

SHORT TAKES

Fake tobacco unit busted in Bhadrak

Bhadrak: The Old Market police here busted a fake tobacco products manufacturing unit late Monday night. Following a tip-off, a team led by IIC Pragya Mohanty raided the location at Chhadakmahala Sultanagar. Tobacco packets with labels of reputed companies, packing machines and raw materials worth lakhs of rupees were seized. Notably, 10 fake tobacco factories have so far been busted in this district and 10 persons have been arrested. A further investigation is on, police said. The fake tobacco industry in the district has assumed alarming proportions and the administration should act against it, locals said.

Student unrest resurfaces in NOU

Bariapada: Students' unrest resurfaced in North Odisha University (NOU) at Takatpur here Tuesday over alleged misbehaviour by varsity registrar Pramod Kumar Satpathy towards some students. Many students have sought his transfer and lodged a complaint with Vice Chancellor Pradip Kumar Chand in this regard. Besides, a complaint was lodged in this regard at the Bariapada police station. Hostels in the varsity were hit by drinking water problem. As the problem was not addressed, some students along with former students' leaders Duryodhan Behera and Shankarshan Panda took up the issue with the registrar Tuesday afternoon, but the latter allegedly misbehaved with the former.

Jharkhand jumbos back in Nilagiri



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Sajanagad, March 19: Nearly 28 elephants from Jharkhand entered in herds into the Nilagiri area in Balasore district late Monday night. The elephants strayed from the neighbouring state and passed through Mayurbhanj, Nadour, Pundala, Kathapali, Durgadevi, Patana and Ajodhya before entering the Gopalpur reserve forest. Their presence has triggered panic among the locals. Forest officials have surrounded the animals in the forest and have been keeping a close watch on their movement.

The area had seen entry of 38 elephants in October, 2018 and 58 jumbos in November, 2018. The pachyderms had been on a damaging spree before they were pushed back into the Jharkhand side. Following a directive from Balasore divisional forest officer Biswaraj Panda, a team of forest officials including Kuladiha assistant conservator of forest Laxman Pradhan, Nilagiri ranger Sukumar Das and five foresters along with guards and members of the Sabuja Bahini were deployed in the area. They are keeping a close watch on the movement of the animals.

Pay ₹1.6L to children who fell ill after eating MDM: NHRC to CS

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Kendrapara, March 19: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has asked the Chief Secretary to pay ₹1,60,000 to the students who fell ill after eating mid-day meal (MDM) at Arteswar Upper Primary School in Kendrapara district and submit proof of payment before it. The NHRC passed the order based on a petition filed by rights activist Radhakanta Tripathy. Tripathy said 32 students of the Jagannathpur-based school fell ill November 16, 2016 after eating egg curry in their MDM. A dead caterpillar was found in the curry, and it led to headache and vomiting among the students. Tripathy requested an independent investigation, legal action and compensation for the students. After the NHRC issued the notice, the District Education Officer-District Nodal Officer (MDM) held an inquiry November 22, 2016 in the presence of school teachers, SMC members and villagers. On the basis of the report of the Kendrapara DEO, Jayanti Panda, a ZP Teacher of the school, was suspended as per the DEO's order No: 387 December 7, 2016.



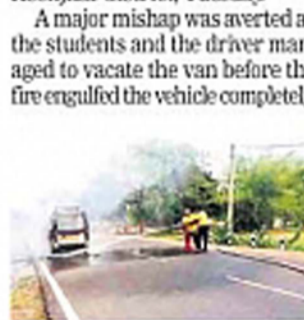
Subsequently charges were framed against the teacher by the DEO of Kendrapara. The NHRC issued a notice under Section 18 of the PHR Act to the Chief Secretary to show-cause why the Commission should not recommend a monetary compensation of ₹5,000 each to all the children who suffered due to the negligence of school officials. The Joint Secretary of the School and Mass Education Department submitted that the government had taken immediate steps on the day of the incident by shifting students to the nearest hospital. Action was also taken against the errant teacher, cook and helper. They were relieved from their duties and the school authorities were cautioned to be

careful in future. The government asked the Commission to reconsider its recommendation to pay monetary compensation to students. A similar report dated March 23, 2018 was also received from the DEO of Kendrapara on action taken in the matter. The Commission considered the request. The NHRC found the response to the show-cause notice was not based on merits. The students suffered due to the negligence of the school authorities. The show-cause notice issued was confirmed, and an amount of ₹5,000 each was ordered to be paid as interim relief to all the students. Although the deadline has passed the Chief Secretary has not submitted the proof of payment.

Close shave for 11 school kids as van catches fire

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Keonjhar, March 19: At least 11 students travelling in a school van had a narrow escape after the vehicle caught fire near Dhanabeni on Dhenkikote-Karanja road in Keonjhar district, Tuesday. A major mishap was averted as the students and the driver managed to vacate the van before the fire engulfed the vehicle completely.



According to sources, the Tata Magic van, carrying students of Patana Saraswati Sishu Vidya Mandir, was on its way to drop off the students at their houses when the vehicle suddenly caught fire. Due to the alertness of the driver, who stopped the vehicle immediately, all the students managed to alight from the van safely. On being informed, fire service personnel reached the spot and doused the flames. However, the van was damaged by them. Fire personnel suspect that a short circuit in the engine chamber might have triggered the fire.

Maoists put up banners, ask people to boycott polls

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Daringbadi, March 19: Maoists have put up posters and banners against the coming general elections in Kandibanda area under Daringbadi police limits in Kandhamal district. The Maoists urged the people not to vote in the elections, and to establish a 'Biplabi Gana Committee.'

