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More than 3 lakh children vaccinated in Nagaland

KOHIMA, OCT 24 /-/ As part of the Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign, more than three lakh children have been vaccinated in Nagaland, a health department official said on Tuesday. The Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign was launched in the state on October 3 and 3.30, 292 children have been vaccinated till October 22, deputy director in the Health department, Dr Razuokhriuo Rio said. He said that the vaccination was conducted in 2,686 schools through 1,086 outreach sessions. Health department sources said that the vaccination percentage in the state as of now stands at 73.64 per cent. The vaccination campaign will go on till the first week of November, Rio added. (PTI)

Tezpur varsity professor bags INSA Teachers Award

GUWAHATI, OCT 24 /-/ Tezpur University professor Ashis Mukherjee has been awarded the prestigious 'Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Teachers Award (2018)' for his consistent and high-level of teaching, and inspiring and mentoring students to take up careers in Science and Technology. Prof Mukherjee is the dean of Research and Development, the Head and Coordinator of Department of Biotechnology (DBT) Nodal Cell for Medical Colleges and Biomedical Research Institutes of northeastern India, a release issued by the University said Tuesday. The award founded by INSA, New Delhi is one of the highest recognition for science and technology teachers in the country. He will be formally conferred the award at the Anniversary General Meeting of the Academy in December 2018. (PTI)

Woman killed by in-laws

BARIPADA, OCT 24 /-/ A 19-year-old woman was set on fire allegedly by her in-laws for dowry in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, police said on Tuesday. She succumbed to burn injuries on Monday night, they said. The incident took place at Haripur village under Barasahi Police station of the district. The woman had received 80 per cent burn injuries and was admitted to PRM Medical College and Hospital, Baripada. She died while she was being shifted to Tata Hospital at Jamshedpur, police said. Jagadish Nath, father of the deceased, filed an FIR in Barasahi Police station alleging that his daughter was killed by her in-laws family for dowry. He registered a case in this connection. The father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law and the sister-in-law's husband were arrested, said the officer-in-charge of Barasahi police station, Jaynarayan Khandel. The woman's husband was not named in the FIR as he was working in a private company in Gurugram and was not at home at that time. (PTI)

JD-U takes swipe at Tejashwi's Save Constitution Yatra

PATNA, OCT 24 /-/ Ruling Janata Dal (United) on Wednesday took a swipe at RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's ongoing yatra to save Constitution accusing him of meeting dreaded criminals in course of the state-wide tour with those help an attempt may be made to facilitate Lalit Prasad's escape from jail. JD-U spokesman and MLC Neeraj Kumar made a scathing attack on leader of opposition in state assembly Tejashwi Yadav of hobnobbing with dreaded criminals during his yatra that started from Sunday last. The attack followed reports of Yadav meeting family members of don-turned politician Mohammad Shahabuddin in Siwan and seen in selfie taken by history-sheetsheeter Suresh Chaudhary in neighbouring Gopalganj with him in course of his ongoing Samvidhan Bachao Nyay Yatra. On Monday, Tejashwi Yadav cozied up to the family of dreaded former Siwan MP Mohd Shahabuddin. Yesterday, in Gopalganj, a notorious criminal (Suresh Chaudhary) of the district was seen clicking selfies with him. All this in the name of seeking justice and upholding the Constitution, Kumar pointed out. Shahabuddin, currently lodged in the Bihar jail at Delhi, is one of the most dreaded history-sheeter politicians of Bihar. He has represented Siwan in the Lok Sabha on an RJD ticket a number of times. Convictions in a number of cases have led to his disqualification from contesting elections. The JD-U spokesman has shot off a letter to the Director General of Police of Jharkhand stating that he feared, in view of Tejashwi Yadav's hobnobbing with history-sheeters, that an attempt may be made to "facilitate Lalit's escape from jail with the help of criminals". He has urged the Jharkhand police chief to make arrangements so that in the event of such a conspiracy being hatched, the same is effectively foiled. Lalit Prasad is lodged at a hospital in Ranchi under custody. He has been convicted in a number of cases relating to the 1,000-crore fodder scam which pertains to his tenure as the Chief Minister of undivided Bihar. The RJD rubbished the JD-U's allegations saying a person's criminal antecedents are not inscribed on his forehead. RJD spokesman and MLA Bhai Virendra said a public figure like Tejashwi Yadav may be called on by many people whom he does not even know. Moreover, why is the JD-U making a big fuss over the issue when the party's own leader has been caught being photographed with liquor mafia? The RJD leaders comment was an obvious reference to a controversy that had erupted last year when RJD's Nitesh Singh an accused in a hooch tragedy that had struck Bhojpur district many years ago visited the Chief Ministers official residence and photographs of the occasion were used by the opposition party to the Bihar Assembly. The RJD leaders said they will not be deterred by such a move. (PTI)



TMC MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay and his wife TMC MLA Nayana Bandyopadhyay making preparation for Kojagori Laxmi Puja on Wednesday at their residence in Kolkata on Wednesday—Arijit Ganguly

