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Actor Tamannaah Bhatia has launched her book 'Back To The Roots' which she has co-authored with Luke Coutinho

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India harvested five medals including two golds in a single day in Paralympic Games Monday. Avani Lekhara created history as she became first Indian woman to win a gold at Paralympics while Sunil Antil smashed his own world record with a throw of 68.55 metres, ensuring India's second gold for the day



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Oppn has lined up issues such as drought, Mahanga double murder, OSSC corruption and farmers' issue to corner the state govt

order problem in the state, leader Santhosh Singh Saluja said his party members will raise the Mahanga double murder case, drought situation and corruption in

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: With only one day left for the beginning of the monsoon session of the State Assembly, Opposition BJP and Congress have planned to take up various issues to corner the state government while the ruling party has put together a counter-strategy.

The opposition parties have planned to raise issues including drought like situation in the state, Mahanga double murder, law & order problem, irregularities in Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC) and farmers' issue during the nine-day session. The BJD has planned to raise OBC reservation issue, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and delay in release of paddy procurement dues to state.

"The JMFC court has directed to probe involvement of law minister Pratap Jena on Mahanga double mur-

emerged champions in the ICC World Cup. Now those will certainly pale in comparison to August 30.

Since the beginning of the Olympic and the Paralympic Games, there has not been one single occasion when Indian sportspersons have won two gold medals on a single day. In Olympics other than the hockey golds, only Abhinav Bindra (2008) and Neeraj Chopra (2021) have given us the chance to hear the national anthem. It has been a long wait, but finally Avani Lekhara and then Sunil Antil gave the country the opportunity to hear the national anthem twice in a single day...

simply a day for posterity. Avani created history Monday morning as she became the first

GOLD RUSH FOR INDIA IN TOKYO

R-2 women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event here.

Then it was Antil's turn to hog the limelight as the debutant smashed his own world record multiple times for the F64 class gold. His throw of 68.55 metres ensured India's second gold for the day.

Add to that Devendra Jhaiharia's and Sundar Singh Gurjar's F46 category silver and bronze medals in javelin and Yogesh Kathuniva's

Avani, the 19-year-old from Jaipur, who sustained spinal cord injuries in a car accident in 2012, finished with a world record-equalling total of 249.6, which is also a new Paralympic record.

"I can't describe this feeling; I'm feeling like I'm on top of the world. It's unexplainable," an elated Lekhara said after the presentation ceremony. "I'm so happy I could be the one to contribute it. Hopefully there are a lot more medals to come," Lekhara added

ing, I always throw 71m, 72m. I don't know why I couldn't do it here. May be I was a tad nervous," he said.

Hailing from Sonepat in Haryana, Antil, who lost his left leg below the knee after he was involved in a motorcycle accident in 2015, bettered the previous world record of 62.88m, also set by him, five times on the day.

The F64 category is for athletes with a leg amputation, who compete with prosthetics in a standing position while the F46 classification is for athletes with arm Mohapatra. Besides, the BJP will raise the law and he said. Similarly, Congress OSSC during the session. BJD's Amar Prasad Satpathy said, "Our earlier

experience says the opposition is giving too much emphasis on how to stall the house proceedings. I hope this time they will discuss the public issues on the floor of the house and the government will reply them." All three major political parties-BJD, BJP and Congress have called their legislature

party meetings Tuesday to prepare a detailed blueprint for the session. The monsoon session will commence from September 1 and conclude September 9 amid Covid restrictions. The session will have eight working days. September 3 has been reserved for private members' business while other days are kept for official business. The house will sit every day from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm in the prelunch session and from 4 pm to 6 pm in the post-lunch session. MLAs can attend the

June 25 and April 2 are always celebrated in India with pomp and gaiety as it was on these days India

Tokyo, August 30: If the annals of

Indian sports are ever written in a

proper manner, August 30, 2021

should always be a red-letter day.

Indian woman to win a gold medal at the Paralympics. She shot her way to the top of the podium in the

F56 silver in the discus event and it truly makes it a 'Wow' day for Indian sports.

Antil on the other hand stated that he could have done better in spite of the world record. "During train-

deficiency, impaired muscle power or impaired passive range of movement in arms.

der case. It is a very big issue. We will raise this during the session," said BJP MLA Lalitendu Bidyadhar

proceedings through video conferencing from OCAC building, Lok Seva Bhawan and other feasible places.

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State's TPR falls below 1%; kids' infection on rise

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: The state's COVID-19 tally rose to 10,07,112 Monday as 609 more people, including 97 children, tested positive for the infection, while 67 fresh fatalities pushed the state's coronavirus death toll to 7,901, a health official said. The detection of 609 fresh infections was the lowest daily spike since the beginning of the second wave of the pandemic in April this year.

Of the 64,991 samples tested Sunday, only 609 reports returned positive keeping the test positivity rate at 0.93 per cent. "The TPR has come down below 1 per cent for the first time in five months," he said. However, despite a sharp decline in fresh cases, the infection rate among children is on the rise. It was 15.92 per cent Monday, 14.01 per cent on Sunday, 13.47 per cent on Saturday, and 12.99 per cent on Friday.

As many as 354 new cases were reported in quarantine centres, while 255 fresh infections were detected during contact tracing. Khurda district recorded the highest number of new cases at 209, followed by Cuttack (71). Bolangir, Kalahandi, Nabarangpur and Nuapada did not register any fresh case, while the remaining districts reported less than 100 infections each. Cuttack district recorded the highest number of fresh fatalities at 20, followed by Angul and Jagtsinghpur (nine each) and Khurda (six). Fifty-three other coronavirus patients have died due to comorbidities so far, he said.

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EVANS, JOHANSSON TO TEAM UP FOR GHOSTED

Avengers co-stars Chris Evans and Scarlett Johansson, who are popularly known for playing Captain America and Black Widow, respectively, are teaming up for an adventure movie titled Ghosted. Dexter Fletcher, who helmed Rocketman, is set to direct the project.

IRON BUTTERFLY DRUMMER RON BUSHY PASSES AWAY

Ron Bushy, the steadfast drummer for hard rock band Iron Butterfly, died Sunday at the age of 79. The drummer behind the 1968 rock classic In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida, was the only member to appear on all six studio albums from the band.



FORTUNE FORECAST



ARIES

You are uptight about what is yours and today, you are even less keen on sharing. This possessiveness may have to do with a certain 'someone'. Ganesha says matters regarding love are going forward intensely and your marital life will blossom

TAURUS

Almost as if crafted by Cervantes himself, you might wake up today feeling passionate and quixotic. Make up and make overs may be on the cards as you will have the urge to be groome Once you are done without yourself, you will shower others with attention savs Ganesha

GEMINI

Even though it is for your own benefit, you will spend the day safeguarding the sentiments of others. Not too uncharacteristic, but unusual nonetheless. For most part of the day, you will be away from your family, mostly on a trip for business or leisure purposes. Today, family takes a backseat and having a successful career will be the only thing on your mind.

The workaholic Bull will

have more on their plate than they can chew. They will be under so much work pressure that their otherwise robust shoulders may wilt under pressure. Ganesha advises you to take it easy, and learn to say no. Also, this is just a temporary phase and as long as you stay cool, nothing can defeat you.



Ever been surprised at your own abilities? Today you shall be, says Ganesha. With the perfect blend of amicable gestures and lack of inimical actions, you are poised to become the cynosure of all occasions. The day will bring to the fore your flexible nature, moderate views, and your mature mannerisms in a cocktail that is as heady as the best blend. With a mind set on communal harmony, you are assured to have success coming your way today, foresees Ganesha.

VIRGO

Children will ring in applauds and praises - in Ő. the classroom and off it too! Processing logic and reasoning will improve too. Ganesha asks you to keep calm and enjoy the joy ride, irrespective of anything that happens during the day.



Tamannaah launches book on **Indian wellness**

MUMBAI:

and-tested secrets that have Actress served generations of this Tamannaah Bhatia launched her book Back To The Roots country. which she has co-authored

The Baahubali actress with celebrity lifestyle coach adds: "I have enjoyed the Luke Coutinho. The actress journey of delving deep into hopes that the readers enjoy ancient Indian wisdom with the book which is based on Luke Coutinho. As we launch intensive research and unthis book today, it's leaving me earths India's ancient sewith a sense of fulfillment as crets of health and wellness. we serve our purpose of doc-Speaking about the launch umenting and passing the of *Back To The Roots*, new baton of this ancestral knowledge. I hope our readers enjoy author Tamannaah says: 'India is a library full of the book as much as we enjoyed the process of putting age-old knowledge on healthy living. It's about time that we it together for them." revisited our traditional

Tamannaah is gearing up for the release of Maestro, which is the Telugu remake of Hindi film Andhadhun IANS



Launch of Odia movie Jayveer amid fanfare



BHUBANESWAR: Mahurat of upcoming Odia film Jayveer was held with much fanfare here at the Jagannath temple of Tankapani Road area,

Sunday. The entire cast and crew was present on the occassion. The Bibek Kumar directorial is written by

Rajaniranjan who also has penned the dialogues. The romantic flick has RK and Divya in the lead with veteran actors Bobby Mishra, Puspa Panda and Asit Pati playing crucial roles. Japani Bhai scores the music of the movie, to be produced under the banner of Roopsona Creation. Actress Divya says, "The film is based on friendship. While the heroine thinks it is not friendship but love, the hero takes his time to realise it. The story has quite a few twists and turns to surprise the viewers." Jayveer is the second film for RK after Prema Deewana. He has already appeared in more than 30 music videos.

PC CALLS HERSELF A snack'

MUMBAI: Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas has shared a cheeky picture with her American popstar husband Nick Jonas and called herself a 'snack'.

Priyanka shared the picture on Instagram. In the image, the actress is seen wearing a black and red bikini. Nick is seen shirtless and wearing black swimming trunks.

The Sucker hitmaker is seen using a fork and a knife on Privanka's derriere as she smiles at the camera.

'Snack," she wrote as the caption along with a fork and knife emoji.

Priyanka has returned back to the US. She was in London shooting for her upcoming series, Citadel. Helmed by Avengers makers Joe and Anthony Russo. *Citadel* is a spy thriller series co-starring Richard Madden.

Landmark masterpieces by art stalwarts to debut at auction

The online auction will be held September 8-9, 2021 and it includes works by modern masters like MF Husain, SH Raza, Krishen Khanna, FN Souza, Anjolie Ela Menon, KK Hebbar and Jamini Roy

This September, a selection of iconic masterpieces by some of India's most distinguished artists will go under the hammer at AstaGuru's upcoming Modern Indian Art Online Auction. The online auction will be held September 8-9, 2021 and includes works by modern masters such as MF Husain, SH Raza, Krishen Khanna, Bhupen Khakhar, FN Souza, Anjolie Ela Menon, KK Hebbar, Ganesh Pyne, and Jamini Roy.

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the chapters in Back To The

Roots are complete with tried-

This well-curated collection includes several important works from prolific periods in the artists' careers, many of which come from significant collections within India and abroad.

Speaking about the collection, Sneha Gautam, Vice President --Client Relations, AstaGuru, said, 'The demand for modern Indian art has increased exponentially in the last year. with the Indian art auction market having its strongest year ever. The Indian auction mar-

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ket witnessed the highest turnover till date with the demand for the Moderns increasing by over 65 per cent from the previous financial vear

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originally from the Pitti family collection. Throughout his career, Husain formed strong relationships with several art connoisseurs and enjoyed the patronage of sevcentury to gain eral collectors in India and abroad. In the presented offering, Husain creates an iconic, anti-war painting as a response to the Bangladesh

Liberation War of 1971, which resulted in the India-Pakistan conflict.

The auction also features a rare Untitled, 1994, painted stoneware ceramic by acclaimed artist Bhupen Khakhar, who is considered an iconoclast for expressing his views on important subject matter from social sectarianism to his own homosexuality.

Jamini Roy, Untitled, circa 1950, is a unique and rare work which will appear at auction for the first time. The auction will also feature an Untitled, circa 1930 portrait from the limited oeuvre of Hemendranath Mazumdar, who became one of the few Indian artists of the early 20th

CROSSWORD

/Some days are full of new (\square) ideas. Today is one such day as you radiate diligence and intelligence. Consider it an auspicious moment to begin new business schemes, especially if you happen to be selfemployed. Today, you will be able to think at a level higher and clearer than the rest. But, as happens when you focus more on work, it comes at the cost of family time. Maintain a balance, advises Ganesha.

SCORPIO

Dig in deep and keep yourself in the hunt, says Ganesha. Karma matters but don't give much thought to the outcome. In matters of joint ventures, adopt a wait-and-watch approach today.

SAGITTARIUS

Problems will push you in a corner today. But try resolv ing them as son as possible Expect delays in making final decisions But as the day ends, expect fruitful results to come by, predicts Ganesha.

CAPRICORN

Good news for students! If you have been trying your luck for studies abroad

today is an opportune day, says Ganesha Also, get your priorities straight and see that you achieve them one by one, for only a well-planned move can take you a step closer to your ambition. Those engaged in stock exchange and dealing with shares can expect a fruitful day ahead.

Ganesha advises you to make a simple change in your routine and things will work out superbly. You also get recognition and rewards for past achievements. But that does not mean you become com placent, says Ganesha. Get going, as hard work is still the surest way to salvation!

PISCES

Ferdinand the Bull would be the cartoon character that would most aptly describe you today. Calmness will be second nature to you, and wisdom will ooze from your pores. Communal harmony is something dear to your heart, and your amenability will see you achieve it, says Ganesha.

Making its auction debut and leading the sale, is MF Husain's oil on canvas work from the year 1972, a highly significant work,

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SWANKY LOOK

The rejuvenated Chandan pond and its surroundings at Samanta Sahi in Cuttack await inauguration on the occasion of Local Self-Government Day Tuesday



COVID-19 TRACKER

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disha	10,07,112	9,92,473	7,901

Youth killed over road rage in City

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: In a heart-rending incident, some miscreants stabbed a youth to death following a dispute over rash driving at Raghunath Nagar in Dumduma area on City outskirts here late Sunday night. The deceased was identified as Sanatan Routray, 21, a mobile shop owner at Dumduma market.

The Commissionerate Police swung into action and arrested six persons including two women in the case Monday. However, the main accused, Raja, has been on the run. The accused were identified as

Raja Pradhan alias Rabi, 19, his father Baya Pradhan alias Bideshi, 40, and mother Bala Pradhan, 38, Mithun Sahu, 25, and his mother Subhadra Sahu, 50 and Simanchal Pradhan alias Jati. 29. All the accused who hail from Ganjam have been staying at Raghunath Nagar



File photo of Sanatan Routray

in Dumduma under Khandagiri police limits for the past few years.

According to locals, Baya and other family members are involved in bootlegging and other criminal activities. Khandagiri police had also arrested them several times in the past.

Sources claimed that Sanatan was going to attend a feast near Shani Temple Sunday night when the prime accused, Raja, along TURN OF EVENTS

SANATAN WAS ON HIS WAY TO ATTEND A FEAST NEAR SHANI TEMPLE SUNDAY NIGHT WHEN THE PRIME ACCUSED, RAJA, ALONG WITH ONE OF HIS FRIENDS DROVE PAST HIM AT A VERY HIGH SPEED

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with one of his friends drove past him at a very high speed. Subsequently, Sanatan accosted Raia for the rash driving. They indulged in a heated exchange which soon turned violent as both engaged in a fight. Later, the other accused rushed

to the spot and started thrashing Sanatan. Suddenly, Raja took out a knife and stabbed Sanatan in his chest. face and throat.

The accused fled the scene when they saw Sanatan's family members coming to his help. However, the villagers chased the accused persons and nabbed them except Raja. Sanatan was rushed to AIIMS-

Bhubaneswar where the doctors de clared him 'brought dead'.

Police arrested the six accused by registering a case (453/21) in this regard. Further investigation is in progress, said the police.

PRAYERS AT A DISTANCE



As Srimandir remains shut to avoid congregation on Janmashtami, devotees pay obeisance to the deities in front of the Lion's Gate in Puri, Monday

Notification out for 6,720 TGT posts CM urged for early issuance of UG marksheets

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: State Directorate of Secondary Education has released a fresh advertisement for recruitment of Trained Graduate Teachers (TGTs) in government-run secondary schools of the state.

A total of 6,720 TGT posts in Arts, Science and Telugu language will be filled through the recruitment drive.

The registration process for the intending eligible candidates will commence on the official website https://dseodisha.in/from September 4, 2021. The last date for online registration is September 30.

Candidates are required to apply online through the proper link on the website https://dseodisha.in/ after thoroughly ensuring that



they are eligible for the post as per advertisement. Application through any other mode shall not be accepted.

As per the notification, 3,136 TGTs (Arts), 1,842 TGTs Science (PCM), 1,717 TGTs Science (CBZ) and 25 Telugu teachers will be appointed.

Selection will be made through



a computer-based competitive examination to be held at selected test centres in the state, tentatively in the second week of October 2021.

The application processing fee has been fixed at ₹600 for general category and ₹400 for SC, ST and PWD category candidates. Payment will have to be made online which is non-refundable

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, August 30: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has sought Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's intervention in issuance of provisional final semester results or marksheets to undergraduate students in the state.

In a letter to Patnaik, Pradhan said that the students who had appeared for the sixth semester examinations through online mode in the first and second week of August had not been provided with marksheets and the results were expected to be declared later in September.

"Despite repeated pleas to col-



leges and state education authorities, these students have not been provided with provisional marksheets. I am also in receipt of multiple grievances in this regard from the student community in Odisha,' the letter read.

Pradhan underlined that the late publication of provisional results or non-issuance of mark-

sheets were causing great suffering and jeopardising the career prospects of the students.

UNION MINISTER DHARMENDRA PRADHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO

SUBMIT THEIR FINAL OR PROVISIONAL MARKSHEETS FOR SEEKING POSTGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The Union education minister pointed out that the students were required to submit their final or provisional marksheets for seeking postgraduate admission to various state and central universities outside Odisha where the procedure has already commenced.

Pradhan said he was 'distressed to learn' that many students had already missed the admission deadlines for Central University of Mizoram and Bharathiar University in Tamil Nadu, adding that they were under severe stress due to fast-approaching deadlines for other

varsities like Mumbai University. "In this context, it is also relevant to mention that these students will also be deprived of appearing in offline university entrance examinations being held outside the

state," he said. "Keeping in mind the welfare and career prospects of final semester undergraduate students in Odisha. I seek your urgent attention in undertaking necessary action for immediate issue of final marksheets or attested provisional marksheets to them so that they may be able to pursue postgraduate admissions into various state

and central universities in India.' Pradhan added.



NINL likely to be disinvested by Dec

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar, August 30: The process for disinvestment of Odishabased Central Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL), is likely to be completed by December 2021, offi-





Dark clouds hover over Jobra anicut in Cuttack, Monday

cials said Monday.

"The disinvestment process for NINL is going on very fast. The government has received very good response. Many big bidders have come forward and they want to take over the company," said NINL managing director RK Jha. "We are at the advanced stage of disinvestment. Most probably by December, this company will be disinvested," Jha added.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance, had invited preliminary bids for the strategic sale of NINL in January this year. The

government has received multiple expressions of interest for the privatisation of the company, sources said. Meanwhile, Tata Power has snapped electricity supply to the Central PSU due to non-payment of long-pending dues, source said. The 1.1 million tonne-a-year integrated steel plant is located at Kalinganar in Jajpur district, which is treated as an industrial hub of Odisha.

NINL's equity shareholding consists of Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation (49.78 per cent), National Mineral Development Corporation (10.10 per cent), MECON (0.68 per cent), Bharat Heavy Electricals (0.68 per cent), Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha (12 per cent) and Odisha Mining Corporation (20.47 per cent).

Private hosp staffer Blue print soon for promotion of folk arts nabbed for forgery The Odisha Sangeet

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: **Commissionerate Police Monday** arrested an employee of a private hospital in the Capital city on charges of attempt to misappropriate money under Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) through forged documents.

Dillip Kumar Behera, 38, of Budhibar under Krushna Prasad police limits in Puri.

Behera works as an assistant manager at the MRD section of the pristation here. The incident came to the Sources claimed that Behera along with several other persons

The accused was identified as

vate hospital in Bharatpur police fore after an official of state Health and Family Welfare department lodged a complaint with Bharatpur police in this regard a few days back. used to arrange patients from different parts of the state. The members of the racket would bring them to the City by assuring them quality treatment at the private hospi-

tal. Later, Behera would take the gen-

uine medical documents and other

identity details of the patients. He would then change the name and address of the original patient with a fake one. The accused used to pay a small amount of fund released from CMRF to the patients and keep the rest with them.

Behera collected the documents of three patients, Rabindra Kumar Barad, Parvati Sahoo and Dama Muduli, admitted at the private hospital recently. Subsequently, he applied for financial assistance of ₹5.43 lakh under CMRF by depositing the forged documents at the H&FW department. The hospital authorities informed the department during verification process that the docu-

ments submitted have been forged. Police Monday arrested the accused by registering a case (286/21) in the matter. Behera was later sent to judicial custody by the court.

Police sources asserted that probe is on to arrest other members of the racket. The cops will also try to find out whether staffers from other major hospitals are involved in the racket or not.

Natak Akademi has so far awarded more than 400 artistes and has also increased the cash prize for the awardees

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar; August 30: Artistes from different fields and districts gathered Monday at Rabindra Mandap, one of Odisha's premier auditoriums, as they were felicitated with the prestigious Kabi Samrat Upendra Bhanja Awards and Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the years 2019 and 2020.

Anant Mahapatra (acting & direction) and Kumkum Mohanty (Odissi dance) received Kabi Samrat Upendra Bhanja Award for 2019 and 2020 respectively. This apart, a total of 32 artistes from different fields were felicitated with Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi (OSNA) awards for the year 2019 and 2020. For Kabisamrat Upendra Bhanja





Anant Mahapatra (acting & direction) and Kumkum Mohanty (Odissi dance) receive Kabi Samrat Upendra Bhanja Award for 2019 & 2020 respectively OP PHOTOS

Award, the artists got ₹5 lakh cash rewards each, while for the Sangeet Natak Akademi awards, the amount was ₹2 lakh.

Akademi secretary Prabodh Rath said, "The pandemic forced us to be restrictive in the celebration of the awards ceremony. As per the Odia Language, Literature and Culture depart ment's instruction, we have started the initiative of providing help to the artistes without any difficulties. We are requesting artists

to apply online for grants." Rath also said, "For the promotion of folk arts through Guru Shisya Parampara, we have started 'Dikshyanta' programme, under which, we have trained students on different folk art forms such as Ghoda Nacha, Samprada,

Prahallada Natak, Dhabalpur, Banabadi, Duruha and others.'

OSNA president Aruna Mohanty said that since 1992, the academy has been presenting award named after Kabi Samrat Upendra Bhanja. OSNA has so far awarded more than 400 artistes and has also increased the cash prize for the awardees.

Odia Language, Literature and

Prakash Panigrahi said that during Covid-19, the government gave monetary relief to the artistes. Also, more than 15,000 artistes of the state would be given mone tary relief by the government. He also said that very soon, the department would launch a blueprint for the promotion and safety of folk arts of the state.

Culture department Minister Jyoti







downtown

NGT seeks info on recovery of penalty from illegal miner



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New Delhi, August 30: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked the Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) to submit an affidavit stating the amount of fine recovered from M/s Corsan Corviam Construction for illegal mining of murram and earth.

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A bench of the green panel comprising Judicial Member B Amit Sthalekar and Expert Member Saibal Dasgupta asked the OSPCB to clearly state whether environmental compensation has been recovered from the mining company and also give the break-up of the royalty/penalty.

The tribunal noted that the pol-

One dies, another hurt in mishap

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Cuttack Sadar, August 30: A man died after a motorcycle and a car collided head-on near Fakirpada on Cuttack-Paradip State Highway Monday. While the biker died on the spot, the critically injured pillion rider, a woman, was sent to a hospital.

