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Cong wins Raj trust

Gehlot mocks BJP for abortive bid to topple his Govt

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The Ashok Gehlot dispensation won the confidence motion by a voice vote in the Rajasthan Assembly on Friday, ending the threat to its existence triggered by a rebellion within the Congress ranks in the State led by his former deputy Sachin Pilot.

The motion of confidence moved by Rajasthan Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal was passed by voice vote, an expected win after the return of the 19 dissident Congress MLAs led by Pilot to the party-fold.

Replying to the debate on the motion, Gehlot criticised the BJP, accusing it again of trying to bring down his Government. "I will not let the Government topple at any cost even if you make all attempts," he said.

Gehlot said the crisis had come to an end in a beautiful manner and this had hurt the BJP. "What was done in Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Madhya Pradesh? Elected Governments are being toppled and democracy is under danger," he said, accusing the BJP of targeting the Congress Governments.

Without taking names, he alleged that a Union Minister was involved in the conspiracy to topple his Government, saying this had become clear after some audio clips surfaced.

The indirect reference was to Jagendra Singh Shekhawat, who had earlier rejected the Congress allegation.

Gehlot also questioned



whether agencies like ED, CBI and Income Tax department are not being misused in the country? "When you hold conversation on telephone, don't you say the other person to join you on Facebook and WhatsApp. Is this good thing in a democracy?" the CM said.

Gehlot also took potshots on the role of Governor with whom he and his party had to struggle to call the Special Session as the Raj Bhavan was reluctant.

"The post of the Governor has lost its dignity. Don't provoke me or else I will be forced to share what transpired between the Governor and me. I think the Governor was under pressure. Hundered editorials have been written about the situation in the State after the Governor returned the file on the State Government's wish to convene an Assembly session. The job of the Governor is no more than asking to prove majority in the House," Gehlot said in the Assembly.

Using his speech during

the debate, Pilot said, "I want to tell that whatever I or my companions had to say, we have told the doctor (Congress high command) about our complaints. The MLAs are now all together in the Assembly after receiving the treatment."

Rajasthan BJP chief Satish Poonia said the State Congress Government is suffering from a "political corona", even though it has won the vote of confidence.

Poonia remarked that the way Pilot spoke in the Assembly makes it clear that there are still some differences between Gehlot and Pilot.

On Poonia's comments Pilot said he would like to clarify that "I, my work style, my work, my colleagues, and what we discuss within the party, leave it to us. Today's session is about trust vote. I don't want to interrupt anyone's speech. Whether I was pained by anyone's statement or not, leave it to me. It will be better if we discuss issues facing this Government".

The Opposition BJP accused the Gehlot camp of blaming it for the infighting within the Congress.

Targeting the Chief Minister for his comments against his now sacked deputy, Leader of Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria questioned how Pilot became useless after the formation of the Government when he had strengthened the party while in Opposition.

I am the strongest warrior of Cong, avows Sachin Pilot

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Hitting out at the Opposition over its criticism of the recent political developments in Rajasthan, former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot on Friday described himself as the "strongest warrior" of the Congress and said he would protect his party at all costs.

Pilot, who has returned to the Congress fold after a month-long rebellion against Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, made the remarks during the debate on a motion of confidence in the Assembly.

During the debate, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Rajendra Rathore mentioned Pilot's name in various matters, including the recent political developments in the State and a Special Operations Group (SOG) notice issued to him.

Covid 2.5 mn and counting

5.50L cases in past 10 days in India; Health Joint Secy Luv Agarwal tests +ve

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**Covid-19
IN INDIA****TOTAL****CASES: 25,25,144****DEATHS: 49,134****RECOVERED:****18,05,246****ACTIVE: 6,70,276****COVID-19 IN MADHYA PRADESH**

Dists	Total	Cases	Fresh Cases
Bhopal	8139	68	
Indore	9414	157	
Gwalior	3230	54	

Overall, five States with the biggest 24-hour jump in total cases are Maharashtra (12,608), Andhra Pradesh (8,943), Karnataka (7,908), Tamil Nadu (5,890) and Uttar Pradesh (4,512).

Meanwhile, the face of India's Covid-19 fight, Luv Agarwal, joint secretary of the Health Ministry, has also tested coronavirus positive.

"Dear All, just to inform that I have tested positive for Covid-19 and initiating home isolation as per guidelines. Requesting all my friends, colleagues for self monitoring. Contact tracing will be done by health team. Hoping to see everyone soon," he tweeted.

The condition of noted singer Balasubrahmanyam deteriorated and based on the advice of expert medical team attending to him, he has been moved to ICU and he is on life support and his condition remains critical.

According to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India conducted record

8,48,728 tests for detection of coronavirus in a day with an aim to achieve a daily target of 10 lakh and recovery rate rose to 71.17 per cent. The fatality rate has declined to 1.95 per cent. Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan claimed the recovery rate of Covid-19 patients in India is the best in the world.

