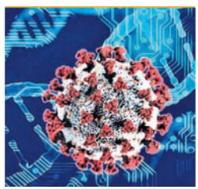




MAKING RIGHT NOISES

Model-turned-actor Urvashi Rautela has promised to raise her voice to uplift the spirit of young girls

LEISURE P2



GENOME SEQUENCING

The ILS, Bhubaneswar, has been selected as a centre for sequencing of the new Covid strain

DOWNTOWN P3



PRACHANDA REPLACES OLI

Nepal Communist Party's Pushpa Kamal Dahal replaces Oli as parliamentary party leader

INTERNATIONAL P10

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Yes, I have been quarantined after taking the vaccine. Actually, I went to London to take it.

SHORT TAKES

PM-KISAN money coming Dec 25

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the next installment of financial benefit amounting to ₹18,000 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) December 25. The Prime Minister will release the amount at 12 noon on Friday via video conferencing even as the farmers' protests entered the 28th day Wednesday. This will be the 7th installment under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme -- a direct transfer scheme for the farmers.

IFFCO gas leakage kills 2, six injured

New Delhi/Lucknow: Two people died and 16 others were injured in a major ammonia gas leak at IFFCO's Phulpur fertiliser plant in Allahabad, the firm said Wednesday. The gas leakage that took place on Tuesday night around 10.30 pm, however, was restricted and stopped in a short time, the fertilizer cooperative major said in a statement. The two persons who died in the accident were identified as IFFCO deputy manager Abhay Nandan and assistant manager VP Singh. Of the 16 injured staff, two were discharged while 14 others are under treatment.

MARKET WATCH

INDEX	VAIATION
SENSEX	46444.18 ↑ 437.49
NIFTY	13601.10 ↑ 134.80
DOLLAR	73.70 ↓ ₹0.19
EURO	89.87 ↓ ₹0.46
GOLD	₹49,830 ↓ ₹251
SILVER	₹66,771 ↓ ₹100

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
TEMP MAX	27.8°C	28.4°C
TEMP MIN	12.4°C	11.0°C
Humidity	93%	80%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil

Forecast: Mist in the morning

Another \$1.4bn tax blow on India

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: India has been ordered to return up to USD 1.4 billion to Cairn Energy plc of the UK after the government lost an international arbitration over the retrospective levy of taxes.

The three-member tribunal, which also comprised a nominee of the Indian government, unanimously ruled that India's claim of ₹10,247 crore in past taxes over a 2006-07 internal reorganisation of Cairn's India business was not a valid demand.

India, it said, "failed to accord the claimants' (Cairn Energy's) investments fair and equitable treatment" under the bilateral investment protection pact the nation had with the UK, it said in a 582-page order.

The tribunal ordered the government to return the value of shares it had sold, dividends seized and tax refunds withheld to recover the tax demand. The government was asked to compensate Cairn "for the total harm suffered" together with interest and cost of arbitration, according to the order.

While the order does not contain a provision for challenge or appeal against the award, the government said it will study the arbitration award and "will consider all options and take a decision

RETRO TAX ARBITRATION

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on the further course of action, including legal remedies before appropriate fora."

Cairn, according to people aware of the matter, can use the arbitration award to approach courts in countries such as the UK to seize any property owned by India overseas to recover the money if the award is not honoured. In a statement, Cairn Energy said it had been awarded USD 1.2 billion damages plus interest and costs.

Sources said including USD 200 million of interest and USD 20 million of arbitration cost, the total amount payable by the Indian government is USD 1.4



The government was asked to compensate Cairn "for the total harm suffered" together with interest and cost of arbitration, the order said

billion (about ₹10,500 crore). This is the second loss the government has suffered in three months over the retrospective levy of taxes. In September, UK's Vodafone Group won an international arbitration against the demand of ₹22,100 crore in taxes.

However, Cairn was the only company against which the government took action to recover retrospective taxes. During the pendency of the arbitration, the government sold Cairn's near 5 per cent holding in Vedanta Ltd, seized dividends totalling ₹1,140 crore due to it from those shareholdings and set off a ₹1,590-crore tax refund against

the demand.

Besides Cairn Energy, the government also slapped a similar tax demand on its erstwhile subsidiary Cairn India (which is now part of Vedanta Ltd). Cairn India too has challenged the demand through a separate arbitration.

In the case of Vodafone, the government took no such action. Confirming the award, Cairn in a statement said: "the tribunal established to rule on its claim against the government of India has found in Cairn's favour." Cairn had challenged the Indian government seeking taxes over an internal business reorganisation using the 2012 retrospective tax law, under the UK-India Bilateral Investment Treaty.

"The tribunal ruled unanimously that India had breached its obligations to Cairn under the UK-India Bilateral Investment Treaty and has awarded to Cairn damages of USD 1.2 billion-plus interest and costs, which now becomes payable," it said. Commenting on the issue, Ministry of Finance in a statement said the government will be studying the award and all its aspects carefully in consultation with its counsels. "After such consultations, the government will consider all options and take a decision on the further course of action, including legal remedies before appropriate fora," it said.

IPS RESHUFFLE

NAYAGARH SP TRANSFERRED

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: In a major reshuffle in IPS cadres, the state government Wednesday transferred Nayagarh SP Pratyush Diwakar as ALG, headquarters in the wake of a minor girl's rape and murder case that has rocked the state. Sidhartha Kataria is the new SP of Nayagarh.

2011 batch IPS officer B Gangadhar has been appointed as SP of Sambalpur while Charan Singh Meena, K Shiva Subramani and Rahul PR are the new SPs of Bhadrak, Dhenkanal and Jajpur districts, respectively.

The new SPs of other districts are Madkar Sandip Sampad (Kendrapara), Mukesh Kumar Bhamo (Rourkela), Shrawana Vivek M (Kalahandi), Kusalkar Nitin Dagudu (Bolangir), Vivekananda Sharma (Rayagada), Varun Guntupalli (Koraput), Pralahad Sahai Meena (Nabarangpur) and Bikash Chandra Das (in-charge of Jharsuguda). On return from the central deputation, 2008 batch IPS officer Satyajit Nayak has been appointed as SP, Computer.

The government has posted Narasingha Bhol as IG, Sambalpur while Pandit Rajesh Uttamrao will remain in-charge DIG, Koraput. Sheefen Ahamed K is the new DIG—Technical, Sarthak Sarangi is in-charge DIG—Angul and Awinash Kumar is in-charge DIG, SAP. Niti Shekhar was posted as additional transport commissioner (enforcement) in commerce and transport department.



NEMESIS

Father Thomas Kottoor, main accused in Abhaya murder case, being brought out of the CBI court premises after he was awarded double life sentence and imposed a fine of ₹6.5 lakh, in Thiruvananthapuram, Wednesday

PTI PHOTO

Fight against fake news, BCJD leaders told

POST NEWS NETWORK



Misinformation is now the greatest enemy of social harmony. If we are not alert, it will destroy our community and unique identity

NAVEEN PATNAIK | CM

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: Stating that misinformation is now the greatest enemy of social harmony, BJD president and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has asked his party's student wing leaders to fight against misinformation.

Addressing the Biju Chhatra Janata Dal (BCJD) leaders here Wednesday, Naveen said, "Today's age is of digital and social media. Its impact is being very much felt on every sphere of life. But, social media is also flooded with misinformation. Many a time, the information that comes on social media and even on mainstream media is not true. Thus, you have to fight against this misinformation."

"Misinformation is the greatest enemy to social harmony. If we are not alert, it

will destroy our community and unique identity," he said. The BJD supremo asked the students leaders to disseminate the right information among people, setting aside the misinformation.

He also gave three mantras to BCJD members. "First, you should do hard work for complete utilization of your inherent potential and create your own identity. Secondly, never forget your duty towards your family and parents. Thirdly, use your full potential for the development of our society where we have grown up and got educated." The Chief Minister reminded the students about the unique identity of Odisha and Odia pride. He mentioned the contributions of great leaders of Odisha for the development of the state and the Odia community. Inaugurating the state executive body

meeting of the BCJD, the ruling party's organising secretary Pranab Prakash Das urged student leaders to work for the state and its pride, and spread Naveenism in every village of the state. "An Odia will decide the future of Odisha, not a person seating in New Delhi," Das said. He also appealed to the BCJD leaders to fight against corruption. During the executive meeting, the party has conducted a written test of all members to know their knowledge about contributions of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and former CM Biju Patnaik for development of Odisha and Odia community. The committee passed a few political resolutions including implementation of provisions of the Odisha University Act, declaration of results of all examinations within 30 to 45 days of the tests, among others.

CENTRE ISSUES DTH LICENSE FOR 20 YEARS

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: The Union Cabinet Wednesday approved the proposal to revise the guidelines for obtaining a licence for Direct-To-Home (DTH) broadcasting service, to make the period 20 years instead of existing 10 years.

The Cabinet meeting, which was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the proposal that licence for the DTH will be issued for a period of 20 years in place of present 10 years. Further, the period of licence may be renewed by 10 years at a time. The licence fee has been revised from 10 per cent of GR to 8 per cent of AGR.

"AGR will be calculated by deduction of GST from GR. Licence Fee will be collected on quarterly basis in lieu of presently annual basis. DTH operators shall be permitted to operate to a maximum of 5 per cent of its total channel carrying capacity as permitted platform channels. A one-time non-refundable registration fee of ₹10,000 per PS channel shall be charged from a DTH operator," a government statement said.

According to the Centre, the DTH sector is a highly employment intensive sector, as it directly employs DTH operators as well as those in the call centres besides indirectly employing a sizeable number of installers at the grass-root level. The amended DTH guidelines, with longer licence period and clarity on renewals, relaxed FDI limits, etc.

Trump refuses to sign Covid Bill, seeks raise in size of stimulus

AGENCIES

Washington, Dec 23: US President Donald Trump has refused to sign the COVID-19 relief bill, saying the USD 600 stimulus payment to most Americans was not enough as he asked Congress to increase the amount to USD 2,000.

Trump, in a video posted Twitter Tuesday night, said the bill delivered too much money to foreign countries, but not enough to Americans. "A few months ago, Congress started negotiations on a new package to get urgently needed help to the American people. It's taken forever. However, the bill they are now planning to send back to my desk is much different than anticipated. It really is a disgrace," he said.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin was part of the negotiations. "Despite all of this wasteful spending and much more, the USD 900 billion package provides hard-working taxpayers with only USD 600 each in relief payments, and not enough money is given to small businesses and in particular restaurants whose owners have suffered so grievously," said the president in his video.

"I am asking Congress to amend this bill and increase the ridiculously low USD 600 dollars to USD 2,000, or USD 4,000 for a couple," he said. Congress passed the USD 900 billion pandemic relief bill on Monday night to pro-

vide cash to businesses and individuals, and resources for vaccination amidst the raging COVID-19 pandemic. The bill went to President Trump for his signature.

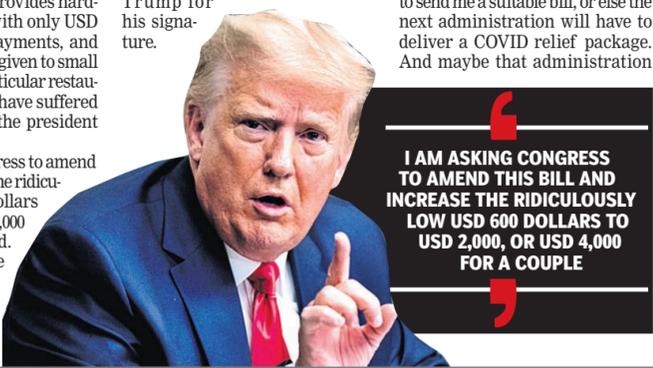
However, Trump said: "I am also asking Congress to immediately get rid of the wasteful and unnecessary items in this legislation, and to send me a suitable bill, or else the next administration will have to deliver a COVID relief package. And maybe that administration

will be me, and we will get it done".

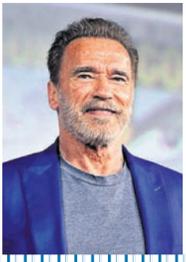
Trump's proposal was immediately supported by House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi. "Republicans repeatedly refused to say what amount the President wanted for direct checks. At last, the President has agreed to \$2,000 — Democrats are ready to bring this to the Floor this week by unanimous consent. Let's do it!" Pelosi said in a tweet soon thereafter. Congressman Brendan Boyle, who had initially moved a legislation for USD 2,000 cheque, welcomed the demand of President Trump. "I am the co-sponsor of legislation for USD 2,000 stimulus cheques. So, I welcome the sudden support" of Trump, he said in a tweet. "With so many Americans suf-

fering, Congress had one job. To help Americans and small businesses get through this crisis, not help every other country and every other pork project out there. Just once, don't spend for the sake of spending. Know your priorities," Indian-American Republican politician Nikki Haley said.

Indian-American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal has also been seeking an increase in stimulus cheques. "One USD 600 check isn't enough. A weekly USD 300 of enhanced unemployment assistance isn't enough. We're putting money in people's pockets, but in a crisis of this scale, people need and deserve so much more. I'll keep fighting to deliver that," she said in a tweet Monday.



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ARNOLD NEVER THOUGHT DAUGHTER KATHERINE WOULD MARRY AN ACTOR

Hollywood star Arnold Schwarzenegger says he never thought his daughter Katherine, now married to actor Chris Pratt, would walk down the aisle with someone from the same profession. During an interview, Schwarzenegger spoke about raising his children on film sets, *reports people.com*.

SINGER KERRY KATONA QUILTS SMOKING AFTER 25 YEARS

Singer Kerry Katona has quit smoking after over 25 years. The 40-year-old singer is proud not to have had a puff since the day she vowed. The former Atomic Kitten singer got engaged to Ryan Mahoney in August.



FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES
Today nostalgia tinges your mood, and this reflects in your dealings at work, where others see your softer side. You even spend carefully, seeming to be wiser regarding your savings. Ganesha sees profits for cashiers and money lenders.

TAURUS
You are likely to get into arguments today, predicts Ganesha. You should avoid any open confrontation. Legal disputes may bother you as well. Try your hand at meditation or resort to music of your preference to relax and unwind.

GEMINI
You have been ignoring a few problems that have been plaguing your family members for quite some time now. It's time you looked into the matter, says Ganesha. Irrespective of how difficult the challenges are, today you will emerge victorious.

CANCER
Your strange and unconventional behaviour doesn't always go down well with many people. If you think you are different, and maybe even better than others, it is advisable that you keep it under the wraps. The reason being that most people may not be able to understand you.

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

VIRGO
All the work done in the past will reap rich rewards today, says Ganesha. You'll direct things your own way, and in no way would you take orders from anyone. But don't go overboard with all the authority and keep a cool, calm head.

LIBRA
Sometimes, you lend a helping hand and people end up taking the entire arm. Well, that's kids for you! So beware, because young ones around you may try to take undue advantage of your sympathetic nature today, hints Ganesha.

SCORPIO
There are strong indications that today you will be receptive and sensitive towards the needs of other people. Negative vibes will disrupt your thinking, and you will rely on the company of close friends to keep you in good cheer. Do not succumb to the pessimism that might cloud your thought today as it is only a passing phase, advises Ganesha.

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

CAPRICORN
Numerous projects and building work pressure can keep you busy, but get done with whatever you have on hand, for Ganesha says the day has a host of recreational activities lined up for you. This will also be the right time to reach out to more people, and devour whatever knowledge or information they have to offer.

AQUARIUS
You have already fulfilled your short-term objectives. But you are ambitious, and straightaway begin setting your long-term goals. But all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, says Ganesha.

PISCES
While you like cooperating with your colleagues, there is nothing like a little competition to spice things up. You will nonchalantly take on the challenges coming your way, and thrive on the sweet smell of success today.

POST LOCKDOWN

Dimple's Tenet most viewed film in India



The other Top Watched Movies list by ticket sales is Biskoth (Tamil), followed by Irandam Kutththu (Tamil), Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari (Hindi) and Dracula Sir (Bengali)

Mumbai: The Christopher Nolan-directed *Tenet*, starring Robert Pattinson, John David Washington and Dimple Kapadia, has emerged as the most watched film in India post lockdown.

According to #ShowOffTheYear2020 report by BookMyShow, cinemas have sold an estimated seven lakh tickets since reopening after the Covid-induced lockdown.

There has been a steady increase in screens across cinemas pan-India, with 2800 screens operational at the moment. *Tenet* remains the most-watched film having sold three lakh tickets. The data is for sales from October 16 to December 18.

Second to *Tenet* in the Top Watched Movies Post Lockdown list by ticket sales is *Biskoth* (Tamil), followed by *Irindam Kutththu* (Tamil), *Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari* (Hindi) and *Dracula Sir* (Bengali).

Mumbai topped India's Most Entertained Virtually list, followed by Bangalore, Delhi-NCR, Pune, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Jaipur and Lucknow.

Talking of pre-lockdown times in 2020, Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior was the top film. It is followed by *Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo* (Telugu), *Sarileru Neekevuru* (Telugu), *Darbar* (Tamil), *Bheeshma* (Telugu), *Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan* (Hindi),

Baaghi 3 (Hindi), *Street Dancer 3* (Hindi), *Anjaam Pathiraa* (Malayalam) and *1917* (English).

Some of the Top Performing Artists included Ajay Devgn, Saif Ali Khan, Tabu, Allu Arjun and Mahesh Babu. Telugu films grew 215 per cent in the January-March 2020 period when compared to the same quarter in 2019, growing the most amongst regional cinema.



Dimple with John Washington in *Tenet*

The top Watched genres remained action, historicals and drama. BookMyShow sold 2.1 million film tickets for a single day on January 12, the highest ever sold.

Baaghi 3 was the last film in theatres with 35 per cent watching the movie before the curtains were temporarily brought down on theatres in India.

"While a complete return to out-of-home entertainment will probably take a few more months, we foresee the future of entertainment to remain strong as people love to socialise and get out," said Ashish Hemrajani from BookMyShow. IANS

Urvashi to raise voice on women empowerment

Mumbai: Model-turned-actress Urvashi Rautela recalls completing five years of winning a beauty pageant, and promises to uplift the spirit of young girls and empower women by raising her voice on issues that matter.

"I feel eternally blessed and grateful to become the only girl in history to win the prestigious Miss Universe India title twice! & creating a world record First in 2012 and then again in 2015. My life completely changed. I would dedicate my whole self and my love to the arts, and my voice to try and uplift, empower and educate the people, especially women," said Urvashi.

The actress was last seen in the film *Virgin Bhadravriya* and in the music video *Woh chaand kaha se laogi*. While on one hand she is gearing up for the release of her next music video *Teri load ve*, she has also finished shooting the bilingual thriller *Black Rose*. The film will be released in Telugu and Hindi. IANS

Radhika doesn't want to do things under pressure

New Delhi: Actress Radhika Apte has realised she was doing a lot of work just because of the fear of missing out, and says she is now determined not to take up work under pressure. The realisation dawned on her when the world was under lockdown due to the Covid-19 crisis.

"I realised that I'm grateful to get a lot of work and I have chosen work only when I wanted to do it. But there were a lot of other things I was doing with work, which

My father lives on in me: Anil

Mumbai: Veteran actor Anil Kapoor has penned a note in memory of his father, late producer Surinder Kapoor, on his birth anniversary, saying he continues to live on in his mind and heart.

The actor took to Instagram to share his note along with a black and white picture.