Newborn baby boy found abandoned in roadside drain

JAJPUR, OCT 24 /-/ A newborn baby boy was found abandoned in a roadside drain near Chorada Chhak in Odisha's Jajpur district, police said on Tuesday. The infant, believed to be just five or six hours old, was rescued by a local and admitted to a hospital at Jajpur Road on Monday night, they said adding the condition of the newborn is fine. "I heard a crying sound from the road side drain on Monday night. I went to the spot presuming it was a kitten or puppy. I saw a new born baby boy lying inside the drain. The baby was covered with dirt and insects. I washed the newborn and cleaned him," said Rao Babu, who found the baby. He then informed the local police about the incident last night. "On being informed, we reached the spot and admitted the baby to hospital at Jajpur Road. We are checking the hospitals in and around the Vyas Nagar town for deliveries to find out who abandoned the baby and how he landed inside the drain," said Amitabha Mohapatra, inspector-in-charge of Jajpur Road police station. A team of Jajpur district Child Protection Unit (CPU) has visited the hospital on Tuesday to take stock of the situation. The district Child Protection Officer (DCPO) N Kar said police have been asked to trace the parents of the newborn baby boy. "The infant will remain at the hospital for the time being. The baby is under treatment and he is doing fine," he said adding the district administration will bear all his expenses. (PTI)

Regulation of train services due to non-interlocking work at Sonua in Chakradharpur division

KOLKATA, OCT 24 /-/ In view of Non-Interlocking work at Sonua for connectivity of 3rd line in Chakradharpur-Bondamunda section in Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway, the following train services will be regulated: Cancellation of trains from October 25 to November 11. 68025/68026 Chakradharpur-Rourkela MEMU Passenger will remain cancelled. 68027/68028 Rourkela-Sambalpur-Rourkela MEMU Passenger will remain cancelled. Short termination/short origination of trains: 58111 Tatanagar-Itwari Passenger leaving Tatanagar between October 25 and November 5 will be short terminated at Chakradharpur and will be short originated as 58112 from Chakradharpur. 58112 Itwari-Tatanagar Passenger leaving Itwari between October 24 and November 4 will be short terminated at Rourkela and will short originate as 58111 from Rourkela. There will be no services of 58111/58112 between Chakradharpur-Rourkela-Chakradharpur from October 25 to November 05. 18477/18478 Puri-Haridwar-Puri Utkal Express will run as a Passenger train between Chakradharpur-Rourkela-Chakradharpur from October 25 to November 05. Rescheduling of trains: 12262 Howrah-Mumbai (CSMT) Duronto Express leaving Howrah on October 26, October 29, October 30, October 31, November 2, and November 5 has been rescheduled to leave Howrah at 9.40 am instead of 8.20 am. 12222 Howrah-Pune Duronto Express leaving Howrah on October 25, October 27, November 1 and November 3 has been rescheduled to leave Howrah at 9.40 am instead of 8.20 am. 12871 Howrah-Tilagarh Ispat Express leaving Howrah between October 25 and November 5 has been rescheduled to leave Howrah at 08.55 am instead of 6.55 am. 12872 Tilagarh-Howrah Ispat Express leaving Tilagarh between October 25 and November 5 has been rescheduled to leave Tilagarh at 7.15 am instead of 05.15 am.

CLW produces first loco with aerodynamic design

CHITTARANJAN, OCT 24 /-/ Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) had turned out today the first aerodynamically designed high speed 200 Km/h, WAP-5 passenger electric locomotive to reduce air drag at higher speed for more energy efficiency, dynamically stable for high speed operation and ergonomically re-modified driver desk for improving the conditions of loco pilots. Gear arrangement has been modified for hauling at max speed of 200 kmph. This locomotive shall be utilized to haul the prestigious trains over Indian Railways, like, Rajdhani Express, Gatiman Express and Shatabdi



Express. This locomotive has also been provided with Crew Voice and Video Recording System (CVRS) for Onboard Driving data Recording and Analysis. Cameras with microphones are provided at the critical positions inside & outside the locomotive to record the voice and audio signals for post event analysis with storing the data into digital format. (EOIC)

ER's new security chief appointed

KOLKATA, OCT 24 /-/ Dr. Rajinder Kumar Malik has taken over the charge of IG cum Principal Chief Security Commissioner/RPF/Eastern Railway on October 24. Previously he was posted as IG cum Principal Chief Security Commissioner/RPF/WCR Zone. He is of 1988 Civil Service Batch. He started his service in RPF as assistant security commissioner, Renigunta Subdivision in South Central Railway in the year 1989. He is a mechanical engineer and holds a doctorate in Regulatory Affairs. During his tenure as PCSC/RPF/WCR Zone, he was awarded with Railway Security Shield twice in the year 2015-16 and 2016-17. He was conferred with DG Insignia in the year 2001 for outstanding Railway passenger services in Delhi area. He was also awarded prestigious Indian Police Medal in the year 2005 for outstanding service and "President Police Medal" in the year 2018 for meritorious service by His Excellency President of India. He has also served on deputation to Govt. of India as Director, DIPP in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He was also Secretary of IERC. (EOIC)