The Maoists said in their posters that all ministers of the country were playing dirty politics. The ultras are obviously trying to turn people against the democratic system.

The radicals urged the people to protest against ministers when they come for campaigning. They described the BJP as a 'fascist party' and told the people to oppose it. The police seized the banners and posters and registered a case. Daringbadi police station IIC Alekh Garadia said they will strictly enforce all rules during the elections. He said the posters and banners were displayed by the CPI (ML) and the Baghuna divisional committee



of the Maoists. IIC Garadia said the Maoists have no right to campaign against elections. The right to vote is the right of every citizen in a democracy. He said action will be taken against the Maoists for engaging in anti-democratic activities. The IIC asked the villagers not to panic and assured that the elections will be conducted smoothly. The police have also issued NBWs against 343 people who are involved in criminal activities. Garadia said the police have stepped up patrolling to check Maoist activities in Daringbadi. The police have arrested 60 persons from the 15 panchayats of Daringbadi who are involved in crimes.

WOMEN RANSACK LIQUOR OUTLET

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Rayagada, March 19: Tension gripped Sadar block in Rayagada district after hundreds of women armed with lathis and sticks stormed a country liquor shop and ransacked it near Lada station Tuesday. The women smashed a large number of liquor bottles. Sources said a liquor shop operating in the area was creating problems for the locals, especially the women. Most of the men were spending a large part of their earnings on liquor and were neglecting their families. The frequent visits of drunkards had also increased crime in the area. The women had repeatedly sought the intervention of the district administration to close down the liquor shop. As the administration was ignoring their demand the women took out a rally and ransacked the liquor joint. "Children are skipping school and consuming alcohol. We work the whole day to buy rations for our families while the men waste money on liquor. What will we eat," asked Kumutadi Bidika, a local woman. Another protester said the women had earlier met the Collector and senior police officers regarding their demands. "We had met the Collector and senior police officials with our demands two months ago. But as no action was taken we were forced to act," the protesters said. Rayagada excise superintendent Dandapani Behera said, "The women had lodged complaints. As the liquor unit's licence was set to expire March-end a senior officer was sent there and the local sarpanch was also asked to submit a report regarding objections. Once we get the report action will be taken."

3 of family fall ill after eating wild mushroom

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Patana (Keonjhar), March 19: Three members of a family - an elderly woman and two minor girls - were taken ill after consuming wild mushrooms Monday night at Mirisikhoj under Patana block in Keonjhar district. Sadhabani Biswal, the grandmother of two minor girls Rumi Biswal and Rami Biswal, collected some wild mushrooms from a nearby forest and cooked them

for dinner. After consuming the mushroom curry the two girls complained of stomachache and uneasiness. Later their grandmother also showed signs of nausea and fell ill. Locals admitted the three to Patana government hospital and later shifted them to the district headquarters hospital after their condition worsened. It is suspected that food poisoning caused by the mushrooms might have led to their illness.

Normalcy returns to Lanjigarh

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Bhawanipatna/Bhubaneswar, March 19: Normalcy returned to Lanjigarh in Kalahandi district Tuesday, a day after a security man was burnt to death by a mob and a protester killed in clashes near the Vedanta alumina refinery. Both Vedanta and the state government announced financial assistance to the families of the security personnel and the villager, who were killed when violence erupted as locals demanding jobs and admission of children in the company-run school tried to storm the refinery premises Monday. Vedanta will provide financial assistance of Rs 25 lakh each to the next of kin of the two deceased persons, a company official said. "This gesture and interaction with a cross section of people helped in improving the situation," he said. The Odisha government, too, granted Rs 5 lakh each to the dependents of the Odisha Industrial Security Force (OISF) personnel and the protester, Kalahandi Collector Harsad Gavali said. Some of the agitators had Monday vandalised the community service centre at the alumina plant and set afire OISF staff Sujit Kumar Minz, after locking him in a room, police said. The agitator, who succumbed to injuries at a hospital, was identified as Dani Patra, 35, of Chatrapur village. Superintendent of Police B Gangadhar Tuesday said the situation has improved substantially, and a peace committee formed. The peace committee members and senior police officers took out a peace march in the evening to Lanjigarh, Rengopali and Chatrapur villages, he said. Terming Monday's incident as "unfortunate", a senior Vedanta official said miscreants ransacked a portion of the building near the gate of the plant. A railway line transporting bauxite to the alumina refinery plant and a water pipeline were also damaged, he said, adding, steps are being taken for restoration. "It appears that the violence was the handiwork of unruly elements aimed at hampering development," the official claimed. He said that Patra was employed at the refinery as a contract labour.

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Balasore jute plant declares lockout

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Rupsa, March 19: The authorities of a jute plant in Sadar block of Balasore district declared an indefinite lockout, Tuesday. While the workers' union has urged the plant authorities to reopen the plant as soon as possible, other members of the body have decided to take the matter up with the Collector and the District Labour Officer. The plant owner had convened a meeting with the union's president and other officials February 22 to discuss the wage hike demand. After the meeting, the management had announced that wages would be raised by ₹35 per worker. However, the workers rejected the move. Since then, tension has prevailed on the plant premises. The labourers had staged a demonstration at the gate, burning the effigy of the union's president. They had also demanded that the president be removed from his post. Upon reaching the plant Tuesday, the labourers who work in the 'A' shift found the gate locked from inside and a notice regarding lockout put up. The members said they would decide their future course of action after holding a discussion with the authorities.

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