"I like to believe that my father lives on in me. In the lessons he taught us, in the love he showed on us, but most importantly in



the values I believe in, that I recognise as his - loyalty, honesty, humility, empathy," Anil wrote. He continued: "Even in that day and age, he trusted his children to find their own voice and their own way, never dictating the direction of their lives or careers. We faltered, we fumbled, we picked ourselves up and brushed the dirt off, never giving up the search for our destinies." "Thank you Papa for the memories and the lessons. You live on in our minds and our hearts, today and always," he concluded. IANS



PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS

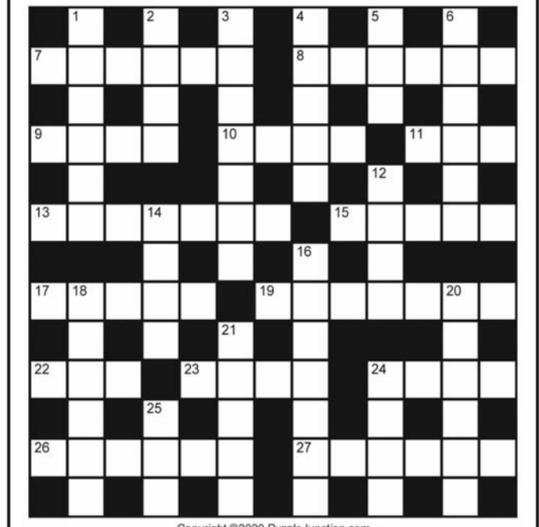


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CROSSWORD



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 - 4 Infectious disease
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 - 14 Wind instrument
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SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to E.

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SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD

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SUDOKU

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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

downtown



SHOPPING FOR RITUAL

People buying bunches of paddy panicles and other puja materials from roadside vendors at Ranihaat in Cuttack, Wednesday, for the worship of Goddess Laxmi on the concluding day of Manabasa ritual



COVID-19 TRACKER

	INFECTED	RECOVERED	DEAD
World	7,85,50,834	5,52,89,295	17,27,554
India	1,01,00,330	96,63,291	1,46,487
Odisha	3,27,279	3,22,648	1,846

Live pangolin seized; 1 held

PNN/AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: A Special Task Force (STF) Wednesday arrested a person from Biribati Canal Road, Kandarpur in Cuttack and seized a live Pangolin from his possession.

STF sources said acting on a tip-off the team conducted a raid and arrested Santosh Kumar Dalai of Gumutipur, Dhiasahi of Jagatsinghpur district while he was trying to sell the wild animal at Biribati last evening.

The STF seized a live Pangolin and other incriminating materials from his possession.

The team registered a case under Section 379/411 IPC r/w 51 of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.

The live pangolin would be handed over to Nandankanan Zoo authorities.

STF sources said the accused would be forwarded to the court of SDJM, Cuttack Wednesday.

Urban poor get 8,273 houses

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: Inching a step forward to provide shelter to urban poor, the state government Wednesday sanctioned 8,273 housing units under Odisha Urban Housing Mission (OUHM).

The State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring (SLSM) committee has approved the proposals received from 52 urban local bodies (ULBs). A meeting of the panel was held under the chairmanship of Development Commissioner Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Wednesday.

Mission director Suresh Chandra Dalai said, "1,39,149 houses have so far been sanctioned in favour of urban poor families in 114 towns. Out of these, work orders against 1,04,838 units have been issued. Till now, 54,034 houses have been completed and the remaining are at different stages of construction."

Joint Director Sushant Mishra informed the meeting that earlier around 7,000 housing units rec-

OUHM INITIATIVE



The state govt has so far sanctioned 1.39 lakh dwelling units under OUHM

Development Commissioner directed officials to intensify Jaga Mission activities

The ULBs were directed to identify slum-dwellers who can be allotted homestead land under Forest Rights Act in urban areas

ommended by SLSM Committee were sent to the Centre for final approval. The Development Commissioner directed the officials to strengthen ground level follow-up for early completion of the sanctioned houses.

During the meeting, Mohapatra directed the ULBs to intensify Jaga Mission activities in their respective areas. "House is the bare basic need of the urban poor

and allotting a piece of homestead land to the landless will be an effective encounter to urban poverty. Right over a piece of land, while enabling access of the urban poor to OUHM programme will also add to their identity and self-dignity," he said.

Further, he directed the Revenue and Disaster Management department and ULBs to identify more patches of land and protect those

from encroachment for bringing the dispersed houses in one place of resettlement so that they could be provided other basic services in a more organised manner.

The ULBs were also directed to identify the slum-dwellers who can be allotted homestead land under Forest Rights Act in urban areas.

Out of 1,39,149 sanctioned houses, 7,300 were sanctioned under in-situ slum redevelopment programme, 6,962 were sanctioned under affordable housing programme and the balance 1,24,887 units were sanctioned under beneficiary led construction (BLC) programme.

In BLC programme, the houses are built by beneficiaries themselves. On an average, a dwelling house of around 21 to 30 sq mt is estimated at ₹3 lakh. Under the scheme, the beneficiary gets a financial assistance of ₹2 lakh provided both by the both Centre and state government. Remaining ₹1 lakh is the beneficiary share which he/she contributes mostly through labour.

BJP: SIT chief tried to hoodwink people

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: A day after SIT chief Arun Bothra revealed the details of the murder of a minor girl in Nayagarh district, the state BJP Wednesday raised questions on the findings of the SIT probe and alleged that Bothra is trying to hoodwink the people with a well-scripted story.

Speaking to the media here, BJP leader Golak Mohapatra said, "The SIT is protecting the government. Whenever there is a crisis, the IPS officer saved the government. One Arun is trying to protect another Arun (Minister Arun Sahoo)."

Minister of State for Home Dibya Shankar Mishra in the Assembly had said that there is no evidence of rape of the minor girl. But, the SIT chief told the media that the girl

was raped, he said. Why the SIT has disclosed the probe findings without submitting it to the High Court? Mohapatra asked.

"As the SIT has completed its investigation, now the case should be handed over to the CBI for a fair probe," he demanded.

The SIT chief should be brought under the purview of the investigation, he added.

Leader of Opposition Pradipta Naik alleged that the SIT findings are not believable as they are telling a concocted story.

In a twitter post, Naik also questioned why the polygraph test of Babuli Nayak was not conducted despite family members of the minor girl had named him as the prime accused.

In his reaction, Minister Arun Sahoo said, "I prayed to God that let the truth prevail and the minor girl get justice."

State's nCoV toll mounts to 1,846 with 3 more deaths

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: State's Covid-19 caseload Wednesday mounted to 3,27,279 after 364 more people tested positive for infection, while three fresh fatalities pushed the coronavirus death toll to 1,846, a senior Health and Family Welfare (H&FW) department official said.



The new cases were detected in 25 of the coastal state's 30 districts, with 210 cases reported from different quarantine centres, while the remaining 154 are local contact cases.

Sundargarh recorded the highest 64 cases followed by Khurda (42) and Mayurbhanj (26).

The three fresh fatalities were reported from Balasore, Khurda and Sundargarh district, said the official. With three fresh fatalities, Odisha's coronavirus death toll mounted to 1,846, the H&FW official said, adding that 53 other Covid-19 positive patients have also died due to comorbidities so far.

Of the 1,846 fatalities, Khurda district of which the state capital Bhubaneswar is a part, alone accounted for 315 deaths followed by Ganja (246), Sundargarh (162), Cuttack (138) and Puri (114).

Twenty-five other districts reported less than 100 fatalities, the official pointed out.

The state has tested over 67 lakh samples for Covid-19 so far, including 34,823 Tuesday.

COLD WAVE GRIPS STATE

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: The state continued to reel under cold wave for the third day Wednesday with Phulbani in Kandhamal district registering a low of 4 degree Celsius, making it the coldest place in the state.

Apart from Phulbani, 11 other places have recorded a minimum temperature below 10 degrees Celsius. The mercury in picturesque Daringbadi in the mountainous Kandhamal district also dropped to 5 degree Celsius. Light frost was reported from both Phulbani and Daringbadi Wednesday morning.

Other districts which recorded a minimum temperature of less than 10 degrees Celsius are—Angul (5.6), Jharsuguda (7.8), Sundergarh (7), Koraput (7), Bhawanipatna (8), Keonjhar (8.8), Boudh (9), Baripada (9), Bolangir (9.2) and Sonepur (9.4).

The twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack registered minimum temperatures of 12.4 degree Celsius and 11 degree Celsius respectively.

Angul, Jharsuguda, Sundergarh, Bargarh, Nuapada and Kandhamal districts likely to be affected by the severe cold conditions Thursday and early Friday, the Met Centre said.

New Covid strain: BPIA issues fresh SOP

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: Amidst fear of spread of the new Covid-19 strain originating from UK, Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) Wednesday issued fresh SOPs to the airport staff and airlines to tackle any untoward situation.

Speaking about the cautionary steps and counter measures taken, BPIA Executive Director, Goutam Ray, informed that COVID tests have been mandatory for elderly passengers of 55 yrs and above with co-morbidities. As per sources, the city airport is currently handling 27 departures and same number of arrivals in a day.

"We have already sent SoPs to

UK returnee tests +ve for infection

The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Wednesday, sprung into action as one UK-returnee was identified here. Upon testing, the individual's report came out as Covid positive. As per the authorities, the identified has been admitted to a COVID hospital and contact tracing has been initiated. Assuring the denizens not to panic, BMC Commissioner PC Chaudhary said that a mandatory COVID-19 test for the people within 14 days of their arrival in India will be conducted. If any returnee has a COVID-19 positive report, he/she has to undergo further tests to identify if the patient is infected with the new COVID strain.

all the airlines operating from Bhubaneswar. They will inform us about passengers coming from the UK at the immigration. The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation has also set up kiosks at the terminal to screen passengers for COVID-19 arriving at the airport from UK," Ray said.

Meanwhile, Ray said that airport authorities are complying with the guidelines to prevent spread of the infection. Notably, the Civil Aviation Ministry has suspended the flights to and from UK till December 31.

ILS to conduct genome sequencing

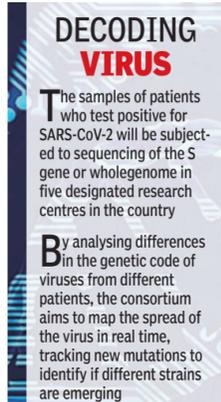
The Institute of Life Science (ILS), Bhubaneswar has been selected as one of the five designated research centres in the country for sequencing of the S gene or wholegenome in the wake of the appearance of a mutated strain of SARS-CoV-2 (N501Y) from the United Kingdom (UK).

The other institutes selected for the purpose are Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, New Delhi, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, National Institute of Virology Pune and InStem-NCBS, Bangalore.

ILS sources said in the wake of the appearance of a mutated strain of SARS-CoV-2 (N501Y) from the United Kingdom (UK), the Union government has decided to initiate intense screening of all incoming passengers from the UK to prevent spread of the mutated virus in India.

All incoming passengers will be subjected to RTPCR test followed by genome sequencing of all positive samples.

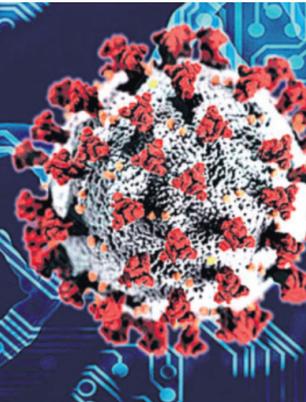
A communication from Prof. Balram Bhargava, Secretary, Department of Health Research & DG, ICMR to this effect has been sent to all state Chief Secretaries &



DECODING VIRUS

The samples of patients who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 will be subjected to sequencing of the S gene or wholegenome in five designated research centres in the country

By analysing differences in the genetic code of viruses from different patients, the consortium aims to map the spread of the virus in real time, tracking new mutations to identify if different strains are emerging



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The communication gives the guidelines for sample collection, transport and analysis.

As per the guidelines, all the passengers will be subjected to RTPCR test for SARS-CoV-2 at the point of entry.

The samples of patients who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 will be subjected to sequencing of the S gene or wholegenome in five designated research centres in the country. By

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Dec 23: Bharatiya Bikash Parishad, a private outfit, Wednesday approached the Orissa High Court seeking a polygraph test of SIT chief Arun Bothra and doctors associated with the investigation into the sensational Nayagarh minor's 'rape' and 'murder' case.

The outfit also urged the HC to get the 'ghastly incident' investigated by a central agency like the CBI

In its plea (WPC 32855), the outfit also urged the HC to get the 'ghastly incident' investigated by a central agency like the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

"According to the Special Investigation Team (SIT), if the accused—Saroj Sethy—had killed the minor and stuffed the body in a bag before dumping it near a pond in the village, how the local police and sniffer dogs could not get a whiff of it despite visiting the spot on many occasions?" the outfit questioned.

Whole genome sequencing (WGS) provides the highest possible resolution information about an organism's genome, and has the potential to transform infectious disease management.

Covid appropriate behaviour campaign

BHUBANESWAR: Odia Language, Literature and Culture department in association with Information and Public Relations department and Unicef, Odisha will flag off a Covid appropriate behaviour campaign rath from Sanskruti Bhawan here, Thursday. The rath will be running in seven districts including Balasore, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Ganjam and Khurda and in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation areas from December 24 to 30.

BUSY BEE



A bee collects nectar from flowers near Lohia Academy in Bhubaneswar, Wednesday

PHOTO: MANORANJAN MISHRA

UTP dies at Jharpada jail

BHUBANESWAR: An under-trial prisoner (UTP) lodged at Jharpada jail here died under mysterious circumstances, Wednesday. The deceased was identified as Hotel Solan In owner Kamalakanta Das. Das was lodged at Jharpada special jail following his arrest in a "10-lakh fraud case five days ago. Das was stated to be a habitual drinker and reportedly died due to liver ailments. Kasuhik Das, son of the deceased, alleged the jail authorities refused to provide his father medicines despite being aware of his medical complications. Demanding a thorough probe into the UTP's death due to the alleged negligence of jail authorities, the deceased's son said strict action must be taken against the persons responsible for the matter.

2,400 lecturers posted since 2016

BHUBANESWAR: Higher Education Minister Arun Sahoo Wednesday said that more than 2,400 teachers were recruited by Odisha State Selection Board in non-government aided colleges since 2016 and the selection board was advised to recruit 972 teachers this year. During the orientation programme for 80 newly-recruited teachers of History, Odia and Political Science department, the minister said that department is working towards recruiting more teachers. Out of 80 newly-recruited teachers 74 are for History, five are for Odia and one for Political Science streams.

MLAs urged to uphold children's rights

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSPCPCR) Wednesday urged MLAs to dedicate a day for children, involve a child from each GP in governance and make constituencies child friendly.

In a letter, Sandhyabati Pradhan, chairperson, OSPCPCR, said, "As you know that there are laws and thereof institutions and mechanisms in place to ensure safety and dignity of the children and provide a protective environment. However, issues like female feticides, child mar-

riages, child labour, child trafficking, child abuse and the like impact them adversely."

An increase in political will may help in effective implementation of these legal provisions. It will create a system which is more responsible towards children and also change the mindset of various stakeholders towards realisation of child rights, he added.

"In this context, I seek your support to play a major role in ensuring children live safely and in dignity in a protective and nurturing environment," he said.

There are various bodies in the district level to ensure child rights.

VIG ARRESTS ANGANWADI WORKER, CLERK IN DA CASE

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar/Ganjam, Dec 23: Vigilance sleuths Wednesday arrested an Anganwadi worker and a senior clerk of Road and Building division for amassing disproportionate assets to the tune of crores of rupees.

Namita Dalai, an Anganwadi worker of Mangalbaram Petta-II in Ganesh Nagar of Old Berhampur was found in possession of moveable and immovable assets worth over ₹2.25 crore. Similarly, over ₹5.23 crore of assets belonging to Asit Kumar Nayak, a senior clerk, RB Division-1, Bhubaneswar was traced by the vigilance.

Yesterday, simultaneous raids were conducted at six places in Berhampur and Bhubaneswar following allegations of accumulation of disproportionate wealth by the Anganwadi worker.

Her moveable and immovable assets include a triple-storied building and a double-storied building in Berhampur, two flats in Goutam Nagar and Sundarpada in Bhubaneswar, two single-storied building in Berhampur, one four-wheeler, one Chhatua machine, one motorcycle, deposits in different banks, gold and silver ornaments, one plot at Kanisi Tehsil and cash.

Similarly, the property of Asit Kumar Nayak, working as senior clerk, RB Division-1, Bhubaneswar was simultaneously searched at five places by the officers of Vigilance Bhubaneswar Division.

His residential triple storied building at Dumduma, one Duplex and one plot at Pradhan Sahi, Jatni, parental house at Kaithapalli, Golanthara, one flat at Berhampur in Spectrum construction and office room at RB Division were searched.



OSPCPCR chairperson Sandhyabati Pradhan

The commission observed that these outfits do not meeting regularly due to various issues. "Therefore, many issues which can be settled

at the district and sub district level are not being resolved," he said.

"I also request you to dedicate and declare a day at least once in a quarter as 'A day for children'. On this specific day, you can facilitate meeting of these committees to take stock of grievance related to children, review effective implementation of child related laws, schemes and programmes. Apart from this you may think to nominate a child; one in each Gram Panchayat and involve them in the governance process. This may create a model on child participation and can be helpful to develop a child friendly constituency," he said to all MLAs.

LOWER SUKTEL PROJECT

NO END TO OUSTEES' MISERIES

Around 11 villages under Komna and Boden blocks were in the submergence area of the project while 31 villagers were partially affected by it

POST NEWS NETWORK

Tarbood, Dec 23: There has been no end to the miseries of people ousted and affected by Lower Suktel project in Nuapada, a report said. They are still going through a lot of ordeal while construction of their housing units has been caught in an administrative hurdle, the report said. The report said that the panchayat and the block administration have stalled their housing units under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in the areas outside the 'ayacut'. They have taken up the issue with the district administration, seeking its permission for the housing units. They have also demanded an investigation into the matter. It was learnt that 11 villages under Komna and Boden blocks were in the submergence area of the project while 31 villagers were partially affected by the project. They lamented that their land and homestead land completely submerged under the water of the project. They have been waiting for the government help for many years. Four years ago, administrative of-



The aggrieved oustees

ficials without any survey and prior information stalled the main gate of the project to dam up water, the report added. As water continued to rise inside the submergence area, the water gushed into Bodachhpar, Kalimati, Jhalkulam and Harimpur villages, damaging houses. Bodachhpar village was completely submerged. Overnight, people had to run for their lives along with their belongings to safe places. They took

shelter in shanties on the government land in ayacut area. For the last three to four years, they have been leading a miserable life. However, they were provided meagre compensation. They could not buy land for houses. They hoped that the government would provide housing units for the dwelling places. A few months ago, 25 ousted families got orders for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. As they started construction of their houses, Komnabira sarpanch stalled the works. Later, the BDO made it clear that the beneficiaries will not get housing funds



File photo

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if they go with the house construction in ayacut area. In protest against such decision, oustees like Hira Punji, Dursingh Nag, Laxman Punji, Ullash Punji, Jhili Punji, Kedarnath Kathar, Subhadra Kathar, Kodobudha Nag, Jay Nag, Biranchi Kathar, Binod Nag, Angat Punji, Bhubane Sgaria, Khira Sindhu Sagaria, Lalu Sagaria, Dipu Sagaria, Pusparaj Punji and Tularam Bariha took up the issue with the administration, seeking its intervention.

Maoists target locals 'for informing police'

A family at Sanyasiguda in Malkangiri was humiliated; the husband tortured, and ordered to leave the village after a 'praja' court's decision

POST NEWS NETWORK

Chittrakonda, Dec 23: Even though anti-Maoist operations are being carried out in Swabhimana Anchal in Malkangiri to accelerate various development works, the influence of left wing ultras is yet to be curbed in certain remote pockets, a report said. Apparently their dominance was found in Jantri panchayat a few days ago when a family of Sanyasiguda village was tortured at a 'praja' court of Maoists. Then, the family was driven out of the village.