Kolkata Metro celebrates 34 years of its 'maiden run' in the City of Joy

KOLKATA, OCT 24 /-/ Metro Railway, Kolkata celebrated its 34 years of service to the nation today i.e. on October 24. Thirty four years ago, on this day i.e. on October 24, Metro Railway, Kolkata, the first underground Railway of the country started its maiden run from Esplanade to Bowbazar (now Netaji Bhawan) covering 4 stations. To mark the occasion, a Metro ride for 34 street children from Shivabazar-Sutanuti to Noapara and back to Park Street Station was organized. A sit and draw programme was also organized at Park Street station in which children in large number participated and prizes were distributed among the children. (EOIC)

Bhubaneswar court allows police to take Mitra on 4 days remand

BHUBANESWAR, OCT 24 /-/ A Bhubaneswar court on Wednesday allowed police to take Delhi-based journalist Abhijit Iyer Mitra on a four-day remand. The in-charge Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate (SDJM), Bhubaneswar, Manoranjan Pradhan allowed police to take Mitra on remand for investigation into an FIR lodged against him in Puri district. The FIR was lodged against Mitra at the Konark Police Station, accusing him of making derogatory remarks on the Sun Temple of Konark, Odisha. Lord Jagannath and the legislators of the Odisha Assembly. Mitra was arrested on Tuesday soon after he appeared before a House Committee of the state Assembly over his alleged anti-Odisha remarks and tendered an unconditional apology. He was lodged in the Special Jail at Jharpada here after the court rejected his bail plea and sent him to 14-day judicial custody Tuesday night. Meanwhile, Saheed Nagar police, in a mail to Twitter, have sought the details regarding e-mail account on which Mitra had opened his Twitter account, the mobile through which he was handling the social media and the date and the time of his posts. Police also requested Twitter to furnish the details of the tweets Mitra had posted about Odisha. Lord Jagannath, the Sun temple and the legislators of the state Assembly. During his visit to Odisha last month, Mitra had posted a video on his Twitter handle where he "criticised Odisha, its people, Lord Jagannath, Konark temple and also Odisha lawmakers." Two FIRs were registered against him at the Konark police station in Khurda district under different sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Mitra had appeared before a House Committee of the Odisha Assembly Tuesday and recorded his statement. The panel has asked Mitra to appear in person again on November 2 and submit an affidavit. Chairman of the House committee Narasingha Mishra, who is also the Leader of Opposition in the Odisha Assembly, had told reporters Tuesday that Abhijit Iyer Mitra confessed to the committee and he and sought an unconditional apology for his stupidity. He has been directed to depose before the committee and submit an affidavit in this regard. "The committee will decide whether to accept his apology or not after examining his affidavit. Accordingly, the committee will then recommend the House to take action against him if necessary," he said. Earlier on September 20, Odisha Assembly Speaker P K Amat had set up a House Committee to probe the alleged derogatory remarks against the state, its culture and the lawmakers made by Mitra. Though the committee had earlier summoned Mitra to appear before it on October 11, he failed to turn up. A notice was then sent to him for appearance before the committee on October 23. (PTI)

Over 500 people arrested on charge of gambling in Odisha

BERHAMPUR/JAJPUR, OCT 24 /-/ Odisha Police have arrested more than 500 people in the two districts of Ganjam and Jajpur on the charge of gambling after raiding several gambling dens run on the occasion of Kumar Purnima festival, a police officer said Wednesday. The police have already arrested over 500 gamblers in Ganjam district this week and have seized Rs 6 lakh in cash, the officer said. A report from Jajpur said that police arrested 11 persons on the charge of gambling after raiding a gambling den in Bharatpur area on Wednesday. Police also seized three bikes, six mobile phones and cash of Rs 5,325 from their possession. "Acting on a tip off, we conducted raid at the gambling den and caught 11 persons in the night on Tuesday in Bharatpur village," said Rakesh Kumar Tripathy, inspector-in-charge of Balichandrapur police station in Jajpur district. Gambling goes on for several days, in most villages during the Kumar Purnima festival, also called Lakshmi puja. The festival is observed five days after Dussehra. As gambling is considered as part of the Kumar Purnima celebrations, many such dens open in nook and corner of Ganjam district and in other districts also, the officer added. (PTI)

More special trains from Bhagalpur during festive season

KOLKATA, OCT 24 /-/ To cater to the rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhat festivals, four pairs of special trains will be run between Bhagalpur and Gandhidham, leaving Bhagalpur on 29 October 29, November 5, November 12 and November and will leave Gandhidham on October 26, November 2, November 9 and November 16. 09552 Utpalgarh - Gandhidham weekly special will leave Bhagalpur at 6.30 am on its nominated days of run while in other direction, 09451 Dn Gandhidham - Bhagalpur weekly special will leave Gandhidham at 5.40 pm on its nominated days of run. This train will have general second class, sleeper, AC 3-tier, AC 2-tier accommodations. To cater to the rush of passengers, one pair of special train will be run between Bhagalpur and Anand Vihar (T) (04089 Up/04090 Dn) leaving Bhagalpur at 11.30 am on November 10 and leaving Anand Vihar (T) at 12.30 am on November 9. This train will have all unreserved second class coaches. (EOIC)