be procured from chemist shops." The Union health ministry in its 'Clinical Management Protocols for COVID-19' has recommended the use of Remdesivir in patients in the moderate stages of the illness. The drug has been included as an "investigational therapy" and recommended only for restricted emergency use purposes.

As the shortage of Remdesivir was reported in some areas, its export was banned and the medicine is available in plenty, Paul said, adding that "queuing outside chemist shops to procure Remdesivir is creating distortions". "We appeal to physicians to ensure rational, correct and judicious use of Remdesivir in hospitalised patients," he said. In view of a sudden spike in demand due to the surge in COVID-19 cases, India on Sunday banned the export of injection Remdesivir and Remdesivir Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) till the situation improves. To ensure easy access of hospitals and patients to

Remdesivir; all domestic manufacturers of Remdesivir have also been advised to display on their website, details of their stockists/distributors to facilitate access to the drug, the Union Health Ministry had said. Drug inspectors and other officers have been directed to verify stocks and check their malpractices and also take other effective actions to curb hoarding and black marketing.

The State Health Secretaries will review this with the drug inspectors of the respective states and UTs, the ministry had said Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) also urged the medical fraternity to ensure judicious use of Remdesivir injection in coronavirus infected patients. The second wave of the pandemic has created an unprecedented demand for Remdesivir injection resulting in a panic, the doctors' body said.

"This is resulting because of the non-judicious use of this drug in many places beyond the scope of its evidence-based benefits. The public as well as the medical community must be aware of the absolute indication of the drug and needs to use it judiciously so that the drug is used for those patients who will be benefited," it said in a statement.

The Centre has also advised the states that the extant National Clinical Management Protocol for COVID-19, which is based on evidence, has been developed after many interactions by a committee of experts and is the guiding document for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

In the Protocol, Remdesivir is listed as an investigational therapy, i.e. Where informed and shared decision-making is essential, besides taking note of contraindications mentioned in the detailed guidelines, the ministry said. The states and UTs have been advised that these steps should again be communicated to all hospitals, both in the public and private sector, and compliance monitored.

Sec 144, lockdown-like curbs in Maha from today

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, April 13: Maharashtra Government Tuesday announced a 15-day long statewide curfew from April 14 amid the spike in coronavirus cases in the state.

The curfew, which excludes essential services, will come into effect from 8 pm Wednesday, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said in his address via social media to people of the state. Section 144 (prohibitory orders) of the Criminal Procedure Code



will be in force till the "lockdown-like" restrictions are in place, Thackeray said. He refrained from terming the new curbs as a lockdown. There is a shortage of medical oxygen and beds and the demand for Remdesivir has increased in Maharashtra, he said, adding the Centre should help supply oxygen for coronavirus patients in the state by using Air Force planes.

At least 5,64,746 COVID-19 patients in the state are being treated in hospitals or at their homes. "Based on

these figures, we have arrived at the estimated daily requirement of 1,500 to 1,600 tonnes of oxygen in the next week. There is a buffer stock of some 1,400 tonnes of oxygen, but it might get exhausted if the demand surges," he said.

"The war against coronavirus has begun once again," he said. There is a severe strain on Maharashtra's health infrastructure due to the spike in COVID-19 cases, he added. The state government will provide three kg wheat and two kg rice free

for the next one month to every poor and needy person while the coronavirus-induced restrictions are in place, Thackeray said. Maharashtra Tuesday reported 60,212 fresh coronavirus positive cases, taking the tally to 35,19,208 while 281 fatalities pushed the toll to 58,526, the state health department said. Maharashtra is now left with 5,93,042 active cases, the department said in a release. Mumbai recorded 7,873 new cases and 27 fatalities, taking the tally to 5,35,264 and the toll to 12,093.

Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
6	276	Private	Dangar/3	0.0490000(Hectare)	0.0490000
7	277	Private	Dangar/3	0.0170000(Hectare)	0.0170000
8	283	Government	Patita	0.0010000(Hectare)	0.0010000
9	86	Private	Dhana/1	0.0580000(Hectare)	0.0580000
10	87	Government	Patita	0.0270000(Hectare)	0.0270000
11	92	Private	Dhana/3	0.1240000(Hectare)	0.1240000
12	94	Private	Dhana/1	0.0070000(Hectare)	0.0070000
13	95	Private	Dhana/1	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
Village: Hatibena					
1	226	Government	Gochara	0.0150000(Hectare)	0.0150000
2	248	Private	Dhana/3	0.1100000(Hectare)	0.1100000
Village: Jarapara					
1	159	Private	Dangara/2	0.0090000(Hectare)	0.0090000
2	161	Private	Dhana/1	0.0230000(Hectare)	0.0230000
3	162	Government	Munda	0.1160000(Hectare)	0.1160000
4	164	Private	Dhana Ek	0.2020000(Hectare)	0.2020000
5	165	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0790000(Hectare)	0.0790000
6	172	Private	Dhana /3	0.0040000(Hectare)	0.0040000
7	173	Private	Dhana /1	0.0010000(Hectare)	0.0010000
Village: Junuanipara					
1	211	Private	Dangara/1	0.2650000(Hectare)	0.2650000
2	212	Private	Dangara/1	0.1080000(Hectare)	0.1080000
3	237	Private	Dhana/1	0.2280000(Hectare)	0.2280000
4	63	Private	Dhana/3	0.1150000(Hectare)	0.1150000
5	80	Government	Patita	0.0090000(Hectare)	0.0090000
6	81	Private	Dangara /3	0.0874000(Hectare)	0.0874000
7	82	Private	Dangara/3	0.0570000(Hectare)	0.0570000
8	83	Private	Dhana/3	0.0620000(Hectare)	0.0620000
Village: Kacharpara					
1	160	Private	Dunger/2	0.0180000(Hectare)	0.0180000
2	161	Private	Dhana /1	0.0490000(Hectare)	0.0490000
3	163	Private	Khetraadi	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
4	164	Private	Dhana /1	0.0970000(Hectare)	0.0970000
5	294	Government	Bada Jungle	0.1960000(Hectare)	0.1960000
6	296	Private	Dhana /3	0.0040000(Hectare)	0.0040000
7	298	Private	Dhana /1	0.0540000(Hectare)	0.0540000
8	305	Private	Khetradi	0.0100000(Hectare)	0.0100000
9	308	Private	Dhana /3	0.0045000(Hectare)	0.0045000
10	309	Private	Dhana /1	0.1060000(Hectare)	0.1060000
11	332	Private	Dhana/2	0.1450000(Hectare)	0.1450000
12	334	Private	Dhana/3	0.0720000(Hectare)	0.0720000
13	454	Government	Bada jungle	0.0870000(Hectare)	0.0870000
14	464	Government	Bada Jungle	0.1220000(Hectare)	0.1220000
15	466	Government	Bada Jungle	0.1180000(Hectare)	0.1180000
16	50	Government	River	0.0130000(Hectare)	0.0130000
17	57	Government	Patita	0.0410000(Hectare)	0.0410000
18	79	Private	Dunger/3	0.0600000(Hectare)	0.0600000
19	80	Private	Dhana /3	0.0030000(Hectare)	0.0030000
Village: Kaskonga					
1	1	Government	Patra jungle	0.5800000(Hectare)	0.5800000
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5	298	Government	Patita	0.0700000(Hectare)	0.0700000
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9	392	Government	Bada Jungle	0.7650000(Hectare)	0.7650000
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15	48	Government	Hata Padda	0.1850000(Hectare)	0.1850000
16	49	Government	Basti	0.0110000(Hectare)	0.0110000
17	50	Government	Gochara	2.3960000(Hectare)	2.3960000
18	52	Private	Dhana-3	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
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22	79	Private	Dhana/2	0.0200000(Hectare)	0.0200000
23	80	Private	Dhana/2	0.0200000(Hectare)	0.0200000
24	81	Private	Dhana tini	0.0170000(Hectare)	0.0170000
25	96	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0360000(Hectare)	0.0360000
Village: Katuarpara					
1	12	Private	Dangara/2	0.2877000(Hectare)	0.2877000
2	13	Private	Dhana/2	0.0407000(Hectare)	0.0407000
3	15	Government	Patra Jungle	2.0630000(Hectare)	2.0630000
4	179	Private	Dhana/3	0.0070000(Hectare)	0.0070000
5	180	Private	Dhana/3	0.0083000(Hectare)	0.0083000
6	181	Private	Dhana/3	0.0324000(Hectare)	0.0324000
7	185	Private	Dangar/3	0.0113000(Hectare)	0.0113000
8	54	Government	Patita	0.0292000(Hectare)	0.0292000
9	62	Private	Dangara/2 Duifosal	0.0306000(Hectare)	0.0306000
10	64	Government	Basti	0.0090000(Hectare)	0.0090000
11	65	Government	Basti	0.0056000(Hectare)	0.0056000
12	66	Private	Dangara/2	0.0246000(Hectare)	0.0246000
13	68	Government	Basti	0.0005000(Hectare)	0.0005000
14	76	Private	Dangar	0.0230000(Hectare)	0.0230000
Village: Kurubela					
1	189	Government	Godanda	0.0380000(Hectare)	0.0380000
2	221	Private	Dhana tini	0.0100000(Hectare)	0.0100000
3	222	Private	Dhana tini	0.1210000(Hectare)	0.1210000
4	234	Government	Patra Jangal	0.0060000(Hectare)	0.0060000
5	236	Private	Dhana tini	0.1160000(Hectare)	0.1160000
6	250	Private	Dhana tini	0.0260000(Hectare)	0.0260000
Village: Sargiguda					
1	105	Government	Patra Jungle	0.1360000(Hectare)	0.1360000
2	106	Private	Dhana-3	0.0230000(Hectare)	0.0230000
3	131	Private	Dhana/1	0.0280000(Hectare)	0.0280000
4	140	Private	Dhana/2	0.0510000(Hectare)	0.0510000
5	142	Private	Dhana/3	0.1130000(Hectare)	0.1130000
6	152	Private	Dhana/1	0.0010000(Hectare)	0.0010000
7	156	Private	Dhana/3	0.0010000(Hectare)	0.0010000
8	158	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0070000(Hectare)	0.0070000
9	585	Private	Dhana/3	0.0410000(Hectare)	0.0410000
Village: Tarangpur					
1	173	Private	Dangara/1	0.0050000(Hectare)	0.0050000
2	184	Private	Dangara/1	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
3	185	Government	Road	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
4	249	Private	Dhana/1	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
Total					
				33.5348	33.5348