Family of Manu

According to the reports, a group of Maoists came to Sanyasiguda village where they had organised a 'praja' court. Then, they directed the family members of Manu Goleri to be present at the meeting. At the meeting, Manu was treated as a police informer. It may be noted here that Maoists had to face police encounters at Totagunda November 26 and inside Singram jungle December 23. Maoists suspected that it was Manu who had informed police about their presence at the two places, making it easy for police to carry out encounters. Manu was tortured at the 'praja' court and then driven out of the village. The family of Manu has been facing a lot of hardship after being forced out of their homeland. They took two days to come over to Nakamamudi village in a boat. Tuesday, they reached Chittrakonda Spillbai launch ghat. Manu has two minor sons -

Madhab and Raju. For the last four years, due to Maoist threat, the family had been taking shelter at an office in Chittrakonda. Well before the encounter at Singram, Manu's son Madhab had visited his native village. The Maoists suspected that they had informed the police, leading to an encounter. 'We were asked to leave the village as soon as possible. We took shelter at a relative's house and then left for an office in Chittrakonda,' they lamented. His family comprises two sons, wife Mala Galari and daughter Baidehi Galari. Police rescued the family and shifted them to a temporary accommodation. On the other hand, police and security forces have intensified their combing operations, leaving the left wing ultras worried. But they are targeting the gullible out of frustration, sources said.

North Orissa varsity renamed

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: The state government has renamed the North Orissa University in Baripada after Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo, erstwhile ruler of princely state of Mayurbhanj. Following an announcement made by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in this regard, the Higher Education department has issued a notification in this effect. "In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (1) of Section-32 of the Odisha Universities Act, 1989, the state government do hereby change the name of North Orissa University established in the notification of the Government of Odisha in the Higher Education depart-

ment dated July 13, 1998 and published in the extraordinary issue of the Odisha Gazette on the same date as 'Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University,' (sic) read the notification.

The move came following a proposal in this regard was approved at the State Council Meeting of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Monday. The Chief Minister also announced that the state government will initiate requisite steps for the development of the university's library.

Notably, Mayurbhanj Maharaja's contributions to the development of Odisha are noteworthy and Odisha is celebrating Maharaja Shriram Chandra Bhanja Deo's 150th birth anniversary this year.



STUBBLE BURNING



After harvest of paddy, a farmer has set fire to stubbles in his farmland in Sambalpur as birds are feeding on insects nearby

2 critical in rail mishap

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rourkela, Dec 23: Around two persons including the loco pilot of a goods train were critically injured Tuesday night, after the train derailed near Bimlagarh junction in Sundargarh district. A guard of the goods train was also injured during the incident. According to a source, the train was coming from Barasuan area under K Balanga police limits in the district when it derailed. As many as 50 wagons of the

train went off the tracks in the mishap. The derailment is supposed to have been caused by brake failure. Train movement got stalled on the Rourkela-Bimlagarh section following the incident. Railway authorities dispatched an emergency rescue van to clear the tracks and restore normalcy as soon as possible. The extent of damage caused due to the mishap has not been ascertained so far. Details were still awaited, a railway official source said.

Pregnant minor jumps into Mahanadi, rescued; 1 held SIT recovers blood-stained towel

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jagatsinghpur, Dec 23: A 14-year-old minor girl who was allegedly impregnated by her tutor jumped into Mahanadi river, Tuesday evening. However, the locals rescued the girl and took her to the nearest medical facility. Later, in the wee hours of Wednesday the girl gave birth to a baby girl in the hospital. Sources said a few months ago, a teacher who was coming to the victim minor girl's house had been maintaining physical relationship



Pic from internet

with the girl in the pretext of marriage and impregnated the girl. The accused has been identified as Ranjan Rout (42) and was detained. Subsequently, the girl conceived

A teacher, who was coming to the victim's house, had been maintaining physical relationship with the girl in the pretext of marriage and impregnated the girl

in March. However, the girl did not inform her parents in fear. However, Tuesday evening the girl experienced labour pain.

Following this she went to Bada Sankha ghat, where she parked her bicycle and jumped into the river. Fortunately, a local spotted the girl and rescued her. Being informed regarding the mishap, Kujang police reached the spot and took the girl to the Kujanga Community Health Centre. There she delivered a healthy baby girl. When the girl was asked, she replied that she is not in the position to take the charge of a baby as she is a minor. For this she wanted to end her life due to social stigma of being an unwed mother.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Nayagarh, Dec 23: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Nayagarh minor girl rape and murder case has recovered a blood-stained towel from the house of the accused youth, police said Tuesday. The towel was used by the accused to wipe off nosebleed after he strangled her to death. The accused has revealed this before the SIT head Arun Bothra, IPS during investigation. Based on the input, the SIT seized

PARI MURDER CASE

The towel, found from the accused's house, was used by him to wipe off nosebleed after he strangled the victim to death

the blood-stained towel from his house in Jadupur village in Nayagarh district. Sources further said experts have

confirmed the blood stain on the towel and it will be sent to laboratory for further investigation, the sources added. The accused was arrested by SIT December 20. The SIT had recovered the leggings of the victim from a pond in Jadupur village, Tuesday night. Meanwhile, the mother of the accused has toned down her rant against the SIT after the leggings were recovered from the pond, Tuesday. She had complained against the torture of her son by the SIT but changed her statement after the recovery of the leggings.

MEDIUM RANGE MISSILE TEST-FIRED OFF BALASORE

AGENCIES

Balasure, Dec 23: India Wednesday successfully test-fired a medium range surface-to-air missile (MRSAM) from Chandipur coast, defence sources said. The missile was fired from a ground mobile launcher at launch pad number-1 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) near here at 3.55 pm, and it hit the target with accuracy, the sources said. An unmanned air vehicle (UAV), 'Banshee', was first flown into the air, which was hit by the MRSAM. The DRDO has jointly developed the missile in collaboration with Israel Aerospace Industries.

The MRSAM has been manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Ltd. After its induction into the Indian army, the missile will significantly enhance the combat effectiveness of the defence forces, they said. The entire mission trajectory from the launch to plunging into the sea was monitored by various radars and electro-optico instruments, the sources said. Prior to the test, Balasure district administration in consultation with DRDO temporarily evacuated 8,100 people residing within 2.5 km radius of the launch pad to the nearest shelter centres Wednesday morning, a Revenue department official said.



Representative pic

Tourists thronging Udaipur, Talsari beaches

Given the miseries of small traders, Bhograi MLA and chairperson of the district planning board Ananta Das held discussions with the dist admin and the Tourism minister for easing Covid restrictions

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhograi, Dec 23: Owing to relaxation in Covid restrictions, tourists have started thronging scenic beaches of Udaipur-Talsari, in Balasure district. Such development has enthused thousands of small traders and roadside vendors who had been going through the slump in the tourism sector for the last nine months, a report said. In fact, given the miseries of the small traders, Bhograi MLA and chairperson of the district planning board Ananta Das held discussions with the district administration and the Tourism minister for easing Covid restrictions.



Tourists have a gala time at Talsari beach, Wednesday

But tourists have been asked to mandatorily use masks, sanitisers and maintain social distancing while visiting beaches. For the last nine months, beaches

had been wearing a deserted look due to Covid restrictions. As livelihood of the small traders was badly affected, they were unable to arrange two square meals a day till date.

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On the other hand, Chandaneswar temple is likely to reopen January 3. It is nearby the two beaches. The temple has been a major tourists' draw in north Odisha. Meanwhile, the administration, people's representatives and staff of the Tourism Development Corporation held an emergency meeting in this regard. Local traders' bodies were all

praise for steps to open beaches. Udaipur, Talsari and Dagara beaches are thronged by tourists from neighbouring West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar every year. Many prefer to spend the New Year morning at the beaches. Digha beach is just seven kilometres from West Bengal. But many tourists preferred to spend time at Talsari beach. Far away from the madding crowd, both the beaches are favourite hunt of picnickers. The visitors are amazed at seeing the swift-footed red crabs on the beach. The special attraction for them is horseshoe crabs. Efforts are on to normalise situation at Talsari and Udaipur beaches.

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“We are alert and watchful at our end. People who have arrived here from the UK in the last several days are being rigorously traced and tested for slightest of COVID-like symptoms”
SATYENDRA JAIN | DELHI HEALTH MINISTER

ARMY CHIEF VISITS FORWARD POSTS IN EASTERN LADAKH

Army chief Gen MM Naravane Wednesday visited various high-altitude forward areas in eastern Ladakh and reviewed India's overall military preparedness as the tense border standoff with China in the region prolonged for over seven months, the Army and official sources said



of the day quote

This year 2020 offered India an opportunity to forge a new vision of globalisation, focus on the shared interest of humanity as a whole. This year has given India an opportunity to emerge as the engine of the global growth

ANURAG THAKUR | UNION MINISTER

I am fully hopeful that our farmer unions will discuss. If they give a date and time, the government is ready for the next round of talks. I am hopeful that we will move towards resolving the issue

NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR | AGRICULTURE MINISTER

Some farmers have been agitating due to the farm laws. The government has been talking to them with utmost sensitivity. I hope they will soon withdraw their agitation

RAJNATH SINGH | DEFENCE MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

NIA arrests Khalistani terrorist

New Delhi: In a major breakthrough in a case related to a Khalistani module in Pune, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested absconding Khalistani terrorist Gurjeet Singh Nijjar from the Indira Gandhi International Airport here soon after he arrived from Cyprus where he was in hiding. An NIA spokesperson said that the arrest was made on Tuesday. The NIA had registered a case on January 10 last year against accused Harpal Singh. During investigation, it was revealed that Nijjar was the main conspirator in this case.

Dubey's brother surrenders

Lucknow: Deepak Dubey, brother of gangster Vikas Dubey, who killed eight policemen in the Bikru village in Kanpur, has surrendered in a Lucknow court. He surrendered quietly Tuesday evening. The court has sent him to 14 days' judicial custody.

Strict Covid rules

Mumbai: Increased patrolling by police, heightened vigilance and curbs on timings of bars and pubs are back in Mumbai as it has come under fresh restrictions to check the spread of COVID-19 amid concerns over detection of a new variant of the virus.

Farmers demand concrete solution

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: Hardening their position, protesting farmer unions on Wednesday asked the government not to repeat the proposal of "meaningless" amendments that they have already rejected but come up with a "concrete" offer in writing for the resumption of talks.

Reading out a reply to the government's talks offer during a press conference, farmers leaders said that they are ready for dialogue with an open mind if they get a concrete proposal, but made it clear they will not accept anything less than a complete repeal of the three agriculture laws and legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP).

Swaraj Abhiyan leader Yogendra Yadav said that if the government takes one step, farmers will take two, and asked it to stop writing "love letters". All India Kisan Sabha leader Hannan Molla alleged that the government wanted to tire out the farmers out so that the protest would end. In a letter to Union Agriculture Joint Secretary Vivek Aggarwal, Sankhyukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of 40 unions protesting at several Delhi border points for the last 27 days, alleged that the government is treating the farmers as its "political opponents". "We have already told Home Minister Amit Shah that protesting farmers will not accept amendments," farmer leader Shiv Kumar Kakka told reporters, after a meeting of union leaders that lasted for over three hours. "Farmer unions are ready to



hold talks with the government and that they are waiting for the government to come to the table with an open mind," said Yadav, who is also a member of Morcha. He alleged that the Union government is holding parallel talks with farmer unions that have no relation with the protest and termed it as an attempt to derail the ongoing agitation against the three farm laws.

"We urge you (government) not to repeat those meaningless amendments that we have already rejected but come up with a concrete proposal in writing that can become an agenda for fresh talks," Yadav said while reading out the reply sent to the Centre's letter dated December 20. "We are surprised that the government is not able to understand our basic objections. Representatives of farmers have demanded a complete repeal of these farm laws... But the government wants to cleverly project our demands for amendments.

However, the protesting farmers have expressed apprehension that the new laws would pave the way for eliminating the safety cushion of Minimum Support Price and do away with the mandi system, leaving them at the mercy of big corporates.

Catholic priest, nun sentenced to life

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Thiruvananthapuram, Dec 23: A CBI Special Court Wednesday sentenced Catholic priest Thomas M Kottur to two life terms and co-convict Sister Steffi to life imprisonment for the murder of Sister Abhaya in Kottayam 28 years ago. Judge K Sanilkumar also imposed fines of Rs 5 lakh each on the two convicts.

Kottur has to pay additional Rs 1 lakh as fine as he was also found guilty of trespassing the Pious Tenth Convent, where Sister Abhaya was found dead in a well March 27, 1992. Kottur was handed the second life imprisonment under Section 449 for barging into the convent.

Kottur was handed the life imprisonment and fine after conviction under Section 302 of the IPC. Sister Steffi was also convicted and fined under the same Section, apart from 7 years of rigorous imprisonment for tampering with evidence under Section 201. The convicts will have to undergo both



punishments concurrently. Earlier, Kottur's counsel argued that he was suffering from various ailments and required regular shots of insulin as he was a chronic diabetic.

Sister Steffi's counsel too argued that she was the sole support of her parents and that her pension money helped them survive. However, the court did not buy the defence arguments and handed them life imprisonments.

Joemon Puthanpurakal, Convener of Sister Abhaya Action Council, said: "The judge has acted as a representative of God; after 28 years, Sister Abhaya has got justice. It's God's will to give maximum punishment to the culprits, who committed the cold-blooded murder."

He said that their fight will continue as the convicts will certainly move the higher courts for reprieve. "I will fight till the last as these culprits will move the higher courts to get relief. I will go to any extent to see to it that this judgment is upheld."

Varghese P Thomas, a former CBI Deputy SP and the first Investigating Officer who had come out with the report that Sister Abhaya was murdered, told the media: "It's a clear judgment and both convicts given maximum punishment just short of death penalty. Justice has been upheld. It shows

that truth can prevail even after so many years." Thomas was forced to take voluntary retirement from service after his superior officers opposed his findings in the Sister Abhaya case. Professor Thresiamma, now a retired Professor of BCM College at Kottayam and one of the witnesses, said: "Truth will always prevail. Even after so many years, truth has come out..."

"I think it was my divine duty to be a witness in this case and its God's will that I am part of this." Thresiamma was a teacher of the BCM College at the time of her death. Thresiamma was one of the few witnesses who stood their ground amid intimidation and threats and offers.

ABHAYA MURDER CASE

DAILY GRIND



Tribal women carrying tree branches on their heads to sell-out in market in Chaibasa area under West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand

FARMERS' PROTESTS

42 farmer unions made parties in SC

PNN/AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: At least 42 farmer unions have been impleaded as parties to the case pending before the Supreme Court in relation to farmers protests at Delhi-NCR border areas.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde, which had December 17 said that farmers' agitation should be allowed to continue "without impediment" and the apex court will not interfere with it as the right to protest is a fundamental right, had given liberty to the petitioner to serve the impleaded farmer unions.



The top court had on December 16 permitted impleading of these eight unions as respondents in the matter. However, none of the farmer union, who were served notice for impleading, had appeared before the court during the hearing December 17.

Significantly, a batch of pleas have been filed in the apex court seeking removal of protesting farmers from Delhi border: One of the petitions filed by law student Rishabh Sharma stated that it is necessary to remove the gathering as it is blocking roads and disrupting emergency/medical services in Delhi where Covid-19 cases are increasing rapidly.

The plea further said that life of lakhs of people protesting at Delhi borders is at immediate threat "since Coronavirus is very contagious and if by chance this coronavirus disease takes the shape of community spread, it will cause a havoc in the country."

216 Naxals killed in C'garh encounters in 3 years: Govt

THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF NAXAL DEATHS WERE REPORTED IN SUKMA DISTRICT



AGENCIES

Raipur, Dec 23: The Chhattisgarh government Wednesday said 216 Naxals have been killed in encounters with security forces while 966 ultras have surrendered in the state in last three years.

During this period, the highest number of 82 Naxals were killed in Sukma district, the government informed the state Assembly. Besides, the maximum number of 333 rebels also surrendered in Sukma, it said.

In a written reply to a question by Congress MLA Dhanendra Sahu, state Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu

said, "216 naxals were killed and 966 surrendered from 2018-19 till November 30 this year."

During this period, the highest number of Naxal deaths were reported in Sukma district (82), followed by Bijapur (46), Dantewada (30), Rajnandgaon (17), Narayanpur (16), Bastar (7), Dhamtari (7), Kanker (6), Kabirdham (3) and one each in Gariaband and Kondgaon districts, the reply said.

Of the 966 cadres who surrendered, 333 laid down their arms in Sukma, 300 in Dantewada, 164 in Narayanpur, 77 in Bijapur, 46 in Kondagaon, 36 in Bastar, 7 in Rajnandgaon and 3 in Kanker, it added.

Arnab's programme fined 20,000 pounds by UK broadcast regulator

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: Republic TV owner Arnab Goswami's Hindi news channel in Britain, Republic Bharat, has been fined £20,000 by the UK's broadcasting regulator for promoting and justifying hatred towards Pakistani people.

The breach in question referred to a screening of "Poochta Hai Bharat" episode September 6, 2019, 14:26 pm.

Ofcom found the episode to have contained "uncontextualised hate speech" and inciteful language against people from Pakistan. Ofcom defines "hate speech" as "all forms of expression which spread, incite, promote, or justify hatred based on intolerance on the ground of disability, ethnicity, gender, gender reassignment, nationality, race, religion, or sexual orientation."

Rules to stop COVID-19 variant stoke airport chaos

AGENCIES

Mumbai, Dec 23: Passengers flying into India's biggest airports Wednesday complained of long waits and confusion as authorities sought to impose rules to try to stop the spread of a new more transmissible variant of the coronavirus.

Like many countries, India has suspended flights from Britain, where cases have soared because of the variant.

People arriving from Britain before the ban came into force on Wednesday were being tested, including Kamini Saraswat whose plane landed in New Delhi just before midnight. Despite pre-booking a test, her turn came nine hours after arrival and she told Reuters she was still stuck at the airport waiting for the result.

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Cabinet gives nod to merge 4 govt film media units with NFDC

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dec 23: The Union Cabinet Wednesday approved the merger of four government film media units with the NFDC with an aim of converging activities and resources and better coordi-

nation to ensure synergy and efficiency in achieving the mandate of the bodies.

An official statement said the Films Division, the Directorate of Film Festivals, the National Film Archives of India and the Children's Film Society, India will be merged with the National Film Development Corporation Limited by expanding the memorandum of articles of association of the NFDC, which will then carry out all the activities performed by the four organisations.

The Films Division, a subordinate office of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, was established in 1948, primarily to produce documentaries and news magazines for the publicity of government programmes and cinematic record of Indian history. The Children's Film Society, an autonomous organisation, was founded in 1955 under the Societies Act with the specific objective of providing children and young people value-based entertainment through the medium of films. The National



Film Archives of India, a subordinate office of the information and broadcasting ministry, was established as a media unit in 1964 with the primary objective of acquiring and preserving Indian cinematic heritage.

The Directorate of Film Festivals, as an attached office of the information and broadcasting ministry, was set up in 1973 to promote Indian films and cultural exchange, the statement pointed out. The NFDC

is a Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU), incorporated in 1975 with the primary object of planning and promoting an organised, efficient and integrated development of the Indian film industry. The Cabinet also approved the appointment of a "transaction advisor" and a "legal advisor" to advise on the transfer of assets and employees and oversee all aspects of the operationalisation of the merger, the statement said.

"While undertaking this exercise of convergence, interests of the employees of all the concerned media units will be fully taken care of and no employee will be retrenched," it added. As an umbrella organisation, the NFDC, after the merger of the film media units, will be uniquely placed with regard to promotion, production and preservation of filmic content - all under one management.