The deceased was identified as Shiba Prasad Barik, a resident of Jayeepur village in Jagatsinghpur. According to Kandarpur police, Shiba was on his way to Cuttack on his motorcycle (OD 21 F 9291) along with the woman when the car (OD 02 AN 2988) coming from the opposite direction hit his vehicle.

The situation at the spot remained tense for a while but later it was brought under control by the police. A case of unnatural death has been registered and the investigation has begun.

AIIMS launches snake helpline app, portal

BHUBANESWAR: AIIMS Bhubaneswar launched a dedicated snake helpline app and website to monitor the humansnake conflict management. The website and app were inaugurated

lution control board in an earlier affidavit submitted that a penalty of ₹41.79.393 has been charged against M/s Corsan Corviam

Construction for illegal mining of murram and earth to the tune of 1,14,162 cubic metre but there is no indication whether the amount

has been recovered 'We find that this affidavit does not mention whether the environmental compensation has been recovered from the company or not for the damage caused to the environment and the cost of its restitution/restoration. We also find that the break-up of the amount of royalty and penalty has not been mentioned in the said affidavit," the NGT noted.

Significantly, M/s Corsan Corviam Construction was awarded con-

Apenalty of ₹41,79,393 has been charged against M/s Corsan Corviam Construction for illegal mining of murram and earth to the tune of 1.14.162 cubic metre but there is no indication whether the amount has been recovered

OSPCB had submitted in a previous affidavit that about 114162 cubic metre of earth material/murram has been used for road construction by the company without obtaining permission for mining of the material

struction of two/four laning of Talcher-Duburi-Chandikhol section of NH-200 from Km 301.890 to Km 427.885 including Km 8.5 to Km 14.886 of NH-23 in Odisha under NHDP III on EPC mode.

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ATM looters' gang busted; 3 held

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: Commissionerate Police Monday arrested three interstate burglars involved in a series of ATM loot incidents in the twin city.

They were caught through CCTV during a failed attempt to loot an SBI ATM kiosk at Badheibanka Square under Lingaraj police limits here August 25.

The arrested were identified as Md Salman, 18, and Raj Kumar Tanwar, 31, of Faridabad district, and Qaf Hayat, 35, of Nagina in Nuh district of Haryana. Sources said the miscreants, through a unique modus operandi, used to put a metal plate inside ATM machines

to prevent the cash from getting ejected. Later, they would take out the device and collect the cash from the machine when the customers leave the kiosk. Subsequently, the bank reimburses the amount in the account of the vic-

tim as it shows cash not withdrawn. The miscreants withdrew several lakhs of rupees from 11 ATM kiosks in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar within 48 hours recently, said the police sources. Recently, the accused were

caught by the bank officials who came to know about the series of thefts through the CCTVs installed at the ATM kiosks. The accused were Monday sent

to judicial custody after the rejection of their bail pleas

fifth/final phase. As many as 50 schools transformed under 5T initiative have so far been inaugurated by the Chief Minister through virtual mode.

Bhubaneswar, August 30: Chief

Minister Naveen Patnaik Monday

inaugurated 10 more smart schools

in Hinjilicut constituency in the

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Inaugurating the schools, Patnaik wished all the students every success in their lives. Naveen said he has spoken to students from various schools during the five-day event in Hinjili and Shergarh blocks and felt that the school transformation programme has created a lot of confidence among the children.

The new environment in their schools has also brought a transformational change in the minds of children, he said.

Congratulating the children, Patnaik said, "I have full confidence in you (students). We believe that one day you all will grow up and do good work and amplify the



glory of the Odia community."

"Dear children, go ahead, my wishes and blessings are always with you," the Chief Minister told the school students.

Stating that the school transformation programme has increased the responsibilities of the teachers, he advised the teachers to ensure students get benefited from the transformational programme. The teachers have been advised to

DURGA PUJA PREP BEGINS



CM dedicates 10 more smart schools to Hinjili have full confidence in you (students). We believe that one day you all will grow up

and do good work and amplify the glory of the Odia community

NAVEEN PATNAIK CHIEF MINISTER

Special events have been organised in these 10 schools on the occasion. Ministers, legislators, sarpanchs, panchayat members, alumni of the schools and current students along with their parents and locals attended the events.

Under the programme, state-ofthe-art facilities like e-library, smart classrooms, computer rooms, science laboratories, sports facilities, reading rooms, laboratories, drinking water facilities, hygienic toilets and above all conducive study environment have been created in the government schools. The walls of these schools have also been painted based on educational and interesting themes

Sero survey in City begins today

(5T) VK Pandian.

guide the students properly.

Patnaik said he would be happy

if there is a competition among

teachers to ensure 100 per cent re-

sults in their schools. The school

transformation programme, which

was started in Hinjili Assembly

constituency, will be extended to all

schools across the state, he added.

by Secretary to the Chief Minister

The programme was moderated

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Bhubaneswar, August 30: In a bid to identify and compare prevalence of Covid antibodies among different age groups, the Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC) here has announced the beginning of the two-day Sero survey in state Capital August 31.

The survey is a part of the statelevel serological surveillance being undertaken by the RMRC, Bhubaneswar, in 12 districts of



ing of educational institutions and targeting last mile immunisation need to be made in near future, it is crucial to generate evidence on the exposure of children and adolescents, and the unvaccinated group to the pandemic. It is also important to assess the persistence of immunity among the vaccinated groups, particularly the healthcare workers. Vaccination coverage against Covid-19 among general population and healthcare workers will be estimated through this sur-

nodal officers will ensure mobilisation of 200 persons among various age groups, including children.

ZOO INFRA ASSESSMENT

Monday by gastroenterologist of international repute, Padmashree Subrat Kumar Acharva, President, AIIMS and Gitaniali Batmanabane. Director of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, The app and website www.snakehelpline.com, prepared under the guidance of the faculty of the Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, are meant to educate public and the healthcare professionals of Odisha regarding the 'humansnake conflict management'.



A single-member team from the Central Zoo Authority on a two-day visit to Nandankanan Zoological Park in Bhubaneswar, Monday OP PHOTO

Odisha from August 29 to Sept 20. For smooth conduct of the survey, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Monday, appointed five nodal officers under its iurisdiction.

"In response to a letter by the Director of ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar, requesting support for the Odisha State Covid-19 Sero survey, the BMC has designated five officers as nodal authorities for Ward No 8, 15, 32, 41 and 63. The

for the survey on the dates assigned to the wards. In addition, they will co-ordinate with the survey team for its successful completion," the BMC said in a notification.

Sources said that the survey aims to identify prevalence of Covid among children. Altogether, 6,680 samples will be collected including 1,644 from children aged between 6 to 17 years, 3,836 from adults and 1,200 from healthcare workers.

"As decisions regarding the open-

vey," said RMRC Director, Sanghamitra Pati

It may be noted that the RMRC began the survey August 29 in Sundargarh, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Keonjhar, Khordha, Puri, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Jajpur, Kandhamal, Kalahandi and Nabarangpur districts, in order to estimate and compare the age-specific prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in general population and health care workers across the state.

Staff crunch, infra woes dog Cuttack Energy PS CM launches MGR system

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Bhubaneswar, August 30: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Monday inaugurated a Merry-Go-Round (MGR), a dedicated rail transportation system between the production and consumption points, for carrying coal from a mine to a power generation station of the state-run Odisha Power Generation Corporation Limited (OPGC) through virtual mode.

An event was organised by the OPGC at Manoharpur coal loading platform where state Energy Minister Dibya Shankar Mishra flagged off the coal rake movement on this MGR from Manoharpur coal mines of Odisha Coal & Power Ltd (OCPL) located in Sundargarh district to IB Thermal Power Station (ITPS) at

Banharpali, Jharsuguda.

The 47-kilometre long MGR system will ensure hassle-free coal transportation, enhancing fuel security to the power plant operated by OPGC, an official said.

The Manoharpur coal mine was allocated to the OCPL in 2015 to cater to the dry fuel requirements of power generating units of OPGC

The ITPS to Manoharpur mines MGR line is 47 km long, while the track including loop lines and sidings is 66 km, which makes it one of the longest MGR systems in the country, the official said.

The MGR system required construction of as many as 123 major and minor bridges

This MGR line has five stations ITPS, Chharla, Gidhaghara, Kechhobahal & OCPL-Manoharpur - two of which are end stations.

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Cuttack, August 30: The Special Energy Police Station at Jobra here, the district's lone police station (PS) that deals with cases related to power pilferage, has been grappling with infrastructure woes and staff crunch for at least one and a half years now. Established in 2004, the Energy

PS used to have a dedicated complex in Jobra area until late 2019 when it had to be bulldozed for a city beautification plan. Since then, it has been functioning from the premises of the Settlement Office in Jobra area.

According to Durgesh Nandini Mohanty, the police station's inspector in-charge (IIC), shortage of hands has become a deterrent to ensure effective crackdowns on



12," Mohanty said.

The IIC also narrated about the

broken washroom door for which

the female colleagues have no op-

tion than to travel all the way to

Malgodown police station, 300 me-

electricity theft cases.

"Despite provision for two subinspectors (SIs), we have none. Similarly, there is only one assistant SI in place of two. Moreover, we have only four constables (two males and as many females) alDespite provision for two sub-inspectors, the Energy PS has none. There is only one assistant SI in place of two

he PS has only four constables - two males and as many females - although the sanctioned strength is 12

he female colleagues have no option than to travel all the way to Malgodown police station, 300 metres away, owing to the broken washroom door

tres away, to attend the nature's call. Although the PS has a Tata Sumo, facilitated by the central electricity supply utility, the vehicle has been lying defunct for at least a year now. "After desperate requests, the private power distribution company has sent it for repairing around 20 days back. Since then, we don't have any info on the vehicle's repair. Lack of vehicle has been creating hurdles in carrying out raids," the IIC said.

Mohanty pointed out, "For raids, the private discom has been asking us to go with their staffers in regular vehicles. It's weird with regular vehicles. Carrying out raids using police vehicles helps in maintaining credibility and subsequent collection of fines.

The official added that she took over as the IIC 40 days back and since then they managed to collect around ₹25 lakh from the violators.

Notably, Energy police stations deal with tampering of electric meters, bypassing the meters by plastering the cables inside the walls and unauthorised tapping of power supply.

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Bolangir; August 30: Construction

of Lower Suktel Irrigation Project

at Magurbeda in this district has

progressed well despite the initial

Over 75 per cent of work on the

dam's spillway and 45.3 per cent of

its soil embankment has been com-

pleted despite the Union govern-

ment stopping funds since the 2017-

Many apprehend that the dam

work might not get completed due

to non-availability of Central funds.

However, the state government

has moved ahead with the dam

work despite funds crunch and

through many trials and tribula-

tions. However, these are not vet over

as the irrigation project was found

trapped in the Mahanadi water

dispute between Odisha and neigh-

The matter came to the fore fol-

lowing information made avail-

able under the Right to Information

Act. It was apprehended that the

dam work might get stalled till the

Mahanadi water dispute gets re-

However, proving all apprehen-

sions wrong, the state government

has succeeded in commencing the

bouring Chhattisgarh.

solved at the Tribunal.

Work on the dam has passed

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setbacks, a report said.

18 fiscal.

other setbacks.

3 labourers run over by speeding train

The GRP sent the bodies for

post-mortem and started an in-

vestigation, GRP ASI Arati Poddar

said. The family members of the

victims have been contacted and

the bodies will be handed over to

them after their arrival, she said.

She added that negligence in cross-

ing the railway tracks by the three

labourers from Bilashpur area in

Chhattisgarh were engaged at the construction site of an over-bridge

near the Haldiapadar bus terminal.

Around seven labourers decided to

to escape at midnight.

labourers cost them their lives. According to sources, some



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Berhampur, August 30: Three persons were run over by a speeding train near a level crossing at Haldiapadar of Ganiam district. killing them on the spot. Four others had a close shave.

The deceased were identified as Jogeshwar Kebhard, 41, his son Lakhnu Kebhard, 20, another labourer Lokeshwar Kebhard, 35, of Parsadabhed village under Masturi police limits in Chhattisgarh.

The labourers who escaped death left the spot soon after the incident, eyewitnesses added. Local people informed the Government Railway Police (GRP) authorities about the mishap.

as many as 136 persons tested

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the rise.

FACT FILE Some labourers from Chhattisgarh

were engaged at a construction site of an over-bridge near the Haldiapadar bus terminal. Around seven labourers decided to leave for home without informing anybody in their camp and tried to escape at midnight

GRP sent the bodies for post-mortem and started an investigation. GRP ASI Arati Poddar said. The family members of the victims have been contacted and the bodies will be handed over to them after their arrival, she said

One of the labourers, Sitaram Kebhard who had a close shave reached the GRP police station and narrated the horrific mishap before police officials, Monday morning. He also helped the police in identifying the bodies

near Haldiapadar level crossing of Berhampur between 11.30 pm and 12 midnight for Berhampur railway station unaware of the incoming Visakhapatnam-Tatanagar Special Express train on the same route, an eyewitness said.

Later, one of the labourers, Sitaram Kebhard who had a close shave reached the GRP police station and narrated the horrific mishap before police officials, Monday morning. He also helped the police in identifying the bodies. Police with the help of a mo-

leave for home without informing bile phone seized from the spot anybody in their camp and tried contacted the deceased family They were crossing the tracks members.

Of them, 12 are girls.

tive cases.

LOWER SUKTEL IRRIGATION PROJECT

CWC team's visit raises hopes of funds



construction work on the project. The dam work further got a boost after a two-member team from the Central Water Commission (CWC) visited the under-construction dam at Magurbeda and reviewed the project, Friday morning.

They were accompanied by engineer Niranjan Rout, chief construction officer of Lower Suktel mega irrigation project. Nirbighna Bhoi, executive officer of the dam and other senior officers.

The team comprised Dillip Kumar Jena, director of regional office of Central Water Commision at Bhubaneswar and Ram Prasad. deputy director in the office. The two senior officials made an ap

praisal of the dam work and went around the dam spillway and its soil embankment.

They also reviewed the machines used for constructing the dam and sought to know the modus operandi of the dam work. Their visit has ignited hope that the Union government might again release Central funds for the mega irrigation project

Sources said that Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had laid the foundation stone for Lower Suktel, November 24, 2001. At that time, the project was opposed by the residents of 29 villages, who would be affected by the project.

The project work was stopped

Over 75 per cent of work on the dam's spillway and 45.3 per cent of its soil embankment has been completed despite the Union government stopping funds since the 2017-18 fiscal

- Work on the dam has passed through many trials and tribulations. These are not yet over as the irrigation project was found trapped in the Mahanadi water dispute between Odisha and Chhattisgarh
- The visit of two senior officials of Central Water Commission to the project site has raised hopes of release of Central funds for the project

due to the villagers' protest but the state government again prepared itself and started the work on the dam in 2013.

However, supporters of the dam launched an agitation over compensation to and rehabilitation of the displaced villagers. As a result, the dam work was again stopped in 2018. Later, despite constraints, the state government started the work from February 26, this year. When contacted, chief engineer Rout said that the visit of two senior officials of Central Water Commission has raised hopes of release of Central funds for the project.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender No. 15-KUR-TRD-OT-2021-2 Dated : 24.08.2021

Dated : 24.08.2021 NAME OF THE WORK PROVISION OF ONE SECTIONING AND PARALLELING POST (SP) BETWEEN RETANG (RTN) AND KHURDA ROAD (KUR) STATIONS FOR SEGREGATION OF FEED OF PROPOSED MANCHESWAR (MCS) TRACTION SUB-STATION FROM THE FEED OF ADJACENT KAIPADAR ROAD (KPXR) TRACTION SUB-STATION.

pproximate Value : ₹ 1,81,20,762.48

Elephant tramples woman to death

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Balishankara, August 30: A woman, who had come to Sundargarh district from Chhattisgarh along with eight others on a pilgrimage, was trampled to death by an elephant at Ghogar village in Sundargarh

tified as Bilei Bai (45).

ceased and eight other devotees from Bishnupur village under Sitapur police limits in Sarguja district of Chhattisgarh had come to Sundargarh.

They wished to visit the Jagannath temple in Sundargarh. After visiting the temple and Maa Samaleswari temple, they were returning to Chhattisgarh.

On their way, they stopped at Balishankara village to spend the night. Unaware about the locality, Bilei went to a nearby jungle to attend nature's call.

vestigation, the police sent the body for post-mortem to Sundargarh DHH.



ଶାୟୀ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଓ କୁଦ୍ଧି ଲକା ରଙ୍କେ ବଙ୍କେ ସହଙ୍କରରେ କାମନା ବହୁଅଛି । 🚰 ୧ . ପୌର ପ୍ରତିକଟ ଅଞ୍ଚର କେ ସାଧାରଣ ବିକ ବିବର ଦିବସ ଦିବ ସମୟରେ ପୌଠକେକୁ । ୬. ମୁନନ ସୁବ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରିବା ପୁର୍ବରୁ କୁହ କହା । କାମନା କାମନା ସାହାଣ ସାହାରଣ କାମନା କା ବେ ଅଞ୍ଚଳର ହବ ସାଧାରଣ ଜନ ନେବର ବେଣ ପହ ବାମଣରେ ସେଠାବେଙ୍କୁ । ୬. ମୁହନ ସୁହ ମମାଣ କହେନା ବାସୀ ତରର ମାହନୁ ଅଚାନରଣ କରାଇ ବିହୁଣ୍ଡି । ୩. ସବର ଅନେକରିଛି ରାସା ସୁବିତ ହେତକୁ ହୁନ୍ତ ପା ଅନେକ ନେବାସା ଆରମ କରିବା ପୂର୍ବରୁ ତଶିକ୍ଷତର ଲାଇକେନ୍ଦୁ କରାଇ ନିଅକୁ । ୫. ମହିନ କମି ଓ ରାସ୍ତା ଏ ଗୁରଖାରେ ସହାସନ ସୁହନ୍ତୁ । ୬. ସବାରୀ ସାକ୍ଷି ଓ ବର୍ଦ୍ୟାଧାରେ ସ୍ଥାନକୁ କନେବାସଲ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାର୍ଜି । ୮. । ସର୍ବସାଧାରର ଗଣ୍ଡା ଉତରେ ମଇକା, ଆବର୍ବନା କମା ବେଜୁ ନାହିଁ ସିଧା ରାସ ବା ଆମଣଙ୍କର ଦାଣିକ ଓ କରିବ୍ୟ । ୮. ବର୍ଦସାଧାରଣ ରାସ୍ତା ଉପରେ ମରକା, ଆବର୍ଦନା କମା କରକୁ କାହିଁ ବିସା ରାସ୍ତା ଅବରୋଧକରି ବେସଭାରଣଙ । ଗୁଷ୍ଟି କରକୁ କାହିଁ ୯. କରୁ, ମୁହା ଓ ବିଦାହ ଅଞ୍ଚାଳରଣ ଦିଶୁ କାରଣର କରାଇ ନିଅକୁ। ୧୦, ବଞ୍ଚିବରୁ ସୁମାକୁ ଭୂପେ ସବେ ଏବଂ ମାର୍କେଟରେ ବାବହାକ ଜବ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ ପାଇଁ ନିକ ଗୁହ ଓ ଓରିପାର୍କରେ କରେରାଯେ କବାରୁ । ମିକ୍ତି ସିପ୍ର**ମାଳିତୀ:** ଏସରକୁ ପତ କୁଣ ଅଞ୍ଚିଆ ଆବର୍କିମ ଖ୍ୟୁକ୍ର କରାଯାଇଛି ଏ ପ୍ରିଷଟର ସ୍ୱାର୍ଜମାନଙ୍କର ସେବକ କୁହା କୁରୁଦ ରାସ୍ତା ନିର୍ମାର କରେ ଗାର ପୋଇଙ୍ଗର ପୁମକୁକାର ଓ ସୌରସ୍ଥ୍ୟକରଣ । ଉପା ବୋବାଚାମାନଙ୍କ ଅରଥାନ ପାଇଁ ଆସାର କେନ୍ତୁ ନିକଟରେ ରେଜିଂ ଜୋନ ନିର୍ମାଣ - କେଣଅଖ୍ୟ ସହିଅ

ମିତ୍ର ଲାୟିୟି: ୧. ରାନ ନବିର ଜିକଟ ଦୋକାନ କୃହ ନିର୍ମାଣ । ୨. ମହାବୀର ଦକାର ଭେଶିଂ କୋନ ନିର୍ମାଣ । ୩. ଆଦର୍ଶ ଶୁଖାନ ନିର୍ମାଣ ଓ ସାର୍ଟ ପାର୍କ । ୪. ରା

ମାନକୁ ଅରଥାନ ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରଧାନମକ୍ରୀ ଆବାହ ଯୋକେଳେ ୬୮ ୧୩ନବଙ୍କୁ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଦେଶ ଅନୁହା ଶ୍ରୀୟୁକ୍ତ ସମ୍ପଦ କୁମାଭ ସାଇଁ (ଓ.ରା.ସେ.), ନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ (ଓ.ଟୁ ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ବସତ୍ତ କୁମାର ରାଉତ (ଓ.ପ୍ର.ସେ.), ବରିଷ୍ଣ ଅତିରିକ୍ର ଜିଲ୍ଲାସ

ବିଜ୍ଞାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ, ସୋରଡ଼ା, ଗଞ୍ଚାମ

ପବିତ୍ର ସ୍ୱାୟତ୍ତ ଶାସନ ଦିବସ ୨୦୨୧ ଉପଲକ୍ଷେ ସମସ୍ତ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ପରିଷଦର ପରିବାର ତରଫରୁ ହାର୍ଦ୍ଦିକ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ ଜଣାଉଛୁ। ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ଆସନ୍ତୁ ସମସ୍ତେ ମିଳିମିଶି ନିମ୍ମଲିଖିତ ସଂକଳ୍ପ ନେବା ।

• ଆମ ସହରକୁ ଆମେ ଗଢ଼ିବା ଓ ସ୍ମନ୍ଦର ରଖିବ, ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସ୍ମସ୍ଥ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଗଢ଼ି ତୋଳିବା । • ପରିଷଦର ଟିକସ ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ ପଇଠ କରି ପରିଷଦର ଆର୍ଥ୍କ ମେରୁଦଈକୁ ସୁଦୃଢ଼ କରିବା । • ପରିବେଶକୁ ସଦା ସର୍ବଦା ସଫାସୂତରା ରଖିବା । • ଖୋଲାରେ ଶୌଚ କରିବା ୍ମାହିଁ ଓ ଶୌଚାଳୟର ବ୍ୟବହାର କରିବା । • ଘରର ଆବର୍ଚ୍ଚନାକୁ (ଶୁଖିଲା ଓ ଓଦା) ଅଲଗା ଅଲଗା କରି ପରିଷଦ ଗାଡ଼ିରେ ଦେବା। • ସମସ୍ତ ଗୃହପାଳିତ ପଶୁଙ୍କୁ ରାସ୍ତା ଉପରକୁ ଛାଡ଼ିବା ନାହିଁ । • ଗଞ୍ଜାମ ଜିଲ୍ଲାପାଳଙ୍କ କରୋନା ମହାମାରୀ (COVID-19) ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ ପଞ୍ଚସୂତ୍ର ନିୟମକୁ ମାନି ଚଳିବା, ଘରେ ରହିବା ଓ ସୁରକ୍ଷିତ ରହିବା ।



Covid positive in the last 13 days, starting August 17. What has

RAIRAKHOL FOREST DIVISION Fifth jumbo death in two years

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ବଲାଙ୍ଗୀର ପୌରସଂସ୍ଥା, ବଲାଙ୍ଗୀର ଚା୩୧।୦୮।୨୦୨୧ ନିଖଳ ଭାରତ ସ୍ଥାୟର ଶାସନ ଦିବସ ଉପଲକ୍ଷେ ବଲାଙ୍ଗିର ସହରର ସମୟ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ

emerged as a matter of concern is

that 22 children were infected by

the virus during the same period.