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GYANVAPI ISSUE

Sunni Waqf Board moves HC

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Prayagraj, April 13: The Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board Tuesday moved an urgent petition before the Allahabad High Court in the Kashi Vishwanath Mandi Gyanvapi Masjid case in which the trial court at Varanasi allowed an ASI study of the mosque on April 8.

Sunni Central Waqf Board's standing counsel Puneet Kumar Gupta argued that the trial court passed the order illegally and without jurisdiction as the matter is before the high court and Justice Prakash Pandia had reserved the order on March 15 this year. "We moved the Allahabad High Court today against the judgment of the lower court and filed a petition," Gupta told reporters. Earlier in the day,

the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, the management committee of the Gyanvapi mosque, had also moved an application before the Allahabad High Court in the case. Counsel for the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, SFA Naqvi prayed for stay of operation of the April 8 order of the Varanasi court, contending that the high court had reserved its judgment on the maintainability of the suit pending in the Varanasi court, which is hearing the contentions of the opposite party (the Temple trust).

The petition states that the lower court ignored the entire written submissions and applicability of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 and Order 7 Rule 11D of the Civil Procedure Code.

Rahul to campaign in WB

New Delhi: Congress MP Rahul Gandhi is scheduled to address his first election rally in West Bengal Wednesday ahead of the fifth phase of polling scheduled for April 17. The Congress is contesting 12 seats in the fifth phase out of the 44 Assembly constituencies that will go to the polls on April 17, including three seats where it had won in 2016. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will address his first public meeting at the Lodhan school ground in Goalpokhar in Uttar Dinajpur district. The second public meeting will be held at the Sarojini ground in Darjeeling district, which is part of the Naxalbari Assembly constituency. While Rahul Gandhi is a late entrant in the poll arena of West Bengal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has led the BJP campaign so far in the state. While the ruling Trinamool Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are involved in a direct contest in Bengal, the Left is trying to win back its rural support, and the Congress is looking to retain its tally of 44 seats it won in the 2016 elections.

international



Russia could take advantage of the sanctions to reclaim its role as India's military partner of choice. Paradoxically then, sanctioning New Delhi over its Russian-made defence system would actually prove to be a geostrategic victory for Moscow
TODD YOUNG | US SENATOR

MILLBEN'S NEW YEAR GREETING TO INDIANS

Popular American singer and actress Mary Millben has greeted the Indian communities across the globe, particularly in India and the US, on the occasion of New Year by reciting Sanskrit shlokas



of the day quote

Physical distancing works. Masks work. Hand hygiene works. Ventilation works. Surveillance, testing, contact tracing, isolation, supportive quarantine and compassionate care — they all work to stop infections and save lives



TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS | WHO CHIEF

Russia has moved thousands of combat troops to Ukraine's borders, the largest massing of Russian troops since the illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014. Over the last days, several Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in eastern Ukraine



JENS STOLTENBERG | NATO SECRETARY GENERAL

As many of our fellow Americans begin fasting tomorrow, we are reminded of how difficult this year has been. In this pandemic, friends and loved ones cannot yet gather together in celebration and congregation, and far too many families will sit down for iftar with loved ones missing



JOE BIDEN | US PRESIDENT

SHORT TAKES

Austria's health minister resigns

Berlin: Austria's health minister announced his resignation Tuesday, saying that he couldn't continue in the grueling job of helping lead the country's coronavirus response because of persistent personal health problems caused by overwork. Rudolf Anschober, 60, had been health minister since January last year, when his Green party became the junior partner in a governing coalition under conservative Chancellor Sebastian Kurz. The soft-spoken minister has been one of the main faces of Austria's coronavirus response, which has gathered mixed reviews.

5 dead, 4 missing in mine collapse

Kabul: A makeshift coal mine collapsed Tuesday in northern Afghanistan, burying five miners and leaving four more missing, a provincial security official said. Jawed Basharat, a spokesman for the provincial police chief in northern Baghlan province said a rescue team is at the site in Nahrin district. Collapsing coal mines are happening more often in Afghanistan.