The vision of the new entity will be to ensure a balanced and focussed development of Indian cinema in all its genres - feature films, including films and content for over-the-top (OTT) platforms, children's content, animation, short films and documentaries - the statement said.

The merger of the film media units under a single corporation will lead to synergy amongst the various activities with better and efficient utilisation of infrastructure and manpower, it said, adding that this will lead to reduction in duplication of activities and direct savings to the exchequer.

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The great are strongest when they stand alone, a God-given might of being is their force.
SRI AUROBINDO



Of bees & jumbos

Last week a barasingha strayed into a field in Panchkula. She ate a ball of wheat, only to find it was a homemade bomb and her jaw and throat were blasted off. Passersby saw her sitting calmly on the side of the road, bleeding. They sent for the forest department. Those worthies arrived in four hours and then took her to a local doctor who gave her a paracetamol injection and then sent her off to the Morni wildlife centre. She was dead on arrival. This kind of incident makes me sick with anger. The useless forest department is full of untrained flautists, and the useless animal husbandry department has no trained or even kind vets.

And the dreadful farmer, who killed a harmless beautiful deer on the severely endangered species list? He has still not been arrested, and the doctor and his aspirin, the wildlife department inspector who took four hours to come from a mile away, are not suspended.

Dozens of elephants are getting wiped out by farmers every year in the same way. Kerala is now a well known story and four more have died since I lost my temper publicly with the first death. Five have died in Chhattisgarh from poisoning, and in Odisha the farmers simply beat or shoot the elephants, or get the forest people to do it for them.

The excuse is always the same: that the animal endangered their crops. That the farmers are sitting on forest land, in the elephant corridors, is ignored by all. After all, elephants don't have votes.

But it is not that difficult to keep elephants away. Here are some solutions from Africa, where the same thing is happening not just with elephants but with giraffes, who now are being wiped out by farmers because they enter the fields on their way to water bodies. Less than 20 per cent of their habitat is now under formal protection.

Elephants can no longer sustain themselves with the meagre amounts of food they find in forests and parks. They come into fields, that abut these reserves, and eat the harvest. So farmers kill them.

One deterrent that has been proposed is electric fencing, but that is extremely expensive and the electricity itself varies in voltage and can kill the elephant and every other animal. (In India many farmers are fencing with knotted barbed wires, and those steel knots tear the skin of hundreds of hungry cattle every month. I get so many cows and nilgai in my hospital in Bareilly, with their legs and chests cut to the bone.)

Now, NGOs and governments have come up with a much better idea and are pushing it across Africa. Indians would do well to adopt it.

Elephants are terrified of bees. Bees enter their trunks when they attack and sting the sensitive tissues inside; a pain that elephants never forget. So, generations of elephants have learnt to associate bees with pain and they even have a special 'bees alert' call which causes them all to flee even when they hear the sound of buzzing.

One could try frightening them with the sound, but elephants catch on to empty threats quickly. But, as scientists have shown, if the farmer actually hangs beehives from wooden posts at 10 feet intervals with a long metal wire linking them together, this becomes a protective fence. When the elephant hits the wire, the hives shake and the angry bees come out to defend their homes.

Beehive fences were invented in 2002, when scientists from the NGO, Save the Elephants, discovered that elephants avoided trees with beehives. Oxford University zoologist, Lucy King, designed the fence and it was tried out in 2008 in Kenya. Scientific studies, around the theme by her, have resulted in a project called Elephant and Bees, and this is supported by Save the Elephants, Oxford University and Disney's Animal Kingdom, that helps farmers build beehive fencing near fields plagued by crop-raiding elephants. More than 10 African countries have now taken this up. Silent Heroes Foundation is building beehive fences in Tanzania. Their success rate is 80 per cent and they are cheap to build. And even more exciting - they make money. The raw honey is sold by farmers with the label "Elephant Free Honey" and it goes to markets all over the world. "Beehive fences are the first elephant-deterrent fences that have been invented that actually makes the farmer more money than what it costs to maintain the fence," King writes.

The bees also pollinate crops and nearby plants, providing an ecological and economic boost to the surroundings. They require no electricity and don't compete with crops for space. "Although the fence is only effective at keeping around 80 per cent of the elephants out," King writes, "it more than makes up for that 20 per cent of elephants that do break through, by providing an alternative income, which can be managed by either men or women."

Elephants perform essential services like digging waterholes in dry riverbeds, spreading hundreds of fruit tree species with their dung which also feeds dozens of insects and small animal species, and making forest trails that act as firebreaks. All this helps the ecology of the region, and the additional income of beehives gives farmers even more incentive to keep the elephants alive. Or, at least let them live by removing the conflict with the local community.

Elephants could bring in a lot of eco-tourism money, if we understood the concept. Africa has calculated that each elephant brings in \$23,000 per year in tourist money. If the Indian government could understand this, they would start investing in bee fences for farmers as one option to keeping them alive.

King's organisation is training people, and sending them to sites around the country and continent, to try the idea for themselves. They are also being trained on how to market honey. There is even a free construction manual that shows you how to make different kinds of hives.

There are so many other simple solutions. There are low-tech deterrents like chilli pepper fences, which target elephants' sensitive noses with capsaicin instead of bee venom.

An India without tigers and elephants is an India that has lost its soul. Both animals are nearing extinction, and it would be devastating if we let them die while we stood by. I have yet to find a single government scientist - including in the funeral parlour that calls itself the Wildlife Institute of India which only employs dead minds - who has applied his mind to keeping a single wild species alive.

To join the animal welfare movement contact gandhim@nic.in, www.peopleforanimalsindia.org

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- Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting. RALPH WALDO EMERSON
- Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty. The obedient must be slaves. HENRY DAVID THOREAU
- Some people will never learn anything, for this reason, because they understand everything too soon. ALEXANDER POPE

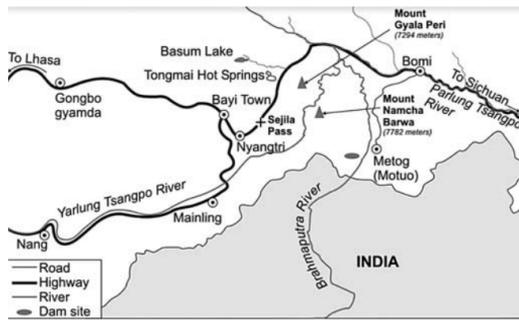
WORDSWORTH

Welkin

We don't use this much nowadays - dictionaries usually tag it as archaic or literary - except in the set phrase make the welkin ring, meaning to make a very loud sound. What supposedly rings in this situation is the vault of heaven, the bowl of the sky, the firmament. In older cosmology this was thought to be one of a set of real crystal spheres that enclosed the Earth, to which the planets and stars were attached, so it would have been capable of ringing like a bell if you made enough noise. The word comes from the Old English wolcen, a cloud, related to the Dutch wolk and German Wolke.

FOCUS WATER

DRAGON'S DAM FRENZY



Brahma Chellaney

CHINA DOMINATES ASIA'S WATER MAP, OWING TO ITS ANNEXATION OF ETHNIC-MINORITY HOMELANDS, SUCH AS THE WATER-RICH TIBETAN PLATEAU AND XINJIANG

Even after Asia's economies climb out of the COVID-19 recession, China's strategy of frenetically building dams and reservoirs on transnational rivers will confront them with a more permanent barrier to long-term economic prosperity: water scarcity. China's recently unveiled plan to construct a megadam on the Yarlung Zangpo river, better known as the Brahmaputra, may be the biggest threat yet.

China dominates Asia's water map, owing to its annexation of ethnic-minority homelands, such as the water-rich Tibetan Plateau and Xinjiang. China's territorial aggrandisement in the South China Sea and the Himalayas, where it has targeted even tiny Bhutan, has been accompanied by stealthier efforts to appropriate water resources in transnational river basins - a strategy that hasn't spared even friendly or pliant neighbours, such as Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Nepal, Kazakhstan, and North Korea. Indeed, China has not hesitated to use its hydro-hegemony against its 18 downstream neighbours.

The consequences have been serious. For example, China's 11 mega-dams on the Mekong river, Southeast Asia's arterial waterway, have led to recurrent drought downriver; and turned the Mekong Basin into a security and environmental hot spot. Meanwhile, in largely arid Central Asia, China has diverted waters from the Ily and Irtysh rivers, which originate in China-annexed Xinjiang. Its diversion of water from the Ily threatens to turn Kazakhstan's Lake Balkhash into another Aral Sea, which has all but dried up in less than four decades.

Against this background, China's plan to dam the Brahmaputra near its disputed - and heavily militarised - border with India should be no surprise. The Chinese communist publication Huangqiu Shibao, citing an article that appeared in Australia, recently urged India's government to assess how China could 'weaponise' its control over trans-

As long as the Communist Party of China is in power, the country will most likely continue to wage stealthy water wars that no one can win

boundary waters and potentially 'choke' the Indian economy. With the Brahmaputra megaproject, China has provided an answer.

The planned 60-gigawatts project, which will be integrated into China's next Five-Year Plan starting in January, will reportedly dwarf China's Three Gorges Dam - currently the world's largest - on the Yangtze River, generating almost three times as much electricity. China will achieve this by harnessing the power of a 2,800-meter (3,062-yard) drop just before the river crosses into India.

What the chairman of China's state-run Power Construction Corp, Yan Zhiyong, calls an "historic opportunity" for his country will be devastating for India. Just before crossing into India, the Brahmaputra curves sharply around the Himalayas, forming the world's longest and steepest canyon - twice as deep as America's Grand Canyon - and holding Asia's largest untapped water resources.

Experience suggests that the proposed megaproject threatens those resources - and China's downstream neighbours. China's past upstream activities have triggered flash floods in the Indian states of Arunachal and Himachal. More recently, such activity turned the water in the once-pristine Siang - the Brahmaputra's main artery

- dirty and gray as it entered India. About a dozen small or medium-size Chinese dams are already operational in the Brahmaputra's upper reaches. But the megaproject in the Brahmaputra Canyon region will enable the country to manipulate trans-boundary flows far more effectively. Such manipulation could leverage China's claim to the adjacent Indian state of Arunachal, which is almost three times the size of Taiwan. Given that China and India are already locked in a tense, months-long military standoff, which began with Chinese territorial encroachments, the risks are acute.

And yet the country that will suffer the most as a result of China's Brahmaputra dam project is not India at all; it is densely populated and China-friendly Bangladesh, for which the Brahmaputra is the single largest freshwater source. Intensifying pressure on its water supply will likely trigger an exodus of refugees to India, already home to millions of illegally settled Bangladeshis.

The Brahmaputra megaproject also amounts to a slap in the face of Tibet, which is among the world's most biodiverse regions and has a deeply rooted culture of reverence for nature. In fact, the canyon region is sacred territory for Tibetans: its major mountains,

cliffs, and caves represent the body of their guardian deity, the goddess Dorje Pagmo, and the Brahmaputra represents her spine.

If none of this deters China, the damage it is doing to its own people and prospects should. China's over-damming of internal rivers has severely harmed ecosystems, including by causing river fragmentation and disrupting the annual flooding cycle, which helps to refertilise farmland naturally by spreading silt. In August, some 400 million Chinese were put at risk after record flooding endangered the Three Gorges Dam. If the Brahmaputra megadam collapses - hardly implausible, given that it will be built in a seismically active area - millions downstream could die.

The Great Himalayan Watershed is home to thousands of glaciers and the source of Asia's greatest river systems, which are the lifeblood of nearly half the global population. If glacial attrition is allowed to continue - let alone to be accelerated by China's environmentally catastrophic activities - China will not be spared. For its own sake - and the sake of Asia as a whole - China must accept institutionalised cooperation on transnational riparian flows, including measures to protect ecologically fragile zones and agreement not to dam relatively free-flowing rivers (which play a critical role in moderating the effects of climate change). This would require China to rein in its dam frenzy, be transparent about its projects, accept multilateral dispute-settlement mechanisms, and negotiate water-sharing treaties with neighbours.

Unfortunately, there is little reason to believe this will happen. On the contrary, as long as the Communist Party of China remains in power, the country will most likely continue to wage stealthy water wars that no one can win.

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SPECTRUM ONLINE DOMAIN

The right way to regulate digital harms

As a European Commission's recent Digital Services Act demonstrates, lawmakers around the world are scrambling, with good reason, to address the extremism, disinformation, and manipulation that have consumed the digital ecosystem, distorted public discourse, and deepened polarisation in recent years. And yet their efforts carry risks. Just as rules governing online domains can bolster democracy by promoting inclusive, informed debate, they can also be abused to inhibit freedom of expression.

Fortunately, international human rights law offers a set of principles that can guide regulation in a way that addresses toxic content while promoting freedom of expression. To help illuminate this process, our organisation, the Global Network Initiative (GNI), recently brought together experts from across industry and the human-rights community to examine scores of content-regulation initiatives in more than a dozen countries, and provide relevant recommendations.

The first human-rights principle that must be applied is "legality," which emphasises the need for clear definitions adopted by democratic processes. Such definitions are missing in Tanzania, for example, which instead has rules barring online content that "promotes annoyance,"

among other vague harms. If it is not clear what content is and is not allowed, governments seek to maximise their power to restrict speech; users cannot know what constitutes lawful conduct; and courts and companies struggle to enforce the rules fairly.

Another vital principle is "legitimacy," which dictates that governments may limit expression only for specific compelling reasons, such as the rights of others, public health, and public order. The principle of "necessity" then demands that restrictions be tailored to fulfill those legitimate goals and be proportionate to the interest being protected. No regulation should be adopted if a less speech-restrictive rule could do the job.

A human rights-focused approach helps to prevent disproportionate consequences. In this respect, the EU's proposed regulation on preventing the dissemination of terrorist or extremist content online misses the mark. The regulation would require companies of all types and sizes to remove terrorist content within one hour and introduce proactive measures to filter such material. The dominant companies can afford such rules, but it would raise the barriers for innovative new players to enter the market, as well as resulting in disproportionate removal of all

sorts of acceptable content. But companies themselves can and should apply rules that advance human rights, regardless of government regulation. Here, transparency, due process, and accountability are essential.

For starters, social media companies must be much more forthcoming about how they regulate content. This means sharing as much information as possible publicly, and providing legitimately sensitive information to regulators and independent experts through vetted access regimes or multi-stakeholder arrangements, similar to the one GNI has created for sharing information about company responses to government demands.

With this information, governments can ensure intermediaries moderate content consistently and fairly. To this end, regulators, given appropriate resources and expertise, should be tasked with providing guidance for and oversight of content-moderation systems. At the same time, companies should be required to introduce mechanisms that give users greater control over what they see and share.

Ultimately, however, responsibility for moderating sensitive content should not fall solely on private companies. Instead, governments should put democratically accountable organs, like courts, in

charge. France's Law Against the Manipulation of Information, while imperfect, seeks to do that, providing an expedited process for judges to review alleged election-related disinformation. That way, companies are not the ones making these difficult, politically sensitive determinations. By contrast, the country's Constitutional Council recently struck down a French hate speech law, in part because it circumvented the country's court system. No matter how clear the rules and how efficient the moderation systems, regulators and companies will make mistakes. That is why the final piece of the puzzle is dispute resolution and remedy.

Toxic content hardly began with the Internet. But online platforms have made disseminating it further and faster much easier than ever before. If we are going to limit its spread, without crushing freedom of expression, we need clear and comprehensive regulatory approaches, based on human-rights principles. Otherwise, even rules designed with best intentions could end up silencing the vulnerable and strengthening the powerful. That's a lesson the world's authoritarians know all too well.

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Letters

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India's rank slides in HDI

Sir, Since 1990, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has been publishing the Human Development Report every year. The Human Development Report is a system of ranking countries according to the merits they possess with regards to health, education and living standard of people within a country and the facilities a country provides to improve the quality of human resource thereby. The UNDP has placed its report on the Human Development Index, 2020, in which, a total of 189 countries have been evaluated. However, the position of India has slipped down one rank to 131. Norway has retained its position on the top of the list. India's neighbour Bhutan has been ranked 129 in the latest Human Development Report. Besides, the life expectancy at birth of Bangladesh stood at 72.6 years while in India it was 69.7 years in 2019, according to the report. The UNDP report has advised India to focus on reducing gender bias and empowering women with more financial security as well ensuring land for women. Malnutrition is more prevalent among girl children than boys in India. To build a society free from gender bias, equal opportunity to women is the urgent need of the hour.

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New strain challenge

Sir, When everybody is rejoicing that different vaccines are being developed and humanity is at a striking distance of eradicating coronavirus in the coming months, the news of a new COVID-19 strain spreading thick and fast in Britain has come like a bolt from the blue. Corona has shattered the lives of people all over the world in the form of loss of lives and livelihoods. The education sector at primary levels in rural areas is the worst affected with no sight of reopening of schools and colleges. Now with the experience and knowledge of COVID-19, governments both at state and central level should not take any chance in arresting the spread of the new strain. The people on their part should strictly adhere to the protocols issued by the government in maintaining social distance, usage of masks whenever they venture out of their premises and frequent cleaning of hands with soaps and sanitizers. Strict vigilance should also be maintained in tracing new virus patients at the airports. The nation and the people are not in a position to experience another jolt of the dreaded virus.

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NEW DELHI, Thursday, September 3, 2020/Bhadra 12, 1942

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 3rd September, 2020

S.O. 2997(E)-Wheas the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) and issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), vide S.O. No. 4245 dated 22nd November, 2019 the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/Four/Six-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Newly Proposed Raipur Vishakhapatnam Economic Corridor on the stretch of land from Km 123.21 to Km 238.2 (O/o- Tahasildar, Dabugan Dist -Nabarangpur) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Orissa Post" and "Sambad" both dated 24th January 2020; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas, by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the Corrigendum published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Subsection (ii) and issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) vide S.O. No. 291(E) dated 21st January, 2020;

And whereas, the substance of the said Corrigendum of notification has been published in "New Indian Express" and "Dharitri" Newspaper both dated 8th August, 2020, under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

Now, therefore, in compliance of sub-section (3) of Section 3G, the Competent Authority hereby invites all the landowners or persons interested in the land being acquired under these proceedings to submit their claims in respect of the land mentioned in the Schedule given here-in-below within a period of 15 days (by 07.01.2021 at 11:00 AM) from the date of publication of this Public Notice in the office of the Competent Authority / Tahasildar, Dabugan.

All the persons interested [owner of the lands and other interested person(s)] in the lands specified in the Schedule given below are hereby called upon to submit their claims in the said land (their share, area of land, any assets attached thereto e.g. structures/ trees etc. and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands along with relevant records. The said landowners or persons interested therein shall also furnish the particulars of their Bank Accounts to which they would like their compensation amount to be credited. The claims may be submitted in the following indicative format:

Table with 7 columns: Name of village/ Town, Name of the Landowner/ interested person, Field Survey No., Area of land in his share, Any structures/ trees/ tube-well attached to the land, Name of the Bank & Branch in which he/ she holds the Account, Particulars of the Bank Account No. -----IFSC Code of the Bank Branch

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the Newly Proposed Raipur Vishakhapatnam Economic Corridor in the stretch of land from Km 123.210 to Km 238.200 in the Newly (O/o- Tahasildar, Dabugan Dist-Nabarangpur) in the district of NABARANGPUR in the state of ODISHA

Table with 6 columns: State: ODISHA, District: NABARANGPUR, Sr. No., Survey Number, Type of Land, Nature of Land, Area (in Hectare), Name of the Land Owner/ Interested Person Part Survey No.

Main table containing land survey details for Taluk: Dabugan, including Village: Ambaguda, Village: Bhaluguda, and Village: Chhelibera. Columns include Sr. No., Survey Number, Type of Land, Nature of Land, Area (in Hectare), and Name of the Land Owner/ Interested Person Part Survey No.