The district Monday reported

nine fresh cases and two deaths,

taking the tally and toll to 26,005

and 135 respectively. While 25,767

patients have recovered from the

disease so far, there are still 99 ac-

ପୌର ପରିଷଦ, ବଲାଙ୍ଗୀର ତରଫରୁ ଅନେକ ଅନେକ ଶୁଭେଚ୍ଛା । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ବଲାଙ୍ଗୀର ପୌରାଞ୍ଚଳକୁ ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ଓ ସୁନ୍ଦର କରି ଗଢ଼ି ତୋଳିବା ସହଁ ଏହାର ବିକାଶ ତଥାଁ ଉନ୍ନୟନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ ସହଯୋଗ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରିହ ନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ଅନୁରୋଧ ।

କନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ଅନୁରୋଧ

• ପୌର ପରିଷଦର ଧାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଗୃହ ଟିକସ ନିୟମିତ ପଇଠ କରନ୍ତୁ । • ବ୍ୟବସାୟୀମାନେ ନିଜ ନିଜ ବ୍ୟବସାୟ ପାଇଁ ଟ୍ରେଡ ଲାଇସେନ୍ସର ଆବେଦନ କରଢୁ । • ଘର ତିଆରି ନିମତେ ପରିଷଦରୁ ବିଧିବଦ୍ଧ ଅନୁମତି ଗ୍ରହଣ କରଢୁ । • ପୌରପରିଷଦର ସେସ୍ପୁଲ ସେବାର ଲାଭ ଉଠାନ୍ତୁ । • ମଇକା ଆବର୍ଚ୍ଚନାକୁ ଏଣେତେଶେ ନ ପକାଇ ଘଟେ ଏବଂ ଦୋକାନରେ ଡଷ୍ଟବିନ୍ର ବ୍ୟବହାର କରନ୍ତୁ । • ଗୋରୁଗାଈଙ୍କୁ ରାସ୍ତା ଉପରେ ଛାଡ଼ନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ । • ରାସ୍ତାକଡ଼, ସାଗର ଇତ୍ୟାଦିକୁ ଜବରଦଖଲ କରନ୍କୁ ନାହି ସରକାରୀ ଜମ, ପୋଖରୀ ତଥା ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଆବାସ ଯୋଜନାରେ ଘର ତିଆରି କରି ଏହାର ଲାଭ ଉଠାନ୍ତୁ । • ବୈଶ୍ୱିକ ମହାମାରୀ କରୋନାଟ ସଂକ୍ରମଣରୁ ରକ୍ଷା ପାଇବା ପାଇଁ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ନିୟମାବଳୀକୁ ଅନୁସରଣ କରନ୍ତୁ । ବଲାଙ୍ଗୀର ସହରର ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛତା, ସୁନ୍ଦରତା ତଥା ଉନ୍ନତିମୂଳକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ ସହାୟକ ହୁଅନ୍ତୁ ।

22 children test Covid +ve in Bhadrak district Monday. The deceased has been iden-

According to sources, the de-

ନିଖିଳ ଭାରତ ସ୍ୱାୟତ୍ତ ଶାସନ ଦିବସ – ୨୦୨୧ ପୌର ପରିଷଦ, ନୟାଗଡ଼ ଡ. ଅରୁଣ କୁମାର ସାହୁ ମାନ୍ୟବର ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ, କୃଷି ଓ କୃଷକ ସଶକ୍ତୀକରଣ ବାର୍ଭା ମସ୍ୟ ଓ ପାଶୀ ସମ୍ପଦ ବିକାଶ ଏବଂ ଉଚ୍ଚ ଶିକ୍ଷା ବିଭାଗ, ଓଡ଼ିଶା ାୟର ଶାସନ ଦିବସ ଅବସରରେ ମୁଁ ନୟାଗଡ଼ର ଗୁରୁଜନ, ମା' ମାଉସୀ ଓ ଭାଇଭଭଣୀଙ୍କୁ ମୋର ଆହଚି ୍ସଭେଚ୍ଛା ଓ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ ଜଣାଉଛି । ୁ ।ାୟର ଶାସନ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଗଣତାନ୍ତ୍ରିକ ଶାସନ ପଦ୍ଧତିର ମୂଳ ସୋପାନ । ରାଚ୍ୟରେ ହୁତ ବିକାଶ ସହିତ ସହରୀକର ମଧ ବଢି ଘଟଛି। ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାର ସହରାଞ୍ଚଳର ସର୍ବାଙ୍ଗୀନ ଉନ୍ନତି ନିମନ୍ତେ ଅନେକଗୁଡ଼ିଏ କଲ୍ୟାଣକାଟ ଯାଜନା ପଶ୍ଚୟନ କରିଛନ୍ତି । ସ୍ୱାୟର ଶାସନ ସଂସ୍ଥା ନିମନ୍ତେ ସହରବାସୀଙ୍କ ମୌଳିକ ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ପରଶ ଏକ

ଥାହାନ । ନୟାଗଡ ପୌରସଂସ୍ଥା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଧାରାକ୍ୱ ବ୍ୟାପକ କରି ସହରବାସୀଙ୍କ ଆଶ୍ଚା–ଆକାଂକ୍ଷା ପରଣ ଦିଗରେ ତା'ର ପତିବଦ୍ଧତା ପ୍ରକଟ କରିବ ବୋଲି ମୋର ଆଶା । ସ୍ୱା./– (ଡ. ଅରୁଣ କୁମାର ସାହୁ)

ଡା. ପୋମା ଟୁଡୁ (ଭା.ପ୍ର.ସେ.) ଶ୍ରୀ ସନ୍ତୋଷ କୁମାର ଜେନା (ଓ.ରା.ସେ.) କିଲ୍ଲାପାଳ–ତଥା–କିଲ୍ଲା ମାକିଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଟ ନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରଶାସକ, ପୌର ପରିଷଦ, ନୟାଗଡ଼ ପୌର ପରିଷଦ, ନୟାଗଢ଼

ନବରଙ୍ଗପୁର ପୌରପାଳିକା, ନବରଙ୍ଗପର

An elephant came from nowhere and, before she could react, took her by its trunk and trampled her to death. On being informed, Forest personnel and police reached the spot. After preliminary in-

Rairakhol, August 30: Notwithstanding the fact that the Forest department spends crores of rupees every year for the protection of elephants through a host of measures, much still needs to be done to check the casualties of the pachyderms in the Rairakhol forest division in Sambalpur.

This was evident following the death of another elephant in Langartaila forest near Kardapal village under Badbahal range Saturday.

According to reports, five elephants have died here for various reasons during the last two years. The casualties have posed a question mark on the safety of the animals, while the efficacy of the protective measures undertaken by the Forest department has come under cloud.

Some locals, while they were in the forest, first found a tusker dead. They informed the Forest department officials about their finding. The animal is believed to be 22 years old.

A team of officials, including DFO Ramakant Nayak, ACF Debiprasad Rout, Badabahal ranger and other Forest officials, took stock of the situation which led to the death of the animal.

The DFO said that the cause of its death will be known after the receipt of the post-mortem report.

Veterinarians suspect that the animal might have succumbed to some disease.

On the other hand, there has been no let-up in elephant casualties in the Forest division. Over five elephants have died in the region in the last two years.



An elephant had died in Naktideula range October 20, 2019, while another was found dead in Badbahal range two days later. An elephant calf was found dead in Kusmumakhol gramya jungle under Charmal range October 31 in the same year.

A tusker had died in Tudabahal forest under Badbahal range January 19, 2020. At that time, then DFO Sangram Keshari Behera told the media that some of them had died due to anthrax. However, reports revealed that the cause of the elephant deaths was not anthrax.

Frequent casualties of elephants in the division has left locals and environmentalists worried. They observed that Forest department officials are doing little for the protection of elephants.



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କ) ପୌର ପରିଷଦର ସମସ୍ତ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ଅନୁରୋଧ କରାଯାଉଅଛି କି, କୋଭିତ୍– ୧୯ ନିୟମକୁ ପାଳନ କରନ୍ତୁ ଓ ଅତ୍ୟାବଶ୍ୟକ ନ ହେଲେ ବାହାରେ ଯାତାୟାଁତ କିରବୁ ନାହିଁ । ମାୟ ବ୍ୟବହାର କରବୁ ଓ ସାମାଚିକି ଦୁରତା ବକାୟି ରଖନ୍ତୁ । ଖ) ପରିଷଦର ପରିସୀମା ମଧ୍ୟରେ ନୃତନ ଗୃହ ନିର୍ମାଣ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ପରିଷଦର ବିଧିବଦ୍ଧ ଅନୁମତି ନେଇ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରହୁଁ। ଗ) ରାସ୍ତାକଡ଼ ବା ନାଳ ଉପରେ ଉଠାଁ କ୍ୟାବିନ୍ ପକାଇ ରାସ୍ତା ଅବରୋଧରୁ ନିବୃର ରୁହିନ୍ଦୁ। ଘ) ପରିଷଦ ପରିସାମା ମଧ୍ୟରେ କୌଣସି ସାଇନବୋର୍ଚ୍ଚ, ହୋଡିଂ ଲଗାଇବା ପୂର୍ବରୁ ପରିଷଦର ଅନୁମିତି ନିଅନ୍ତୁ । ତି) ରାସ୍ତା ଉପରେ କୌଣସି ସାର୍ବଜମନ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ବିନା ଅନୁମତିରେ ଖାଲ କରିବା କିମ୍ପା ତୋରଶ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରକୁ ନାହିଁ । ତ) ରାସ୍ତା ଉପରେ ବାଲି, ମାଟି ଜମାକରି ରାସ୍ତା ଅବରୋଧି କିମ୍ଦା ରାସ୍ତା ଓ ନାଳର କ୍ଷତି କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ। ଛ) ରାସ୍ତା ମଧ୍ୟକୁ ଗାଁଈ ଗୋର୍ଗ୍ସ ଆଦି ଛାଡ଼ବୁ ନାହିଁ । ଜ) ମିଲକା ଏଣେତେଶେ ନ ପିକାଇ ପରିଷଦ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଯୋଗାଇ ବିଆଯାଇଥିବା ରାଡ଼ିକୁଡ଼ିକରେ ବିଅନ୍ଥୁ । ଝ) ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଶନିବାର ଦିନ ଘରୁ ବାହାରୁଥିବା ଇଲେକୃତିକ୍ ବର୍କୀବସ୍ଥୁ ଏଣେତେଶେ ନ ପକାଇ ପରିଷଦ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଯୋଗାଇ ବିଆଯାଇଥିବା ରାଡ଼ିଗୁଡ଼ିକରେ ବିଅବୁ । ଞ) ପରିଷଦର ତିକସ ଓ ପରିଷଦ ସ୍ୱାରା ଧାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରାଯାଇଥିବା ସେବା ଟିକସ ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ ପରିଷଦରେ ଦାଖଲ କରନ୍ତୁ ।

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- ୧. କରୋନା ମହାମାରୀରୁ ରକ୍ଷା ପାଇବା ପାଇଁ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ କୋଭିଡ୍ ନିୟମାବଳୀ ଏବଂ ପଞ୍ଚସୂତ୍ରୀ ନିୟମ ପାଳନ କରନ୍ତ୍ର ।
- ୨.ପରିଷଦର ସମସ୍ତ ପ୍ରକାର ଟିକସ ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ ପୈଠ କରନ୍ତୁ ।
- ୩.ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଜନହିତକର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟର ସଫଳ ରୂପାୟନ ନିମନ୍ତେ ସହଯୋଗ କରନ୍ତୁ ।



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୧. ପୌରସମ୍ପରି ଆପଣଙ୍କର, ଏହାର ସୁରକ୍ଷା କରଢ଼ୁ। ୨. ନିର୍ଦ୍ଧାରିତ ଟିକସ୍ ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ ପଇଠ କରହୁ। ୩ ପରିଷଦର ବିନା ଅନୁମତିରେ ନୂତନ କିଲାଁ ପୁରାତନ ଭୃହ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ। ୪. ଭୃହ ନିର୍ମାଣ ସରଞ୍ଜାମ ଭାଷ୍ଟା ଉପରେ ରଖି ରାସ୍ଥା ଅବରୋଧ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ। ୫. ସହର ଅଭ୍ୟତରସ୍ଥ ରାସ୍ଥାଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଉପରେ ଗୃହପାଳିତ ପଶୁଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ଅନଧିକାର ଭାବେ ଛାଡ଼ନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ । ୬. ପଲିଥିନ୍ ବ୍ୟବହାର ପରିତ୍ୟାଗ କରନ୍ତୁ ଏବଂ ପରିବେଶ ପୁରକ୍ଷା ପ୍ରତି ଧାନ ବିଅନ୍ତୁ ୭. ଟ୍ରାପିକ୍ ନିୟମ ପାଳନ କରନ୍ତୁ ଏବଂ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦିଷ୍ଠ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ଯାନବାହନ ପାର୍ଙ୍ଗି କରନ୍ତୁ । ୮. ରାସ୍ତାକଡ଼ ଜମି ତଥା ସରକାର ଜମି ଜବରଦଖଲରୁ ନିବୃତ୍ତ ରୁହନ୍ତୁ । ୯. ବ୍ୟବସାୟ ଆରୟ କରିବା ପୂର୍ବରୁ ପରିଷଦିର ଲାଇସେନ୍ସ କରାଇ ନିଅନ୍ତୁ । ୧୦. ପୌର ସମ୍ପଭି ଓ ସିର୍ବସାଧାରିଶ ସ୍ଥାନକୁ ଜବରଦଖଲରୁ ପୁକ୍ତ ରଖନ୍ତି । ୧୧. ପୌରସଂସ୍ଥା ହ୍ୱାରା ଲେ-ଆଭଟ୍ ନକ୍ତୁ ଅନ୍କୁମୋଦନ ହୋଇ ନ ଥିବା ଖାଲି ସ୍ଥାନ ବା ପୁଟ୍ କ୍ରୟ କିୟା ବିକ୍ରୟ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ । ୧୨. ଯଦି ନିଜ୍ର ନିଜର ଜରୁରୀ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପାଇଁ ବାହାରକୁ ବାହାରନ୍ତି ସେମାନେ ବାଧତାମୂଳକ ଭାବେ ନିଜ ମୁହଁରେ ମାସ୍କ ବା ରୁମାଲ ଜାଙ୍କି ବାହାରକୁ ବାହାରକୁ । ୧୩. ସାର୍ବଜନାନ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ଛେପ ପକାନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ। ୧୪. ଗର୍ଭବତା ମହିଳା, ୧୦ ବର୍ଷିରୁ କମ୍ ଶିଶୁ ଓ ବରିଷ୍ଠ ନାଗରିବ ଘରେ ରୁହନ୍ତୁ । କରୋନା ଭଳି ମାରାତ୍ମକ ରୋଗରୁ ନିକକୁ ସୁରକ୍ଷିତ ରଖିବାର ଏକମାତ୍ର ଅସ୍ତ୍ର ହେଉଛି ସଚେତନତା ଏବଂ ସାଁମାଜିକ ଦୂରତା । ନିକର ଅମୂଲ୍ୟ ଜୀବନକୁ ସୁରକ୍ଷାଁ ଦେବାରେ ସହାୟତା କରନ୍ତୁ ।

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ପୌର ପରିଷଦ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟ, ଉମରକୋଟ

ପୌର ପରିଷଦ, ଉମରକୋଟ ଚଳିତ ବର୍ଷର ନିଖିଳ ଭାରତ ସ୍ୱାୟଭ ଶାସନ ଦିବସ-୨୦୨୧ ପାଳନ ଉପଲକ୍ଷେ ଉମରକୋଟ ସହରର ସମସ୍ତ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ହାର୍ଦ୍ଦିକ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ ଓ ଶ୍ୱଭେଚ୍ଛା ଜଣାଇବା ସହ ସହରର ସର୍ବାଙ୍ଗୀନ ଉନ୍ନତି ପାଇଁ ସମସ୍ଥଙ୍କ ସହଯୋଗ କାମନା କରଅଛ ।

୧. ପୌରପାଳିକାର ଦେୟ ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ ପୈଠ କରି ପରିଷଦକୁ ନିକର କର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟ ପାଳନରେ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରନ୍ତୁ। <mark>୨.</mark> ପରିମଳ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥାର ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଓ ଉନ୍ନତି ଘଟାଇ ସୁସ୍ଥ ପରିବେଶ ଗଠନ କରନ୍ତୁ। <mark>୩.</mark> ଜନ୍ମ, ମୃତ୍ୟୁ ଓ ବିବାହ ପଞ୍ଜୀକରଣ ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ କରାଇ ନିଅନ୍ତୁ । ୪. ନୂତନ ଘର ନିର୍ମାଣ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଗୃହର ନକ୍ସା ପରିଷଦରୁ ମଞ୍ଚୁର କରାଇ ନିଅନ୍ତୁ । <mark>୫.</mark> ରାସ୍ତା ଉପରେ ଗୃହପାଳିତ ପଶୁଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ଅନଧିକାର ଭାବେ ଛାଡ଼ନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ । <mark>୬</mark>. ପ୍ଲାଷ୍ଟିକ୍ ଗ୍ଲାସ୍ ଏବଂ ପଲିଥିନ ବ୍ୟାଗ୍ର ବ୍ୟବହାର ବନ୍ଦ କରନ୍ତୁ **। ୭.** ଉମରକୋଟ ସହରକୁ ଖୋଲା ଶୌଚମୁକ୍ତ କରି ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ଉମରକୋଟ ଗଠନ କରିବାରେ ସହଯୋଗ କରନ୍ତୁ। ୮ କରୋନା ମୁକାବିଲାରେ ସରକାରଙ୍କୁ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରନ୍ତୁ, ଘରୁ ବାହାରିବା ସମୟରେ ମାଷ୍କ ସାନିଟାଇଚ୍ଚର ଏବଂ ସାମାଚ୍ଚିକ ଦୂରତ୍ୱ ଅବଲୟନ କରନ୍ତୁ ଏବଂ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଧାରିତ ନିୟମ ପାଳନ କରନ୍ତୁ । ସତର୍କ ରୁହନ୍ତୁ, ସୁରକ୍ଷିତ ରୁହନ୍ତୁ ।

ଏ ସହର ଆପଣଙ୍କର । ଏ ସହରକୁ ପରିଷାର ପରିଚ୍ଛନ୍ନ ରଖନ୍ତୁ ଏବଂ ଏକ ସୁସ୍ଥ ପରିବେଶ ଗଠନ କରନ୍ତୁ ।

ସ୍ୱା./– କାର୍ଯ୍ୟନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ, ପୌର ପରିଷଦ, ଉମରକୋଟ

ପୌର ପରିଷଦ, ପାରଳାଖେମୁଷି

ତମ୍ମାମ, ୮, ୬୦୧ (ବିଷ ବିଷ୍ଣୁକ ଭାରତ ଏହାଇ ଏହାନ ଦିବସ ପାରନ ଅବସରରେ ପାରନ ପୌରଞ୍ଚର ବମସ୍ଥ ଅଧିବାସଙ୍କୁ ପୌର ପରିହତ ପରିହର ନେସପୁ ହାଇଁ ଅଭିନନତ ୧ ଶୁରହ୍ଲା କୋଳଣ୍ଡ । ପାରନ ସବର ବାରିଙ୍କୁ ସର୍ବଧ୍ୟକ ମୌରିକ ପୁରିଧା ବୁପ୍ରଯାଇ ପୋରାରେଦେନ ସଦିତ ବୁଦ୍ଧିକ କେସମସ୍ଥୁକ ଅଧିକ ଅଧିକାର ଅଧିକାର ସହୁବତ ହୋ, ତାତି ବର୍ଷର ନିର୍ସାଷ୍ଟର ଦେଖିନିକ ପୁରିହ ପୁରୁ ଦେନ ନେରବାସଙ୍କ ସେବାରେ କରସରୁ ବାର୍ଦ୍ଧି ଅଧିକର ଅଧିକାର ଅଧିକାର ସହୁବା ହୋ, ତାତ ବର୍ଷର ନିର୍ସାଷ୍ଟର କରସରୁ ସହୁ ଦେନ ନେରବାସଙ୍କ ସେବାରେ କରସରୁ କରି ପାଁ ପ୍ରତିହିତିକ କେସମସ୍ଥୁ ଅନ୍ୟର ଭଞ୍ଜା ସଂକୃତ୍କ ହୋଁ ଅଧ୍ୟରିକ ପୁରିଧା ବୁପ୍ରଯା ଆହ ହାଇଁ ପାଦି ନିର୍ମାଣ । ୨) ଭାବ ସେବରବାସ ଆବର୍ଣ ପେତାରେ ଅଭିନି ହିନେକ୍ତି କୁହି ଦିଶ ବା ବାଣରେ ଓ ସଙ୍କୁତି ହୋଁ ସଦରେ ସର ସହୁ ସିହାରୁ ପରିହେ ନେସରେ ସହୁ ବର୍ଷର ସେକ୍ତରେ ଆହରେ ସେବାରେ ଅଭିନି ହିନେକ୍ତି ଥିଲେ ସେ ପ୍ରାନ୍ତୀନଙ୍କ ସୁସିଧା ନିରସେ ଯାପ୍ରସିହାର ସେବା ପାଦିକୁ ମିଶୁଣ କରି ସହର ମଧ୍ୟର ଏକ କରୁଷ୍ଣ ବିଭିତାନଙ୍କ କେତ୍ର ଅଭିନି ହିନେକ୍ତି ସୁଦ୍ଧ ନିର୍ଣଣ ପାରୁ ସହୁ କରସ୍ଥା ପରେ ସାମ୍ମାନଙ୍କ ସୁସିଧା ନିରସେ ଯାପ୍ରସିହାର ସେହି ସହର ସହାରୁ ସହ ବାହଣ କରସର ସହାନ୍ତାନଙ୍କ ମିଳାର ୧୬ ଅଭନି ନିନେକ୍ତ୍ର ସୁଦ୍ଧ ନିର୍ଣ ସିହାରା କଣ୍ଡା ସେକ୍ତର ସେବ ସେ କରିକୁ ସେବା ସହାନ୍ତ ପୁର୍ଣ୍ଡରାହେ ବାସାଯାହାନା ନିର୍ଗଣ । ୨) ସେକାରେମେରୁ ବିଭୁଣ ସିହାନ ପ୍ରତି ସହ ସୁତ୍ତର ହେଳ ପାର୍ସିହାର ସେହାର ସହୁକୁ କାହା ପାଦରା ଭଣ୍ଡା ଏକ ପୁର୍ଭାବ କାସାଯାହାନା ନିର୍ଗଣ । ସା ନାହାରେ ସହାନେ ସେହାନ୍ତ କରିବାନ୍ତ ସହ ସେହୁ ନିର୍ମଣ । ସହର ସେହନେକ ସେଳ