42 migrants dead in boat capsized

Nairobi: The International Organisation for Migration says the death toll has risen to 42 after a boat carrying migrants capsized off the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti early Monday. Sixteen children were among the dead, spokeswoman Yvonne Ndege said. She said 14 people survived. "The smugglers have not yet been found," she said.

Philippines calls Chinese envoy

Manila: The Philippine government summoned the Chinese ambassador to press its demand for Chinese vessels to immediately leave a reef claimed by Manila in the South China Sea and said their presence was stoking tensions, officials said Tuesday. The escalating feud between Manila and Beijing started after more than 200 Chinese vessels suspected by Philippine authorities to be operated by militias were spotted early last month at Whitsun Reef.

US pauses J&J vaccine

The clots occurred in veins that drain blood from the brain and occurred together with low platelets. All six cases were in women between the ages of 18 and 48; there was one death

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Washington, April 13: The US is recommending a "pause" in using the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to investigate reports of potentially dangerous blood clots.

In a joint statement Tuesday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration said they were investigating unusual clots that occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination.

The clots occurred in veins that drain blood from the brain and occurred together with low platelets. All six cases were in women between the ages of 18 and 48; there was one death.

The reports appear similar to a rare, unusual type of clotting disorder that European authorities say is possibly linked to another COVID-19 vaccine not yet cleared in the US, from AstraZeneca.

More than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been administered in the US, the vast majority with no or mild side effects.

Federally run mass vaccination sites will pause the use of the J&J shot, and states and other providers are expected to follow. The other two authorized vaccines, from Moderna and Pfizer, make up the vast share of COVID-19 shots administered in the US and are not affected by the pause.

"I'd like to stress these events appear to be extremely rare. However COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority," FDA Acting Commissioner Janet Woodcock said at a news conference. "We expect it to be a matter of days for this



pause."

A CDC committee will meet Wednesday to discuss the cases and the FDA has also launched an investigation into the cause of the clots and low platelet counts.

CDC's Dr Anne Schuchat said authorities have not seen similar clots after use of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, and that people should continue to get vaccinated with those shots.

The agencies are recommending that people who were given the J&J vaccine who are experiencing severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after receiving the shot contact their health care provider. J&J said in a statement it was aware of the reports of blood clots, but that no link to its vaccine had been established. The company also said it is delaying the rollout of its vaccine in Europe as a precaution.

US Health authorities cautioned doctors against using a typical clot treatment, the blood-thinner heparin. "In this setting, administration of heparin may be danger-

ous and alternative treatments need to be given," the FDA and CDC said.

European authorities investigating the AstraZeneca cases have concluded clots appear to be similar to a very rare abnormal immune response that sometimes strikes people treated with heparin, leading to a temporary clotting disorder.

While it's not clear yet if the reports among J&J recipients are related, doctors would treat these kinds of unusual clots like they

J&J pause will have no 'significant impact': WH

Washington: A White House coronavirus adviser says the pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine by the FDA and CDC "will not have a significant impact" on the overall vaccination plan in the US. Jeff Zients, the White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator, says, "We are working now with our state and federal partners to get anyone scheduled for a J&J vaccine quickly rescheduled for a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine." Zients says in a statement the Johnson & Johnson vaccine makes up less than 5% of the recorded shots in arms in the United States so far. "Over the last few weeks, we have made available more than 25 million doses of Pfizer and Moderna each week, and in fact this week we will make available 28 million doses of these vaccines," Zients says. He adds that's more than enough supply to continue the current pace of vaccinations of 3 million shots per day and meet the President's goal of 200 million shots by his 100th day in office.

J&J DELAYS VACCINE ROLLOUT IN EUROPE

Berlin: Johnson & Johnson says it is delaying the rollout of its coronavirus vaccine in Europe amid a US probe into rare blood clots. The company announced the decision Tuesday after regulators in the United States said they were recommending a "pause" in administration of the single-dose shot to investigate reports of potentially dangerous blood clots. "We have been reviewing these cases with European health authorities," the company said. "We have made the decision to proactively delay the rollout of our vaccine in Europe." Hundreds of thousands of doses of the vaccine were due to be shipped to Europe in the coming weeks.

treat people who have the heparin reaction — with different kinds of blood thinners and sometimes an

antibody infusion, said Dr. Geoffrey Barnes, a clot expert at the University of Michigan.

Oversight board to purge harmful content from FB



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

London, April 13: The independent Oversight Board Tuesday announced it will begin accepting cases from Facebook and Instagram users who believe the company wrongly allowed harmful content to remain on its platforms.

The content eligible for review includes posts, status updates, photos, videos, comments, and shares. Decisions made through the Board's independent judgment are binding on Facebook. The Oversight Board, with an initial strength of 20 members, was formed last year.

The Oversight Board in January made 17 recommendations, based on the six cases, for Facebook to improve its content moderation.

"Enabling users to appeal content they want to see removed from Facebook is a significant expansion of the Oversight Board's ca-

pabilities," said Thomas Hughes, Director of the Oversight Board Administration.

Starting today with an expanding roll out over the coming weeks, after an individual has exhausted Facebook's appeals process, they will receive an Oversight Board Reference ID and can formally appeal for independent review.

"As content will be live on Facebook and Instagram, many people may report the same piece of content. In these cases, multiple user appeals will be gathered into a single case file for the Board, providing greater context of the impact of the content," the Oversight Board explained.

As with appeals on content that users want restored to Facebook, users may appeal to the Oversight Board once they have exhausted the appeals process with the company.

"The Board was created to ensure that fewer decisions about highly significant content issues be taken by Facebook alone, and that better decisions can be delivered through an independent and transparent process that works to safeguard human rights and freedom of expression," Hughes said in a statement. Since October 2020, users have been able to appeal to the Oversight Board about their own content being removed.

SANITISING THE SACRED



Workers disinfect the grounds as Muslim pilgrims circumambulate around the Kaaba, the cubic building at the Grand Mosque, during the minor pilgrimage known as Umrah, marking the holy month of Ramadan, in the Muslim holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia

Pakistan's police, Islamists clash

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Lahore, April 13: Two demonstrators and a policeman were killed Tuesday in violent clashes between Islamists and police in Pakistan, hours after authorities arrested the head of an Islamist party in the eastern city of Lahore, a senior official and local media reported.

The policeman was killed in overnight clashes with the supporters of Saad Rizvi, the head of the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan who was arrested Monday, a senior police officer Ghulam Mohammad Dogar said. Ten policemen were



also wounded in these clashes in the town of Shahadra near Lahore.

Two Islamists were reportedly killed in the eastern Punjab province. The violence began Monday after police arrested Rizvi for threatening protests if the government did not expel France's ambassador over depictions of

Islam's Prophet Muhammad. According to Dogar, the arrest was aimed at maintaining law and order. But Rizvi's detention quickly sparked violent protests by Islamists in cities around the country. The protesters blocked highways and roads in several cities.

The deadly clashes come two days after Rizvi in a statement asked the government of Prime Minister Imran Khan to honor what he said was a commitment to his party to expel the French envoy before April 20 over the publication in France of depictions of Islam's Prophet.