Main table containing land survey details for Village: Badaolama, Village: Bhaluguda, and Village: Chhelibera. Columns include Sr. No., Survey Number, Type of Land, Nature of Land, Area (in Hectare), and Name of the Land Owner/ Interested Person Part Survey No.

Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectare)	Name of the Land Owner/ Interested Person Part Survey No.	Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectare)	Name of the Land Owner/ Interested Person Part Survey No.
153	318	Private	Dhana/1	0.142	Padam Bhatara, Budan Bhatara, Ganga Bhatara, S/o- Mundu Bhatara, Danai Bhatara, W/o- Mundu Bhatara, Madhab Bhatara, Dashamu Bhatara, S/o-Somanath Bhatara, Gobinda Bhatara, S/o- Pati Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Chhelibera 318	272	1392	Government	Pathar Hudi	0.042	Aabada Ajogya Anabadi 1392
154	319	Government	Patita	0.1099	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 319	273	1408	Government	Patra Jungle	0.058	Rakhita 1408
155	320	Private	Dhana/1	0.008	Padam Bhatara, Budan Bhatara, Ganga Bhatara, S/o- Mundu Bhatara, Danai Bhatara, W/o- Mundu Bhatara, Madhab Bhatara, Dashamu Bhatara, S/o-Somanath Bhatara, Gobinda Bhatara, S/o- Pati Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Chhelibera 320	274	1409	Government	Pathar Hudi	0.096	Aabada Ajogya Anabadi 1409
156	321	Private	Dhana/1	0.0082	Dhanurjaya Bhatara, Kujaa Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Chaturu Bhatara, S/o- Shukuru Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 321	275	1410	Government	Patra Jungle	0.225	Rakhita 1410
157	322	Government	Jalasaya	0.154	Rakhit 322	276	1411	Government	Pathar Hudi	0.003	Aabada Ajogya Anabadi 1411
158	323	Government	Jalasaya	0.121	Rakhit 323	277	1412	Government	Patra Jungle	0.018	Rakhita 1412
159	324	Government	Patita	0.1257	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 324	278	1413	Government	Patra Jungle	0.09	Rakhita 1413
160	33	Government	Patita	0.478	Abada Jogy Anabadi 33	279	1421	Government	Patra Jungle	0.003	Rakhita 1421
161	337	Government	Bada Jungle	0.004	Rakhit 337	280	1423	Government	Patra Jungle	0.068	Rakhita 1423
162	338	Government	Bada Jungle	0.0651	Rakhit 338	281	1424	Private	Dhana / 2	0.1154	Raidhara Bhatara, Dinabandhu Bhatara, S/o- Udal Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 1424
163	339	Government	Patita	0.0659	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 339	282	1427	Private	Dhana / 2	0.0428	Raidhara Bhatara, Dinabandhu Bhatara, S/o- Udal Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 1427
164	340	Government	Patita	0.052	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 340	283	1428	Private	Dhana / 2	0.239	Gobinda Bhatara, S/o- Rati Bhatara, Falu Bhatara, S/o- Udar Bhatara, Ramadar Bhatara, S/o- Arjun Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 1428
165	341	Government	Patita	0.063	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 341	284	1429	Private	Dhana / 2	0.17	Gobinda Bhatara, S/o- Rati Bhatara, Falu Bhatara, S/o- Udar Bhatara, Ramadar Bhatara, S/o- Arjun Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 1429
166	342	Government	Patita	0.0526	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 342	285	1430	Private	Dhana / 2	0.026	Gobinda Bhatara, S/o- Rati Bhatara, Falu Bhatara, S/o- Udar Bhatara, Ramadar Bhatara, S/o- Arjun Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 1430
167	343	Private	Dhana/1	0.096	Dhanurjaya Bhatara, Kujaa Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Chaturu Bhatara, S/o- Shukuru Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 343	286	1816	Government	Patra Jungle	0.02	Rakhita 1816
168	344	Private	Dhana/1	0.054	Dhanurjaya Bhatara, Kujaa Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Chaturu Bhatara, S/o- Shukuru Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 344	287	1817	Government	Patra Jungle	0.213	Rakhita 1817
169	345	Private	Dhana/1	0.023	Dhanurjaya Bhatara, Kujaa Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Chaturu Bhatara, S/o- Shukuru Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 345	288	1818	Government	Patra Jungle	0.06	Rakhita 1818
170	346	Government	Patita	0.004	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 346	289	1822	Government	Jungle	0.159	Rakhita 1822
171	642	Government	Bada Jungle	0.138	Rakhit 642	290	1823	Government	Gramya jungle	0.058	Rakhita 1823
Village: Godegan						291	1824	Government	Gramya jungle	0.293	Rakhita 1824
172	100	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.591	Rakhit 100	292	1825	Government	Gramya jungle	0.658	Rakhita 1825
173	101	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.137	Rakhit 101	293	2078	Private	Dangara / 1	0.018	Nadda Bhatara, S/o- Ashaddu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 2078
174	104	Government	Patita	0.351	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 104	294	2083	Private	Dangara / 1	0.049	Nadda Bhatara, S/o- Ashaddu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 2083
175	105	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0262	Mangu Naik, Kamaladas Naik, S/o- Naadda Naik, Padma Naik, W/o- Naadda Naik, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Godegan 105	295	2084	Government	Patita	0.092	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 2084
176	105/659	Private	Dangara / 1	0.302	Mangu Naik, Kamaladas Naik, S/o- Naadda Naik, Padma Naik, W/o- Naadda Naik, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Godegan 105/659	296	2085	Government	Patra Jungle	0.544	Rakhita 2085
177	105/660	Private	Dangara / 1	0.288	Sadhu Naik, S/o- Jagabandhu Naik, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Godegan 105/660	297	2090	Government	Patita	0.292	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 2090
178	106	Government	Patita	0.33	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 106	298	2091	Government	Patra Jungle	0.08	Rakhita 2091
179	109	Government	Rasta	0.022	Sarba Sadharana 109	299	2094	Government	Nadi	0.14	Aabada Ajogya Anabadi 2094
180	110	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.121	Rakhit 110	300	314	Private	Dhana / 1	0.0351	Sukadev Bhatara, Mahadev Bhatara S/o- Faguna Bhatara Cast Bhatara Vill- Nandapura 314
181	111	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.066	Rakhit 111	301	317	Private	Dangara / 1	0.0575	Laikhana Bhatara, S/o- Hira Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 317
182	112	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.076	Rakhit 112	302	319	Private	Dangara / 1	0.004	Duaru Bhatara, Sada Bhatara, Raj Bhatara, S/o- Phataku Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 319
183	93	Government	Patita	0.074	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 93	303	320	Government	Patita	0.016	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 320
184	94	Private	Dhana / 2	0.356	Parshuram Bhatara, S/o- Shukaman Bhatara, Gobinda Bhatara, Sanadar Bhatara, S/o- Anu Bhatara, Raibari Bhatara, W/o- Anu Bhatara, Budhuram Bhatara, S/o- Mana Bhatara, Dhanai Bhatara, W/o- Mana Bhatara, Dulav Bhatara, Ghana Bhatara, S/o- Damu Bhatara, Ratani Bhatara, W/o- Damu Bhatara, Banasingh Bhatara, S/o- Aaitu Bhatara, Shukamati Bhatara, W/o- Aaitu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Godegan 94	304	321	Private	Dangara / 1	0.031	Sukadev Bhatara, Mahadev Bhatara, Sahadev Bhatara, S/o- Faguna Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 321
185	98	Government	Jungle	0.256	Rakhit 98	305	322	Private	Dangara / 1	0.01	Dasharu Dama, Sansai Dama, Samudhar Dama, S/o- Bidya Dama, Shukalu Dama, Budhu Dama, S/o- Chulubulu Dama Caste- Dama, Village- Nandapura 322
186	99	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.141	Rakhit 99	306	323	Private	Dangara / 1	0.136	Dasharu Dama, Sansai Dama, Samudhar Dama, S/o- Bidya Dama, Shukalu Dama, Budhu Dama, S/o- Chulubulu Dama Caste- Dama, Village- Nandapura 323
Village: Khuntaguda						307	324	Government	Bada Jungle	0.0344	Rakhit 324
187	1	Government	Bada Jungle	2.059	Rakhit 1	308	325	Private	Dangara / 2	0.01	Dasharu Dama, Sansai Dama, Samudhar Dama, S/o- Bidya Dama, Shukalu Dama, Budhu Dama, S/o- Chulubulu Dama Caste- Dama, Village- Nandapura 325
188	2	Government	Rasta	0.053	Rakhit 2	309	326	Private	Dangara / 1	0.0971	Sukadev Bhatara, Mahadev Bhatara, Sahadev Bhatara, S/o- Faguna Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 326
189	3	Government	Jungle	0.065	Rakhit 3	310	327	Private	Dangara / 1	0.091	Manadhara Dama, Masha Dama, Miri Dama, Nitia Dama, S/o- Kapurchan Dama, Caste- Dama, Village- Nandapura 327
Village: Khuntuluguda						311	328	Private	Dangara / 1	0.013	Manadhara Dama, Masha Dama, Miri Dama, Nitia Dama, S/o- Kapurchan Dama, Caste- Dama, Village- Nandapura 328
190	12	Private	Dhana/2	0.2207	Hari Bhatara, S/o- Makaranda Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Khuntuluguda 12	312	335	Government	Patra Jungle	0.004	Rakhit 335
191	183	Government	Jungle	0.069	Rakhit 183	313	336	Private	Dangara / 2	0.1603	Samaa Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Chandrabati Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Kuti Rout, S/o- Budhu Rout, Shukaladei Rout, S/o- Shukru Rout, Caste- Gauda, Village- Nandapura 336
192	184	Government	Jungle	0.246	Rakhit 184	314	337	Private	Dangara / 2	0.004	Samaa Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Chandrabati Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Kuti Rout, S/o- Budhu Rout, Shukaladei Rout, S/o- Shukru Rout, Caste- Gauda, Village- Nandapura 337
193	185	Government	Jungle	0.028	Rakhit 185	315	338	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0464	Samaa Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Chandrabati Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Kuti Rout, S/o- Budhu Rout, Shukaladei Rout, S/o- Shukru Rout, Caste- Gauda, Village- Nandapura 338
194	186	Government	Danda	0.025	Sarba Sadharana 186	316	339	Private	Dangara / 2	0.387	Samaa Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Chandrabati Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Kuti Rout, S/o- Budhu Rout, Shukaladei Rout, S/o- Shukru Rout, Caste- Gauda, Village- Nandapura 339
195	187	Government	Jungle	0.067	Rakhit 187	317	346	Private	Dhana / 2	0.024	Khagapati Dama, Sanapati Dama, Ghanapati Dama, S/o- Sukalu Dama, Caste- Dama, Village- Nandapura 346
196	194	Government	Jungle	0.516	Rakhit 194	318	347	Government	Patra Jungle	0.017	Rakhit 347
197	195	Government	Jungle	0.044	Rakhit 195	319	348	Government	Jungle	0.5033	Rakhit 348
198	196	Government	Jungle	0.054	Rakhit 196	320	349	Government	Patra Jungle	0.0547	Rakhit 349
199	197	Private	Dhana/1	0.369	Narayana Mirigan, S/o- Panchakauidia Mirigan, Bati Mirigan, W/o- Panchakauidia Mirigan, Caste- Dama, Village- Khuntuluguda 197	321	352	Government	Patra Jungle	0.115	Rakhit 352
200	197/717	Private	Dhana / 1	0.053	Agadhu Mirigan, S/o- Panchakauidia Mirigan, Caste- Dama, Village- Khuntuluguda 197/717	322	353	Government	Patra Jungle	0.073	Rakhit 353
201	198	Private	Dhana / 1	0.004	Laxman Bhatara, S/o- Mangaru Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Khuntuluguda 198	323	354	Government	Patra Jungle	0.022	Rakhit 354
202	200	Government	Jungle	0.008	Rakhit 200	324	355	Government	Patra Jungle	0.075	Rakhit 355
203	23	Government	Patita	0.3778	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 23	325	356	Private	Dangara / 2	0.1548	Samaa Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Chandrabati Rout, S/o- Shiva Rout, Kuti Rout, S/o- Budhu Rout, Shukaladei Rout, S/o- Shukru Rout, Caste- Gauda, Village- Nandapura 356
204	24	Government	Patita	0.256	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 24	326	357	Government	Patra jungle	0.002	Rakhita 357
205	25	Private	Dhana / 2	0.012	Raidhara Bhatara, S/o- Singha Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Khuntuluguda 25	327	561	Private	Dhana / 1	0.004	Dhansingh Dama, Sudarsingh Dama, Bansingh Dama, Saheb Dama, Ramsingh Dama, S/o- Maina Dama, Caste- Dama, Village- Nandapura 561
206	28	Private	Dangara / 1	0.042	Tila Bhatara, S/o- Singa Bhatara, Sanandi Bhatara, W/o- Singa Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Khuntuluguda 28	328	571	Private	Dhana / 1	0.008	Dhana Bhatara, Hari Bhatara, S/o- Chaitan Bhatara, Jadu Bhatara, Dirija Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Durjan Bhatara, Dina Bhatara, Padan Bhatara, S/o- Lalita Bhatara, Amar Bhatara, Juga Bhatara, Damu Bhatara, S/o- Laxman Bhatara, Sadaa Bhatara, Sindhu Bhatara, Gaju Bhatara, Ratan Bhatara, Bali Bhatara, S/o- Sansae Bhatara, Rama Bhatara, S/o- Shiva Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 571
207	34	Government	Patita	0.025	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 34	329	572	Private	Dangara / 1	0.0971	Dhana Bhatara, Hari Bhatara, S/o- Chaitan Bhatara, Jadu Bhatara, Dirija Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Durjan Bhatara, Dina Bhatara, Padan Bhatara, S/o- Lalita Bhatara, Amar Bhatara, Juga Bhatara, Damu Bhatara, S/o- Laxman Bhatara, Sadaa Bhatara, Sindhu Bhatara, Gaju Bhatara, Ratan Bhatara, Bali Bhatara, S/o- Sansae Bhatara, Rama Bhatara, S/o- Shiva Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 572
208	35	Government	Patita	0.28	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 35	330	573	Private	Dangara / 1	0.149	Dhana Bhatara, Hari Bhatara, S/o- Chaitan Bhatara, Jadu Bhatara, Dirija Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Durjan Bhatara, Dina Bhatara, Padan Bhatara, S/o- Lalita Bhatara, Amar Bhatara, Juga Bhatara, Damu Bhatara, S/o- Laxman Bhatara, Sadaa Bhatara, Sindhu Bhatara, Gaju Bhatara, Ratan Bhatara, Bali Bhatara, S/o- Sansae Bhatara, Rama Bhatara, S/o- Shiva Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 573
209	36	Government	Patita	0.093	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 36	331	574	Government	Pathar Bani	0.013	Aabada Ajogya Anabadi 574
210	4	Government	Patita	0.143	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 4	332	574	Government	Pathar Bani	0.0173	Aabada Ajogya Anabadi 574
211	57	Private	Dhana/1	0.852	Samadu Bhatara, S/o- Sunadhara Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Khuntuluguda 57	333	575	Private	Dangara / 1	0.268	Dhansingh Dama, Sudarsingh Dama, Bansingh Dama, Saheb Dama, Ramsingh Dama, S/o- Maina Dama, Caste- Dama, Village- Nandapura 575
212	58	Government	Patita	0.0886	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 58	334	576	Private	Dangara / 1	0.1717	Lachhu Bhatara, Sahadev Bhatara, Chaitan Bhatara, Baali Bhatara, S/o- Samaa Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 576
213	6	Government	Patita	0.515	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 6	335	577	Private	Dhana / 2	0.009	Dhansingh Dama, Sudarsingh Dama, Bansingh Dama, Saheb Dama, Ramsingh Dama, S/o- Maina Dama, Caste- Dama, Village- Nandapura 577
214	61	Private	Dhana / 1	0.043	Hari Bhatara, S/o- Makaranda Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Khuntuluguda 61	336	578	Private	Dhana / 2	0.004	Pustam Bhatara, Pati Bhatara, S/o- Saarithi Bhatara, Mahadev Bhatara, S/o- Agadhu Bhatara, Aaitu Bhatara, S/o- Sadan Bhatara, Dalim Bhatara, W/o- Sadan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 578
215	62	Private	Dhana / 1	0.072	Raidhara Bhatara, S/o- Singha Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Khuntuluguda 62	337	579	Government	Patita	0.016	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 579
216	63	Private	Dhana / 1	0.134	Bhagat Bhatara, S/o- Kandaraa Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Khuntuluguda 63	338	580	Government	Patita	0.01	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 580
217	65	Private	Dhana / 1	0.141	Bhagat Bhatara, S/o- Kandaraa Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Khuntuluguda 65	339	581	Private	Dhana / 2	0.019	Pustam Bhatara, Pati Bhatara, S/o- Saarithi Bhatara, Mahadev Bhatara, S/o- Agadhu Bhatara, Aaitu Bhatara, S/o- Sadan Bhatara, Dalim Bhatara, W/o- Sadan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 581
218	666	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.004	Rakhit 666	340	582	Private	Dhana / 2	0.091	Pustam Bhatara, Pati Bhatara, S/o- Saarithi Bhatara, Mahadev Bhatara, S/o- Agadhu Bhatara, Aaitu Bhatara, S/o- Sadan Bhatara, Dalim Bhatara, W/o- Sadan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 582
219	669	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.122	Rakhit 669	341	583	Government	Patita	0.016	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 583
220	67/711	Private	Dhana / 1	0.008	Narayana Mirigan, S/o- Panchakauidia Mirigan, Bati Mirigan, W/o- Panchakauidia Mirigan, Caste- Dama, Village- Khuntuluguda 67/711	342	584	Private	Dangara / 1	0.2452	Brunda Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Kaitaa Bhatara, W/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Sukadas Bhatara, Jituru Bhatara, Dashratha Bhatara, S/o- Mangaru Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Anu Bhatara, Mandia Bhatara, Ganga Bhatara, S/o- Buti Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 584
221	67/712	Government	Rasta	0.059	Sarba Sadharana 67/712	343	585	Private	Dangara / 1	0.0345	Brunda Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Kaitaa Bhatara, W/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Sukadas Bhatara, Jituru Bhatara, Dashratha Bhatara, S/o- Mangaru Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Anu Bhatara, Mandia Bhatara, Ganga Bhatara, S/o- Buti Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 585
222	670	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.173	Rakhit 670	344	588				