ାମର ସଫଳତାର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ

) ମନର ସଠିକ୍ ରପନାର ନିମନ୍ତେ ପର୍ଣ୍ଣରାମପୁର ମୌଳାରେ ୨୦ ଲେ.ଏଇ.ଡି. କ୍ଷମତା ବିଶିଷ୍ଣ ମଳ ରପଚାର ପୁଣ୍ଡ କରାଯାଇଅଛି। ୨) ସହର ଅଗିଆର ସଠିକ୍ ରପରୋଗ । ାର କୁରେଇଟି ଅଣ୍ଡ ଗୈବ କର ନିର୍ମଣ ଭଣ୍ଡ ଓ ଏକ ରେଜି ଗନୀଗ୍ରୀ ପୁନର୍ଭର ହେନ୍ତୁ ନିର୍ମଣ କରାଯାଇଅଛି। ୩) ମୁନନ ରୋପାରକୁର ପଠାଗରର ନିର୍ମଣ କରି। ବାମ୍ପର କେ ଭାରାପିଣ ରୋଗଅଛି। ୪) ଗମ୍ବଦାର ତାରେ ଗୈବ କରନ ନିର୍ମଣ ଦରଣଯାଇଥି। ୫) ଦେସୁ ବର୍ଦିଷଧାରଣ ଶୈକାରଣ ଓ ଗୋଷ୍ଟା ଶୌକାରଣର ନାନ ଶ୍ୱିକରି କମ୍ପରକ ଉଗୋଟେଛି। ୬) ସେଭ ଦେସୁ ଓଡ଼ିର ଭୋଗ ଗୁନରେ ୧୮୮୧ ଗୋଟି ବିଶେତ ଅନନ ପୁକରୁ ନିର୍ମଣ କରାଯାଇ କୁ-ବେପୁରୁ ବୁକାରନରେ ସହଯନ ରୋଇଅଛି। ୬) ସ ସଦାରମଙ୍କର ନାମସାନ କାନସାନ ପାରେଟି ପରିରଣ, / ନିଜାନାନ୍ତି କୁଦ ନିର୍ମଣ କରାଯାଇଅଛି। ସଦାରମଙ୍କର ନାମସାନ ସ ନାନିସ ାଙ୍କ ସହରସାକ ଓ ଦାଣିବ

। ଘର ଟିକସ ଠିକ ସମୟରେ ପୈଠ କରକ୍ଲା ୨) ରାସ୍ଥା ଓ ନାଳକୁ ବେଆଇନ ଭାବେ ଦଖଲ କରି ରମନାରମନରେ ଅବରୋଧ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରକ୍ଲ ନାହିଁ । ୩) ବୋକାନ ଲାକ

ଜିଲାପାକ, ଗଜପତି ଥେ। ପ୍ରଶାସକ, ପାରକାଖୋମୁର୍ଣ୍ଣ ପୌର ପରିଷ ପାରଳାଖୋମୁକ୍ତି ପୌର ପରିଷଦ

ଶ୍ରୀ ବୁତିକୃଷ୍ପ ପାତ୍ର, (ଓ.ରା.ସେ)	ଶ୍ରୀ ଜ୍ୟୋତି ଶଙ୍କର ରାୟ, ଓ.ପ୍ର.ସେ. (ବରିଷ୍ଠ ବର୍ଗ)
କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ	ପ୍ରଶାସକ
ବିଞ୍ଜାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ, ସୋରଡ଼ା, ଗଞ୍ଚାମ	ବିଜ୍ଞାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ, ସୋରଡ଼ା, ଗଞ୍ଜାମ

ବିଜ୍ଞାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ, ଛତ୍ରପୁର

ସ୍ପାୟର ଶାସନ ଦିବସ ଅବସରରେ ଛତ୍ରପୁର ବିଜ୍ଞାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦର ସହରବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ ଜଶାଇବା ସଙ୍ଗେ ସଙ୍ଗେ ଏହି ସହରକୁ ସବୁଜ ସୁହିର ସହରରେ ପରିଶତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଆପିଶମାନଙ୍କ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗତ ସହଯୋଗ କାମନା କରୁଅଛୁ। ପରିଷଦର ନିମ୍ରୋକ୍ତ ବିଷୟ ପ୍ରତି ଧ୍ୟାନ ଆକର୍ଷଶ କରୁଅଛୁ।

- ଛ. ସମସ୍ତ ବାଦସାଣ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନଙ୍କୁ ଟ୍ରେଟ୍ କାଇସହନ୍ତୁ ଓ ପରିମକ ଯୁକର ଫିକ୍ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାକଣା ବାଷଣ କରି ବାଦସାଣ ପ୍ରମାଣପତ୍ର ପଞ୍ଚାକରଣ କରିବାକୁ ଅନୁରୋଧ କରାଯାଇଛି । ଜ: ସମସ୍ତ୍ର ଜନସାଧାରଣମାନେ ନିଜ ନିଜର ଗୃହପାଳିତ ପଶ୍ଳରୁତ୍ୱିକୁ ନିଜ ଯତ୍ନରେ ରଖନ୍ତୁ । ଏଣେତେଶେ ରାସ୍ତା ଉପରକୁ ଛାଡ଼କୁ ନାହିଁ ।
 - ଶ୍ରୀ ଏନ୍. ଗଣେଶ ବାବୁ (ଓ.ପୌ.ପୁ.ସେ) ଶ୍ରୀ ସିବ୍ଧେ ଦରାଚ୍ରେୟ ଭାଉ ସାହେବ (ଭା.ପ୍ର.ସେ) କାର୍ଯ୍ୟନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ ବିଜ୍ଞାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ, ଛତ୍ରପୁର

ପ୍ରଶାସକ ତଥା ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶଳ, ତି.ଆର୍.ଡି.ଏ. ବିଞ୍ଚାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ, ଛତପର

କୟପୁର ପୌରପାଳିକା, କୟପୁର

ଁପବିତ୍ର ସ୍ୱାୟତ୍ତ ଶାସନ ଦିବସ ଅବସରରେ ଜୟପୁରବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ଜୟପୁର ପୌରପାଳିକା ତରଫରୁ ଅନେକ ଅନେକ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ ।

- ପୌରପାଳିକା ସମ୍ପରି ଆପଣଙ୍କର, ଏହାର ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଆପଣଙ୍କ ଦାୟିତ୍ୱ । 9.
- ସରକାରୀ ଜମି କିନ୍ୟା ପୌରପାଳିକାର ଜମି ଜବରଦଖଲ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ ଏବଂ ରାସ୍ତା ଅବରୋଧ 9. କରି କୌଣସି ବ୍ୟବସାୟ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ ।
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- ୧୦. ଯଥାସମୟରେ ଜନ୍ମ ଓ ମୃତ୍ୟୁ ଏବଂ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିବାହର ପଞ୍ଜୀକରିଶ କରାନ୍ତୁ ।
- ୧୧. ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଜାରି କରାଯାଇଥିବା କୋଭିଡ୍ ନିୟମ ପାଳନ କରନ୍ତୁ ଓ ସୁରକ୍ଷିତ ରୁହନ୍ତୁ ।
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One mighty deed can change the course of things; a lonely thought

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Taliban Overtures

window of opportunity seems to be opening for India to reach out to

and mend its relations with the Taliban after a key member of the Taliban

leadership made a carefully scripted statement August 28 that India

is "very important for the subcontinent" and his group is keen on continu-

ing Afghanistan's cultural, economic, political and trade ties with India

The overture, first since the Taliban stormed into Kabul August 15 and took

firm control of Afghanistan, was made by Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai,

deputy head of Taliban's office in Doha. He read out in Pashto a 46-minute

video message that was broadcast on the group's social media platforms and

The development comes after India's position in the affairs of Afghanistan

became extremely precarious and its foreign policy of avoiding the Taliban

like plague appeared to be proving too costly. India seemed to be out of the

game in Afghanistan after having acted as its closest neighbour for the past

20 years when it collaborated with the Afghanistan government that was propped

up and backed by the US. This left Pakistan in the driving seat in Afghanistan

post-Taliban takeover and it is feared Pakistan will not only draw the con-

tours of Indo-Afghan relationship but will also smuggle terrorists, belong-

ing to a plethora of outfits, into Indian territory and undo the structural changes

Interestingly, Stanekzai was at the Indian Military Academy in Dehradun

in the 1980s as part of training for Afghan army cadets. In 1996 also he had

played a similar peace-making role with India after the Taliban's first

takeover of Kabul when he was Deputy Foreign Minister of a caretaker gov-

ernment. Now this overture comes at a time when India has evacuated its

entire diplomatic contingent from its embassy in Kabul and its foreign pol-

It doesn't look like a happenstance that the Taliban are apparently soft-

ening their stand on India hours after the latter toned down its pugnacity

against the Taliban at an important resolution of the United Nations Security

Council August 27. In a significant development suggesting desperate behind

the scene activities by India's foreign affairs establishment to reach out to

the Taliban, India dropped the dirty word, 'Taliban,' from the resolution. This

was done two weeks after India, chairing the UNSC for August, had specif-

ically mentioned the Taliban in a resolution urging them not to allow the

Afghanistan soil to be used by terrorists as a launching pad for subversive

activities against other countries, meaning primarily India. The changed res-

olution retained all the other words directed at reining in terrorist groups.

to be controlling the UNSC's decisions, was urging India not to adopt a hos-

tile stand on the Taliban. Secondly, India was equally desperate to build

bridges with the Taliban. Stanekzai's statement indicates India's gesture is strik-

ing a chord with the Taliban too. He stated the Taliban leadership is looking

forward to working with India and strengthening its political, economic and

trade ties with India. He even insisted trade with India is so important that

the Taliban would even keep the air corridors open for doing trade with India.

and access between India and Afghanistan. His remarks that the Taliban would

consolidate Afghanistan's relations with Turkmenistan and sort out the

problems holding up the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI)

Similarly, he touched on the importance of the Chabahar port in connecting

India with Afghanistan and the Central Asian countries. The International

North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) is key to fulfilling India's ambi-

tion of building a vast network of ports and freight corridors leading to Eurasia.

India has already invested billions of rupees to develop the Chabahar port and roads and railway network to tap iron ore deposits in Hajigak mine in central Afghanistan and natural resources in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and

This is significant since Pakistan has always blocked overland transit, trade

The changed wording suggested two things. First, the USA, which is known

icy in regard to Afghanistan seemed to be lost in the wilderness.

the Indian government has done to Jammu & Kashmir.

becomes omnipotent.

"like in the past."

Afghanistan's Milli TV.

FOCUS MONETISATION

PIPEDREAM OR BOLD REFORM?

fiscal deficit. This was expected due to two reasons -large spending commitments due to Covid and falling tax revenue. Last year the finance minister had which makes up more than three fourth of all the financial savings of the households in India. The fresh borrowing keeps adding to the debt mountain of the Union government, which is now at 60 per cent of GDP. This is the highest it FRESH has been in 14 years.

The NK Singh-led expert committee on fiscal responsibility had recommended a debt to GDP ratio of 40 per cent. So, the current indebtedness levels are dangerous and could be unsustainable. Also, it is worth a reminder that today's borrowing is nothing but a tax on future unborn generations. The more reckless the spending today, the less is the fiscal space available tomorrow. Unless of course growth picks up very strongly. It is in this context that the

government has to seriously think about other avenues of raising revenue or reducing spending, without sacrificing its core responsibility of governance, social and national security. It is true that seen purely in terms of fund flows, the deficit situation is worrisome. But seen from a balance sheet perspective, it is much better. The government may have a lot of unfunded spending obligations, but it also has assets on its balance sheet which can be 'monetised.' Of course, we are not talking about selling off the Taj Mahal or the Gateway of India. But there is a philosophical case to be made to divest assets in areas where a private party might function more efficiently and genThe NMP is a fresh approach to public-privatepartnership. Its success will depend on the devil which is in the details. And the risks of capture,

erate more value from the same asset than the government. The revolution in telecom or

cable TV has shown to what heights privatisation can take a sector, which languished under a state monopoly for decades. The same is true for private courier services, or airlines and hotels. But successive governments have found it difficult even to mention the taboo word of 'privatisation.' That Lakshman Rekha was crossed in this year's Budget speech. Will that ambition be translated into reality? The record is not inspiring. For the last seven years the privatisation (or disinvestment) targets have been consistently missed by a wide margin. For instance, last year the target was ₹2.1 lakh crore, and not even 10 per cent was realised. Even in years when the target was achieved it was because one PSU was asked to buy the shares of another PSU, which is like the left pocket paying the right pocket. Remember that this is a ruling party which has promised minimum government and maximum governance.

Seen in the light of an acute fiscal crunch, the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) is an ambitious idea. It aims to transfer (not sell) operating assets to private parties, and encash the value up front as a lump sum payment from an auction. The finance minister had announced this idea

by potential private monopolies, of public assets are real and need to be addressed in her Budget speech, and the details were unveiled August 23. The proposals are very ambitious, and go beyond sectors like power, roads and railway assets as mentioned in the Budget speech, to a total of 14 sectors, including telecom towers, gas pipelines, warehouses, solar projects and even stadiums. Many of these assets don't belong to the government per se, but rather different corporate entities, such as the National Highway Authority of India, or Power Grid Corporation. The resources raised will not wholly go to plug only the fiscal deficit, but to those respective corporate bodies. In the next four years the government estimates raising ₹6 trillion from the NMP, of which ₹0.88 trillion is to

be realised this year itself. Given its record on privatisation these numbers are very ambitious and unrealistic. Also, the risk perception varies from sector to sector. The cleanest case is of toll highways, which anyway the NHAI has been monetising. The private party that wins the bidding, signs a 'concession' agreement to collect toll revenues for the next 15 or 20 years. The value of the bid is obviously the discounted present value of all the tolls that would be collected in the future. Note that the toll cannot be fixed by the toll operator. It is to be notified by the government. What if there is political agitation to make the road

toll free? This indeed has hap pened in the case of the Noida toll bridge which went toll-free in 2016. Or the Mumbai-Pune Expressway (a battle was fought to make it toll-free). Indeed, that expressway is the oldest (since 2004) and most successful example of a monetised asset, but it has not been without its own controversies What if traffic drops to zero due to a pandemic-induced lockdown? Who will bear that risk? There are also other risks of abrupt cancellations of long-term contracts. The Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) in Andhra Pradesh where the present government cancelled PPAs by the previous one led by the Telugu Desam Party, are a case in point. These are the kind of contingencies that the NMP agree ments have to specify. In essence the private operator gets the monopoly right to collect the toll for a long period in exchange for the upfront value. How is the quality of service to be ensured? Will there be a regulator? Not all private entrepreneurs would be willing to take on such risks of political upheavals. Such a political minefield is not easy to navigate. So does this mean that only 'cronies' will bid, as they are better at 'managing risks' or due to an implied quid pro quo? These are the uncertainties plaguing the NMP. Due to such factors, detractors will surely accuse the government of selling assets (family silver) cheaply or only to cronies. Another important question is how is the money going to be raised by the private parties? If the bulk of the ₹6 trillion to be earned from bidders is to be borrowed from banks are

And who bears the risk of bad loans? Will it fall on taxpayers? The NMP is a fresh approach to public-private-partnership. Its success will depend on the devil which is in the details. And the risks of capture, by potential private monopolies, of public assets are real

the banks willing to take this risk?

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and need to be addressed.

SPECTRUM GEOPOLITICS

Kazakhstan. Once the INSTC is built, Afghanistan's dependence on Pakistan for export would be drastically minimised. The cost of Indian exports to Afghanistan and Central Asian countries will come down by 60 per cent and Over the last two weeks, Taliban spokespersons Suhail Shaheen and

Zabiullah Mujahid have also articulated the group's views on relations with India. New Delhi invested \$3bn in development projects, offered scholarships to Afghan students, and helped construct the parliament building at a cost of \$90m, earning massive goodwill in the country. India has undertaken about 400 projects covering almost all 34 provinces in Afghanistan.

The Taliban leader's detailed message on international trade and commerce



Ajit Ranade

BORROWING **KEEPS ADDING TO THE DEBT MOUNTAIN OF THE UNION GOVERNMENT**, WHICH IS NOW **AT 60 PER CENT OF GDP. THIS IS THE HIGHEST IT**

HAS BEEN

IN 14 YEARS



keeping in mind the pivotal role India can play in collaboration with Iran indicates the Taliban's anxiety to get international recognition and develop the country's economic potential independent of Pakistan. If the Taliban are really serious, things may not look as bleak for India as they do now

WISDOM CORNER

gas pipeline project sound reassuring.

timing by 50 per cent.

- What is crucial in dealing with loss is not to lose the lesson. That makes you a winner in the most profound sense. DAYANANDA SARASWATI
- In seeking comfort, we generally find a quiet corner in life where there is a minimum of conflict, and then we are afraid to step out of that seclusion. JIDDU KRISHNAMURTI
- Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life: not so much by what happens to KAHLIL GIBRAN you as by the way your mind looks at what happens.

WORDS**WORTH**

Panglossian

A panglossian is optimistic regardless of the circumstances. Or, to put it in Athe words of the optimistic Dr Pangloss, the philosopher and tutor in Voltaire's Candide (1759), "All is for the best in the best of all possible worlds." We are as profoundly sceptical of this philosophy as Voltaire intended us to be, since Dr Pangloss was old, pedantic and deluded, maintaining his misguided beliefs even after experiencing great suffering. His name is one clue to Voltaire's view of the old man, since it comes from Greek pan, all, and glossa, tongue or language, so suggesting glibness and talkativeness. Writers have since made several compounds out of his name. such as Panglossic and Panglossism, but the adjective Panglossian is by far the most common and is frequently found even today: Most managementspeak is, as Schrijvers points out, Panglossian balderdash designed to lull the weak and credulous - the feeble-minded, the nice - into a position of supine docility" (Daily Telegraph, 13 July, 2004).

Panhandle

t is variously said to come from the habit of beggars of soliciting contributions by thrusting out tin pans, into which generous passersby would place their coins; or perhaps it's from the Spanish pan, literally meaning "bread" but which could also mean "money" (much as our word bread can in modern English), or possibly from the idea of some hopeful supplicant panning for gold.

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Catching the shoplifter

A shoplifter was caught red-handed trying to steal a watch from an exclusive jewellery store. "Listen," said the shoplifter, "I know you don't want any trouble either. What do you say I just buy the watch and we forget

about this?' The manager agreed and wrote up the sales slip. The crook looked at the slip and said, "This is a little more than I intended to spend. Can you show me something less expensive?'



Saeed Naqvi

IF BIDEN'S WITHDRAWAL **PUTS AN END TO ACTIONS WHICH DO NOT BECOME AMERICA, HISTORY** WILL JUDGE **HIM FAIRLY**

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TO THE EDITOR

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boost chaos sky high. It will bling facts leading Britain into a take focus away from the only frame in which the epochal events of the past few days should be seen. Did the US withdrawal, however messy bring an end to the 'forever wars'? Is that outcome to be welcomed? Or is this the time to analyse the 'incompetence' of the Taliban? A people who defeated a superpower in battle should be given a little more

than a fortnight to find their feet. Or, is there an urge in wounded hearts for some rearguard action in order to pick up shreds of prestige blown to smithereens? A military response to the residual imperialist yearning, pulsating beneath the ashes, may well provide Afghans with an opportunity to measure up to Vietnam's record. Vietnam defeated three permanent members of the Security Council in the battlefield: France at Dien Bien Phu, the US at Saigon, and China in Lang Son. Mujahideen Taliban have two scalps in their bag already -- Soviet Union and the US. Another trophy for the Afghans, anybody?

It is ironical that Tony Blair's has been the loudest yelp. 'Imbecilic' to withdraw he screamed. How thick a human skin can be? Just the other day Sir John Chilcot in his historic

bogus Iraq war: "I express more sorrow, regret and apology than you will ever imagine," he wept.

Is it curtains on 'forever wars'?

Donald Trump asked Jimmy Carter, "What should we do, China is going ahead of us?" Carter's reply was pithy: "China has not been at war since 1978; we have never stopped being at war."

Is there something akin to racism in the way TV images of the Taliban in Kabul send shivers down our spine? How did we ever persuade ourselves that they are a ghastly lot? Who knows, they may well be but who has drilled this image so indelibly into our consciousness? Not our media, surely. Our 'atmanirbhar', or self-sufficient media takes 'foreign' news from Western agencies to a point of saturation. This shapes our mind and, to some extent, South Block's too. Of course, our ambassadors file reams of copy but spring a surprise on them at work: they are all watching the same channels.

Painting Muslims in lurid colours has been a practice at least since the 70s when Muslim states surrounding Israel vigorously supported the Palestinian cause. Palestinian Professor at Columbia University Edward Said's 'Covering Islam' has a jacket which is a col-

headgear et all, is crouching and taking aim with his Kalashnikov. In the very frame is a western cameraman. resting a knee on the ground, clicking the gun-toting Afghan. This is how the image of a 'militant Islamist' is manufactured.

the media. An Afghan militant.

he horrific terrorist attacks report grilled the illustrious former lector's item. It is a metaphor for the CIA chief specifically for her

outside Kabul airport will British Prime Minister for dissem- the way Muslims are portrayed in record in torture and rendition.

It was prescient of Edward Said to have spotted the beginnings of manufactured Islamic militancy. This industry was to grow after the Soviet collapse and burgeon after 9/11. In terrorism the Military Industrial Complex found a durable replacement for the Cold War enemy the Soviet Union. Oh, the excuses that are being made for the debacle: we made the mistake of training the Afghan army in 'our image', like the US military. Really! Where the hell have all the soldiers gone, however wrongly trained, armed to the teeth? What were all those 'Green on Blue' attacks when trainees turned upon their trainers, killing many? Did such attacks just end by divine intervention or embarrassing episodes just go away because the obedient media switches off its cameras?

Thumb through the files of the Guardian and locate the headline 'US marines charged over urinating on bodies of dead Taliban' Trump appointed Gina Haspel as

ture works." Afghans even the supine ones making money hand over fist with US contractors and even more with Ghani's corrupt minions - would they fall in love with the Americans who built torture chambers, multiple Abu Ghraibs, crashing down doors and stripping families, humiliating them.

He said on TV

Even as I write Ben Roberts-Smith, of Australia's Special Air Services regiment, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for duty in Afghanistan, was, until the other day, fighting with his back to the wall in an Australian court facing charges of atrocities on Afghan civilians. An internal investigation last year found Special Forces men 'unlawfully killed' 39 Afghan civilians and prisoners. At least in Australia some limited processes were set into motion, but as for the US, let me quote George Bush the senior. "United States can do what the hell it wants." If Biden's withdrawal puts an end to actions which do not become America, history will judge him fairly. Dealing with the Taliban is a separate matter.

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Punjab wrangle

Sir, The wrangle between Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh and Congress state president Navjot Singh Sidhu in Punjab does not augur well for the party. Punjab will go to Assembly polls in February 2022, and with a Punjab win, the Congress can play a significant role in Opposition unity. Perhaps Amarinder Singh, a bankable politician, would have easily pulled it off for the party but for Navjot Singh Sidhu. Just as Captain Amarinder was all set to be projected as the party's face again for 2022, Sidhu threw his hat into the ring. Though 'pacified' with the state party chief's post, the former cricketer has a much bigger agenda. Therefore, his endless histrionics are the order of the day. One of the biggest assets of an ambitious politician is patience. When the BJP had little time for an impatient Sidhu, the agitated Sardar left the party in a huff. Despite being given a patient hearing and due support from none other than senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and party's general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Sidhu's histrionics continue to ruffle the party. But Sidhu's bete noire is an old war horse. The formidable Amarinder Singh is not an easy nut to crack. As a former Army man, the Captain knows what it takes to win a war. So, Punjab in-charge Harish Rawat, who will be in the state as a firefighter, has his task cut out. Captain Amarinder Singh is unlikely to budge an inch and Navjot Singh Sidhu's restlessness is on the rise

Ganapathi Bhat, AKOLA (MAHARASHTRA)

Golden beam

Sir, Avani Lekhara has emerged as the first Indian woman to clinch an Olympic gold in a shooting event. This is a Paralympic gold medal but the metal shines the same like any Olympic gold. She says, "I am feel-ing like I'm on top of the world." The country too feels the same. We have garlanded our Olympic medal winners with truckful of gifts and cash rewards. I hope the Union and the state governments will loosen their purse strings for our Paralympians too. With seven medals so far the Paralympians have proved that they are no less than our Olympians. Avani Lekhara will be shooting it out in two more events, the mixed 10m air rifle and 50m rifle. India hopes that her kitty jingles with more medals. The country is so proud of her.