Iran to enrich Uranium to 'highest level ever'



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dubai, April 13: Iran will begin enriching uranium to 60 per cent purity, higher than the programme ever has before, after an attack on its Natanz nuclear facility, an Iranian nuclear negotiator said Tuesday.

Abbas Araghchi's comment, quoted by the state-run IRNA news agency, came after Iran's foreign minister warned that the weekend assault could hurt ongoing negotiations over its tattered atomic deal with world powers.

Those talks are aimed at finding a way for the United States to re-enter the agreement, the goal of which is to limit Iran's enrichment of uranium in exchange for relief on sanctions.

Iran has been enriching up to 20 per cent. That is a short technical step to weapons-grade levels.

"We are determined to develop our nuclear capabilities in line with the needs of the country," Khamenei said, according to a transcript of his speech published by his website. "For this reason, Iran's enrichment will not be limited to 20 per cent, and we will take what-

ever action is necessary for the country."

Iran previously had said it could use uranium enriched up to 60 per cent for nuclear-powered ships. The Islamic Republic currently has no such ships in its navy.

Details remained scarce about the weekend attack at Natanz. The event was initially described only as a blackout in the electrical grid feeding above-ground workshops and underground enrichment halls — but later Iranian officials began referring to it as an attack.

The US has insisted it had nothing to do with Sunday's sabotage. Instead, Israel is widely believed to have carried out the assault that damaged centrifuges, though it has not claimed it.

But earlier Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif still issued a warning to Washington.

"Americans should know that neither sanctions nor sabotage actions would provide them with an instrument for talks," Zarif said in Tehran alongside visiting Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. "They should know that these actions would only make the situation difficult for them."

EVER GIVEN IMPOUNDED

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Cairo, April 13: Egyptian authorities impounded a massive cargo vessel that blocked the Suez Canal last month amid a financial dispute with its owner, the canal chief and a judicial official said Tuesday.

Lt Gen Osama Rabie said the hulking Ever Given would not be allowed to leave the country until a compensation amount is settled on with the vessel's Japanese owner, Shoen Kisen Kaisha Ltd.

"The vessel is now officially impounded," he told Egypt's state-run television late Monday. "They do not want to pay anything." There was no immediate comment from the vessel's owner.



Rabie did not say how much money the canal authority was seeking. However, a judicial official said it demanded at least \$900 million. The state-run Ahram daily also reported the \$900 million figure.

That amount takes into account the salvage operation, costs of stalled canal traffic and lost transit fees for the week that the Ever Given blocked the canal. The official said the order to impound the vessel was issued Monday by a court in the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, and that the vessel's crew has been informed Tuesday.

Biggest volcano explosion yet rocks tiny Caribbean island

La Soufriere, which means "sulfur outlet" in French, erupted back into life Friday after decades of inactivity, pumping dark clouds of ash some 10 km into the air

REUTERS

Kingstown, April 13: Hot flows of ash, rock fragments and gas tore down the flanks of the La Soufriere volcano on the tiny Caribbean island of Saint Vincent Monday after its most powerful explosion yet, four days after it first started erupting.

La Soufriere erupted back into life Friday after decades of inactivity, pumping dark clouds of ash some 10 km into the air and prompting an evacuation by sea and land of thousands of nearby residents.

No deaths have been reported so far but a roughly a third of the island is off limits and airspace remains closed while power and water supply is intermittent in some communities. Several Vincentians told Reuters they were avoiding venturing outdoors as the ash was clogging the air and turning into what looked like cement in the rain, making it difficult to walk or drive.

"We are having a lot of ashfall, and it is hard to breathe sometimes," said Aria Scott, 19, a student



living in the capital of Kingstown of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. "I'm not going outside because I don't want to take the risk."

Monday's explosion at around 4 am local time was the most powerful to date, said Erousilla Joseph, director at the University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre, which warned the eruption could

cause mudflows as ash was swept into rivers. "We expect more explosions are possible in the next days to weeks," she said. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, where just over 100,000 people live, had not experienced volcanic activity since 1979, when an eruption caused approximately \$100 million in damages. The eruption of La Soufriere - which means "sulfur outlet" in French - in 1902 killed more than 1,000 people.

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency said Monday it estimated around 16,000-20,000 people would be displaced by volcanic activity, with 3,600 currently in shelters and others staying at the homes of relatives and friends.

Neighbouring countries, have pledged aid. A navy ship from Venezuela arrived Monday bringing 20 tonnes of supplies and over 12 trained emergency medical personnel, the government said.

Primary school teaching assistant Clea Westfield, 20, said her family was coping with the water supply outages because they had stocked up ahead of the eruption Friday but were running low on food after panic buying emptied supermarket shelves over the weekend. "I am just hoping that the explosions would ease down and get back to normalcy within the next month or so," she said. "When we do get back, there will be a lot of cleaning to do".

business

of the day quote

As far as reduction in fuel prices are concerned, it is a matter that is being looked into constantly and I am as sure as and when the time comes, a view will be taken on that



M AJIT KUMAR | CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES AND CUSTOMS CHAIRMAN

e-commerce platform eSANTA for marine products will empower farmers as they will be able to sell their produce at the click of a button through this portal.



PIYUSH GOYAL | UNION MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

On the question of talks, the agriculture minister asked farmers to postpone the protest. Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) understands that this statement of the minister is not a suggestion but a condition that talks can take place after vacating the protest sites



DARSHAN PAL | SKM EXECUTIVE BODY MEMBER

SHORT TAKES

BPCL to digitally transform sales

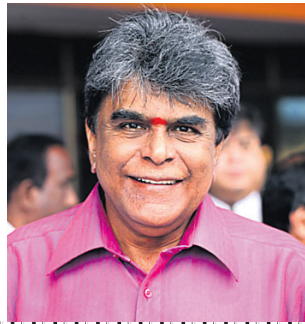
New Delhi: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) and Accenture are collaborating to transform India's second largest oil and gas company by digitally reimagining its extensive sales and distribution network. Accenture will use its capabilities in data, artificial intelligence and cloud technologies to build, design and implement a digital platform, called IRIS.

Future General India fined ₹17L

Chennai: India's insurance sector regulator has levied a penalty of ₹17 lakh on private non-life insurer Future General India Insurance Ltd for budding add-on covers on its motor insurance policies without the policyholder's as well as its own consent. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) had also issued various directions and advisories to Future General India on several regulatory violations. The insurance regulator had carried an on-site inspection of Future General India in January 2018.

CAIT counters Adani on Flipkart

New Delhi: Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) general secretary Praveen Khandelwal, in a counter to Gautam Adani, has disapproved of the Adani Group joining hands with Flipkart, "killers of small businesses". Khandelwal said: "Regrets. It's the same #flipkart which is indulging in flouting rules & policies and facing pending investigations and #AdaniGroup joining hands with killers of small businesses."



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COINBASE SET TO LIST ON NASDAQ TODAY

The cryptocurrency gold rush is all set to enter Wall Street as soon as Wednesday, with Coinbase, one of the world's most popular cryptocurrency trading platforms, slated for its stock market debut



Global fiscal deficit tripled in 2020 to \$6.5 trillion

AGENCIES

Mumbai, April 13: As governments across the world raised their spending amid the pandemic to support economies along with the healthcare system, the global fiscal deficit marked a three-fold increase in 2020 to \$6.5 trillion, according to a report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

The report noted that although the fiscal deficit expanded everywhere, the magnitude of response was divergent in advanced economies (AEs) and emerging and

developing economies (E&DEs). "Our calculations suggest that the global fiscal deficit almost tripled to \$6.5 trillion (or 9.8 per cent of GDP) last year from \$2.2 trillion (or 3.2 per cent of GDP) in CY19," it said.