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354	602	Private	Dhana/2	0.1288	Bruna Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Kaitaa Bhatara, W/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Sukadas Bhatara, Jituru Bhatara, Dashratha Bhatara, S/o- Mangaru Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Anu Bhatara, Mandia Bhatara, Ganga Bhatara, S/o- Buti Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 602	465	665	Private	Dhana / 2	0.432	Bandaka Bhatara, Sagunu Bhatara, Chandara Bhatara, Mangala Bhatara, Rabi Bhatara, S/o- Pannu Bhatara, Damu Bhatara, Nanda Bhatara, S/o- Bhingu Bhatara, Adhabari Bhatara, W/o- Bhingu Bhatara, Duaru Bhatara, S/o- Bhimaa Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 665
355	603	Government	Patita	0.054	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 603	466	666	Private	Dhana / 2	0.004	Bandaka Bhatara, Sagunu Bhatara, Chandara Bhatara, Mangala Bhatara, Rabi Bhatara, S/o- Pannu Bhatara, Damu Bhatara, Nanda Bhatara, S/o- Bhingu Bhatara, Adhabari Bhatara, W/o- Bhingu Bhatara, Duaru Bhatara, S/o- Bhimaa Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 666
356	604	Government	Gramya rasta	0.15	Sarba Sadharana 604	467	67	Government	Gochar	0.881	Rakhit 67
357	606	Government	Jungle	0.085	Rakhita 606	468	68	Government	Gochar	0.025	Rakhit 68
358	623	Private	Dhana / 1	0.0292	Bruna Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Kaitaa Bhatara, W/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Sukadas Bhatara, Jituru Bhatara, Dashratha Bhatara, S/o- Mangaru Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Anu Bhatara, Mandia Bhatara, Ganga Bhatara, S/o- Buti Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 623	469	69	Government	Gochar	0.102	Rakhit 69
359	625	Private	Dhana / 1	0.004	Gobinda Bhatara, S/o- Rati Bhatara, Falu Bhatara, S/o- Udera Bhatara, Ramadar Bhatara, S/o- Arjun Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 625	470	7	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.1197	Rakhit 7
360	626	Private	Dhana / 1	0.0953	Bruna Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Kaitaa Bhatara, W/o- Raibaru Bhatara, Sukadas Bhatara, Jituru Bhatara, Dashratha Bhatara, S/o- Mangaru Bhatara, Mangal Bhatara, S/o- Anu Bhatara, Mandia Bhatara, Ganga Bhatara, S/o- Buti Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 626	471	70	Government	Gochar	0.194	Rakhit 70
361	627	Private	Dhana / 2	0.36	Gobinda Bhatara, S/o- Rati Bhatara, Falu Bhatara, S/o- Udera Bhatara, Ramadar Bhatara, S/o- Arjun Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 627	472	1004	Government	Patita	0.091	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1004
362	628	Private	Dhana / 2	0.0574	Gobinda Bhatara, S/o- Rati Bhatara, Falu Bhatara, S/o- Udera Bhatara, Ramadar Bhatara, S/o- Arjun Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 628	473	1010	Private	Dangara / 2	0.082	Chandra Bhatara, S/o- Narahari Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1010
363	872	Private	Dangara / 2	0.04	Nadda Bhatara, S/o- Aashadu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 872	474	1011	Private	Dhana / 1	1.006	Chandra Bhatara, S/o- Narahari Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1011
364	873	Government	Gochara	0.425	Rakhita 873	475	1011/1600	Private	Dhana / 1	0.1673	Utkal Bhudaan Jagnyan, Samiti- Nabarangpur 1011/1600
365	874	Private	Dangara / 2	0.1942	Raidhara Bhatara, S/o- Udal Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 874	476	1012	Private	Dhana / 1	0.164	Dhanurjaya Bhatara, Kujaa Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Chatura Bhatara, S/o- Shukru Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1012
366	875	Private	Dhana / 2	0.042	Raidhara Bhatara, S/o- Udal Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 875	477	1013	Private	Dhana / 1	0.186	Dhanurjaya Bhatara, Kujaa Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Chatura Bhatara, S/o- Shukru Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1013
367	883	Private	Dhana / 2	0.107	Rainu Bhatara, S/o- Andharu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 883	478	1014	Private	Dhana / 1	0.168	Dhanurjaya Bhatara, Kujaa Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Chatura Bhatara, S/o- Shukru Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1014
368	884	Private	Dangara / 2	0.317	Rainu Bhatara, S/o- Andharu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 884	479	1015	Private	Dhana / 1	0.206	Dhanurjaya Bhatara, Kujaa Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Chatura Bhatara, S/o- Shukru Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1015
369	885	Private	Dangara / 2	0.042	Rainu Bhatara, S/o- Andharu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 885	480	1030	Private	Dhana / 1	0.0205	Dhanurjaya Bhatara, Kujaa Bhatara, Makaranda Bhatara, Chatura Bhatara, S/o- Shukru Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1030
370	886	Government	Patra Jungle	0.08	Rakhita 886	481	1044	Private	Dhana / 1	0.0642	Gunadhar Bhatara, Dayaa Bhatara, Dina Bhatara, Mukachand Bhatara, Ghanashyam Bhatara, S/o- Tika Bhatara, Bhanu Bhatara, W/o- Tika Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1044
371	887	Private	Dhana / 2	0.067	Mukunda Bhatara, S/o- Aala Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 887	482	1045	Private	Dangara / 1	0.066	Baidanatha Sunari, S/o- Ramakrushna Sunari, Caste- Sunari, Village- Ramanaguda 1045
372	888	Private	Dhana / 2	0.041	Jagabandhu Majhi, S/o- Aaila Majhi, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 888	483	1046	Private	Dangara / 1	0.069	Gunadhar Bhatara, Dayaa Bhatara, Dina Bhatara, Mukachand Bhatara, Ghanashyam Bhatara, S/o- Tika Bhatara, Bhanu Bhatara, W/o- Tika Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1046
373	905	Private	Dhana / 2	0.214	Sanapat Bhatara, Hari Bhatara, Maana Bhatara, Chaitan Bhatara, S/o- Budhu Bhatara, Sadaa Bhatara, Ratan Bhatara, Sudam Bhatara, Kamal Bhatara, S/o- Buchan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 905	484	1047	Private	Dangara / 1	0.295	Uladhhar Bhatara, Prahlad Bhatara, S/o- Shiba Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1047
374	906	Private	Dhana / 2	0.064	Sanapat Bhatara, Hari Bhatara, Maana Bhatara, Chaitan Bhatara, S/o- Budhu Bhatara, Sadaa Bhatara, Ratan Bhatara, Sudam Bhatara, Kamal Bhatara, S/o- Buchan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 906	485	1048	Private	Dangara / 1	0.434	Baidanatha Sunari, S/o- Ramakrushna Sunari, Caste- Sunari, Village- Ramanaguda 1048
375	907	Private	Dhana / 2	0.073	Sanapat Bhatara, Hari Bhatara, Maana Bhatara, Chaitan Bhatara, S/o- Budhu Bhatara, Sadaa Bhatara, Ratan Bhatara, Sudam Bhatara, Kamal Bhatara, S/o- Buchan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 907	486	1050	Government	Jungle	0.0003	Rakhit 1050
376	908	Government	Patra Jungle	0.019	Rakhita 908	487	1051	Government	Patita	0.431	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1051
377	909	Government	Patra Jungle	0.011	Rakhita 909	488	1053	Government	Rasta	0.068	Sarba Sadharana 1053
378	910	Government	Patra Jungle	0.079	Rakhita 910	489	1054	Government	Patita	0.059	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1054
379	911	Government	Smasan	0.088	Sarba Sadharana 911	490	1055	Government	Rasta	0.0405	Sarba Sadharana 1055
380	913	Government	Gramya Rasta	0.009	Sarba Sadharana 913	491	1056	Government	Rasta	0.023	Sarba Sadharana 1056
381	914	Government	Patra Jungle	0.006	Rakhita 914	492	1057	Government	Rasta	0.023	Sarba Sadharana 1057
382	915	Private	Dhana / 2	0.312	Sanapat Bhatara, Hari Bhatara, Maana Bhatara, Chaitan Bhatara, S/o- Budhu Bhatara, Sadaa Bhatara, Ratan Bhatara, Sudam Bhatara, Kamal Bhatara, S/o- Buchan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 915	493	1058	Government	Rasta	0.0137	Sarba Sadharana 1058
383	932	Private	Dhana / 2	0.567	Jamini Kandhapan, S/o- Dayaban Kandhapan, Caste- Damba Christian, Village- Nandapura 932	494	1489	Government	Patita	0.0005	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1489
384	935	Government	Rasta	0.002	Sarba Sadharana 935	495	1490	Government	Rasta	0.0182	Sarba Sadharana 1490
385	936	Private	Dhana / 2	0.548	Mithun Kandhapan, S/o- Dayaban Kandhapan, Caste- Damba Christian, Village- Nandapura 936	496	1491	Government	Patita	0.1205	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1491
386	937	Government	Gramya Rasta	0.093	Sarba Sadharana 937	497	1497	Private	Dangara / 2	0.0406	Mudi Bhatara, S/o- Baaranga Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1497
387	967	Government	Gramya Rasta	0.005	Sarba Sadharana 967	498	1498	Government	Patita	0.0875	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1498
388	975	Government	Gramya Rasta	0.073	Sarba Sadharana 975	499	1499	Government	Patita	0.1514	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1499
389	976	Private	Dhana / 2	0.435	Mura Bhatara, S/o- Suku Bhatara, Sambari Bhatara, W/o- Suku Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 976	500	1500	Government	Rasta	0.001	Sarba Sadharana 1500
390	980	Government	Gramya Rasta	0.0063	Sarba Sadharana 980	501	1531	Government	Jungle	0.191	Rakhit 1531
391	981	Government	Gramya Rasta	0.0453	Sarba Sadharana 981	502	1532	Government	Patita	0.032	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1532
392	982	Private	Dhana / 2	0.02	Mura Bhatara, S/o- Suku Bhatara, Sambari Bhatara, W/o- Suku Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 982	503	1533	Government	Rasta	0.0087	Sarba Sadharana 1533
393	984	Private	Dhana / 2	0.044	Mura Bhatara, S/o- Suku Bhatara, Sambari Bhatara, W/o- Suku Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Nandapura 984	504	1534	Government	Jungle	0.206	Rakhit 1534
Village: Parasubeda						505	1535	Government	Jungle	0.052	Rakhit 1535
394	1	Government	Nadi	0.158	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1	506	1537	Government	Patita	0.042	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1537
395	2	Government	Jungle	0.114	Rakhit 2	507	1538	Private	Dangara / 2	0.474	Sanu Bhatara, S/o- Ranu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 1538
396	206	Private	Dhana / 2	0.234	Mansingh Bhatara, S/o- Guru Bhatara, Sagaram Bhatara, S/o- Shukuman Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 206	508	1539	Government	Patita	0.546	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1539
397	207	Government	Patita	0.059	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 207	509	1540	Government	Patita	0.056	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1540
398	208	Government	Bada jungle	0.031	Rakhit 208	510	1543	Government	Patita	0.0148	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 1543
399	209	Government	Dangara / 2	0.17	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 209	511	718	Government	Gochara	0.05	Rakhit 718
400	210	Government	Gramya jungle	0.046	Rakhit 210	512	720	Private	Dhana / 1	0.006	Baladev Bhatara, S/o- Maahaara Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 720
401	211	Government	Dangara / 2	0.004	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 211	513	722	Private	Dhana / 2	0.441	Mana Bishoi, S/o- Ramachandra Bishoi, Caste- Sundi, Village- Ramanaguda 722
402	212	Government	Dangara / 2	0.004	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 212	514	723	Private	Dhana / 2	0.507	Mana Bishoi, S/o- Ramachandra Bishoi, Caste- Sundi, Village- Ramanaguda 723
403	222	Private	Dhana / 2	0.02	Mahadev Bhatara, S/o- Sagaram Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 222	515	743	Private	Dhana / 2	0.213	Chainu Bishoi, Champa Bishoi, S/o- Chandra Bishoi, Tulasa Bishoi, W/o- Chandra Bishoi, Dullava Bishoi, S/o- Shukutaa Bishoi, Caste- Sundi, Village- Ramanaguda 743
404	282	Government	Bada Jungle	0.114	Rakhit 282	516	744	Private	Dhana / 1	0.004	Baladev Bhatara, Laichhan Bhatara, S/o- Maanguli Bhatara, Dainu Bhatara, S/o- Dandi Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 744
405	283	Government	Bada Jungle	0.02	Rakhit 283	517	745	Private	Dhana / 1	0.049	Baladev Bhatara, Laichhan Bhatara, S/o- Maanguli Bhatara, Dainu Bhatara, S/o- Dandi Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 745
406	284	Government	Bada Jungle	0.194	Rakhit 284	518	747	Private	Dhana / 2	0.186	Baladev Bhatara, Laichhan Bhatara, S/o- Maanguli Bhatara, Dainu Bhatara, S/o- Dandi Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 747
407	288	Private	Dangara / 2	0.028	Burusha Bhatara, S/o- Chaitu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 288	519	748	Private	Dhana / 2	0.512	Chainu Bishoi, Champa Bishoi, S/o- Chandra Bishoi, Tulasa Bishoi, W/o- Chandra Bishoi, Dullava Bishoi, S/o- Shukutaa Bishoi, Caste- Sundi, Village- Ramanaguda 748
408	289	Private	Dangara / 2	0.01	Burusha Bhatara, S/o- Chaitu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 289	520	749	Private	Dhana / 1	0.295	Dumara Bhatara, S/o- Tankadhar Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 749
409	290	Government	Bada Jungle	0.097	Rakhit 290	521	750	Private	Dhana / 1	0.353	Padamsingh Bhatara, S/o- Trilochan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 750
410	291	Government	Bada Jungle	0.004	Rakhit 291	522	751	Private	Dhana / 2	0.132	Rupadhar Bhatara, S/o- Bali Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 751
411	293	Government	Bada Jungle	0.03	Rakhit 293	523	778	Government	Nadi	0.166	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 778
412	294	Government	Bada Jungle	0.0486	Rakhit 294	524	819	Government	Kacha Rasta	0.053	Sarba Sadharana 819
413	295	Private	Dangara / 2	0.139	Burusha Bhatara, S/o- Chaitu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 295	525	896	Private	Dangara / 1	0.251	Dumu Majhi, S/o- Mana Majhi, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 896
414	296	Private	Dangara / 2	0.008	Burusha Bhatara, S/o- Chaitu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 296	526	897	Private	Dangara / 1	0.468	Chandra Bhatara, S/o- Narahari Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 897
415	302	Private	Dangara / 2	0.016	Burusha Bhatara, S/o- Chaitu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 302	527	898	Private	Dhana / 1	0.494	Padamsingh Bhatara, S/o- Trilochan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 898
416	303	Government	Rasta	0.016	Sarba Sadharana 303	528	899	Private	Dangara / 1	0.294	Padamsingh Bhatara, S/o- Trilochan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 899
417	304	Government	Bada Jungle	0.063	Rakhit 304	529	902	Private	Dangara / 2	0.034	Baladev Bhatara, Laichhan Bhatara, S/o- Manguli Bhatara, Dinu Bhatara, S/o- Dandi Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 902
418	305	Government	Bada Jungle	0.004	Rakhit 305	530	904	Private	Bagayata	0.001	Dumara Bhatara, S/o- Tankadhar Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 904
419	307	Government	Patita	0.038	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 307	531	910	Private	Dangara / 2	0.021	Parashu Bhatara, S/o- Dinabandhu Bhatara, Kauddi Bhatara, S/o- Raju Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Ramanaguda 910
420	309	Private	Dhana / 2	0.038	Trilochan Bhatara, Dhansingh Bhatara, S/o- Sanu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 309	532	911	Government	Pathar Durguri	0.082	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 911
421	310	Government	Patita	0.028	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 310	533	912	Private	Dangara / 2	0.128	Chainu Bishoi, Champa Bishoi, S/o- Chandra Bishoi, Tulasa Bishoi, W/o- Chandra Bishoi, Dullava Bishoi, S/o- Shukutaa Bishoi, Caste- Sundi, Village- Ramanaguda 912
422	311	Government	Patra Jungle	0.097	Rakhita 311	534	913	Government	Patita	0.198	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 913
423	312	Government	Patra Jungle	0.027	Rakhit 312	535	914	Government	Pathar Bani	0.3691	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 914
424	313	Private	Dhana / 2	0.038	Burusha Bhatara, S/o- Chaitu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Parasubeda 313	536	917	Private	Dangara / 1	0.066	Sanu Gauda, S/o- Naaddu Gauda, Birasingh Gauda, Suddugu Gauda, S/o- Samana Gauda, Caste- Gauda, Village- Ramanaguda 917
425	314	Government	Patita	0.008	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 314	537					

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BRITAIN APPROVES USE OF COVID SELF-TEST KIT

Britain has approved the exceptional use of the NHS test and trace Covid-19 self-test kit to detect asymptomatic coronavirus cases, as it mulls a stricter lockdown to stem the spread of a highly infectious variant of the virus



Turkish court convicts exiled journo Can Dundar

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Istanbul, Dec 23: A Turkish court has convicted exiled journalist Can Dundar on espionage and terror-related charges for a news report. The court in Istanbul Wednesday found Dundar guilty of "obtaining secret documents for espionage" and "aiding a terrorist organisation," sentencing him to a total of 27 1/2 years in prison.

Dundar, the former editor-in-chief of opposition newspaper Cumhuriyet, was on trial for a 2015 story accusing Turkey's intelligence service of illegally sending weapons to Syria.

The story included a 2014 video that showed men in police uniforms and civilian clothing un-

screwing bolts to open the trucks and unpacking boxes. Later images show trucks full of mortar rounds. The Associated Press cannot confirm the authenticity of the video.

The news report claimed that the Turkish intelligence service and Turkey's president did not allow the prosecutor to begin an investigation into arms smuggling.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was infuriated by the publication, filing criminal charges against Dundar and Ankara bureau chief Erdem Gul. Erdogan said the trucks carried aid to Turkmen groups in Syria and that Dundar would "pay a high price."

Turkey later interfered directly in the Syrian civil war, launching four cross-border operations.



Prachanda replaces Oli as parliamentary chief

THE 66-YEAR-OLD'S NOMINATION WAS PROPOSED BY SENIOR LEADER MADHAV KUMAR NEPAL, WHO WAS EARLIER NAMED AS ONE OF THE TWO CHAIRMEN OF NCP

AGENCIES

Kathmandu, Dec 23: Nepal Communist Party's executive chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' was Wednesday elected as the ruling party's new parliamentary leader, replacing Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli.

The 66-year-old leader's nomination was proposed by senior leader Madhav Kumar Nepal, who was earlier named as one of the two chairmen of the party, at a parliamentary party meeting of the Prachanda-led faction at the Parliament Building in New Baneshwar, My Republica reported.

Oli, 68, was removed from the post of party's chairman Tuesday by a central committee meeting of the Prachanda-led faction, which also decided to take disciplinary



action against him for dissolving the House of Representatives unconstitutionally.

Prachanda said that his first priority would be to restore the dissolved House of Representatives and form a new government.

"I will unify all the democratic forces and political parties to keep the hard-won political system and parliament lively and functioning," he said. He thanked lawmakers for electing him as the parliamentary

leader and said that he has been handed over a huge responsibility during this challenging time.

Earlier in the day, the Supreme Court forwarded all the writ petitions against Prime Minister Oli's move to dissolve Parliament to a Constitutional bench.

Chief Justice Cholendra SJB Rana's single bench passed the order after a preliminary hearing on the 12 different writ petitions filed against the dissolution of the House of Representatives, the paper reported.

The Constitutional bench will start the hearing on Friday. The bench is led by Chief Justice Rana and will have four other justices who will be picked by him.

Although the petitioners demanded an interim order against the decision, the apex court has re-

used to issue any such order.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Prachanda-led faction have told the Election Commission that they hold a two-thirds majority in the party and therefore they must be granted official recognition by the election body, the paper said.

"We are here with the proof that we are the only legitimate Nepal Communist Party," Leela Mani Pokharel, a standing committee member of the party, was quoted as saying by the paper.

Pokharel said that their faction has a majority with official signatures of 315 central committee members of the party.

To get official recognition from the EC, the faction should have majority members, full details and their signatures along with copies of citizenships.

90-year-old lady 1st in Switzerland to get Covid-19 shot

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Bern, Dec 23: A 90-year-old woman in the canton of Lucerne Wednesday became the first person in Switzerland to be vaccinated against the new coronavirus, as the Swiss military distributed just over 100,000 doses of the COVID-19 shots around the country.



The woman who received the shot lives in a care home outside the city of Lucerne. Her name was not released

Lucerne and the small rural canton of Appenzel Innerrhoden were the first of Switzerland's 26 cantons to begin inoculations after regulators approved the vaccine from Pfizer and German partner BioNTech over the weekend.

"Residents of nursing and care homes will be the first to get vaccines," Lucerne said on its website Wednesday.

The woman who received the shot lives in a care home outside the city of Lucerne. Her name was not released.

Switzerland's decentralised system of government has left it up to its cantons to individually develop plans to vaccinate the nation of 8.6 million people.