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well known environmental activist of Odisha, Srikant Navak is undertaking a hunger strike, which is on its 21st day Monday. For years, he has been working in his native village of Taras near Rajaknika in Kendrapara district - a stone's throw from the famous Bhitarkanika sanctuary. His work to promote tree plantation, nature education, eradication of alcoholism etc, are well known in the area and outside. Because of this work through Sambhabana - the NGO he had set up - Nayak was nominated to be a Bhitarkanika Eco-sensitive Zone Monitoring Committee member. Bhitarkanika is well known for its mangroves, crocodiles and pristine ecology. It has been notified as an Eco-Sensitive Zone by the Central government. All developmental activities, even highways and pipelines in eco-sensitive zones, are categorised as 'Category A' projects in the Environmental and Social Impact Policy, 2006 and are subject to strict assessment and environmental clearance.

Recently, several panchayats in Kendrapada district are in turmoil over the construction of a mega pipeline to divert water from Kharasrota - a tributary of Brahmani - towards the neighbouring Bhadrak district. Uniting under the banner of Kharasrota Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, the vil-

lagers from these panchayats are protesting the construction work of this pipeline and the water supply project, which will lead to an increase in salinity and decrease in the availability of the river water, on which local agriculture is reliant. The increase in salinity will also have a significant impact on Bhitarkanika Mangroves

The district officials claim that the project is linear like roads, highways, transmission lines etc, which passes through several areas, and therefore is not subject to the rigorous Environmental and Social Impact Assessment provisions envisioned in the ESIA Policy, which is a prerequisite for the grant of environmental clearance from the MoEF. Linear projects are exempt from the rigours of environmental clearance according to amendments brought to these policies in 2002 and 2013 by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India. While these amendments themselves are widely critiqued, they aimed to facilitate the construction of roads and developmental facilities through impregnable forest areas, made difficult by threats of Naxalism. Even so, the Supreme Court has also expressed horror at these amendments, expressing an intention to give out detailed guidelines to undo them.

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logically sensitive zone of Bhitarkanika. Therefore, the issue here is not the passing of the pipeline itself but the diversion of water resources from this sensitive area, which has significant localised ecological consequences. The rationale behind the exemption of linear projects like roads or transmissions pipelines was that they do not involve a similar impact on resources or substantial change in the natural habitat of any particular area - dispersed as such projects are across a more extended linear area.

The assessment for Category A projects involves public hearings and appraisal by the Central-level Expert Appraisal Committee. In

this case, a public announcement regarding this pipeline, public hearing, or Central-level expert appraisal has not been made. As the movement intensifies, there is a redoubled need for a public hearing to solve this problem.

The records of the monitoring committee meeting held on August 15 called by the Collector of Kendrapda were conspicuous by the absence of two members: an expert on ecology and a representative of the MoEF, Government of India. The only independent non-state government member on the panel was Srikant Navak, the NGO representative, who voiced concerns about Bhitarkanika's ecological diversity. The monitoring committee, which is empowered to refer projects to MoEF and other regulatory agencies for environmental clearance, merely gave post-facto approval to an EIA report already prepared by the state government. Apparently, IIT-Hyderabad had conducted the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the government and approved the project. However, locals claim that no such public hearing in this social impact assessment report were conducted. and even if conducted, they were unaware of it. The hearings of this nature are usually conducted by the Pollution Control Board and are well publicised in local newspapers, which has not happened in this case.

Additionally, the monitoring committee has the power to refer the project to these regulatory authorities. In accordance with this, the NGO member of the monitoring committee. Srikant Navak. placed on record his demand for a national-level committee to probe the concerns of damage to Bhitarkanika mangroves. This kind of hasty monitoring, which frustrates the very idea of having these independent local regulatory bodies, is increasingly becoming the norm in Odisha. Last year, the Talabira mines controversy saw similar hastily made and allegedly forged gram sabha resolutions filed by the district administration.

Instead, the need of the hour is

to adhere to the 4-step EIA process and conduct public hearings and expert appraisals. Srikant has written an open letter to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) asking for an immediate halt on construction activities until a committee of experts can further examine the effects of this project on Bhitarkanika. In the meantime, eminent personalities such as Gandhian Krishna Mohanty, Padma Charan Nayak and Rajendra Singh, among others, have come out in support of Srikant's protest. Unfortunately, the treatment meted out to Srikant has been most harsh and cruel by the district administration, threatening his nursery and placing him forcibly in hospital.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in its latest report, has issued some dire warnings. Odisha is considered to be facing extreme threats from the climate crisis. There is a nature-lover Chief Minister at the helm of affairs in the state. Yet, it is shocking that such an ill-considered project is being allowed to go ahead in such an undemocratic manner in the face of widespread protests. One hopes better sense prevails and soon.

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Kalahandi district.

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Kesinga, August 30: A man allegedly attempted to murder his

pregnant wife by slitting her throat late Sunday night. The incident took place at Dhanarmal village

under Kesinga police limits in

The injured woman has been identified as Prakashini Sahani and the accused as Nihar. Prakashini is a native of Sambalpur district and had married Nihar a few years back. The husband and wife duo had an altercation Sunday night and things took an ugly turn when Nihar turned violent and tried to slit her throat following the spat. Nihar fled the spot after committing the crime.

Prakashini fell unconscious as she bled profusely. Neighbours found her lying in the same state Monday morning and rushed her to the Kesinga hospital. Doctors attending on her said that the condition of the woman is critical.

On being informed by some villagers, police registered a case in this connection and have started an investigation. They have also launched a manhunt to nab the accused.

Crores spent on 3 irrigation projects go down the drain

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bargarh, August 30: With three irrigation projects in Ambabhona block of Bargarh district lying defunct most of the time, it seems that ₹100 crore spent on these projects have gone down the drain. These projects have failed to serve their purpose, especially when a drought-like situation prevails in the re-

gion.



The third project aimed to provide water to 1,300 hectares of farmland in Samapali, Kapasira, Satidrha, Baigapali, Ludupali, Ambabhona, Ghughurapali, Antaradi, Kahneipali, Budhipali, Bugabugi,



ସର୍ବଭାରତୀୟ ସ୍ୱାୟର ଶାସନ ଦିବସ-୨୦୨୧ ଉପଲକ୍ଷେ ପୌରପରିଷଦ ସ୍ୱନ୍ଦରଗଡ଼ ତରଫରୁ ହାର୍ଦ୍ଦିକ ଶ୍ୱଭେଚ୍ଛା ଓ ଶ୍ୱଭକାମନା ଜଶାଇବା ସଙ୍ଗେ ସଙ୍ଗେ ଆସନ୍କୁ ସମସ୍ତେ ମିଳିମିଶି ସହରକୁ ସଫାସୁଡୁରା ରଖିବା ସହିତ ସୁନ୍ଦରଗଡ଼ ସହରକ୍ତ ସବ୍ତକ, ସ୍ୱନ୍ଦର କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଶପଥି ନେବା ।

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କରି ସୁରକ୍ଷିତ ରହିବା ପାଇଁ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ଅନୁରୋଧ ।

ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ ଆମର ସଫଳତା ଓ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ସର୍ବ ପୁରାତନ ତଥା ଐତିହାସିକ ପୌରସଂସ୍ଥା ଆପଶମାନଙ୍କୁ ପବିତ୍ର ସ୍ୱାୟର ଶାସନ ଦିବସ–୨୦୨୧ ଉପିଲଷେ ଅଭିନୟନ କଣାଇଅଛି। କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଢ଼ା ସହରକୁ ଏକ ଆଦିଶ ସହରରେ ପରିଣତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ପୌରସଂସ୍ଥାତରଫରୁ ନିମୁଲିଞ୍ଚ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟଗୁଡିକର ଉରତି ନିମୂତେ ସହଯୋଗ କାମନା କରୁଅଛି।

କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା ପୌରପାଳିକା, କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା

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ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ଦେବ ପ୍ରସାଦ ବଳ ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ନିରଞ୍ଜନ ବେହେରା, ଓ.ପ୍ର.ସେ. (ଏସ୍.ବି.) ନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ, କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା ପୌରପାଳିକା ପ୍ରଶାସକ, ଉପଜିଛାପାଳ, କେନ୍ଦ୍ରାପଡ଼ା

ବିଜ୍ଞାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ, ଗୋପାଳପୁର, ଜିଲ୍ଲା: ଗଞ୍ଜାମ ନିଖିଳ ଭାରତ ସ୍ୱାୟତ୍ତ ଶାସନ ଦିବସ – ୨୦୨୧

୨୦୨୧ ମସିହା ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ୩୧ ପବିତ୍ର ସ୍ୱାୟର ଶାସନ ଦିବସ ଉପଲକ୍ଷେ ବିଜ୍ଞାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ, ଗୋପାଳପୁରର ସମ ନସାଧାରଣ, ବୁଦ୍ଧିଜୀବୀ ତଥା ସହରବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ହାର୍ଦ୍ଦିକ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ ।

ନିବେଦନ: ୧. ପରିଷଦର ଦେୟ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଧାରିତ ସମୟରେ ପଇଠ କରକୁ। ୨. ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ତଥା ସରକାରୀ ଜାଗାକୁ କବଚ ଦଖଲ କରବ୍ଲୁ ନାହିଁ । ୩. ବିବାହ, ଜନ୍ସ, ମୃତ୍ୟୁ ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ ପଞ୍ଜୀକରଣ କରାଇ ନିଅବ୍ଲୁ । ୪. ନିଜ ନିଜ ଗୃହପାକିତ ପଶୁମାନକ ଖୋଲାରେ ଛାଡ଼ବୁ ନାହିଁ । ୫. ବୃକ୍ଷ ରୋପଶ କରି ପରିବେଶ ସୁନ୍ଦର କରବୁ । ୬. ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଭନ୍ୟନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ ସହଯୋଗ କରବୁ ୦. ପରିଷଦ ନାଳମାନଙ୍କରେ ବର୍ଜ୍ୟବସ୍ଥୁ ପଳାବ୍ରୁ ନାହିଁ । ୮. ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ଭାରତ ଅଭିଯାନରେ ସାମିଲ ହୋଇ ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ଭାରତ ଅଭିଯାନ ଗାଡ଼ିରେ ଓବା ଶୁଖିଲା ବର୍ଚ୍ୟବସ୍ଥ ଅଲଗା କରି ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିବା ସହ ନିୟମ ମୁତାବକ କରଳର ଫି ପ୍ରଦାନ କରକୁ। ୯. ପଲିଥିନ ବ୍ୟାଗ ବ୍ୟବହାର ବର୍ଚ୍ଚନ କରନ୍ତୁଁ । ୧୦. ଘର ଓ ଦୋକାନର ପାଞ୍ଚ ମିଟର ଦୂରତା ମଧ୍ୟରେ ବର୍ଜ୍ୟବସ୍ଥୁ ନ ପକାଇ ସଫା ରଖନ୍ତ ଦୁଇ ଗୋଟି ସଠିକ୍ ଆକାରର ଡଷ୍ଟବିନ ବ୍ୟବହାର କରନ୍ତୁ। ଆସନ୍ତୁ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ଭାରତ ଅ ଲିସାନରେ ସାମିଲ ହ<u>ୋ</u> ଗୋପାଳପୁର ସହରକୁ ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ଓ ସ୍ମନ୍ଦର କରି ଗଡ଼ି ଡୋଳିବା । ଭ<mark>ନ୍ନତିର ଦୁଇପାଦ ଆଗକୁ:</mark> ୧. ସମୁଦ୍ର କୂଳ ବେଳାଭୂମି ନିକଟରେ ଭନତ ମାନର ଶୌଚାଳୟ ନିର୍ମାଣ । ୨. ଶିଶୁ ଭଦ୍ୟାନା ସୌନ୍ଦର୍ଯ୍ୟକରଣ । ୩. ମଖ୍ୟ ରାସା କିତରେ ସୌନ୍ଦର୍ଯ୍ୟ ବକ୍ଷ ରୋପଣ । ୪. ସାର୍ଟ ପାର୍କ ନିର୍ମାଣ । ୫. ସାହିମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟତ ପରିଚୟ ଗୃହ ନିର୍ମାଣ ଓ ଭରତୀକରଣ । ୬. ଆଧୁନିକ ଶୁଶାନ ନିର୍ମାଣ । ୭. ମିନି ପାର୍କ ସହ ସେଲ୍ଟି ପଏକ ନିର୍ମାଣ । ୮. ମିଶନ ଶକ୍ତି ଗହ ନିର୍ମାଣ ।

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ଗୃହ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରି ଏ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଗୃହର ଟିକସ୍ୱ ସ୍ଥିର କରାଇ ନ ଥିଲେ ଯଥା ଶୀଘ୍ର ନିଗମ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟରୁ ଆବଶ୍ୟକୀ ଫର୍ମ ପୂରଶ କରାଇ ଗୃହର ଟିକସ ସ୍ଥିର କରାଇ ନିଅନ୍ତୁ। ୫. ରାସ୍ତାରେ ଗୃହ ନିର୍ମାଣ ସାମଗ୍ରୀ ତଥା ଆବର୍ଚ୍ଚନ ଜମା କରରୁ ନାହିଁ । ୬. ରାସ୍ତାରେ ଗୃହପାଳିତ ପଶୁ ଛାଡ଼ରୁ ନାହିଁ । ୭. ଘରେ ଦୁଇଟି ଡଷ୍ଟବିନ୍ରେ ଓଦା ଓ ଶୁଖିଳ ଅଳିଆ ଅଲଗା ଅଲଗା କରି ରଖ୍ ମହାନଗର ନିଗମ ଗାଡ଼ିରେ ଦିଅନୁ । ୮. ପ୍ରତି ଶନିବାର ଘରୁ ବାହାରୁଥିବ ଇଲେ୍କ୍ଟ୍ରୋନିକ୍ଟ୍ ବର୍ଜ୍ୟବସ୍ତୁର ସୁପରିଚାଳନା ନିମନ୍ତେ ମହାନଗର ନିଗମ ଗାଡ଼ିରେ ଦିଅନ୍ତୁ ।







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The control room of Parbati Giri Irrigation Project in Bargarh and (inset) a water tank of the project OP PHOTO

In the absence of sufficient rain as well as irrigation facilities, farmlands in the locality have developed cracks. Paddy crops on highland fields have already gone waste, leaving the farmers a worried lot.

Responding to the farmers' pleas, the state government had launched the Parvati Giri Mega Irrigation Project. Under this, three mega irrigation projects at a cost of ₹99.69 crore were constructed in Chikhili, Tamadei and Antaradi (Jamapali) areas of Ambabhona block. They were made operational in 2018. The objective of these three projects was to irrigate 4,720 hectares of agricultural land in 41 villages in the riparian zone of the Mahanadi river.

The Chikhili mega irrigation project was meant to irrigate 2,000 hectares of farmland in Chikhili, Ruchida, Narangpur, Badasareipali, Benianpali, Bhalutal, Sahlepali, Barangakote and Bhukta villages and also supply water to 14 ponds. This project was constructed at a cost of ₹42,24,00,000.

Similarly, spending ₹29,57,00,000, the Tamadei project was constructed with the objective of irrigating 1,400 hectares of farmland in Bungapali, Lether, Ramkhol, Udeipali, Uttam,

in this regard. This resulted in the present crisis. Expressing his concern over the failure of the projects, ex-sarpanch Saroj Danasena said, in addition to technical faults, poor and erratic electric supply have rendered the projects worth around ₹100 crore useless. "I urge the concerned authorities to inspect the projects and take necessary measures so that they become capable of delivering results," he added.

When contacted, the department engineer Samir Sahu said release of water from the projects depends on rainfall in the upper end. "Presently, water is being supplied from all the projects," he claimed.

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Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had inaugurated the projects through video conferencing September 8, 2018. After the inauguration of the much-awaited projects, farmers were hopeful that their days of sufferings would end soon. But that did not happen. In this regard, secretary, Lal Bahadur Shastri Krushak Sangathan, Shankar Khamari said that the farmers have been demanding an anicut or a barrage on the Mahanadi river. But, nothing has been done



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ଅନୁରୋଧ । ୫. LED Lightର ମରାମତି ନିମନ୍ତେ ଓ ସମାଧାନ ନିମନ୍ତେ

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ସର୍ବଭାରତୀୟ ସ୍ୱାୟତ୍ତ ଶାସନ ଦିବସ-୨୦୨୧ ଅବସରରେ ଦିଗପହଣ୍ଡି ବିଜ୍ଞାପିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ ତରଫରୁ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ

ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ଓଡ଼ିଶା, ସ୍ୱସ୍ଥ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ବିଭିନ୍ନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ସହଯୋଗ କାମନା କରି ଆମ ଦିଗପହକ୍ଷିକୁ ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ଏବଂ ସୁନ୍ଦରି ଭାବେ ଗଢିତୋଳିବା ଆମର ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ ।

ହିଁ ସମସ୍ତ ପ୍ରକାରର ଟିକସକୁ ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ ପୈଠ କରକୁ । ୨. ପରିମକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମକୁ ସୁଦୃଢ଼ ନିମରେ ନିମ୍ମତେ ସହଯୋଗ ଯଦଶନ କରକୁ । (କ) ଦୁଇଟି ଡଷ୍ଡିନ୍ ଠିକ୍ ଭାବେ ବ୍ୟବହାର କରକୁ ଏବଂ ମଇକାକୁ ସକୁତା ରଥରେ ଦିଅକୁ ଏବଂ ନିଜ ଘରର ୫ ମିଟର ପ୍ରିସର ସଫା ରଖକୁ । (ଖ) ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଶନିବାର ଦିନ ଇ-ମିଇକା ୟଥା- ଭଙ୍ଗା ଚିଭି, ରେଡ଼ିଓ, ମୋବାଇଲ, ଇଲେକ୍ଟେଗ୍ରମିକ୍ ଉପକରଣ ଇଟ୍ୟାଦି ସ୍କୁଳତା ଉଥରେ ଦିଅବୁ । (ର) ପରିମଳ କର୍ମଚାରାଙ୍କୁ ସଦାସର୍ବଦା ସହଯୋଗ କରିବୁ (ସ) ସ୍କଳ୍କସାଥୀ ଭଇଣୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ଉପଯୁକ୍ତ ବ୍ୟବହାର ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ ପୂର୍ବକ ମଇକା ସଂସ୍ତ୍ରହ, ମଇକା ଦେବା ତଥା ପରିମକ ବାବଦକୁ ବ୍ୟବହାରିକୁ ଦେୟ (ଦୈନିକ ଏକ ଟଙ୍କା) ପଇଠ କରବୁ। (ତ) ଏନ୍.ଏ.ସି.ର ସେସ୍ପୁଲ ଗାଡ଼ି ବ୍ୟବହାର କରି ପାଇଖାନାର ମ୍ମକା ପୁତି ଚିନିଦ୍ଷରେ ଥରେ ବାହାର କରହୁ (୧୦) ରାଯ୍ୟକର୍ତ୍ତେ କିୟା ଘର ଆଗରେ କାଲି, ଇଟା, ପଥର ଏବଂ ଜଣା ବିନିଷ ଜମାକରି ରାଯ୍ା ଅବରୋଧ କରହୁନାହିଁ। ୩. କରୋନାର ସମ୍ଚାବ୍ୟ ତୁଚୀୟ ଇହରକୁ ପ୍ରତିହତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ- (କ) ସର୍ବଦା ମାୟ ଠିକ୍ ଭାବେ ବ୍ୟବହାର କରହୁ । (ଖ) ସାମାଜିକୁ ଦୁର୍ଚା ପାକନ କରହୁ । (ଗ) ସାହୁନ୍ରେ ଭଲଭାବେ ହାତ ଗୋତକୁ ଧୋଇ ପରିଷାର ରଖକୁ I (ଘ) ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ ସଠିକ୍ ଟିକା ନିଅବୁ I (ଡ) ୦ ବୁ ୧୮ ବର୍ଷ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟର ଶିଶୁ / ଯୁବଜ/ ଯୁବତୀମାନିକ ଯସ୍ ନିଅବୁ I ୪. ବର୍ଷାଜଳ ଅମକ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ ନିମତେ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଘରେ ଘରେ (RWHS) ଗଠନ କରବୁ I ୫. ପରିଷଦ ହାରା ମହିକା ସ୍ୟଂ ସହାୟକ ଗୋଷ୍ପୀମାନଙ୍କୁ କରିଆରେ କରାଯାଇଥିବା ବୃଷରୋପଣରେ ସମସ୍ତ ବୃଷର ଯଦ୍କ ନିଅବୁ I ୬. ପରିଷଦ ହାରା ମୋ ସୁସିଦ୍ଦିର ଆମଧ୍ୟ ତାର୍ଖ୍ୟ ମହିନ୍ଦୁ । ସହୁମିହୁର କାରାଯାଇଥିବା କରା ଥିବି ସହୁଥିବାରେ ସମହି ଦୁହର କରୁମିହନୁ ମହିହୁମିନ କରୁହୁହୁ । ଗତଙ୍କୁ ମଣାକୁ ପ୍ରତିହତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଉତ୍ତ ପ୍ରାଙ୍କଣରେ ନଡ଼ିଆ ସତେଇ, ଭଙ୍ଗା ପଇଡ଼, ଭଙ୍ଗା ମର୍, ଫୁଇକୁଣ, ଟାଏର ଇତ୍ୟାଦିରେ ପାଣି ରହିବା ପାଇଁ ସୁଯୋଗ ଦିଅକୁ ନାହିଁ। ସର୍ବଦା ମଶାରି ଟାଣି ଶୁଅକୁ । **'ମୋ ସହୁ ସୁହର ବିଗପହର୍ଣି, ମୋ ସାଭିମାନ'** ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ପ୍ରଫୁଳ ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ତାକୁଆ, OAS-I(JB) କାର୍ଯ୍ୟନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ସଚ୍ଚିଦାନନ୍ଦ ନାୟକ, OAS(S) ପ୍ରଶାସକ

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ଏବଂ ଶୁଖିଲା ବର୍ଚ୍ଚ୍ୟବସ୍ତୁକୁ ନୀଳ ରଙ୍ଗର ଅଲିଗା ଅଲିଗା କରି ରଖନ୍ତୁ ଏବଂ

ପ୍ରାଧିକୃତ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଙ୍କୁ କିନ୍ଦା ଆମ ସହର ମୋବାଇଲ ଆପ୍ଲିକେସନ୍ ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ

ଦୈନିକ ମହାନଗର ନିଗଁମ ପ୍ରଦତ୍ତ ଆବର୍ଚ୍ଚନା ସଂଗ୍ରହକରି ଯାନରେ ପକାନ୍ତୁ ।

୨. ପରିମଳ ବର୍ଚ୍ଚ୍ୟବସ୍ତୁ ଏବଂ ଘରୋଇ ବିପଜ୍ଜନକ ବର୍ଚ୍ଚ୍ୟବସ୍ତୁକୁ ଅନ୍ୟ ବର୍ଚ୍ଚ୍ୟବସ୍ତୁ

ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର ମହାନଗର ନିଗମ ତରଫରୁ ଅଖିଳ ଭାରତ ସ୍ୱାୟଉ

ଶାସନ ଦିବସ ଉପଲକ୍ଷେ ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର ସହରବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ଶୁଭେଚ୍ଛା l/

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ବର୍ଜ୍ୟବସ୍ତୁ ସଂଗ୍ରହ ପାଇଁ ଉପଭୋକ୍ତା ଦେୟ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରନ୍ତୁ ।