It said that while global fiscal receipts fell to a decade low of 17.3 per cent of GDP in CY20 (2020) from 17.8 per cent a year ago, global fiscal spending surged to 27.2 per cent of GDP from 21 per cent of GDP in CY19.

Regarding the divergence of government spending amongst coun-



tries, the report said that while fiscal deficit expanded in both advanced economies (AE) and emerging and development economies (E&DE), the stimulus in AEs was much bigger than E&DEs.

Excluding China, fiscal deficit in the remaining E&DEs jumped to

4.7 per cent of GDP last year, higher than 2.9 per cent of GDP in CY19.

"While expansion in fiscal deficit in the former was due to higher spending, the expansion in deficit in E&DEs is attributed to a fall in fiscal receipts," it said.

Fiscal deficits in AEs jumped to 12 per cent of GDP last year against 2.7 per cent of GDP in CY19. In contrast, fiscal deficit in E&DEs increased to 6.3 per cent of GDP in CY20 from 4 per cent of GDP in the previous year.

The Motilal Oswal report noted that there were large differences

in the economic support provided by authorities in the advanced economies in comparison to that in emerging economies, with the former supporting much more than the latter.

"Going forward, these differences will certainly reflect in divergent recovery trends in the two sets of nations. The future of the real world economy will be entirely dependent on how quickly these stimuli (or fiscal transfers) get converted into spending (consumption/investments)," it said.

IMMT takes up 83 new projects

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, April 13: Aside from working on 165 projects, the Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT) took up 83 new projects at a cost of ₹31 crore. The cost for these projects were funded by government and private agencies, said S Basu, Director, CSIR-IMMT.

Basu highlighted this during 58th foundation day of the CSIR-IMMT held online.

"During the pandemic, IMMT developed many assistive device products related to COVID-19 and successfully commissioned a state-of-the-art 'slurry pilot plant test loop facility' for hydraulic transportation of iron ore," he added.

Dignitaries attending the programme said that Process Engineering and Instrumentation Department developed another expert eye-on-pellet technology, a pelletisation disc control system. "The technology transfer agreement has been signed with M/s SVNT Infotech Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad. Six units of this technology were recently commercialised at Pellet Plant 2 of JSW Steel Limited, Bellary Karnataka (through M/s SVNT Infotech Pvt Ltd). The pellet plant is running in complete auto mode using our control system," the official said.

Industrial production contracts 3.6% in Feb

AGENCIES

New Delhi, April 13: A sharp fall in manufacturing and mining activities led to a slump in India's industrial output in February.

Data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation Monday showed that the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for February contracted by 3.6 per cent over the same month a year ago.

On a sequential basis, the IIP had contracted by 0.87 per cent. For the April-June period of the previous financial year, it fell by 11.3 per cent.

"For the month of February 2021, the Quick Estimates of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) with base 2011-12 stands at 129.4."

"The Indices of Industrial Production for the Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity sectors for the month of February 2021 stand at 116.5, 129.3 and 153.9, respectively. These Quick Estimates will undergo revision in subsequent releases as per the revision policy of IIP."

Among the major segments, manufacturing production fell by 3.7 per cent from a growth of 3.8 per cent reported for the corresponding month of 2020.

Similarly, mining output de-grew 5.5 per cent on a YoY basis from 9.6 per cent in the corresponding month of the previous year.

However, electricity generation inched up by 0.1 per cent from a rise of 11.5 per cent during February 2020. Furthermore, the data on a YoY basis showed that manufacturing of primary goods de-grew



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by 5.1 per cent, while capital goods production fell by 4.2 per cent, and intermediate goods plunged by 5.6 per cent.

Similarly, the production of infrastructure or construction goods fell by 4.7 per cent, however, consumer durables' production grew by 6.3 per cent.

The sub-segment of consumer non-durables showed a growth of 3.8 per cent. "The pace of contraction in industrial output worsened in February 2021 to a deeper-than-expected 3.6 per cent, with a deterioration across all the three sectors," said Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA.

"The IIP has displayed a sombre trend in the last six months, with three months of contraction interspersed with three months of tepid growth. On average, the IIP has risen by a marginal 0.1 per cent in September 2020-February 2021, highlighting

that the recovery in industrial volumes lacks conviction."

Devendra Kumar Pant, Chief Economist, India Ratings and Research, said: "Contraction in IIP growth in February 2021 can be attributed to base effect... February 2020 growth was 16 months high. The data trend of past few months therefore reinforces the view that the uptick witnessed in the month of September 2020 and October 2020 was more due to a combination of festive and pent demand and we are still far from witnessing a sustained recovery."

"Growth pattern of primary and intermediate goods, two leading indicators of industrial production are pointing towards a lacklustre industrial performance in short- to medium-run. This also means the government and the RBI will have to continue to support the demand."

Adani Ports removed from Dow Jones Sustainability Indices

S&P Dow Jones Indices Tuesday said it had removed Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd from its sustainability index due to its relationship with Myanmar's military

REUTERS

Melbourne, April 13: S&P Dow Jones Indices said it is removing India's Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd from its sustainability index due to the firm's business ties with Myanmar's military which is accused of human rights abuses after a coup this year.

The company, which is building a \$290 million port in Yangon on land leased from the military-backed Myanmar Economic Corporation (MEC), did not immediately respond to a Reuters emailed request for comment.

Adani Group said late last month it would consult authorities and stakeholders on the project after human rights groups reported that its ports unit had an agreement to pay millions of dollars in rent to MEC. The military coup on February 1 and ensuing crackdown on protests has seen some 700 people killed, drawing international condemnation including sanctions last month from the United States and Britain on MEC and another military-controlled conglomerate, Myanmar Economic Holdings Public Company Ltd (MEHL).

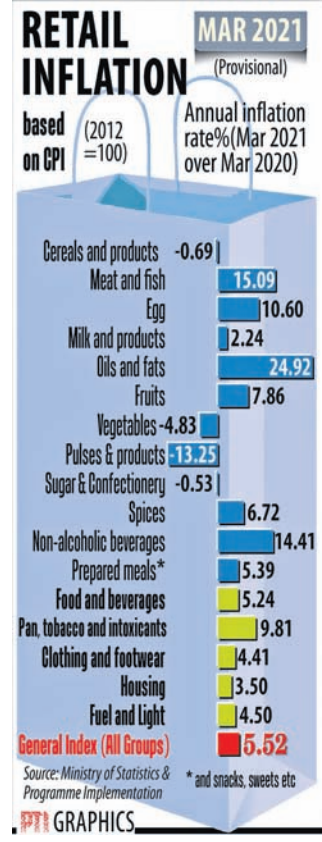
US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the sanctions were imposed to promote "accountability for the coup and the abhorrent



violence and other abuses". Adani Ports will be removed from the index prior to the open this Thursday, S&P Dow Jones Indices said in a statement.