RESTRICTIONS TO REMAIN IN SYDNEY FOR CHRISTMAS

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Sydney, Dec 23: Authorities in Australia's largest city Sydney have extended the Covid-19 restrictions on social gatherings across Christmas in a bid to curb an outbreak.

Most Sydney residents will continue to be able to have 10 adult visitors to their home over the holiday period, the BBC reported Wednesday. But in a slight relaxation of rules, young children can be included on top of that number between December 24-26.



Sydney saw just eight new cases on Wednesday, fuelling optimism about efforts to contain the outbreak. The New South Wales (NSW) state government said a total of 98 cases had been found in the state cap-

ital since last week.

More than 124,000 residents had been tested in the past three days alone - a local record. There have been almost no locally transmitted cases reported elsewhere in Australia in recent days. The outbreak was discovered last week in the city's Northern Beaches region, prompting an immediate lockdown of residents.

However, Premier Gladys Berejiklian said officials were still unable to trace how the virus got into the community so a lockdown will continue until Sunday.

Pfizer to supply 100mn vaccine doses to US

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington, Dec 23: Pfizer and BioNTech will supply the US with an additional 100 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine under a new agreement. The drug-makers said Wednesday that they expect to deliver all the doses by July 31.

Pfizer already has a contract to supply the government with 100 million doses of its vaccine.

Pfizer's vaccine was the first to



With these 100 million additional doses, the US will be able to protect more individuals and hopefully end this devastating pandemic more quickly
ALBERT BOURLA | CEO, PFIZER

gain approval from the Food and Drug Administration and initial shipments went to

states last week. It has now been joined by a vaccine from Moderna, which was developed in closer cooperation with scientists from the National Institutes of Health.

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574	102	Government	Smasan	0.332	Sarba Sadharana 102	611	302	Private	Dhana / 2	0.366	Jagannath Bhatara, S/o- Uddhab Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Talbera 302
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576	105	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.197	Rakhit 105	613	304	Private	Dhana / 2	0.288	Debsingh Bhatara, Dhanapati Bhatara, S/o- Madhu Bhatara, Duari Bhatara, W/o- Madhu Bhatara, Bala Bhatara, Anantram Bhatara, Samana Bhatara, Dharamu Bhatara, S/o- Budura Bhatara, Mahadeb Bhatara, Dashamu Bhatara, S/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Tilai Bhatara, W/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Chitaa Bhatara, Muni Bhatara, S/o- Sanu Bhatara, Pati Bhatara, Samaru Bhatara, Lachhman Bhatara, S/o- Baisakhu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 304
577	108	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.004	Rakhit 108	614	318	Private	Dhana / 2	0.107	Shukamati Bhatara, Budhabari Bhatara, S/o- Anand Bhatara, Gurubandha Bhatara, Baiaa Bhatara, S/o- Motiram Bhatara, Padmini Bhatara, W/o- Motiram Bhatara, Palsingh Bhatara, S/o- Dasharu Bhatara, Sanbari Bhatara, S/o- Buti Bhatara, Damayanti Bhatara, W/o- Buti Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 318
578	109	Private	Dangara / 2	0.029	Kalabati Bhatara, Ashamati Bhatara, S/o- Nanda Bhatara, Shukri Bhatara, W/o- Nanda Bhatara, Dasharathi Bhatara, S/o- Dilchand Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 109	615	324	Government	Patita	0.129	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 324
579	110	Private	Dangara / 2	0.1619	Patu Lohara, Kuji Lohara, S/o- Sunadhar Lohara, Caste- Lohara, Village- Talbera 110	616	325	Private	Dhana / 2	0.14	Prahlaad Bhatara, S/o- Pataku Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Talbera 325
580	111	Government	Pathar Bani	0.034	Aabada Ajogya Anabadi 111	617	326	Private	Dhana / 1	0.1469	Daama Bhatara, Debi Bhatara, Guru Bhatara, S/o- Mangalaa Bhatara, Ratani Bhatara, W/o- Mangalaa Bhatara, Manei Bhatara, Sobha Bhatara, S/o- Faguna Bhatara, Mati Bhatara, W/o- Faguna Bhatara, Santha Bhatara, Saman Bhatara, Mangatu Bhatara, S/o- Sampad Bhatara, Masaan Bhatara, W/o- Sampad Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 326
581	112	Private	Dhana / 1	0.258	Bali Bhatara, S/o- Rainu Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Chhelibera 112	618	327	Government	Patita	0.0838	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 327
582	112/384	Private	Dhana / 1	0.154	Kalabati Bhatara, Ashamati Bhatara S/o- Nanda Bhatara, Sukri Bhatara W/o- Nanda Bhatara, Dasarathi Bhatara S/o- Dilchand Bhatara Cast- Bhatara Vill- Talbera 112/384	619	329	Private	Dhana / 1	0.0397	Debsingh Bhatara, Dhanapati Bhatara, S/o- Madhu Bhatara, Duari Bhatara, W/o- Madhu Bhatara, Bala Bhatara, Anantram Bhatara, Samana Bhatara, Dharamu Bhatara, S/o- Budura Bhatara, Mahadeb Bhatara, Dashamu Bhatara, S/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Tilai Bhatara, W/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Chitaa Bhatara, Muni Bhatara, S/o- Sanu Bhatara, Pati Bhatara, Samaru Bhatara, Lachhman Bhatara, S/o- Baisakhu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 329
583	115	Private	Dangara / 2	0.167	Bali Bhatara, S/o- Rainu Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Chhelibera 115	620	332	Government	Patita	0.0051	Aabada Jogy Anabadi 332
584	116	Private	Dangara / 1	0.096	Patu Lohara, Kuji Lohara, S/o- Sunadhar Lohara, Caste- Lohara, Village- Talbera 116	621	333	Private	Dhana / 2	0.0006	Jagannath Bhatara, S/o- Uddhaba Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Talbera 333
585	12	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.161	Rakhit 12	622	358	Government	Nadi	0.365	Aabada Ajogya Anabadi 358
586	14	Private	Dangara / 2	0.08	Dama Bhatara, Devi Bhatara, Guru Bhatara, S/o- Mangalaa Bhatara, Ratani Bhatara, W/o- Mangalaa Bhatara, Manei Bhatara, Shobha Bhatara, S/o- Faguna Bhatara, Mati Bhatara, W/o- Fagun Bhatara, Santha Bhatara, Samana Bhatara, Mangatu Bhatara, S/o- Sampad Bhatara, Masaana Bhatara, W/o- Sampad Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 14	623	375	Private	Atala	0.22	Debsingh Bhatara, Dhanapati Bhatara, S/o- Madhu Bhatara, Duari Bhatara, W/o- Madhu Bhatara, Bala Bhatara, Anantram Bhatara, Samana Bhatara, Dharamu Bhatara, S/o- Budura Bhatara, Mahadeb Bhatara, Dashamu Bhatara, S/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Tilai Bhatara, W/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Chitaa Bhatara, Muni Bhatara, S/o- Sanu Bhatara, Pati Bhatara, Samaru Bhatara, Lachhman Bhatara, S/o- Baisakhu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 375
587	147	Private	Dhana / 1	0.125	Kalabati Bhatara, Ashamati Bhatara, S/o- Nanda Bhatara, Shukri Bhatara, W/o- Nanda Bhatara, Dasharathi Bhatara, S/o- Dilchand Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 147	624	376	Private	Dhana / 2	0.49	Debsingh Bhatara, Dhanapati Bhatara, S/o- Madhu Bhatara, Duari Bhatara, W/o- Madhu Bhatara, Bala Bhatara, Anantram Bhatara, Samana Bhatara, Dharamu Bhatara, S/o- Budura Bhatara, Mahadeb Bhatara, Dashamu Bhatara, S/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Tilai Bhatara, W/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Chitaa Bhatara, Muni Bhatara, S/o- Sanu Bhatara, Pati Bhatara, Samaru Bhatara, Lachhman Bhatara, S/o- Baisakhu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 376
588	148	Private	Dangara / 2	0.19	Kamala Lochan Bhatara, Natha Bhatara, S/o- Chaitan Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Chhelibera 148	625	377	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.206	Rakhit 377
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590	150	Government	Pathar Bani	0.179	Aabada Ajogya Anabadi 150	627	379	Private	Dhana / 1	0.085	Debsingh Bhatara, Dhanapati Bhatara, S/o- Madhu Bhatara, Duari Bhatara, W/o- Madhu Bhatara, Bala Bhatara, Anantram Bhatara, Samana Bhatara, Dharamu Bhatara, S/o- Budura Bhatara, Mahadeb Bhatara, Dashamu Bhatara, S/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Tilai Bhatara, W/o- Rupaa Bhatara, Chitaa Bhatara, Muni Bhatara, S/o- Sanu Bhatara, Pati Bhatara, Samaru Bhatara, Lachhman Bhatara, S/o- Baisakhu Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 379
591	151	Private	Dangara / 2	0.008	Bali Bhatara, S/o- Rainu Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Talbera 151	628	381	Government	Jungle	0.413	Rakhit 381
592	152	Government	Sadak	0.083	Sarba Sadharana 152	629	4	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.06	Rakhit 4
593	165	Private	Dangara / 1	0.109	Kalabati Bhatara, Ashamati Bhatara, S/o- Nanda Bhatara, Shukri Bhatara, W/o- Nanda Bhatara, Dasharathi Bhatara, S/o- Dilchand Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 165	630	5	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.352	Rakhit 5
594	166	Private	Bagayata	0.073	Bali Bhatara, S/o- Rainu Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Talbera 166	631	6	Government	Gramya Jungle	0.037	Rakhit 6
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596	168	Private	Dhana / 2	0.433	Sukamani Bhatara, S/o- Dasharath Bhatara, Caste-Bhatara, Village- Talbera 168						
597	169	Government	Sadak	0.009	Sarba Sadharana 169						
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599	2	Private	Dhana / 2	0.02	Kamalsai Bhatara, Lachhu Bhatara, Urkura Bhatara, Dashamu Bhatara, S/o- Parashu Bhatara, Shukru Bhatara, S/o- Guru Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 2						
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602	254	Private	Dhana / 2	0.207	Benudhar Bhatara, Duaru Bhatara, Santa Bhatara, Dasharath Bhatara, S/o- Mudi Bhatara, Daimati Bhatara, W/o- Mudi Bhatara, Rupasingh Bhatara, Manabodha Bhatara, Mangan Bhatara, S/o- Dambaru Bhatara, Subhadra Bhatara, W/o- Dambaru Bhatara, Ishwar Bhatara, Antu Bhatara, Shukadev Bhatara, S/o- Bali Bhatara, Baanu Bhatara, S/o- Hari Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 254						
603	255	Private	Dangara / 1	0.057	Jitru Bhatara, Shira Bhatara, Uddhaba Bhatara, Rama Bhatara, S/o- Bhajamana Bhatara, Suada Bhatara, W/o- Bhajamana Bhatara, Caste- Bhatara, Village- Talbera 255						
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605	257	Government	Basti Jogy	0.053	Rakhit 257						
606	258	Government	Sadak	0.066	Sarba Sadharana 258						
607	259	Government	Jalasaya	0.008	Rakhit 259						
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of the day quote

The partnership with Menarini Group is another step in establishing Glenmark's respiratory focus in Europe. While Glenmark will launch Ryaltris through its own front ends in some markets, this arrangement will allow the product to compete across Europe

ACHIN GUPTA | EXECUTIVE VP, BUSINESS HEAD, GLENMARK PHARMACEUTICALS

Our promise to every Indian farmer to constantly provide technological evolutions to enhance farm productivity and profitability comes packaged with Tiger Electric, where we have bridged the gap between concept and being field-ready

RAMAN MITTAL | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SONALIKA GROUP

Paytm has doubled down on its efforts to hire staff from smaller towns and allow them to continue working from those locations instead of moving to its offices in larger cities amid the pandemic

VIJAY SHEKHAR SHARMA | FOUNDER, PAYTM

SHORT TAKES

Housing loans cross Rs 14K cr

Mumbai: The largest pureplay mortgage player HDFC, which on Wednesday signed a pact with the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), said its green housing retail loan book has crossed the Rs 14,000-crore mark across 310 certified green buildings. The mortgage lender further said as much as 75% of its lease rental discounting portfolio has green ratings.

FinMin receives suggestions

New Delhi: The government received a host of suggestions concerning fiscal policy, taxation and green growth, among others, from various stakeholders during the customary pre-Budget meetings convened by the Finance Ministry through video conferencing. More than 170 invitees representing 9 stakeholder groups participated in 15 virtual meetings chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the Finance Ministry said in a release.

Realme mulls expansion

New Delhi: Smart devices maker Realme Wednesday said it is planning to expand manufacturing capabilities in India to start making artificial intelligence-based internet of things products, including wearables, in the country in near future. Realme India and Europe chief executive officer Madhav Sheth said the ecosystem for making wearable devices in India is not ready but everyone is looking to make an ecosystem of manufacturing.

'Decision to provide certainty'

New Delhi: Leading direct-to-home (DTH) player Tata Sky Wednesday said the government's decision to grant licences to the operators for a longer 20 years would provide certainty to the industry. The Union Cabinet Wednesday approved a revision in the guidelines for providing DTH services in the country under which licences would be issued for 20 years.



We are expecting good days ahead and no more outbreak of any virus like corona in the future. Year 2020 was a disaster, we expect no more disaster. This will save us from further disruption

ARNAB HAZRA | DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL, ISA

PAYTM'S FY20 LOSS NARROWS

One97 Communications Ltd, which operates Paytm, saw its losses narrow to Rs 2,942.36 crore in the financial year ended March 2020, according to regulatory documents



Urban housing shortage rises 54% in 2018: Report

The paper finds that in 2018, urban housing shortage based on the number of physically inadequately housed households was 29 million

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: India's urban housing shortage has risen 54 per cent to 29 million in 2018 from 18.78 million in 2012, based on the number of physically inadequately housed households, according to a research paper.

According to the ICRIER's paper, titled 'Housing For India's Low-Income Urban Households: A Demand Perspective', the per-capita floor area of congested households declined from 111 sq ft in 2012 to 83 sq ft in 2018, signalling the urgent need to address congestion.

"The paper finds that in 2018, urban housing shortage based on the number of physically inadequately housed households was 29 million, 54 per cent higher than 2012. Congestion emerges as the

primary cause of physical inadequacy in housing," the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) said.

Considering homeless households, non-slum households living in physically inadequate houses and slum households, the estimated number of inadequately housed households in 2018 works out to a maximum of 47.3 million or 41 per cent of urban households, the paper said.

"Taking into account the number of congested households living in houses where it might not be possible to build the required number of additional rooms to address congestion, the estimated maximum urban housing shortage or the number of new houses and existing housing in need of some form of in-



tervention in 2018 was around 50 million," it added.

Elaborating further, the paper said there is 40.6 per cent urban household shortage in EWS-1 or below poverty line (BPL) households, 56.8 per cent in EWS-2 households or non-BPL EWS households whose monthly income is Rs 25,000

or less.

It added that there is 2.6 per cent urban housing shortage in the lower income group (LIG) whose monthly income is more than Rs 25,000 but less than Rs 50,000, and a minuscule 0.04 per cent in medium income group (MIG) and other high-income group households whose

monthly income is more than Rs 50,000.

The paper emphasised that stand-alone housing policies are not the best housing solution for low income households.

"Social rental housing schemes, such as the recently announced affordable rental housing complexes (ARHCs) targeting migrant workers, EWS and LIG households, should reserve a specific number of units in each ARHC for EWS-1 households at a rent lower than that payable by other beneficiary households," it said.

The paper also suggested that the issue of congestion can be addressed by constructing one more room in houses occupied by 17-18 million households, and by constructing two or more rooms in houses occupied by 2 million households.

Sitharaman wraps up pre-Budget meet

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Wednesday concluded pre-budget consultation meetings for budget 2021-22 held in virtual mode. More than 170 invitees representing 9 stakeholder groups participated in 15 meetings scheduled between December 14 and 23.

The stakeholder groups include financial and capital markets; health, education and rural development; water and sanitation; trade union and labour organisations; industry, services and trade; infrastructure, energy and climate change sector; agriculture and agro-processing industry; industrialists; and economists.

Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur, Finance Secretary AB Pandey; Secretary, DIPAM, Tuhin Kanta Pandey; Secretary, Expenditure, TV Somanathan; Secretary, DEA, Tarun Bajaj; Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy Subramanian and senior officers from Ministry of Finance and other Ministries also participated in the meetings.

The stakeholder groups made several suggestions on various subjects that included fiscal policy, including taxation; bond markets; insurance; infrastructure spending; health and education budget; social protection; skilling; water harvesting and conservation; sanitation;



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MGNREGS; public distribution system; ease of doing business; production linked investment scheme, exports; branding of 'Made in India' products, public sector delivery mechanisms; innovation, green growth; non-polluting sources of energy and vehicles, among others.

The participants lauded the government's efforts to flatten the Covid-19 curve and a strong recovery in economic growth in the second quarter of 2020-21, a Finance Ministry statement on the meetings said. They further stated that India is among very few countries whose economic activity has risen with declining pandemic induced fatalities, the statement added.

Das discusses credit flow, rate cut transmission with bank MDs

RBI cautions public

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank Wednesday cautioned the public not to fall prey to the growing number of unauthorised digital lending platforms and mobile apps.

In a release, the RBI noted that there have been reports about individuals/small businesses falling prey to such unauthorised platforms and apps which promise quick and hassle-free loans.

Reports also refer to excessive rates of interest and additional hidden charges being demanded from borrowers; adoption of unacceptable and high-handed recovery methods; and misuse of agreements to access data on the mobile phones of the borrowers, it added.

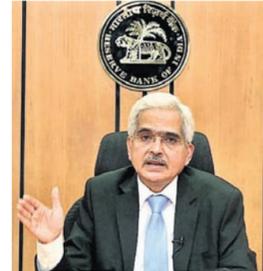
"Members of public are hereby cautioned not to fall prey to such unscrupulous activities and verify the antecedents of the company/ firm offering loans online

or through mobile apps," the RBI said. The central bank also asked customers to never share copies of KYC documents with unidentified persons or unauthorised apps and "report such Apps/Bank Account information associated with the Apps to concerned law enforcement agencies."

Besides, the Sachet portal (https:achet.Rbi.Org.In) can also be used to file an online complaint. Legitimate public lending activities can be undertaken by banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) registered with RBI and other entities who are regulated by the state governments under statutory provisions.

The banks need to remain vigilant and take proactive measures to strengthen their resilience and lending capacity by raising capital and making provisions proactively

SHAKTIKANTA DAS GOVERNOR, RBI



touched upon the current economic situation and emphasised the importance of the banking sector in supporting the ongoing revival in economic activities.

With regard to the banking sector, Das "reiterated the need for banks to remain vigilant and take proactive measures to strengthen their resilience and lending capacity by raising capital and making provisions proactively".

The virtual meeting, also attended by the Deputy Governors of the central bank, also discussed progress in the implementation of Resolution Framework for Covid-related stressed assets and progress in making the identified districts in states and UTs 100 per cent digitally enabled among other issues.

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Mumbai, Dec 23: Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das continued discussions with MDs and CEOs of both public and private sector banks Wednesday.

The discussions, which began Tuesday, included the assessment

of the current economic situation and outlook, monetary policy transmission, credit flows to different sectors of the economy including stressed sectors and MSMEs, among other matters.

An RBI statement said that in his opening remarks, the Governor

Tanishq unveils 'Moods of the Earth'

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: Tanishq India's most trusted and loved jewellery brand has unveiled an exotic contemporary line embracing Mother Nature called, Moods of the Earth. The collection is inspired by four poetic moods the planet exhibits: The Earthy Browns, Lush Greens, Blushing Pinks, and Serene Whites.