ବର୍ଷରେ ଥରେ ସଫାକରନ୍ତୁ ।

ସହିତ ମିଶ୍ରଣ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ।

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୧. ଗୋଟିଏ ଡଷ୍ଟବିନ୍ରେ ଅଳିଆ ମିଶ୍ରଣ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ।

୩. ବାଲ୍କୋନି / ଝରକାରୁ ଅଳିଆ ପକାନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ ।

୪. ଶୌଚାଳୟକୁ ନାଳ ସହ ସଂଯୋଗ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ ।

୫. ନିଜର ୫ ମିଟର ପରିସରକୁ ଅପରିଷାର କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ ।

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ଶୁଭେଚ୍ଛା । ଆସନ୍ସୁ, ପୌରପାଳିକାର ସର୍ବାଙ୍ଗୀନ ଉନ୍ନତି ପାଇଁ ଏକତାବଦ୍ଧ ହୋଇ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରିବା l

ନିଖିଳ ଭାରତ ସ୍ୱାୟତ୍ତ ଶାସନ ଦିବସ ପାଳନ ଅବସରରେ ବାଳେଶ୍ୱର ପୌରପାଳିକା ସମସ୍ତ ସହରବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ହାର୍ଦିକ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ ଜଶାଉଛି _{Ւ୦.C-846:-} ତା୩୧ା୦୮ା୨୦୨୧ରିଖ (ମଙ୍ଗଳବାର) ବାଳେଶ୍ୱର ସହରର ସର୍ବାଙ୍ଗୀନ ବିକାଶ ଆମର ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ

ପୌର ସମ୍ପରି ଆପଣମାନଙ୍କ ସମ୍ପରି । ଏହାର ରକ୍ଷଣାବେକ୍ଷଣ ଦାୟିତ୍ୱ ଆପଶମାନଙ୍କର |

ପୌର କର୍ମଚାରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ସେମାନଙ୍କ କର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟ ପାଳନରେ ସହାୟତା

ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ରାସ୍ତାଘାଟରେ ଗୃହପାଳିତ ପଶୁମାନଙ୍କୁ ଛାଡି

ଗୃହ ନିର୍ମାଣ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ପୌରପାଳିକାରୁ ନକ୍ସା ଅନୁମୋଦନ କରାଇ ନିଅନ୍ତୁ ।

ନିୟମିତ ଘର ଟିକସ ଦୋକାନ ଲାଇସେନ୍ସ ଫି ଓ ପୌରପାଳିକା

ଦୋକାନ ଗୃହ ଭଡ଼ା ପଇଠ କରି ପୌରପାଳିକା ଅର୍ଥନୈତିକ-

- ରାସ୍ତା, ଛୋଟବଡ ଡ୍ରେନ୍ରେ ଅଳିଆ ଆବର୍ଚ୍ଚନା ପକାନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ ।

ଅସୁବିଧା ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ ।

ପ୍ରଗତିରେ ସହାୟକ ହୁଅନ୍ତୁ।

ସଦାସର୍ବଦା ଏକାନ୍ତ କାମ୍ୟ ।

ପ୍ରତି ସତର୍କ ରୁହନ୍ତୁ ।

ବ୍ୟବଧାନ ରଖନ୍ତୁ।

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- ସରକାରୀ ଜମି କିୟା ରାସ୍ତା ଅବରୋଧ କରି ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ଯାତାୟାତରେ

ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଯାତାୟାତରେ ପ୍ରତିବନ୍ଧକ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ ।

ଜଳ ନିଷ୍କାସନ ଡ୍ରେନ୍ରେ କରନ୍ତୁ ଓ ରାସ୍ତାକୁ ସଫା ରଖନ୍ତୁ ।

୯– ପଲିଥିନ୍ ଓ ଥମ୍ବୋକୁଲ ବ୍ୟବହାର ନ କରି ପରିବେଶ ମୁକ୍ତ କରନ୍ତୁ ।

ନାହିଁ କିନ୍ୟା ପିଚୁରାସ୍ତାରେ ପାଣିପକାଇ ଓଦା କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ ।

୧୫– ବାଲେଶ୍ୱର ପୌରପାଳିକା ଅଞ୍ଚଳକୁ କରୋନାମୁକ୍ତ କରନ୍ତୁ ।

୧୦- ନିଜ ବାସଗୃହ ପରିସରକୁ ସଫା ରଖ୍ ଡେଙ୍କୁ, ଚିକୁନ୍ଗୁନିଆ ଆଦି ରୋଗ

୧୧– ପ୍ରାତଃକାଳ ରାସ୍ତା ସଫେଇ ପରେ ରାସ୍ତାରେ ଅଳିଆ ଆବର୍ଚ୍ଚନା ପକାନ୍ତୁ

୧୨– ସହରର ସର୍ବାଙ୍ଗୀନ ଉନ୍ନତି ପାଇଁ ଆପଣଙ୍କ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ ଓ ସହଯୋଗ

୧୩– ବ୍ୟବସାୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନ ଓ ବାସଗୃହମାନଙ୍କରୁ ବାହାରୁଥିବା ନିର୍ଗତ ଓଦା

୧୪– ଘରୁ ବାହାରିବା ସମୟରେ ସର୍ବଦା ମାଷ୍ଟ ବ୍ୟବହାର କରି ବାହାରନ୍ତୁ

ଆପଣଙ୍କ ନିରନ୍ତର ସେବାରେ ବାଳେଶ୍ୱର ପୌରପାଳିକା

ଅଳିଆ ଓ ଶୁଖାଅଳିଆ ଏଶେତେଶେ ନ ପକାଇ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ୱାର୍ଡକୁ

ଯାଉଥିବା ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛ ସବାରି ଗାଡ଼ିରେ ଓଦା ଅଳିଆ ଓ ଶୁଖା ଅଳିଆକୁ ପକାନ୍ତୁ ।

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70% OF KAZIRANGA FLOODED **Defunct paper mill employee** dead, toll rises to 93 in 6 yrs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guwahati, August 30: An employee of the defunct Nagaon Paper Mill of Hindustan Paper Corp died in Assam's Morigaon district, taking the total deaths since the closure of the PSU's two units to 93, a union leader said Monday.

Akshay Kumar Mazumder, 62 suffered from hypertension and cardiac ailments. He died Sunday without getting proper medical treatment, president of Joint Action Committee of Recognised Unions (JACRU) of Nagaon and Cachar mills Manabendra Chakraborty said. Mazumder is survived by his wife and a daughter.

This is the eighth death after the Himanta Biswa Sarma government assumed office, while during the tenure of former CM Sarbananda Sonowal, 85 people had died either due to starvation or lack of medical treatment, Chakraborty said.

"Most of our employees have died due to lack of proper treatment as they did not receive salaries or dues for the last 55 months. This is not any normal death but our people are dying due to the apathy of the authorities," he said.

Chakraborty appealed to the state government and the Centre to fulfil their commitments and



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UNION LEADER

release all legal dues to save the lives

of the remaining employees. He also appealed to all citizens to "kindly raise their voice against the injustice faced by the employees of both the mills. The Cachar Paper Mill at



ised to revive the paper mills after Sonowal assumed power in 2016. Even during the campaigning for this year's assembly polls, the BJP had said that steps would be taken to revive the mills.

The National Company Law Tribunal, after several rounds of meetings between all stakeholders and a number of hearings, had ordered the liquidator April 26 to sell Hindustan Paper Corp as per the decision of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guwahati/Golaghat, August 30: Flood waters have submerged 70 per cent of Assam's Kaziranga National Park (KNP) and the animals are taking shelter near the national highway that runs through the Park or are crossing it in search of dry land, prompting the park authorities to issue an advisory to heavy vehicles to avoid the stretch.

The carcass of a swamp deer which is believed to have come out of the Park looking for dry land, was recovered near the boundary wall Monday morning, a forest department official said.

At least three hog deer have been killed by speeding vehicles in the Park in the current wave of floods, KNP authorities said. The forest of ficial said a local youth spotted the dead animal and the preliminary suspicion of attempted hunting was confirmed during post-mortem.

"The female swamp deer was killed by using sharp spears while coming out of Park during night," the official said adding a case has been registered and investigation initiated. Animals have started coming near the NH 37 that passes through the Park in search of dry land with many crossing the road to reach higher land necessitating speed control of vehicles.

The Park authorities said 70 per cent of the Park's total approximately 430 sq km area in currently reeling due to the flood. Besides water from the swollen Brahmaputra and other river and rivulets flowing through the park, rain water from the bordering Karbi Angong hills flood the area annually. Sunday evening KNP through its official Twittter handle advised heavy trucks to use the North Bank road to avoid traffic in the Kaziranga stretch of the national highway. It has already started issuing time cards to regulate traf fic in the animal corridor.

The authorities said time cards are handed over to the drivers when their vehicles enter the national highways stretch passing through KNP and time is marked for how long it will take to cross the

patch at the permitted speed limit. The cards are collected at the other end by forest and district administration officials to ensure compliance with the speed limit and a penalty is imposed for any violation. The general speed limit is 40 km per hour through the Park, running through it.

National Park. In wake of floods causing displacement of Kaziranga

animals & putting them on risk, may I appeal to truck / other vehicles to avoid NH 715 for commuting between lower & upper Assam & use NH 15 thru North Bank instead?" he tweeted.

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Sarma also asked the police of the districts in and around Kaziranga as well as in the northern bank to redirect traffic accordingly.

Besides NH 37 (NH 715 now) connecting lower and upper Assam which passes through Kaziranga, NH 15 which runs along the northern bank of the Brahmaputra river also serves as a road link between the two parts of the state.





Assam Cong decides to break ties with Ajmal's AIUDF, BPF

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Guwahati, August 30: The Opposition 'Grand Alliance' in Assam is set to collapse with the state Congress Monday announcing that it has decided to break ties with Badruddin Ajmal-led AIUDF and the Bodoland Peoples Front (BPF)

A core committee meeting, chaired by state Congress president Bhupen Bora, observed that the AIUDF's "behaviour and attitude in relation with the BJP has baffled the members of the Congress," party spokesperson Bobbeeta Sharma told reporters.

'The continuous and mysterious praise of the BJP and the chief minister by AIUDF leadership and senior members have affected the public perception of the Congress



The 10-party 'Grand Allianc The state Congress president

with approximately 37 kms of NH Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted Monday appealing to drivers of truck and other vehicles to avoid Kaziranga. 'We all take pride in Kaziranga

HP first state to give first dose vax to 100% adult population

AGENCIES

Shimla, August 30: Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in India to administer the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine to 100 per cent of its adult population.

The state's health minister, Rajiv Saizal, said, "The state's performance in vaccination has been very good. We will administer the second dose to 100 per cent of the population by November 30.'

The health minister also said the state would organize a special virtual event where PM Narendra Modi would interact with the beneficiaries and healthcare workers of the state government.

The minister has assured that if

some people were left out of the vaccination count, it will be investigated and everyone will be vaccinated soon

Himachal Pradesh reported 123 positive cases and a single Covid fatality in 24 hours Sunday. There are 1,750 active cases in the state as on August 29. Sunday, 186 patients recovered from Covid-19.

As of Sunday, India has administered a total of 63,09,17,927 vaccine doses. Out of these, 48,60,28,702 are first doses and 14,48,89,225 are second doses.

So far, 51.45 per cent of India's adult population has been vaccinated with at least one dose and 15.34 per cent of the eligible population___ has been fully vaccinated.





INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Guwahati, August 30: Assam's **Bodoland Territorial Council** (BTC) administration has decided to rehabilitate thousands of Santhals, Bodos and Bengalispeaking Muslims, displaced from their villages in ethnic riots and terrorism since 1996, BTC chief Pramod Bodo said Sunday.

Over 2.5 lakh people were displaced since 1996 in separate Bodo-Santhal conflicts and militants' violence in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), comprising the four western districts of Chirang, Baksa, Udalguri and Kokrajhar.

"The BTC has decided to take back the displaced Bodos, Santhals and others to their villages within the next three months. Some of the displaced people had been sheltered in relief camps for the past 25 years while others had relocated somewhere else," Pramod Bodo told the media

He said that the Bodoland areas witnessed many ethnic riots and militant violence with major incidents in 1996, 2008, 1998, and 2012. Bodo, the President of the United Peoples' Party Liberal (UPPL), said that the BTC is keen to rehabilitate the affected people in their original villages and create a harmonious and peaceful BTR.

He said that houses for the returnees would be built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and other area development plans would also be undertaken simultaneously

"The riot and militancy-affected people did not return to their areas all these years due to security reasons. The BTC has decided to set up police posts in their villages," he said.

The Santhals were also affected in December 2014 when the National Democratic Front of Over 2.5 lakh people were displaced since 1996 in separate Bodo-Santhal conflicts and militants' violence in the Bodoland Territorial **Region, comprising the** four western districts of Chirang, Baksa, Udalguri and Kokrajhar

Bodoland (NDFB) militants had

carried out a series of violent at-

tacks, killing around 76 people, in

Ethnic violence also witnessed

between the Bodos and the

Bengali-speaking Muslims in 2008

and 2012, leaving over 100 people

dead and thousands displaced

from their homes and villages.

The NDFB extremists had also

the surrendered NDFB militants

are also being rehabilitated. "The

Assam government would give Rs 160 crore for the rehabilita-

tion of NDFB cadres," he said.

to four factions of the NDFB,

had laid down weapons January 30 last year after the signing of

the historic BTR pact in the

presence of Union Home

Minister Amit Shah. The Centre

has already provided a Rs 1,500

crore special development pack-

age to the BTC administration

to undertake specific projects for

the development of Bodo areas.

Gana Suraksha Party (GSP) and

the UPPL took over charge of the

BTC in December last year, de-

feating the Congress-led alliance

The ruling BJP, and the local

Over 1,600 rebels, belonging

The BTC head also said that

been involved in this violence.

and around BTR.

party," she said. Sharma said that after a long

discussion, the core committee members of the state Congress unanimously decided that AIUDF can no longer remain a partner in the 'Mahajot' and the AICC will be informed accordingly.

A discussion was also held on the alliance with BPF as its leadership has been expressing their unwillingness to remain a part of the 'Grand Alliance' on various platforms, she said.

was given full authority to make a decision on the matter and it was decided to inform the high-command the decision to break ties with the party, Sharma said.

The meeting also endorsed the earlier decision of giving full authority to the state president, working presidents and chairman of the legislative assembly committees constituted for the forthcoming bypolls to take decisions on election strategy and candidate selections, she said.

or 'Mahajot', led by the Congress, was formed ahead of this year's Assembly elections in the state. Besides the Congress, AIUDF

and BPF, it comprised the Jimochayan (Deori) People's Party (JDPP), Adivasi National Party (ANP), CPI(M), CPI, CPI(ML), Anchalik Gana Morcha. and the RJD.

The alliance had won 50 seats in the Assembly polls with Congress securing 29 seats, AIUDF 16, BPF four and the CPI(M) one.



Water, instead of woes, may soon flow in Queen of Hills

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Shimla, August 30: Water, instead of woes, may soon flow out of the taps in the 'Queen of Hills', once the favourite summer retreat of British India, with the pumping of the Satluj river water from its catchment with the World Bank help

As per the project with an outlay of \$250 million (Rs 1,813 crore), it will cater to the demand of Shimla Planning Area, comprising suburbs Kufri, Ghannatti and Shoghi, for an estimated population of 4.13 lakh by 2050.

As per records of the state Urban Development, Shimla, planned for a maximum population of 16,000 during the British Raj, is now home to 2.47 lakh people with a floating population of 75,000 as per Census of 2011.

For over a decade this tourist town has been getting water supply once in two or three days, largely during the peak summer. In some localities, the water supply is once a week. Still the pleasant weather remains one of its prime attractions as it is known for wooded deodars and Raj-style structures. It supports more than 450 hotels, restaurants and guesthouses.

For Urban Development Minister and four-time local legislator Suresh Bhardwaj, the 24-hour water sup-



"As a pilot project five wards of Shimla town will be provided 24 hours water supply by December this year," Bhardwaj told IANS.

A total of 107.63 million litres per day (MLD) is estimated for Shimla by 2050. Currently, the town is getting 40 MLD from two major sources -- Giri and Gumma streams.

He said the Sutlej Water Supply Scheme will add 67 MLD to the total capacity. "This will be sufficient to meet water demand in the Shimla Planning Area by 2050. The existing water source will continue to remain the primary source of water. The Sutlej supply will supplement the existing sources.'

Shimla has been ranked the best city among below one million population in the Ease of Living Index of the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

for daily use. This project will be of great use for them.'

Bhardwaj said the government is also planning to set up solar panels on the water line to produce green energy.

The cabinet last week approved the draft package negotiated by the Urban Development department with the World Bank and the Department of Economic Affairs of the Centre for funding the Shimla Water Supply and Sewerage Services Delivery Programme in the Greater Shimla area.

Of the Rs 1,813 crore, the World Bank will provide an assistance of Rs 1,160.32 crore and the state government will bear Rs 652.68 crore.

The main components of the project include augmentation of water supply from the Satluj river with additional 67 MLD to meet the water demand till 2050 and bulk water supply of special area development authorities of Kufri, Shoghi and Ghanahatti.

The project envisages lifting water from the river near the Shakrodi village in Shimla district involving lifting to a height of 1.6 km and pipe laying of 22 km to augment 67 MLD water at Sanjauli near here. The project also seeks to replace the distribution pipe network across the Shimla Municipal-Corporation to upgrade it to a 24x7 water supply system.

in the polls.

"After we get 24 hours water sup-

ply, our performance will definitely

be improved. The scheme will help

to provide urban entitlement, be-

sides boosting the economy, re-

leasing the mental pressure from

people. As we know Shimla is a

tourist town and after 24-hour

water supply is available, the

What pained me to see is peo-

tourism sector will also get a boost,'

ple leaving their jobs in the middle

and rushing home to fill the water

an elated Bhardwaj told IANS.





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Lord Krishna's eternal message, as expounded in the Bhagwad Gita, to discharge our duties with sincerity and without attachment to the outcomes, has been a source of inspiration for all of mankind M VENKAIAH NAIDU VICE PRESIDENT

ALERT IN MATHURA

Twenty-nine cases of miteborne rickettsiosis, known as 'scrub typhus', have surfaced during primary investigation in Mathura, a first for the district



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Not having the picture of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the poster of 'Amrit Mahotsav' issued by the ICHR is not only

condemnable but also shows the narrow mindset of the central government ASHOK GEHLOT RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER

My government is pro-farmers and we are aware of the woes of the ryots particularly in the context of damage to crops during the recent rains and squally weather

N RANGASAMY PONDICHERRY CHIEF MINISTER

Congress's Gram Sabha President will be made in 58,000 gram sabhas in the state in 20 days Workers and officials

should go to every village and every household during this period and talk about the party's mission

PRIYANKA GANDHI VADRA CONG GENERAL SECY IN-CHARGE UP

SHORT TAKES

ED questions Jacqueline

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) recorded the statement of actor Jacqueline Fernandez Monday in connection with a money laundering investigation linked to alleged conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar. officials said. They said the 36vear-old actor was examined for four hours here as a witness in the case and her statement was recorded under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Two UP Cong leaders resign

Ballia (UP): In a blow to the Congress just months before the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls, two senior All India Congress Committee (AICC) members from the state have resigned from the party's primary membership, alleging that old and loyal leaders are being neglected. Shailendra Singh and Rajesh Singh sent their resignation letters to the party's Uttar Pradesh unit president Ajay Kumar Lallu Sunday.

'C.1.2 VARIANT MORE INFECTIOUS' Vax supply jumps,

AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 30: A new variant of S-CoV-2, the virus which cause COVID-19. has been detected in South Africa and many other countries globally which could be more transmissible and evade protection provided by vaccines, according to study.

Scientists from National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) and the KwaZulu-Natal Research Innovation and Sequencing Platform (KRISP) in South Africa said the potential variant of interest, C.1.2, was first detected in the country in May this year.

According to the yet-to-be peerreviewed study posted on the preprint repository MedRxiv August 24, C.1.2 has mutated substantially compared to C.1, one of the lineages which dominated theS-CoV-2 infections in the first wave in South Africa.

They noted that the number of available sequences of C.1.2 may be an under representation of the spread and frequency of the variant in South Africa and around the world.

The study found consistent increases in the number of C.1.2 genomes in South Africa each



COVID'S FRESH THREAT

THE POTENTIAL VARIANT OF INTEREST, C.1.2. WAS FIRST DETECTED IN MAY THIS YEAR

THE NEW VARIANT HAS SINCE BEEN FOUND IN CHINA, MAURITIUS, ENGLAND AND NEW ZEALAND

month, rising from 0.2 per cent of eage has a mutation rate of about 41.8 mutations per year, which is genomes sequenced in May to 1.6 per cent in June and then to 2 per about twice as fast as the current global mutation rate of the other "This is similar to the increases variants.

Virologist Upasana Ray noted that the variant is a result of numerous mutations accumulated in C.1.2 line in the spike protein which makes it a lot different than

3rd wave could peak between Oct-Nov

India may see a third wave of Covid-19 peaking between October and November if a more virulent mutant than the existing ones emerge by September, but its intensity is expected to be much lower than the second wave, a scientist involved in the mathematical modelling of the pandemic said Monday. Meanwhile, India saw a singleday rise of 42,909 new COVID-19 infections, which took the total tally of cases to 3.27.37.939, while active cases registered an increase for the sixth consecutive day. according to Union health ministry data updated Monday

the original virus that was identified in Wuhan, China in 2019.

"It could be more transmissible and has potential to spread fast. Since there are so many mutations in the spike protein, it could result in immune escape and thus a challenge for the vaccination drive worldwide if allowed to spread," Ms Ray from Kolkata's CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, told PTI.

raising export hopes

After donating or selling 66 mn doses to nearly 100 countries, India barred exports in the middle of April

AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 30: India's rising output of COVID-19 vaccines and the inoculation of more than half its adult population with at least one dose are raising hopes the country will return as an exporter within months, ramping up from early next year.

After donating or selling 66 million doses to nearly 100 countries, India barred exports in the middle of April to focus on domestic immunisation as infections exploded, upsetting the inoculation plans of many African and South Asian countries. India's daily vaccinations surpassed 10 million doses on Friday, with national vaccine production more than doubling since April and set to rise again in the coming weeks. New production lines have been set up, a vaccine developed by Cadila Healthcare won recent approval, and commercial production of Russia's Sputnik V is starting in India.The Serum Institute of India (SII), the world's biggest vaccine maker, is now pro-



ducing about 150 million doses a month of its version of the AstraZeneca shot, more than twice its April output of about 65 million, a source with knowledge of the matter said."No fixed timeline on exports but the company hopes to restart in a few months," said the source, who declined to be named without approval to talk on the matter. SII, which has previously indi-

cated exports could resume by year-end, did not respond to a request for comment. Global vaccine sharing platform COVAX hopes India will restart foreign sales sooner than later. With Covid-19 cases on the rise in Vietnam, Indian Naval Ship Airavat arrived at Ho Chi Minh City port with Covid-19 relief material Monday.

India won't allow PLA's unilateral action: Rajnath

a "historic" incident. our and self-respect".

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, August 30: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Monday that India wants a solution to the border dispute with China through dialogue and asserted that the government would never allow the sanctity of borders to be violated.

treat," he said while terming it as

C.1.2 has more mutations

cent in July.

said.

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concern or variants of

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ants in the country during early de-

tection," the authors of the study

According to the study, C.1.2 lin-

India wants a solution to the border dispute with China through dialogue, the defence minister said and asserted that the government will never compromise on issues of the "country's borders, its hon-

'We will never allow the sanctity of borders to be violated," he said. Recalling the Galwan incident,

he said the bravery, valour and restraint shown by the Indian Army are incomparable and unparalleled.