The decision was hailed by activists. "This shows that there are commercial consequences for Adani Ports and other businesses that continue to disregard their human rights responsibilities by financing the Myanmar military," said Yadanar Maung, a representative for activist group Justice For Myanmar.

Shares in Adani Ports were down 1% in early Tuesday trade. Its shares have in general been little affected by the Myanmar issue, having climbed some 40% since February 1. Some international firms have moved to sever or review ties with Myanmar firms linked to the military. Japanese drinks giant Kirin Holdings in February scrapped its beer alliance with MEHL.



OMCs to explore fuel price revision

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, April 13: Fuel prices in the country remained unchanged Tuesday with oil marketing companies continuing on the pause mode and keeping petrol and diesel prices static for a fortnight now.

Accordingly, pump prices of petrol and diesel remained at previous day's level of ₹90.56 and ₹80.87 a litre respectively in the national capital. However, the two petroleum products may see revision again post conclusion of ongoing state elections. With crude remaining below \$65 a barrel, any softening on global oil in wake of fresh wave of the pandemic and rising oil stocks in US could actually mean lower petrol and diesel prices for consumers in India.

Before the long drawn pause, petrol and diesel fell by 22 paise and 23 paise per litre respectively March 30. The OMCs have decided to pause price revision since then as they



want to watch the crude price movement that has now fallen to around \$63.5 a barrel.

Across the country as well the petrol and diesel prices remain static Tuesday but its retail levels varied depending on the level of local levies on respective states.

In Mumbai, petrol continues to be priced at ₹96.98 a litre and diesel at ₹87.96 a litre. Premium petrol, however, continues to remain over ₹100 a litre in the city as is the case with

several cities across the country.

The OMCs went on price cut for the first time this year on two consecutive days - March 24 and 25 after keeping oil prices steady for past 24 days. It again reduced the price March 30. Thereafter, fuel prices have remained unchanged.

Earlier, petrol and diesel prices increased 26 times in 2021 with the two auto fuels increasing by ₹7.46 and ₹7.60 per litre respectively so far this year.

Uber CEO mulls home delivery of marijuana

AGENCIES

San Francisco, April 13: After alcohol at your doorstep, Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi now plans to deliver cannabis or marijuana when "the road is clear".

The Uber CEO told CNBC News that the ride-hailing company could start delivering weed once federal regulation allows the company to do so.

"When the road is clear for cannabis, when federal laws come into play, we're absolutely going to take a look at it," Khosrowshahi said during the "Tech Check" show Monday. Marijuana still remains illegal under the US federal law, but some lawmakers have expressed a willingness to change



the policy. To date, 16 states, along with the District of Columbia, have legalised cannabis for recreational use, according to the report.

New York is the latest state to legalise recreational marijuana, allowing the delivery of marijuana products. According to the

report, cannabis delivery services are currently available with no restrictions in California, Nevada and Oregon for people who are 21 years of age or older.

The ride-hailing major in February acquired alcohol delivery service Drizly.

Process for inviting bids for Air India sale begins

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, April 13: The government has initiated the process for inviting financial bids for the sale of national carrier Air India and the deal is likely to conclude by September, sources said.

Salt-to-software conglomerate Tata Group was among the "multiple" entities that had put in preliminary bids for buying loss-making Air India in December last year.

The sources said that after analysing the preliminary bids, eligible bidders were given access to the Virtual Data Room (VDR) of Air India, following

which investors' queries were answered. The transaction has now moved to the financial bids stage, the sources said, adding that the deal is expected to conclude by September.

The government is selling its entire 100 per cent stake in Air India that has been in losses ever since its merger with domestic operator Indian Airlines in 2007.

The stake sale process got delayed due to the COVID pandemic and the government had extended five times the deadline to submit preliminary bids for the national carrier.

The airline, which started as a mail carrier in 1932, will give a successful

bidder control of 4,400 domestic and 1,800 international landing and parking slots at domestic airports, as well as 900 slots at airports overseas.

Besides, the bidder would get 100 per cent of the low-cost arm Air India Express and 50 per cent of AISATS, which provides cargo and ground handling services at major Indian airports.

With previous attempts since 2017 failing to get any significant interest, the government had this time sweetened the deal by giving freedom to potential suitors to decide how much of the airline's debt they want to take on as part of the transaction.

Previously, the bidders were required to take over the entire ₹60,074-crore debt.

Last month, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the government will keep Air India running till it gets divested and there is no choice but to either "privatise or close" the debt-laden airline.

"We are looking at another timeline now, what is called data room for prospective bidders to look at... That is opened up, 64 days for the financial bids to come in. After that it is the question of taking a decision and handing over the airline," Puri had said.

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No. C-88: The Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites Percentage Rate bids in Double Cover System in ONLINE mode only.

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The bidders shall have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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RCB TAKE ON SRH

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chennai, April 13: Seeking to consolidate their position after a winning start, Virat Kohli's Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) will have their task cut out as they take on a determined Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the Indian Premier League here, Wednesday.

While RCB began their campaign with a morale-boosting win over five-time defending champions Mumbai Indians at the same venue, the David Warner-led SRH lost to KKR in their tournament opener.

Having put up a decent performance in the first game, RCB will be strengthened further when the immensely-talented Devdutt Padikkal makes the team after his recovery from COVID-19.

Padikkal has said he is now completely ready to play his part in the IPL and confident of replicating his stupendous domestic form in the ongoing league. He contracted the deadly virus

March 22 and was in isolation, but has since completely recovered and resumed practice with his RCB teammates.

In the event Padikkal is unable to return for Wednesday's game, RCB will stick to the opening pair of Kohli and Washington Sundar. RCB might try out the likes of Mohammed Azharuddeen and Australian leg-spinner Adam Zampa in the coming matches.

Kohli and the incomparable AB de Villiers will be the key men again for RCB in batting, with Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell hoping to make invaluable contributions with the willow. He looked good in the first game in RCB jersey, and has the backing of the team management, including skipper Kohli.

Barring the trio of Kohli, de Villiers and Maxwell, RCB look thin on batting and that's why Padikkal's presence at the top is important for them. The 20-year-old Karnataka left-hander was RCB's highest run-getter in IPL 2020

TODAY'S MATCH



Telecast: Star Sports channels

with 473 runs from 15 matches, including five half-centuries in what was his debut season.

Padikkal continued rich form in the last Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (218 runs at an average of 43.60 in six matches) and Vijay Hazare Trophy (737 runs in seven matches). After their failure in the opener, Rajat Patidar and Washington would look to make amends against SRH.

Almost all of RCB's bowlers were economical against MI's formidable batting with medium pacer Harshal Patel

returning excellent figures of 5/27. They will certainly look for an encore.

As far as SRH are concerned, both their openers Wriddhiman Saha and Warner failed to get going against KKR in the first game and will look to make up for that against RCB. The swashbuckling Warner has close to 600 runs against RCB and he will aim to add to that impressive tally.

In opening, SRH have the option of reuniting Warner with Jonny Bairstow, who made a fifty while batting in the middle-order against KKR alongside Manish Pandey, who made a 44-ball 61.

Kane Williamson is unlikely to return on Wednesday as coach Trevor Bayliss had said the Kiwi would require some more time to regain full match fitness.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar went for runs against KKR but the experienced seamer is expected to get his rhythm back sooner than later. The likes of Rashid Khan and Mohammed Nabi can also ask probing questions with their crafty bowling.



ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE

Virat Kohli (C), Devdutt Padikkal, Finn Allen (wk), AB de Villiers (wk), Pavan Deshpande, Washington Sundar, Daniel Sams, Yuzvendra Chahal, Adam Zampa, Shahbaz Ahmed, Mohammed Siraj, Navdeep Saini, Kane Richardson, Harshal Patel, Glenn Maxwell, Sachin Baby, Rajat Patidar, Mohammed Azharuddeen, Kyle Jamieson, Daniel Christian, Suyash Prabhudessai & KS Bharat



SUNRISERS HYDERABAD

David Warner (C), Kane Williamson, Jonny Bairstow (wk), Manish Pandey, Sreevats Goswami (wk), Wriddhiman Saha (wk), Priyam Garg, Vijay Shankar, Abhishek Sharma, Abdul Samad, Virat Singh, Mitchell Marsh, Jason Holder, Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan, Shahbaz Nadeem, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, T. Natarajan, Sandeep Sharma, Khaleel Ahmed, Siddarth Kaul, Basil Thampi, Jagadeesha Suchith, Kedar Jadhav & Mujeeb-ur-Rahman.

Death-over bowling lifts MI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chennai, April 13: Kolkata Knight Riders managed to lose its bearings in an astonishing manner as Mumbai Indians spinners Rahul Chahar (4/27) and Krunal Pandya (1/13) fashioned an improbable 10-run victory in an IPL encounter here, Tuesday.

Chasing a target of 153, KKR were on course reaching 122/4 in the 15th over before the last five fetched only 20 runs as they stunningly fell short giving defending champions their first win.

Krunal and Chahar were brilliant in checking the run-flow after a 72 run opening stand between Nitish Rana (57, 47b, 6x4, 2x6) and Shubman Gill (33, 24b, 5x4, 1x6).

But it was Jasprit Bumrah (0/28) and Trent Boult (2/27), who were magnificent at the death keeping Andre Russell and Dinesh Karthik under checks in a game that will be talked about for years to come. Especially how KKR capitulated.

Required to show some sensible approach, it was harakiri of sorts by KKR batting unit as they were restricted to 142/7 to continue their miserable record with MI. They now have 22 losses against six wins over MI.

Just when KKR needed to play it sensibly with require run-rate under seven, they seemed to commit harakiri and lost another in Shakib, this time Krunal joining in the party for MI.

Krunal bowled an exceptional 18th over giving away just three runs, as the duo of Karthik and Russell struggled to get going before Bumrah applied more pressure in the penultimate over.

Needing 15 from the last over, it was a tough ask for KKR and Boult

dismissed Russell and Pat Cummins in successive balls to seal the issue.

Earlier, Russell (5/15) did a star turn coming to bowl in the 18th over as his career-best figures helped KKR blow out Mumbai Indians for 152.

Opting to bowl, Eoin Morgan's astute captaincy was on full display as he used his resources to perfection to choke MI in the middle-overs after Suryakumar Yadav threatened to seize control with his 36-ball 56 (7x4, 2x6).

The World Cup-winning England skipper used Pat Cummins cleverly in the middle-overs as the Aussie returned with 2/24, but the masterstroke was certainly keeping Russell for the bag end as MI lost last seven wickets for 37 runs.

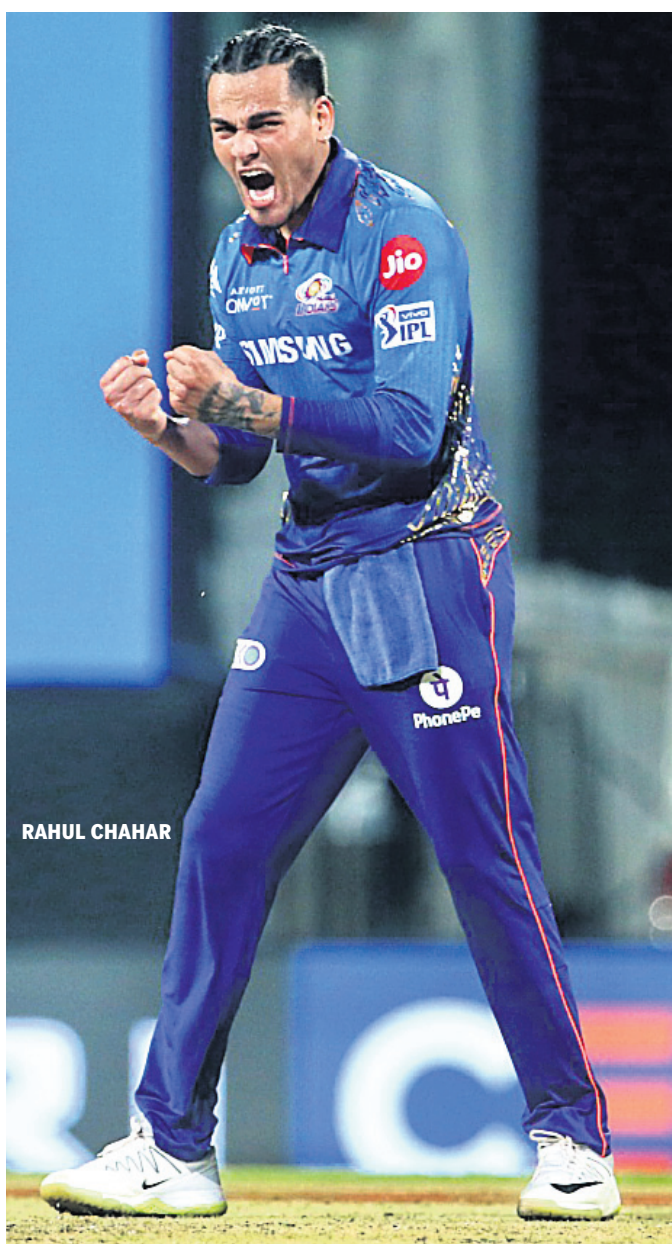
Russell was brought in only after Cummins finished his spell in the 16th over as the Jamaican used the platform to perfection by dismissing Krunal, Bumrah and Chahar in the final four balls en route to his milestone.

But it was Shakib-Al-Hasan who deserves equal credit for stopping the run-flow as the Bangladesh left-arm spinner dismissed Suryakumar in the 11th over and changed the complexion of the innings.

As Prasidh leaked runs, the spin duo of Varun and Shakib managed to keep the duo of Rohit and Hardik quiet in the middle overs as they scored only 33 runs from 10-15 overs.

BRIEF SCORES

MUMBAI INDIANS 152 (Suryakumar Yadav 56, Rohit Sharma 43; Andre Russell 5/15, Pat Cummins 2/24) **BEAT KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS 142/7** (Nitish Rana 57, Shubman Gill 33; Rahul Chahar 4/27, Trent Boult 2/27) **by 10 runs.**



RAHUL CHAHAR

Samson happy with his show

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, April 13: Sanju Samson's magnificent 119 on his captaincy debut for Rajasthan Royals came in a losing cause but he said the second part of his innings was the best he ever played.

Samson hit 12 fours and seven sixes in his astonishing 63-ball innings but in the end failed to send Arshdeep Singh's final ball for the maximum runs as RR lost the match to Punjab Kings by four runs.