The Moods of Earth collection beautifully weaves the story of nature's mesmerising hues that celebrates the Earth and all her myriad moods. From Canyons and Rock formations, Woods and Foliage, Cherry Blossoms and Orchids to the enigma of Frost and beautiful Snow covered landscape, this collection encapsulates the very essence of Nature and its calming hues.



Tanishq's Moods of the Earth features 28 exclusive pieces of contemporary necklace sets embellished with breath-taking diamonds, and gorgeous coloured gemstones that breathe magnificence into this collection. The collection elevates the user experience by offering an array of added functionality aspects like detachable pendants, reversible earrings, and

dual look designs as well and is designed to infuse glamour into one's brunches and evening soirees as well. The collection boasts of innovative techniques like gemstone bunching, use of dual-tone gold, 3D printing, and so on that adds a touch of charm & modularity.

The brand has undertaken a unique initiative for this collection and has partnered with www.grow-trees.com in an attempt to give back to the inspiration; our Mother Earth. As a token of gratitude to Nature, for every product sold under the Moods of The Earth collection, a sapling will be planted in the customer's name along the banks of river Ganga in Buxar region to help reduce soil erosion and improve soil fertility. A personalised digital certificates in the customer's name will be sent via email as well.

Airtel again pips Jio in customer addition

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dec 23: India's telecom subscriber base grew to over 1.17 billion in October with Bharti Airtel maintaining its leadership in mobile subscriber addition that accounts for over 98 per cent of total connections in the country, according to the monthly report released by sector regulator Trai Wednesday.

This is the second consecutive month when Airtel added highest number of subscribers. In September, it had regained the leadership position in subscriber addition after a gap of four years.

The Sunil Bharti Mittal-led company added 3.67 million new customers in October, taking its total

wireless customer base to 330.28 million in October 2020, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (Trai) report said.

Airtel was followed by Reliance Jio, which added 2.22 million new mobile customers, taking its total subscriber base to 406.35 million during the reported month. The other four mobile service providers - Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL), BSNL, MTNL and Reliance Communications - reported loss of subscriber base.

VIL lost the maximum mobile customers during the month. The company lost 2.65 million subscribers, with its wireless subscriber base dipping to 292.83 million in October.

BSNL lost 10,208 customers while MTNL 7,307 customers.

Govt procures paddy worth ₹81,400cr

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: Paddy procurement has increased 23 per cent so far in the ongoing kharif marketing season to 431.14 lakh tonne, valued at Rs 81,400 crore.

The kharif marketing season (KMS) starts from October.

Paddy procurement for kharif 2020-21 is continuing smoothly in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bihar, an official statement said.

The Food Corporation of India and state agencies have purchased 431.14 lakh tonne of paddy up to December 22 against 350.04 lakh tonne in the corresponding period of last year.

"About 51.90 lakh farmers have already been benefitted from the ongoing KMS procurement operations with MSP value of Rs 81,399.80 crore," the statement said.

Punjab has purchased 202.77 lakh tonne till the close of procurement season in the state on November 30, which is 47.03 per cent of total procurement in the country.

The government procures wheat and paddy at the minimum support price (MSP) from farmers to meet its requirement under the food law and other welfare schemes.

"Till December 22, a quantity of 62,95,350 cotton bales valuing Rs 18,415.48 crore has been procured benefitting 12,20,588 farmers," the statement said.

Extension of IBC suspension comes with added risks

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: In a major relief for several financially stressed companies amid the pandemic, the government has again extended the suspension on fresh insolvency cases for three months, but experts fear this extension may also lead to an economic cost of preventing resolution, leading to more stressed assets.

On Tuesday, in an exercise of the powers conferred by section 10A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (31 of 2016), the Centre notified a further extension of three months from December 25, 2020.

Charanya Lakshmi Kumar, Partner with Lakshmi Kumar & Sridharan Attorneys, noted that the final extension possible under the current language of the Section, until March, 25 2021 has now also been notified by the Central Government.



He also said that while the suspension until March 2021 was expected, any further suspension will pose significant challenges.

"Unless the Act is amended, it is unlikely that a further extension of the suspension of the IBC post March 2021 can occur by a government notification," he said.

Additionally, the economic cost of preventing resolution of stressed companies and keeping capital and lenders' money locked-in will heavily weigh on the government, Lakshmi Kumar added.

'Pharma sector revenue likely to remain healthy in FY22'

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Dec 23: With inelastic demand for drugs and resumption of production to the near pre-Covid levels by Q3 FY2021, revenue growth for IPM (Indian Pharmaceutical Market) is expected to be 7-9 per cent in FY2021 despite muted growth in Q1 FY2021, ratings agency ICRA said in a report.

The revenue growth in FY2022 is expected to be slightly better at 8-11 per cent, though lower incidences of acute diseases, lesser OPDs and elective surgeries may

continue to have some bearing on growth and will depend upon the course of the pandemic, the report added.

The API/KSM (Key Starting materials) supplies from China, which were initially hit due to the Covid-19, have resumed gradually since March 2020 and are nearing the normalcy levels. Approximately 60 per cent of the APIs/KSM consumed, is imported from China.

Production disruptions owing to restrictions in mobility of manpower and materials eased significantly after the first few weeks of the lockdown. At present, the pro-



duction has reached 90-95 per cent of the pre-Covid levels. The prof-

itability has improved in H1 FY2021 owing to lesser overheads during

the lockdown period - primarily travel, marketing and selling ex-

CONTAINING COVID

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penditure. The trend is expected to reverse once the pandemic situation resolves and FY2022 margins will remain in line with the pre-Covid levels, the report said.

The credit metrics of leading pharma companies are expected to remain stable in view of future growth prospects in regulated markets and relatively strong balance sheets, ICRA said adding that the capital structure and coverage indicators are expected to remain strong despite pressure on profitability and a marginal rise in debt levels given the inorganic investments.

GILL CYNOSURE OF ALL EYES

SPINNER'S CONFESSIONS

MORE IN THE BAG FOR PUJARA: LYON

MELBOURNE: Australia's 'in-depth' planning to subdue Cheteshwar Pujara worked out well in the opening Test at Adelaide. However, Aussie off-spinner Nathan Lyon said it would be a massive challenge to keep the 'world-class' batsman quiet through the remainder of the series. He however, assured that the home team have a couple of more surprises lined up for the Pujara in the second Test beginning Saturday.

"I can't reveal secrets, to be honest with you. But, obviously Pujara is a world-class batter. He is going to be a big challenge for us for the rest of the series," the 33-year-old Lyon said at a virtual press-conference Wednesday.

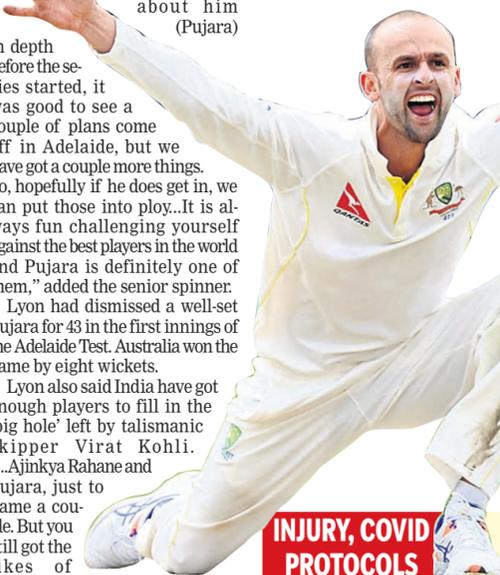
"We spoke about him (Pujara) in depth before the series started, it was good to see a couple of plans come off in Adelaide, but we have got a couple more things. So, hopefully if he does get in, we can put those into play...It is always fun challenging yourself against the best players in the world and Pujara is definitely one of them," added the senior spinner.

Lyon had dismissed a well-set Pujara for 43 in the first innings of the Adelaide Test. Australia won the game by eight wickets. Lyon also said India have got enough players to fill in the 'big hole' left by talismanic skipper Virat Kohli. "...Ajinkya Rahane and Pujara, just to name a couple. But you still got the likes of (KL) Rahul and (Mayank) Agarwal, who have been exceptional as well. So there are enough guys in that squad to fill Virat's shoes," Lyon informed.

Lyon also feels that Indian batsmen will try and attack him once again, a strategy that he is both familiar and comfortable with. "...When you look at the quality of the quick bowlers that we have got here in the Australian side, I think it's one of their tactics to come after me which is totally fine," he said. "So it's all fun part of playing cricket and especially being a spin bowler," he added.

'NO COMPARISONS'

MELBOURNE: Ace Australian spinner Nathan Lyon said Wednesday he and India's Ravi Ashwin are similar yet different types of bowlers, so comparisons should not be made between the two. "Ashwin is a world-class bowler, to be honest. I have watched him a lot especially when I was in India to try and learn of him. But he is a very clever bowler, he has got all the variations," Lyon said. "He's very cagey with the way he changes his pace. We are similar in a way but we are very different as well, so I can't really compare myself to him," added the off-spinner. Ashwin has 370 Test wickets in his kitty while Lyon is inching towards the 400-mark with 391 scalps.



INJURY, COVID PROTOCOLS

India begin preparations for 2nd Test after 1st game fiasco

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Melbourne, Dec 23: Determined to leave behind the embarrassing defeat in the series-opener, the Indian team, under stand-in skipper Ajinkya Rahane, switched their focus to red-ball cricket Wednesday. The cynosure of all eyes was youngster Shubhman Gill who had a long batting stint. It is expected that Gill will replace Prithvi Shaw as opener in the upcoming Boxing Day Test beginning December 26. Also seen at the nets was Ravindra Jadeja who had a long bowling session not just once, but twice. He missed the first Test due to concussion. First, he bowled for an hour to Cheteshwar Pujara and then returned after a brief rest to bowl to others. It means that he is in the scheme of things when the team for the second Test is selected.

KL Rahul, who received backing from the legendary Sunil Gavaskar for the opening slot, too had a long stint at the nets. India were bowled out for their lowest-ever score of 36 in their second innings at Adelaide. They lost the game by eight wickets. Stand-in skipper Rahane will now have to take the onus of inspiring the team to script a turnaround in Virat Kohli's absence.

The practice session begun with head coach Ravi Shastri giving a pep talk to the team members. All of them stood in a huddle at the MCG. "We are in Melbourne and now as the red-ball Tests start, it is time to regroup. #TeamIndia," BCCI

wrote on its twitter handle. Shastri also had a chat with Rishabh Pant, who came out to bat at the nets ahead of Wriddhiman Saha. "This was another indication that Pant is all set to replace the latter."

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BOWLER'S CAPTAIN

NEW DELHI: Stand-in skipper Ajinkya Rahane is a 'bowler's captain' and is calm in demeanour and clear in communication with players. These traits should help him lead the team well in remainder of the Test series against Australia, said Ishant Sharma. The fast bowler has missed the tour due to a side strain. He asserted Rahane has the ability to nicely play the leadership role. "He's very quiet and confident and I must say he's a bowler's captain," Ishant told 'ESPNCricinfo'. "Whenever Virat has not been around on the field, he'd ask me 'What kind of field you want? When you want to bowl? He's not someone who'd say 'do this or do that. He is very clear about what he wants from his team,'" Ishant added.



PEP TALK: Head coach Ravi Shastri speaks as the Indian players form a huddle ahead of their training session Wednesday at the MCG

SHUBHMAN GILL IS ONE PLAYER SURE TO MAKE THE TEAM FOR THE MCG BOXING DAY TEST. INDIA NEED SOLIDITY AT THE TOP OF THE ORDER AND GILL HAS SHOWN THAT HE HAS THE QUALITY. GILL GOT 43 AND 65 IN THE PINK BALL WARM-UP GAME, SO HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN AUTOMATIC CHOICE FOR THE ADELAIDE GAME. HIS TECHNIQUE IS BETTER THAN PRITHVI SHAW'S

VIRENDER SEHWAG

Warner, Abbott to miss 2nd Test also

MELBOURNE: Star opener David Warner and pacer Sean Abbott were Wednesday ruled out of the second Test against India, beginning here Saturday, because of a mix of injuries and COVID-19 protocols. Both Warner and Abbott were outside the team's bio-secure hub to get treatment for their respective groin and calf injuries. The duo was flown out here ahead of schedule last Saturday due to worries over the recent outbreak of coronavirus in Sydney's northern beaches. "While neither player has been in a specific 'hotspot' on Sydney's northern beaches as outlined by NSW Health, Cricket Australia's (CA) biosecurity protocols do not allow them to rejoin the squad in time for the Boxing Day Test," CA said in a statement. "The pair travelled from Sydney to Melbourne to continue their rehabilitation given the changing public health situation in Sydney at the time," it added. Warner still hasn't recovered fully from the groin injury, sustained during the ODI series. Abbott has recovered from a calf strain but he is unlikely to break into a playing XI that beat India by eight wickets last week. CA said "no additional players will be added to the squad for the Boxing Day Test" and "Warner and Abbott will rejoin the Australian men's squad ahead of the third Test against India".

SHORT TAKES

First defeat

Milan: Juventus fell to their first league defeat of the season Tuesday as the 10-man Bianconeri lost 0-3 at home to Fiorentina to slip further behind in Serie A points table. Dušan Vlahovic got Fiorentina off to the perfect start when he scored in the third minute. An Alex Sandro own goal and a late effort from former Juventus defender Martin Cáceres sealed the match for Fiorentina. It was Fiorentina's first victory since Cesare Prandelli returned as coach.

Act of inspiration

Bangalore: One of the inspiring stories of the TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2020 is a five-month pregnant woman completing the race in just 62 minutes. Meet Ankita Gaur, a mom-to-be, who completed her World 10K run Sunday. She has been participating in the race for the last eight years. "This is something I have been doing for the past nine years, almost every day, Ankita said Wednesday. "It is like breathing to me," she said.

FC Goa triumph

Vasco: Igor Angulo scored a stoppage-time winner to help FC Goa script a thrilling 2-1 victory over Jamshedpur FC (JFC) in their ISL match at Tilak Maidan, here Wednesday. Stephen Eze (33rd minute) had put Jamshedpur ahead in the first half but Angulo's brilliant brace (64th, 90+4th) helped Goa claim all three points and end JFC's six-match unbeaten run. Overall the game was entertaining.

MOST GOALS BY A PLAYER FOR A SINGLE CLUB

MESSI GOES PAST PELE

AGENCIES

Valladolid, Dec 23: Barcelona turned on the style Tuesday to thrash Real Valladolid 3-0 away in La Liga. In the process Lionel Messi scored his 644th goal to surpass Pele as the all-time record scorer for a single club.

Messi also finally got his first assist of the season when he picked out defender Clement Lenglet with a splendid cross and the Frenchman rose to head Barcelona in front after 21 minutes.

The Argentine also had a hand in the second goal, laying on a pass for right-back Sergino Dest to latch on to down the right flank and play a cross into the path of Martin Braithwaite, who slid in to score in the 35th minute.



ON RAMPAGE: Lionel Messi (in pink) makes his run even as a Real Valladolid player tries to stop him

Messi capped a brilliant individual display with a splendid goal midway through the second half, running in behind to meet a pass from teenager Pedri and slotting into the far bottom corner to eclipse Pele's

When I started playing football, I never thought I would break any records, especially the one I broke today, which was Pele's. I can only thank everyone who's helped me all these years

LIONEL MESSI

long-standing scoring mark for Santos. He could have added to his tally but hit the post in added on time.

Messi needed 749 games for his 644 goals for Barcelona. Pele was a tad quicker - he played 665 matches for Santos to score 643 goals.

In another game, Atletico Madrid defeated Real Sociedad 2-0 with second half goals from Mario Hermoso and Marcos Llorente.

Important decisions on cards during BCCI AGM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ahmedabad, Dec 23: The inclusion of two new IPL franchises, a discussion on the contentious tax exemption demanded by the ICC for global events in India and the formation of various cricket committees will be on top of the agenda when the BCCI holds its 89th AGM here Thursday.

The BCCI will also have a new vice-president in Rajiv Shukla, who is going to officially take over after being put forth as the unanimous choice.

The biggest development could be the approval of new IPL teams but primarily from the 2022 edition. "At this point, the 10-team IPL, if BCCI intends to conduct it in 2021, will be a hurried one given

Sourav Ganguly may be questioned as his endorsements clash with official BCCI sponsors

Rajiv Shukla to be inducted as BCCI vice-president

Exemption of taxes for ICC World T20 event to be discussed

that the tendering process and a mega auction will be difficult to organise in such a short span of time," a senior BCCI official told this agency on the eve of the meeting.

There's only a week left for the BCCI to meet the ICC's deadline of giving complete assurance that the global body will get full tax exemption for holding the World T20 in October-November or else it will be shifted to the UAE. The BCCI can't afford such a move.

Triple delight for young Indians at world chess meet

AGENCIES

Chennai, Dec 23: It was a memorable treble for India as Grandmaster (GM) Nihal Sarin, Woman International Master (WIM) Rakshit Ravi and D Gukesh won titles Tuesday in their respective categories in the FIDE Online Youth and Cadet Rapid Championships.

The highly-rated Sarin (Elo 2620) beat Armenian GM Shant Sargyan 1.5-0.5 in the Open under-18 section final. Rakshit Ravi also won by a similar margin against China's Song Yuxin in the girls under-16 final.



The 16-year old Sarin won a marathon 58-move second game after honours were shared in the first. Earlier in the semifinals, Sarin had beaten Italian Francesco Sonis 1.5-0.5.

Rakshit Ravi on the other hand, after a draw in the first game, won the second in 39 moves to emerge world champion.

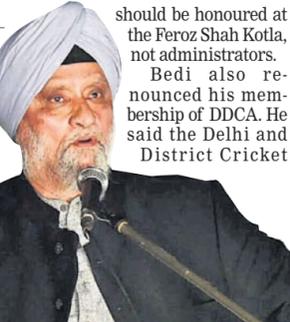
Gukesh made it three golds for India when he beat Volodar Murzin 2-1 in the final of the under-14 category. Earlier, Gukesh beat FM Denis Lazavik by the same margin in the semifinals.

INSTALLATION OF ARUN JAITLEY'S STATUE AT THE FERAZ SHAH KOTLA

Angry Bedi demands removal of his name from stand

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dec 23: Lambasting the DDCA for deciding to install a statue of its late former president Arun Jaitley at the Feroz Shah Kotla ground, spin legend Bishan Singh Bedi has asked the body to remove his name from the spectators' stand, named after him in 2017. Bedi has said that only sporting greats



should be honoured at the Feroz Shah Kotla, not administrators.

Bedi also renounced his membership of DDCA. He said the Delhi and District Cricket

Association's (DDCA) culture is to promote nepotism and put 'administrators ahead of cricketers'.

"I pride myself as a man of immense tolerance and patience...But all that I'm afraid, is running out. DDCA has truly tested me and forced me to take this drastic action. So, Mr President I request you to remove my name from the stand named after me with immediate effect. Also, I hereby renounce my DDCA membership," Bedi wrote in his letter to current president Rohan Jaitley, who incidentally is the son of the for-

I think I was too head strong. Too Old school and too proud an Indian cricketer to be co-opted into the corrupt darbar of sycophants Arun Jaitley had

BISHAN SINGH BEDI

mer BJP minister. Arun Jaitley passed away last year. He was DDCA president for 14 years, from 1999 to 2013, before quitting cricket administration. The

body plans to have a six-foot statue of him installed at the Kotla to honour his memory.

Putting his decision in context, Bedi wrote that he was never a fan of Jaitley's working style and always opposed any decision that he did not agree with. "I'm not at all enamoured with the thought of a statue of Arun Jaitley coming up at Kotla," he wrote. "It's the Parliament which needs to remember him for posterity. ...Sporting arenas need sporting role models. The place of the administrators is in their glass cabins," he added.