In the first deadly clash in the border area in nearly five decades, 20 Indian soldiers were killed on June 15 last year in the Galwan Vallev in fierce hand-to-hand combat with Chinese troops, triggering a large deployment of troops and heavy weaponry by

both armies at the friction points



2 Bangladeshi shot dead by BSF

New Delhi: The BSF has lodged a "strong protest" with its Bangladesh counterpart BGB after smugglers from that country attacked an Indian patrol, which fired in self-defence leading to the death of two miscreants along the border, officials said. The incident took place in the early hours (around 3:35 AM) of Sunday near the Changrabandha border post in the Cooch Behar district of West Bengal.

Writer Buddhadeb Guha dies at 85

Kolkata: Eminent Bengali writer Buddhadeb Guha, author of many notable works such as 'Madhukari' (Honey Gatherer), has died. He was 85. Guha died of post-Covid complications at a private hospital here at 11.25 pm Sunday after a massive cardiac arrest, family members said.

Rain havoc in Telangana

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Hyderabad: Four persons, including a newly married woman died, and a boy and woman were reported missing in separate rain-related incidents in Telangana over the past 24 hours, police said Monday. Two women including a bride died in Vikarabad district after their car with four other occupants, including the groom, was swept away Sunday night.

The Modi government has made it clear to the forces that any unilateral action on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) should not be ignored, he said.

Memorial Lecture organised by

Panjab University on the issue of

The defence minister said that

there have been "perception dif-

ferences" on the border with China.

"Despite this, there are some agree-

ments, protocols which the armies

of both countries follow to con-

ern Ladakh last year, Singh said

Chinese forces had ignored the

Army PLA to act on the LAC in a

'We cannot allow the Chinese

Referring to the clashes in east-

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national security.

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"agreed protocols."

In February, China officially acknowledged that five Chinese mil-

itary officers and soldiers the third Balramji Dass Tandon

in eastern Ladakh.

the clashes with the Indian Army though it is widely believed that the death toll was higher.

were killed in

In a significant forward movement towards the restoration of peace and tranquility in the region, the Indian and Chinese armies completed the disengagement process and restored the pre-standoff ground position in Gogra in eastern Ladakh after 15 months.

The development came after the 12th round of military talks between the two sides July 31 at the Chushul-Moldo meeting point in eastern Ladakh.

unilateral manner under any cir-Earlier, the Indian and Chinese cumstances. "That is what the frontline troops had conducted the Indian Army did that day in Galwan first synchronised disengagement and bravely confronted the PLA at the south and north banks of soldiers and forced them to rethe Pangong lake in February.

Children dress up as Lord Krishna on the occasion of the Janmashtami festival, at Durgiana temple in Amritsar

33 KIDS, 7 ADULTS DIE IN UP

Health teams have tested the patients but they have all tested negative for Corona

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Lucknow, August 30: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Monday confirmed that 32 children and seven adults had died in Firozabad, owing to a mysterious dengue-like fever in the district.

Adityanath visited the families of those who lost their members and assured them of help. The Chief Minister also visited the 100-bed district hospital at Firozabad where children showing symptoms of the disease are being treated.

At least 30 children recently lost their lives in this hospital, reportedly to the mysterious fever.

MYSTERIOUS FEVER

"The dedicated Covid-19 ward at the district hospital of Firozabad is reserved for patients suffering from this fever." the Chief Minister told reporters. Some of the districts in western Uttar Pradesh,

including Mathura, Firozabad and Mainpuri, have witnessed a spike in cases of 'viral fever' which has made the government press the panic button.

BJP MLA from Firozabad, Manish Asija, had claimed on Sunday that 40 children died last week from the disease.

The claim was refuted by UP Health Minister Jai Pratap Singh who termed Asija's claims "wrong' and said that he received no such reports

Khattar, Amarinder exchange words over farmers' protest

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, August 30: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar Monday accused the Congress government in Puniab of fuelling farmers' unrest in his state, provoking a sharp response from his Punjab counterpart.

The exchange took place two days after farmers protesting over laws enacted at the Centre several months back clashed with the Haryana Police in Karnal.

Addressing a press conference on the completion of 2,500 days of a BJP-led government in Harvana, Khattar blamed Punjab for the farmers' picking his state for their protests. "There is a clear hand of the Punjab government in it," the CM charged. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh hit back a little later, accusing the BJP, including the Haryana CM, of taking refuge in "shameful lies" over the "horrendous attacks" on protesting farmers.

"Repeal the farm laws instead of blaming Punjab for the mess your party has put the farming sector in," Singh said in a statement. Also Monday, a "kisan mahapanchayat" at Gharaunda in Karnal issued an "ultimatum" to the Haryana government. The meeting demanded the registration of cases by September 6 against those responsible for Saturday's lathicharge. Otherwise, September 7, farmers will lay siege at thesecretariat in Karnal, a farm leader warned.

Terror challenge in Kashmir amid Afghan crisis

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AGENCIES

New Delhi, August 30: Global media reports supported by security experts indicate that the Taliban 2.0 now ensconced in Afghanistan has come to control \$85 billion military equipment, including 600,000 small arms, 200 planes/choppers, black hawks, night vision devices. body armours and medical supplies. Those who worked for Afghanistans defences till last month testify to these biometric details.

Most of it has come overnight. much of it for the first time and most of it from the United States that will evacuate by this month-end.

No banned organisation had this much ever in human history. The question is: Besides the opponents, among them the ethnic minorities, who will be the targets



of this newly-acquired military might - notwithstanding dodgy assurances by the new rulers?

As one struggles to gaze beyond the horizon from 'new' Kabul ruled by 'new' Taliban with whom the governments will have to do business, sooner than later, the first point of call for the new regime, nurtured, supported and diplomatically cushioned by eastern neighbour Pakistan, is bound to be India-

The key point to note here is that India anticipated this - if not fully, then substantially. It had urged the US all through the recent years not to quit in haste. India had warned the Obama, Trump and Biden administrations to base all

ruled Jammu and Kashmir.

American planning and action on one cardinal point: Islamabad's support to the Taliban. This was ignored, whatever the American compulsions.

Now that it has happened, it is, perhaps, easier to

explain why India acted in August 2019 to end Jammu and Kashmir's 'special status", annulled its political and constitutional autonomy and dissolved the state (province) itself by carving out two "union territories", directly ruled from New Delhi. Whether or not it was a 'correct' step, in keeping with the popular aspirations, or whether it was popular with the people of the erstwhile

province, must now be viewed in the context of the developments in Afghanistan, or to put it wisely. the Af-Pak region. In any case, New Delhi has not closed its domestic options, including reviving of the provincial status of the territory, possibly reverting to full statehood at "an appropriate time", going by the official pronouncements.

But this essay is about external security threat to Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh territories with the advent of the Taliban.2. Not to be ignored is Pakistan's heightened campaign on the way it looks at the "Kashmir dispute" as its Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi tours the Gulf nations and the Central Asian Republics to canvas early recognition of the new Kabul regime.







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A third dose of vaccine is not a luxury booster that is taken away from someone who is still waiting for a first jab. It's basically a way to keep the most vulnerable safe HANS KLUGE | REGIONAL DIRECTOR, WHO EUROPE

B'DESH'S FIRST METRO RAIL MAKES TRIAL RUN

Bangladesh's first metro rail in capital Dhaka made a trial run on a section of the 20.1-km project, known as Mass Rapid Transit Line-6 (MRT 6). The test run was flagged off by Road Transport Minister Obaidul Quader in Dhaka



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suffer, and our economy will be permanently damaged LEE HSIEN LOONG SINGAPORE PM

We are moving forward in our commitment to criminalise enforced disappearances. There can never be any place for enforce disappearances in a democracy SHIREEN MAZARI MINISTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, PAKISTAN

ting economic problems (of the country) from the nuclear talks and its results should always be considered by al

members of the government. particularly by the Economic Coordination Headquarters EBRAHIM RAISI PRESIDENT, IRAN

SHORT TAKES

New nuke chief appointed in Iran

Tehran: Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has appointed Mohammad Eslami as the new chief of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI). Eslami, the former minister of Transport and Urban Development, replaces Ali Akbar Salehi who has served as the AEOI chief since August 2013. The 65-year-old Eslami holds degrees in civil engineering and has also formerly served as the Governor of Iran's Mazandaran province, a deputy minister of the Ministry of Defence and the CEO of Iran Aircraft Manufacturing Industrial Company.

11 dead, 6 hurt in boat collision

Lima: At least 11 people died and 6 others were injured after two boats collided on the Huallaga River in the Peruvian district of Yurimaguas, authorities said. Meanwhile, an unknown number of passengers were missing according to the Sectorial Emergency Operations Centre of the Ministry of Health. The accident occurred on early Sunday morning when a barge, which had left with around 80 people onboard from Santa Maria to Yurimaguas, was hit by a motorboat.

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Kabul, August 30: Islamic State militants fired a volley of rockets at Kabul's rapidly emptying international airport Monday, with just hours left before a deadline for US forces to withdraw at the end of America's longest war.

The Pentagon is tight-lipped about final operations and has not specified when the withdrawal will be completed ahead of Tuesday's deadline. But spokesman John Kirby told reporters "there is still time" for Americans to join a massive airlift that has allowed more than 116,000 people to leave since the Taliban swept back into power two weeks ago.

All day Monday, US military cargo jets came and went despite the rocket attack, which did not

Paris shrinks speed

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than 19 mph).

limit to save climate

Paris, August 30: No more zipping

past the Eiffel Tower or through the

Latin Quarter without slowing

down to soak in the sights Starting

Monday, the speed limit on nearly

all streets of Paris is just 30 kph (less

It's the latest initiative by a city

trying to burnish its climate cre-

dentials and transform people's

relationship to their vehicles. City

Qatar emerges as **key player**

DUBAI: Qatar played an outsized role in US efforts to evacuate tens of thousands of people from Afghanistan. Now the tiny Gulf Arab state is being asked to help shape what is next for Afghanistan because of its ties with both Washington and the Taliban, who are in charge in Kabul. Qatar will be among global heavyweights when US Secretary of State Antony Blinken hosts a virtual meeting to discuss a coordinated approach for the days ahead, as the US completes its withdrawal from Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover of the country. The meeting will also include Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United

hurt anyone. The Taliban released a video shot from the airport's grounds, saying the Americans had removed or destroyed most of their equipment and that troop numbers were far lower. "It looks like today will be the last day," one

Kingdom, Turkey, the European Union and NATO.

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was immediately given.

Perry is known for his pioneer-

of the unidentified fighters said. With the departure of the last of its troops, the US is ending its 20-year war with the Taliban back in power. Many Afghans remain fearful of them or further instability, and there have been sporadic reports of killings and other abuses in areas under Taliban control despite pledges to restore peace and security.

In the last 24 hours, the American military evacuated about 1,200 people on 26 C-17 flights, while two coalition flights flew out 50 others, the White House said. The two-week airlift has brought scenes of desperation and horror. In the early days, people desperate to flee Taliban rule flooded onto the tarmac and some fell to their deaths after clinging to a de-

Reggae icon, dub pioneer

6 Afghans killed as rocket hits houses

Six Afghan civilians, including four children, were killed after a rocket was fired at the Kabul airport where the US-led evacuation flights were continuing but failed to hit the target, a local source confirmed. The rocket struck a house in Khwaja Bughra, a populated residential area in Police District 15, killing two adults and four children, Hajji Karim, a representative of the neighbourhood in the municipality district, told reporters at the site. The incident occurred roughly at 455 pm local time in the area, west of the Hamid Karzai International Airport.

parting aircraft. On Thursday, an Islamic State suicide attack at an airport gate killed at least 169 Afghans and 13 US service members.

The Taliban tightened their security cordon around the airport after the attack, clearing away massive crowds of Afghans who were desperate to flee the country in the waning days of the US-led airlift.

US flies out evacuees amid rocket strikes Fresh activity at N Korea reactor troubling: IAEA



In this satellite photo released by Planet Labs Inc, North Korea's main nuclear complex is seen in Yongbyon, just north of the capital, Pyongyang

REUTERS

Seoul, August 30: North Korea appears to have restarted a nuclear reactor that is widely believed to have produced plutonium for nuclear weapons, the UN atomic watchdog said in an annual report, highlighting the isolated nation's efforts

to expand its arsenal. The signs of operation at the 5megawatt (MW) reactor, which is seen as capable of producing weapons-grade plutonium, were the first to be spotted since late 2018, the International Atomic Energy Agency said in its report dated Friday.

Since early July 2021, there have been indications, including the discharge of cooling water, consistent with the operation, the IAEA report said of the reactor at Yongbyon, a nuclear complex at the heart of North Korea's nuclear programme.

More plutonium could help North Korea make smaller nuclear weapons to fit on its ballistic missiles, said David Albright, president of the Institute for Science

The bottom line is North Korea wants to improve the number and

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added. While intelligence on North Korean nuclear weapons is limited, making it impossible to know their number, Albright estimated the country had the capacity to produce material for four to six bombs a year.

The IAEA has had no access to North Korea since Pyongyang expelled its inspectors in 2009. The country subsequently pressed ahead with its nuclear weapons programme and soon resumed nuclear testing. Its last nuclear test was in 2017.

The IAEA now monitors North Korea from afar, largely through satellite imagery.

Commercial satellite imagery shows water discharge, supporting the conclusion that the reactor is running again, said Jenny Town, director of the US-based 38 North project, which monitors North Korea.

No way to know why the reactor wasn't operating previously - although work has been ongoing on the water reservoir over the past year to ensure sufficient water for the cooling systems, she said.

The timing seems a little strange to me, given the tendency for flooding in coming weeks or months that could affect reactor operations.



forgettable" and praised his "sterling contribution" to music.

The loping tempos of Perry's

ISRAEL OKAYS GESTURES TO PAI ESTINIANS AFTER MEET



ing experiments in dub, which revolutionised not only reggae, but also hip hop, dance and other genres. He earned his "Scratch" nickname from an early recording, The Chicken Scratch, in 1965.

Jamaican Prime Minister work established the roots reggae Andrew Holness called him "unsound that Bob Marley made world



with its haunting use of space and echo, would have a profound influence on post-punk, hip-hop, dance

music and other genres. He experimented with drum machines and the potential of studio equipment. As well as firing guns, breaking glass and sampling animal noises, he also blew marijuana smoke on to master tapes to supposedly enhance the recordings. Along with his gnomic pronouncements and mystical air, he became one of Jamaica's most unusual and esteemed artists. Keith Richards once described him as "the Salvador Dalí of music. He's a mystery. The

Af militant attack kills 2 Pak soldiers

Islamabad: Two Pakistani soldiers were killed in a crossborder attack by militants from Afghanistan into Pakistan's northwest Baiaur district, an army statement said Sunday. The terrorists opened fire at a military check post located at the border in Pakistan's northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the military's media wing Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in the statement.

wait times for customers. Taxi drivers say it will drive up rates and hurt business.

up speed on winding, medieval

Parisian streets that are barely

The new rule includes excep-

tions for a handful of wide avenues

including the famed Champs-

Elysees and the bypass circling

Hidalgo, the Paris city government

has already restricted or banned ve-

hicle traffic on several streets and

multiplied the number of bike

lanes. Some other French cities

and towns have also limited speeds

Under Socialist Mayor Anne

more than one car wide.

the historical capital.

to 30 kph.

officials say it's also aimed at re-

ducing accidents and making Paris

Car owners are fuming. Delivery

drivers say it will create longer

more pedestrian-friendly.

But polls suggest most Parisians PRESS TRUST OF INDIA support the idea, notably in hopes that it makes the streets safer and Jerusalem, August 30: Israel's quieter.

defense minister Monday an-Already, cyclists often move faster nounced a series of gestures aimed than cars in the densely populated at strengthening the Palestinian Authority, including plans to loan French capital. And only action stars like Tom Cruise in "Mission USD150 million to the cash-strapped Impossible" can realistically pick



autonomy government in the occupied West Bank. The announcement came a day after Defense Minister Benny Gantz met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the first high-level meeting between the two sides in years. The stepped-up contacts and Israeli gestures mark a shift in di-

rection after the complete break down of communication between Abbas and Israeli leaders in recent years. Israel's new government has said it is interested in bolstering Abbas in his rivalry against Gaza's ruling Hamas militant group.

"The stronger the Palestinian Authority is, the weaker Hamas will be," Gantz was quoted as telling Israeli military correspondents Monday, "And the greater its ability to govern is, the more security we'll have and the less we'll have to do.'

The Israeli moves come two days after President Joe Biden urged Israel's new prime minister during a White House meeting to take steps toward improving the lives of Palestinians. Gantz's office said he told Abbas that Israel will take new measures to strengthen the Palestinian economy. It said they also discussed security issues and agreed to remain in touch.



A Jewish worshipper attends a prayer at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest prayer site ahead of the Jewish New Year, in Jerusalem's Old City

12 Houthi rebels killed in airstrike

Sanaa: At least 12 Houthi rebels were killed when Saudiled coalition airstrikes hit two pick-up vehicles in Rahabah district in Yemen's central province of Marib, a military source at the scene said. The coalition airstrikes came as the Yemeni troops were advancing from two directions towards Al-Sadara mountain, the last rebel bastion in the southwestern district, the source told Xinhua news agency Sunday. Fighting between the Yemeni army and the Houthi rebels also raged on in the neighbouring districts of Jabal Murad and Sirwah. Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported 15 coalition airstrikes against the Houthi positions in those districts in the last 24 hours, without providing more details.

China bans exams for 6-yr-olds to allay pressure

CHINA'S EXAM-ORIENTED SYSTEM PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED STUDENTS TO TAKE EXAMS FROM FIRST GRADE ONWARDS, CULMINATING IN THE FEARED UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAM AT AGE 18 KNOWN AS THE GAOKAO, WHERE A SINGLE SCORE CAN DETERMINE A CHILD'S LIFE TRAJECTORY

jects at weekends and holidays, ef-

fectively crippling a \$100 billion

sector.

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Beijing, August 30: Beijing Monday banned written exams for six- and seven-year-olds, as part of sweeping education reforms aimed at relieving pressure on pupils and parents in China's hyper-competitive school system.

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gle score can determine a child's life

cause students to be overburdened

"Too frequent exams ... which

lines released Monday. The ministry said the pressure on pupils from a young age "harms their mental and physical health." The regulations also limit exams

in other years of compulsory ed-China's exam-oriented system ucation to once a term, with midterm and mock examinations alpreviously required students to take exams from first grade onlowed in junior high school. wards, culminating in the feared The measures are part of wider university entrance exam at age 18

government reforms of China's education sector, which include a crackdown on cram schools -- seen by parents as a way to inflate their children's educational fortunes. In late July, China ordered all pri-



vate tutoring firms to turn nonprofit, and barred tutoring agencies from giving lessons in core sub-

The aim is to reduce China's education inequality, where some middle-class parents willingly fork out 100,000 yuan (\$15,400) or more per year on private tutoring to get their children into top schools.

Many also snag property in schools' catchment areas, driving up house prices.

There is no other country that has such a strong tutoring culture as China," said Claudia Wang, partner and Asia education lead at Shanghai-based consulting firm Oliver Wyman.

With population growth at its slowest in decades, Chinese authorities lifted a two-child birth limit earlier this year and wish to increase incentives for parents to have more children.

Beijing city authorities last week announced that teachers must rotate schools every six years, to prevent a concentration of top talent at some schools. Education officials on Monday reiterated a ban on schools setting up 'priority' classes for gifted students.

The Ministry of Education also banned written homework for firstand second-graders earlier this year, and limited homework for junior high students to no more than 1.5 hours per night.

However, many Chinese parents still regard education as a path to social mobility.

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With strong recovery post lockdown and a shift in consumer preference away from public transportation, we are wellpositioned to capitalise on the various urban mobility needs of our customers BHAVISH AGGARWAL CO-FOUNDER, OLA

OZ CONSIDERING NEW LAWS

The Australian government is considering new laws that would tighten the regulation of digital payment services by tech giants like Apple and Google. Treasurer Josh Frvdenberg said he would consider that and other recommendations from a government-commissioned report



uote 77 'Biz activity continues to rise, reaches new high'

Last fiscal did see a demand uptick during the festival season, but it did not sustain. Two-wheeler dealers were the most

impacted. This fiscal, too, sales across segments are yet to reach pre-pandemic levels BHUSHAN PAREKH DIRECTOR, CRISII

Here in India. the needs of 70 million persons living with some form of disability have remained under-served despite a vibrant startup ecosystem. We believe that there can be a thriving market for assistive technologies

SEHRAJ SINGH MANAGING DIRECTOR, PROSUS INDIA

Rising commodity prices, especially those of steel, copper. rhodium and palladium amongst others have left us with no choice but to raise prices across models SHASHANK SRIVASTAVA

DIRECTOR, MARKETING AND SALES, MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA

SHORT TAKES

Go Airlines gets Sebi nod

New Delhi: Budget carrier Go Airlines, which has rebranded itself as 'Go First', has received market regulator Sebi's go-ahead for an initial public offer (IPO) worth ₹3,600 crore. The airline plans to garner up to ₹3.600 crore through sale of shares, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP). It also plans to raise up to ₹1,500 crore by way of a pre-IPO placement. The carrier, which filed its preliminary papers for the IPO in May, received its observations August 26.

Tomato prices crash to ₹4/kg

New Delhi: Tomato prices in wholesale markets in most producing states have crashed to as low as ₹4 per kg amid

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Mumbai. August 30: Business resumption activity continued its northward journey and reached a new high, much above the pre-pandemic levels for the week ended August 29, a Japanese brokerage said Monday. The Nomura India Business Resumption Index rose to 102.7 for the week ending August 29 from 101.3 in the prior week, as per the brokerage.

The index, which compared business activity with the pre-pandemic levels of March 2020, had fallen steeply during the two waves of infections, which were accompanied by lockdowns. Nomura said the index increased by 5.6 percentage points (pp) in August 2021,



GDP GROWTH WILL SEQUENTIALLY REBOUND IN THE SEPTEMBER QUARTER, THE BROKERAGE SAID, MAINTAINING ITS ABOVE-CONSENSUS GDP GROWTH FORECAST OF 10.4 PER CENT IN FY22

after 17.1 pp in July and 15 pp in June. For the week ended August 29, Google retail and recreation and

Apple driving indices rose by 0.6 pp

and 10 pp, respectively, although workplace mobility surprisingly fell by 3.7 pp.

Power demand rose by 0.1 per cent as compared to the previous

week, while the labour participation rate inched up to 40.8 per cent from 40 per cent.

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There is, however, a mixed set of news on new infections, it said.

M-cap of BSE-listed firms zooms to record ₹247.30L cr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 30: Driven by bullish sentiment in equities, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies jumped to an all-time high of ₹2,47,30,108.97 crore Monday. Extending its winning momentum for the third session, the 30share BSE benchmark Sensex ended 765.04 points or 1.36 per cent higher at 56.889.76, its new closing peak. During the day, it jumped 833.55

points to its lifetime high of 56,958.27. In three days, the benchmark has gained 945.55 points. Thanks to the winning run in equities, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies zoomed to ₹2,47,30,108.97 crore. In a tweet, BSE CEO Ashish Chauhan said "congratulations India" as he mentioned about the equity market capitalisation on the exchange reaching an "all time high of USD 3.37 trillion. (INR 2.47 crore crore)". He also tagged the handles of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in

the tweet. Investors have become richer by ₹5,76,600.66 crore in three days of market rally. The 30-share BSE index had closed above the 56,000mark for the first time Friday.

"Stocks surged through the day on positive global cues buoyed by the Fed commentary," said S Ranganathan. Head of Research



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Nestle India, Infosys and TCS were the laggards. In the broader market, the BSE midcap and 1.72 per cent.