"The second part of the innings was the best I ever played. In the first part, I was not timing it very well. I took my time, respected the bowlers, took singles and got into a rhythm and then I started to play my shots in the second half," he said at the post-match presentation.

"I enjoy my shots but I come back to the present after I play those shots. It automatically happens, when I focus on my skills and watch the ball and react. Sometimes I lose my wicket also, so I just play the same way."

He said it was about trusting his processes and being honest to his abilities. "I did that, and it came off tonight. The coin (at the toss) looked really nice so I pocketed it, asked the referee if I can have it, but he said no."

Samson also said he could not have done better than that though he rued failing to clear the ropes on the final ball. "I don't have words to tell, very close game, came close but unfortunately, I don't think I could have done anything more."

"I timed it well, but unfortunately couldn't clear the man in the deep. It's all part of the game. We thought the wicket was getting better and we could chase the target down. Despite the loss, I think the team played really well."



Sanju Samson hits one for a six during his innings against Punjab Kings; he reacts after being dismissed on the final ball while going for the winning runs, Monday

Punjab Kings captain KL Rahul said he didn't stop believing in the team and knew that a couple of wickets will give his side the win. "The game went deep only because me included, we dropped some sitters. We bowled well until about 11-12 overs. We're used to this, and it's not something new

for us, but a win like this brings the team together."

"We batted really well and bowled well in patches. We weren't consistent with the lengths but the bowlers will learn. A lot of talented, skilful players, and it's important that we back them," said Rahul.

STOKES OUT OF IPL

MUMBAI: Star England all-rounder Ben Stokes' IPL campaign came to an abrupt end after sustaining a finger fracture during Rajasthan Royals' opening game against Punjab Kings, the franchise confirmed Tuesday. Stokes will, however, remain in India for a week before flying back to United Kingdom. "Rajasthan Royals all-rounder Ben Stokes injured a finger on his left hand while fielding during the team's match against Punjab Kings April 12, 2021 in Mumbai," Royals said in a statement after reports emerged in British media about his injury. "Subsequent investigations revealed that he sustained a broken finger, which will unfortunately rule him out of the remainder of IPL 2021 season." This is another telling blow for the Royals after the franchise missed the services of Jofra Archer due to a hand surgery.

Bhuvi wins ICC Player of the Month award

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dubai, April 13: Experienced India seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar Tuesday won the ICC Player of the Month award for his superlative show in the limited overs series against England in March.

The 31-year-old Indian took six wickets at an economy rate of 4.65 in the three ODIs, while capturing four wickets at a fantastic economy rate of 6.38 in the five T20Is to emerge as the standout bowler on either side in the white ball series.

"After what seemed like a really long and painful gap, I was delighted to be playing for India again. I used the time away to work on my fitness and skill and I am happy to be back taking wickets for my country," Bhuvneshwar said in an ICC release.

Bhuvi became the third successive Indian recipient of the award since its inception early this year. The January honours were claimed by dashing wicket-keeper-batsman Rishabh Pant for his exploits in Australia, while veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin won it for the month of February following a stupendous all-round show in the home Test series against England.

Besides Bhuvneshwar, ace leg-spinner Rashid Khan of Afghanistan and Zimbabwe's Sean



Williams were also nominated in the men's category.

South African Lizelle Lee, who played four ODIs against India where she scored a century and two half-centuries to move to the top of Women's ODI batting rankings, was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March. The nominees among the women's also comprised the Indian duo of Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Punam Raut.

Injury woes for Real Madrid

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Madrid, April 13: Lucas Vazquez has become the latest injury setback for Real Madrid ahead of facing Liverpool in the second leg of the Champions League quarter-finals, leaving coach Zinedine Zidane with few options at right back.

His absence compounds the problems for a Madrid defense already without central defenders Sergio Ramos and Raphael Varane.

Eden Hazard also wasn't included in the list for Wednesday's match, when Madrid will try to defend a 3-1 win from the first leg and return to the semifinals for the first time since it won the final against Liverpool in 2018.

Vazquez had to be replaced near halftime in the team's 2-1 win over Barcelona Saturday in the last clasic of the season in the Spanish league. The club said tests Monday showed that the versatile Spanish player has a sprained crucial ligament on his left knee.

Madrid did not say how long Vazquez is expected to be sidelined but it is unlikely he will play again this season. The injury happened after he and Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets collided as they both slid to try to reach a ball near midfield.

Vazquez had been key for Madrid recently while playing right back as a replacement for Dani Carvajal, who remains injured and also won't make the trip to England.

Alvaro Odriozola is also a right



Lucas Vazquez (lying left) became the latest player to join Real Madrid's injured players' list after a collision with Barcelona's Sergio Busquets (lying right) during the Clasico, Saturday

back and he replaced Vazquez in the clasico, but he has been marred by injuries this season and has only played in a few games this year.

Zidane in the past improvised with Nacho Fernandez as a right back, but he will likely be needed as a central defender again to play alongside Eder Militao because of the absences of regular starters Ramos, who is injured, and Varane, who is recovering from the coronavirus.

Midfielder Federico Valverde also left the game against Barcelona because of a physical problem but he was included in the squad for the match in Liverpool. Hazard has been practicing with his teammates but still isn't fully fit to play.

"We've reached the limit physically," Zidane said after the clasico.



The injury for the 29-year-old Vazquez, who has played most of his career with Madrid, comes just as his contract with the club is set to expire this season. He set up Karim Benzema's opening goal against Barcelona Saturday.

Madrid have won six games in a row in all competitions and is unbeaten in 13 consecutive matches. But the defending Spanish league champions trail leader Atletico Madrid by one point with eight matches to go.

Olympic-bound Priyanka tests COVID-19 positive

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, April 13: Five track-and-field athletes, including Tokyo Olympics-bound 20km race walker Priyanka Goswami, and a member of the support staff have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Sports Authority of India's Centre of Excellence in Bangalore.

Asian Games 1500m gold-medalist Jinson Johnson, long distance runner Parul Chaudhary, steeple-chaser Chinta Yadav and another race walker Eknath are among the five athletes who have been infected along with Russian race walk coach Alexander Artsybashev. Another Tokyo Games-bound race walker KT Irfan has returned negative after he was tested as a primary contact of Johnson.

"My test result which came Monday was positive and I am currently in quarantine in my room. I have fever, not very high, and headache also," Johnson told this agency from Bangalore.

"Otherwise, I have no major problems. I will have another test in three days and I hope to have a negative result. KT Irfan was also tested as he was my primary contact but his result was negative."

A source in the SAI Centre said that Goswami, Chaudhary, Yadav and Eknath were also COVID-19 positive, apart from Johnson. "Goswami is positive, so is Chinta Yadav, Parul and Eknath. They are



all under quarantine at the SAI Centre here," the source said.

Goswami had qualified for Olympics by shattering the national record during the National Open Race Walking Championships in Ranchi in February.

She had clocked one hour 28 minutes and 45 seconds, bettering the earlier national record of 1:29:54 in the name of another Tokyo-bound Bhawana Jat. The Tokyo Olympics qualifying standard in women's 20km race walk is 1:31:00.

Bhawana was also tested for COVID-19 and she has returned negative. "My result has returned negative," Bhawana said.