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30 TOP GAINERS 56,889.76 AUG BSE 765.04 SENSEX % POINTS 620.35 Bharti Airtel 4.44% 783.75 **Axis Bank** 4.15% 1439.50 **Tata Steel** 4.00% 1885.50 Titan 3.46% 7165.65 Bajaj Finance 2.91% 6797.10 Maruti Suzuki 2.90% 422.70 SBI 2.51%

'Time for tariffs to move up, levies on industry needs to be lowered'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 30: A day after announcing capital-raise of ₹21,000 crore via a rights issue. telecom czar Sunil Bharti Mittal Monday made a passionate pitch for hike in tariffs and a cut in government levies to save the industry. Mittal, the chairman of India's second largest telecom company Bharti Airtel, said while 35 per cent of industry's revenue goes to the government in taxes and levies, telcos are loaded with an extraordinary debt of AGR (Adjusted Gross Revenue) dues and spectrum payments.

"People are consuming average 16GB of data per user per month. It is time that tariffs do take a tick up to make the industry viable and, more importantly, have decent and appropriate returns on capital to grow into more technology areas, to roll out more networks, and become more viable model of sustainability in the future," Mittal said.

He stressed that the industry needs to have "right economic model", and rued that "for far too long, we have played in this game by growing this industry at a very minimal pricing level".

Levies are far too high in the telecom sector. Mittal said adding that "levies and load on industry needs to be brought down" for

pointing out that the 7-day moving average (MA) of cases rose by 9,200 from last week to 41,000, although this deterioration was led by Kerala. It warned that a potential third wave "cannot be ruled out" given the impending festive season.

On the other hand, the vaccination pace has risen to 7.1 million doses per day (7-day MA) from 4.7 million a week back, it said, adding that if this pace sustains, India would be on track to fully vaccinate roughly 50 per cent of the population by end-2021.

GDP growth will sequentially rebound in the September quarter, the brokerage said, maintaining its above-consensus GDP growth forecast of 10.4 per cent in FY22.





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New Delhi, August 30: State-run power giant NTPC Monday said that it has geared up to meet rising power demand and recorded electricity generation growth of 23 per cent over the previous year. The country is witnessing a sharp increase in power demand, and NTPC is making all efforts for meeting demand as per the grid requirement, it said in a statement.

NTPC has geared up to meet the increasing demand, and the generation from NTPC group stations have registered a 23 per cent growth compared to the previous year, it stated.

Under flexible utilisation of coal policy, NTPC is arranging coal at the stations where the stock position is critical

The company also said that it is continuously coordinating with Coal India and Railways for augmenting coal supply at critical stations and diverting rakes wherever required.

It is also augmenting 2.7 Lakh MT import coal left out from the contracts placed earlier. Darlipalli Unit 2 (800 MW) was put in operation, and commercial operation of the unit is being done with effect from September 1, 2021.

The plant is a pit-head station, and coal is being fed from the captive mine of NTPC (Dulanga), it said. It is increasing coal production from all captive mines of NTPC, it added.

During peak hours, approximately 7 GW of gas capacity is on the bar against 3 GW last week.

Amazon launches *Karigar Mela* in p'ship with Tribes India

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New Delhi, August 30: Amazon India Monday announced the launch of Karigar Mela in partnership with Tribes India, wherein in raising tariffs in future, Mittal the e-commerce platform will feature a dedicated storefront for traditional tribal and local Indian handicrafts. As part of the initiative, customers will be able to access and shop from a selection of over 1.2 lakh unique traditional tribal and local Indian handicrafts and handloom selections, a statement said. Some of the unique art forms that will be available in products listed for purchase as part of Karigar Mela include Bidri, Dhokra, Ikkat, Patachitra, blue art pottery, etc. it added. As part of the Karigar Mela initiative, Karigar sellers will also benefit from a 100% Selling on Amazon (SoA) fee waiver for two weeks from August 30-September 12. The tribal artisan and weaver community are at the nucleus of the Indian economy. It is also one of the segments that have been most severely hit due to the ongoing pandemic. The launch of Karigar Mela will play an important role in helping artisans and weavers revive their livelihoods and accelerate their growth," Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda, said.



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appropriate returns on capital to grow into more technology areas, to roll out more networks, and become more viable model of sustainability in future

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effected by Airtel over the last few months are a "testimony" that the company has indeed "run out of patience"

In a rare move, the Bharti Airtel Ltd chairman attended about an hour-long investor call, answering queries related to the rights issue as well as those pertaining to the telecom sector. Asked if Airtel will take a lead

supply glut, government data showed. In fact, the wholesale prices of tomato in 23 growing centres out of 31 monitored by the government were down by 50 per cent from the year-ago period or below three-year seasonal average. Currently, tomato crop of the early kharif (summer) season of the 2021-22 crop year (July-June) is being harvested.

Sensex zooms 765 points

Mumbai: Equity benchmark Sensex skyrocketed 765 points to scale a fresh lifetime high Monday, driven by gains in index heavyweights Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank amid a positive trend in global markets. After touching a lifetime high of 56,958.27 during the day, the 30-share index ended 765.04 points or 1.36 per cent higher at 56,889.76. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty surged 225.85 points or 1.35 per cent to its record closing of 16.931.05. It touched an all-time intra-day high of 16,951.50.

at LKP Securities. Bharti Airtel was the biggest gainer among the 30-share frontline companies pack, followed by Axis Bank, Tata Steel and Titan. Tech Mahindra,

from Federal Reserve chairman Reliance Securities.

in Jackson Hole Symposium lifted investors' sentiments globally," said Binod Modi, Head - Strategy at

3106.70 Asian Paints 2.29% 16551.65 Bajaj Finserv 2.18% 791.95 M&M 2.17% GRAPHICS

India to truly realise its digital vision. Mittal made it clear that Airtel will not shy away from raising tariffs. He argued that tariff changes

been doing it in a limited manner by pushing up base tariffs to ₹79.

'Can this go to ₹99 eventually, my answer is yes, the question is when" Mittal observed.

said that the company has already

BIZ BUZZ

OSL lauds state government's efforts

Bhubaneswar: On the occasion of National Sports Day, Odisha Stevedores Limited (OSL) lauded Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik as well as the Odisha government for the judicious decision to further extend the official sponsorship of both the Indian men's and women's hockey teams for another 10 years till 2033. Odisha, as the prime sponsor, has been supporting Indian hockey for the past three years. Patnaik deserves all credit for his vision and immaculate love for hockey as India (men's team) ended its 41-year wait, winning a bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics; while the women's team achieved its best-ever fourth place finish at any Olympics.

Exports from SEZs up 41.5 pc

New Delhi: Exports from special economic zones (SEZs) grew by about 41.5 per cent to ₹2.15 lakh crore during the April-June quarter of the current fiscal on account of . Chin healthy growth in pharmaceuticals, engineering, and

gems and jewellery sectors, as per official data. SEZs are key export hubs which con tribute about one-fourth of the country's total outbound shipments. According to commerce ministry data, exports from these zones dipped to ₹7.56 lakh crore in 2020-21 as against ₹7.97 lakh crore in 2019-20. In the first quarter of the current financial year, SEZ exports rose about 41.5 per cent to ₹2.15 lakh crore.

State telcos' AGR rises by 4.6% to ₹1,228cr in Q1 FY'22: TRAI

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: The telecom service providers operating in Odisha recorded only 4.60 per cent rise in their total revenue at ₹1,228 crore in the quarter ended of June, 2021, according to data published by sector regulator TRAI. The gross revenue of the telecom service providers was ₹1,174 crore in the same quarter a year ago.

The TRAI's report says that the total revenue of the sector in Odisha stood at ₹1,228 crore in the April-June quarter, 2021 where Reliance Jio registered the highest share of ₹642.7 crore in the same quarter. Jio was followed by Bharti Airtel with ₹467.2 crore, Vodafone Idea with ₹58.6 crore. State-owned BSNL posted ₹54.7 crore of gross revenue in the first quarter of current fiscal.

In the same quarter of a year ago, Jio was also the highest market share holder followed by Airtel, Vodafone and BSNL. Jio had achieved ₹594.3 crore gross revenue followed by Airtel with ₹434 crore,

Vodafone with ₹84.2 crore and BSNL with ₹58.8 crore.

Jio further extended its leadership position with 52.3% gross revenue market share in the sector, as per the financial report published by TRAI for the April-June quarter, 2021

As per the report, overall gross revenue in the sector in Odisha in Q1 has remained flat versus the previous quarter, wherein Reliance Jio achieved nearly 4.9% growth in gross revenue followed by nearly 3.7% growth that was witnessed by Airtel.

Aluminium industry stares at critical coal shortage

Former SBI chief joins HSBC board

New Delhi: The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC) has appointed Rajnish Kumar as an Independent Non-Executive Director on the board of its Asian entity. Kumar had retired as Chairman of SBI in October 2020. "In addition to his extensive background with regulatory authorities, investors and businesses in India, Kumar has strong experience of global business and financial markets from his work with the SBI in the UK and Canada," said an HSBC statement.

The aluminium INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE industry CPPs have

New Delhi, August 30: The highly power-dependent aluminium industry is in for a tough time. This is because of Coal India Ltd's (CIL) recent move to significantly reduce coal supplies and railway rakes for Captive Power Plants (CPPs), resulting in coal crunch for the Indian Aluminium Industry.

Aluminium is a metal of strategic importance and an essential commodity for diversified sectors, crucial for the nation's economy. Aluminium smelting requires uninterrupted and high-quality power supply for production which can be met only through in-house CPPs. Hence, such drastic curtailment



of coal supplies, without any advance notice, will bring the industry to a standstill as it has been left with no time to devise any mitigation plan to continue sustainable operations. Also, resorting to imports at such a short notice is not feasible. The aluminium industry CPPs have signed FSA (Fuel Supply Agreement) with CIL and its subsidiaries for assured long term coal supply. Any abrupt stoppage of this secured coal supply brings the industry to a grinding halt and has a severe impact on the SMEs in downstream sector resulting in increased prices of finished products and burdening end consumers.

Aluminium is a continuous process based highly power intensive industry wherein coal accounts for 40 per cent of aluminium production cost. Huge investments of ₹1.2 lakh crore (\$20 billion) have been made to double the domestic production capacity to 4.1 mtpa to cater to the country's increasing aluminium demand. The Indian aluminium industry has set up 9,000 MW CPP capacity to meet its power

requirement for the Smelter and refinery operations and reduce dependence on power grids.

Any power outage/or failure (2 hours or more) results in freezing of molten Aluminium in the pots which leads to shutting down of the aluminium plant for at least six months rendering heavy losses and restart expenses, and once restarted it takes almost a year to get the desired metal purity.

The Indian aluminium industry is already struggling to remain globally competitive due increasing production costs in India primarily due to increased power cost over the past few years with risingcoal prices, increase in various duties, cess and RPO.

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Javelin thrower Sumit bags gold with three world record throws after shooter Avani becomes first Indian woman to clinch the yellow metal at Paralympics on a day that sees 5 medals

GOLDEN DAY!

Avani 'on top of the world'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 30: Life turned upside down for Avani Lekhara pretty early when a car accident rendered her immobile as an 11-yearold but what the tragedy could not do was take away her and her family's resolve to be a notch above the circumstances.

Lekhara sustained severe spinal cord injuries in the accident in 2012 but she took it upon herself to steer the course, helped generously by her father's insistence that she take up shooting.

A trainee of former Olympian shooter Suma Shirur, Lekhara became India's first woman gold medallist at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo on Monday when she shot a total of 249.6 in the 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1.

In doing so, the 19year-old shooter from Jaipur created a new Paralympics record and also equalled the world record.

She wasn't quite taken by the idea of being a full-time shooter but after reading Abhinav Bindra's autobiography 'A Shot At Glory', her deal with the precision sport was sealed.

Partly inspired by the story of India's first individual Olympic gold-medallist besides her own hard work and dedication, Lekhara crafted her own piece of history at her very first Paralympic appearance.

As the Tokyo Paralympics approached, the unrelenting COVID-19 pandemic only complicated the journey to glory, badly affecting her essential physiotherapy routine.

JHAJHARIA BAGS SILVER, GURJAR WINS BRONZE

TOKYO: Two-time gold-winning javelin throw veteran Devendra Jhajharia clinched a stupendous third Paralympic medal, a silver this time as India surpassed its best ever medal tally at the Games Monday. Sundar Singh Gurjar also chipped in with a bronze, finishing behind Jhajharia in the men's javelin throw F46 final. The 40-year-old Jhajharia, already India's greatest Paralympian after winning gold medals in the 2004 and 2016 Games, pulled off a new personal best throw of 64.35m for the silver. Jhajharia bettered his own earlier world record (63.97m) but gold winner Sri Lankan Dinesh Priyan Herath Mudiyanselage (67.79m), who set a new world record, was too good for the entire field. The 25-year-old Gurjar was third with a best effort of 64.01m.

"As someone with a spinal cord disability, I don't have any feeling below my waist. I still need to exercise my legs every day," Lekhara says.

"I used to have a physio who would come to my home daily to help me exercise and stretch my legs. Since then it's my parents who have to help me with those exercises. They do the best they can."

At the time she was paralysed waist down, studies seemed to be the only option but life had other ideas in store for her. Once she picked up the rifle dur-

 Lekhara is set to compete in three more events – mixed air rifle prone, women's 50m rifle 3 positions and mixed 50m rifle prone.

ing the 2015 summer vacations, the

vivacious woman from Jaipur did

pretty well and then began a jour-

ney that would one day see her

script history by claiming the biggest

prize at the sport's grandest stage.

Bindra's autobiography only

strengthened her resolve to realise

her goal once she decided on one.

Going through the pages of

She had earlier won a bronze medal at the WSPS World Cup in Bangkok, 2017 and bettered the colour of the medal to silver in the next two World Cups in Osijek, Croatia in 2019 and Al Ain, UAE this year:

Shirur is with her in Tokyo after guiding Indian rifle shooters Divyansh Singh Panwar and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar during the preceding Olympics. "This was the ultimate goal

and I had to be with Avani. I am very happy that she has won gold and it was all worth the effort," Shirur said.

Lekhara edged out 2016 Rio Games gold-medallist Cuiping Zhang of China who clinched the silver medal with a total of 248.9

at the Asaka Shooting Range. World number one and reigning World Champion Iryna Shchetnik of Ukraine took home the bronze with an effort of 227.5. She becomes the fourth Indian

athlete to win a Paralympics gold after swimmer Murlikant Petkar (1972), javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia (2004 and 2016) and high jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu (2016). Later on the day, Sumit Antil also bagged the yellow metal in men's F64 category of javeline throw event. MEN'S JAVELIN THROW F

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Sumit still not satisfied

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Tokyo, August 30: Breaking the world record five times on his way to gold in the Paralympics did not suffice for reluctant-wrestler-turned-javelin-thrower Sumit Antil and the Indian vowed to better what was already an incredible performance by every yardstick.

The 23-year-old clinched India's second gold at the ongoing Paralympics here Monday, shattering the men's F64 category world record multiple times in a stunning Games debut performance of 68.55m.

He was a wrestler prior to a motorcycle accident that resulted in his left leg being amputated, before life smiled on him and a new avenue opened up.

"I was not that great a wrestler. In my area of India, the family forces you to become a wrestler," he quipped. "I started when I was

Messi era begins with PSG win

seven, eight years old, and I continued for four or five years, but not regularly. I was not that good," Antil said.

"I met with an accident and had my leg amputated. After that, life changed. I went to the stadium just to meet people in 2015, and I saw para athletes. They said, 'You have good height and posture, maybe you can be in the next Paralympics'. Who knew I would be the next champion?"

He did become a champion Monday, and that too, at the sport's grandest stage. "This is my first Paralympics and I was a little nervous because the competitors are great. I was hoping for a 70-metreplus throw, maybe I can do 75m. It was not my best, I am very happy to break the world record."

This was not the first time he was making the javelin travel far. A few months before the Tokyo Games, within a span of 20 days,

Haryana's Antil had broken the world record twice in the F-64 category.

In his sixth and last attempt he hurled the javelin to a distance of 66.90 metres at the 19th Para-Athletics Championships at Bangalore in March.

The effort bettered his own world record of 66.43 metres, set during the third leg of the Indian Grand Prix March 5 in Patiala. Both these efforts were, however, not recorded for world records.

On how much further he can throw, he said, "In training I have thrown 71m, 72m, many times. I don't know what happened in my competition.

"One thing is for sure in future I will throw much better," Antil, who started out as a wrestler before switching to javelin throw, said. But he was definitely happy to have won the top medal at the biggest stage, terming it as realisation of a dream.

SUMIT

"It is a dream come true. I can't express my feelings right now," the 23-year-old who entered the Tokyo Paralympics as the world record holder in his event said. Antil, who lost his left leg below

the knee after he was involved in a motorbike accident in 2015, sent the spear to 68.55m in his fifth attempt, which was the best of the day by quite a distance and a new world record.

In fact, he bettered the previous world record of 62.88m, also set by him, five times on the day. His last throw was a foul. His series read 66.95, 68.08, 65.27, 66.71, 68.55 and foul.

Australian Michal Burian (66.29m) and Sri Lanka's Dulan Kodithuwakku (65.61m) took the silver and bronze medals respectively. The F64 category is for athletes with a leg amputation, who compete with prosthetics in a standing position.



VINOD LOSES BRONZE

Tokyo: Indian discus thrower Vinod Kumar Monday lost his F52 category bronze medal at the Paralympics here after being found ineligible in disability classification assessment by the competition panel. The 41-year-old BSF man produced a best throw of 19.91m to finish third behind Piotr Kosewicz (20.02m) of Poland and Velimir Sandor (19.98m) of Croatia Sunday. However, the result was challenged by some competitors. "The panel was unable to allocate the athlete Vinod Kumar from NPC India with a sport class and the athlete was designated as Classification not Completed (CNC)," the organisers said in a statement. "The athlete is therefore ineligible for the Men's F52 Discus medal event and his results in that competition are void," it added.



SILVER LINING FOR KATHUNIYA

NEWS IN BRIEF

TOKYO: Discus thrower Yogesh Kathuniya clinched a silver medal in the men's F56 event, Monday. The 24-year-old, a B.Com graduate from New Delhi's Kirorimal College, sent the disc to a best distance of 44.38m in his sixth and last attempt to clinch the silver. India had won four medals in the 2016 editions while the medal count stands at seven in the ongoing event.

ASIAN YOUTH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP Bishwamitra, Vishal, Neha bag gold medals

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 30: World youth bronze-medallist Bishwamitra Chongtham (51kg), Vishal (80kg) and Neha (54kg) struck gold, while six other Indian boxers signed off with silver medals in the Asian Youth Championships in Dubai Monday.

Chongtham defeated Uzbekistan's Kuziboev Ahmadjon 4-1, staving off a stiff challenge. Vishal, on the other hand, outpunched Kyrgyzstan's Akmatov Sanzhar 5-0 to finish on top.

Among women, Neha pulled off a hard-fought 3-2 win over Kazakhstan's Aishagul Yeleubayeva to clinch the yellow metal. The last time India secured two gold medals in the men's competition was back in 2010.

Vishvanath Suresh (48kg), Vanshaj (63.5kg) and Jaydeep Rawat (71kg) ended with silver medals. Suresh lost 0-5 to reigning youth world champion Sanzar Tashkenbay of Kazakhstan.

Vanshaj was also beaten 0-5 by Yernur Suyunbay of Kazakhstan in his summit clash. Rawat did not complete his bout against Uzbek Abdullaev Alokhon, whose pounding left the Indian visibly shaken and mostly off-balance in the opening round itself.

In the women's competition, Nivedita (48kg) ended with a silver medal after losing to Uzbekistan's Farzona Fozilova. Simran (52kg) lost 05 to Uzbekistan's Kazakova Feruza despite a spirited performance.

Tamanna (50kg) also finished second after losing to another Uzbek in Sabina Bobokulava in her final bout. Tamanna fought a very close bout but lost 4-1, managing to win one of the three rounds.

Five Indian boxers, including one woman, had earlier claimed bronze medals in the youth event after losing in the semifinals.

Among men, Daksh (67kg), Deepak (75kg), Abhimanyu (92kg) and Aman Singh Bisht (92+kg) bagged bronze medals while Lashu Yadav (70kg) ended with a bronze in the women's category.

In the last edition of Asian Youth Championships, held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, India had claimed 12 medals, including five gold.



A NEW JOURNEY: Lionel Messi in action during his debut for PSG at Reims

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Paris, August 30: The Lionel Messi era has begun at Paris Saint-Germain, without a goal for the Argentine superstar but plenty of adulation and fanfare. Messi made his debut for PSG Sunday after coming off the bench midway through the second half in a 20 win at Reims in the French league.

Messi replaced his friend and former Barcelona teammate Neymar in the 66th minute and they shared a hug. After years of glory for Messi at the 99,000-capacity Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, the record sixtime Ballon d'Or winner and fourtime Champions League victor made his first PSG appearance at the modest 20,000-seater Stade Auguste Delaune.

Such is Messi's star factor that the home fans chanted "Messi, Messi" while a smiling Reims goalkeeper Predrag Rajkovic took a photo of Messi holding a child after the game.

Before the match, hundreds of fans gathered for a glimpse of Messi as he descended the team bus and he waved back at them. They wanted to see one of the all-time greats, along with Pele and the late Diego Maradona, who Messi adored.

The 34-year-old Messi, who led his nation to the Copa America title last month, joined PSG three weeks ago after his new contract with Barcelona fell through.

Striker Kylian Mbappe was named in the starting line-up as Real Madrid tries to sign him before the end of the summer transfer window Mbappe had already scored both goals before Messi came on.

He headed in Angel Di Maria's cross in the 15th minute and then turned in Achraf Hakimi's cross in the 63rd for his 135th goal since joining PSG in 2017. For it remains to be seen whether it's his last for PSG, which has started the season with four straight wins and has 12 points.



Kylian Mbappe celebrates after scoring his first goal

Domestic hockey to S restart October 4 t

NEW DELHI: The much-awaited

domestic hockey season is set to resume in October this year with the first sub-junior men's national academy championship in Bhopal after a hiatus of seven months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The inaugural sub-junior men's national academy championship will be held October 4-13. This will be followed by the first Hockey India (HI) junior men's academy national championships in Bhopal October 18-27. The junior women's nationals in Simdega of Jharkhand, the junior men's event in Telangana and the senior women's event in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh are scheduled to played in October. However, Hockey India is yet to confirm the exact dates of the last three events.

Stuart Binny calls time on his career

NEW DELHI: India all-rounder Stuart Binny, who owns the record of the best bowling figures in ODI format, Monday announced his retirement from first class and international cricket. The 37-yearold began his career with Karnataka and represented India in six Tests, 14 ODIs and three T20Is. "I would like to inform you that I have decided to retire from first class and international cricket," Binny, whose father Roger also represented India, said in a statement. While he did not get many international runs under his belt, Binny returned exceptional bowling figures against Bangladesh -- six wickets for just four runs -- in an ODI in June 2014 in Dhaka. It remains the best bowling performance in the ODIs till date.

10 TEAMS IN FOR I-LEAGUE QUALIFIERS

NEW DELHI: The Indian football domestic season is all set to get underway with the I-League Qualifiers 2021, which is scheduled to take place at the Bangalore Football Stadium from October with 10 teams participating in it. This edition of the I-League Qualifiers will also see as many as seven teams make their debut – Hyderya Sports FC (J&K), Corbett FC (Uttarakhand), Delhi FC (Delhi), Madan Maharaj FC (Madhya Pradesh), Rajasthan United FC (Rajasthan), Kerala United FC (Kerala) and Ryntih SC (Meghalaya). Meanwhile, the likes of ARA FC (Gujarat), Kenkre FC (Maharashtra), and FC Bengaluru United (Karnataka) complete the line-up. The 10 participating teams will be split into two groups of five teams each. The group stage will be conducted in a round-robin format. The top two teams from each group will proceed to the final round, also in round-robin format. The team that finish at the top will earn promotion to the I-League top division.

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