Maharashtra reported 12608 fresh cases and 364 deaths in the last 24 hours, taking the total tally to 5,72,734 including 19,427 deaths. Nagpur district of Maharashtra recorded its highest single-day spike of over 1,000 coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours. Mumbai has reported 979 new infections and 47 deaths, taking the total tally to 1,28,550 and 7,035 deaths so far. The

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	5,72,734	19,427	4,01,442
Tamil Nadu	3,26,245	5,514	2,67,015
Andhra Pradesh	2,73,085	2,475	1,80,703
Karnataka	2,11,108	3,718	1,28,182
Delhi	1,50,652	4,178	1,35,108
Uttar Pradesh	1,45,287	2,335	92,526
West Bengal	1,10,358	2,319	81,189
Bihar	98,370	500	65,307
Telangana	88,396	674	64,284
Gujarat	76,569	2,746	59,622
Assam	74,502	175	49,384
Rajasthan	58,692	846	43,897
Odisha	58,630	377	39,206
Haryana	45,614	518	38,348
Madhya Pradesh	43,414	1,081	32,405
Kerala	41,277	140	26,992

coronavirus case tally in the slum-dominated Dharavi area here rose to 2,658 on Friday with nine new patients coming to light. Of 2,658 cases, 2,312 patients have already recovered and there are only 87 active cases.

Delhi has reported 1,192 fresh Covid-19 cases on Friday to go past the 150,000-mark for the total number of coronavirus cases registered in the national capital since the outbreak of the disease in February this year.

However, only 11,366 of these are currently infected by the disease and under medical supervision. As per data, 11 deaths have been reported in the past 24-hour cycle due to Covid 19 taking the death toll to 4178.

Amit Shah tests -ve, to stay put in home isolation

New Delhi: Home Minister Amit Shah, who was undergoing treatment for coronavirus at a private hospital in Gurugram, has tested negative. Shah, 55, said on the advice of the doctors, he will be in home isolation for the next few days.

"Today, my corona test report has come and it is negative. I thank God and express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who wished for my recovery," he tweeted.

He also thanked the doctors and paramedical staff of Medanta Hospital.

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CAPSULE

CONSTABLE KILLED IN MAHA NAXAL ATTACK

Nagpur/Mumbai: A constable was killed and his colleague injured in a Naxal attack in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra on Friday morning, police said. A police official said as per preliminary information, the incident took place in Koti village under Bhamaragadh taluka of the Naxal-hit district, around 170km from Nagpur in eastern Maharashtra.

DECOMPOSED BODY OF AIIMS DOC RECOVERED

New Delhi: The decomposed body of a 40-year-old AIIMS doctor was found hanging from the ceiling of his rented accommodation in South Delhi's Hauz Khas area on Friday afternoon, police said. Police received information about foul smell emanating from a house in Gautam Nagar.

J&K Police scoops 2nd highest peacetime gallantry medal

ITBP recommends gallantry medals for 21 jawans who fought PLA troops

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Jammu & Kashmir Police has bagged the Kirti Chakra, the second highest peacetime gallantry medal that comes after the Ashok Chakra on the eve of 74th Independence Day and also earned a Shaurya Chakra, the third highest in precedence in the category. The J&K Police also topped the list of winners of Police Medals for Gallantry (PMG) by bagging 81 medals.

The CRPF follows the J&K Police with 51 medals, mostly for operations conducted in Jammu & Kashmir.

While the Kirti Chakra was awarded posthumously to Head Constable of Jammu & Kashmir Police Abdul Rashid Kalas, the Shaurya Chakra went to Deputy Inspector General of the J&K Police Amit Kumar.

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) on Friday has recommended gallantry medals to 21 troops who fought against China's People Liberation Army (PLA) in Eastern Ladakh in May-June, for this years'



Independence Day.

The ITBP has accorded 294 commendation rolls and insignias to the paramilitary personnel for "displaying raw courage and bravery during face-offs and skirmishes in Eastern Ladakh in May-June, 2020," on the eve of the national festival.

"The ITBP troops not only effectively used shields to protect themselves but also responded fiercely to PLA advancing troops and brought the situation under control. With the highest order of professional skills, ITBP troops fought shoulder to shoulder and also brought the injured Indian Army troops to the rear," the ITBP said in a statement highlighting the bravery against the treachery of the PLA troops.

It further said, "Even when the ITBP troops fought the whole night, they received minimum casualties by giving befitting reply to the stone pelters of the PLA. At places, they gave a determined standoff about 17 to 20 hours throughout the intervening nights."

UP's Bhadohi MLA Mishra detained in MP's Agar

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

An MLA from Bhadohi in Uttar Pradesh, known as musclemann of the region, was detained by Madhya Pradesh Police in Agar Malwa on Friday.

The police, however clarified that they have no case against the lawmaker in the State and have stopped him en route to Rajasthan on the request of Uttar Pradesh police. The MLA was heading to Rajasthan after seeking blessings in Ujjain when he was stopped by Tanodia police and was brought to police station.

Mishra has several criminal cases lodged against him in Uttar Pradesh.

An MLA from Gyanpur in Bhadohi, Vijay Mishra was stopped in Agar Malwa's Tanodia police station on the request of Uttar Pradesh police which claimed that the MLA is wanted in connection with a case lodged against him, said Agar Malwa SP Rakesh Sagar.

The office however clarified that the MP police hasn't arrested him or detained him.

A letter from UP police was received regarding Mishra's involvement in a case. The MLA was accompanied by a driver and two others. He would be handed over to Uttar Pradesh police as per norms, the police officers said.

The MLA had on Thursday issued a video alleging that police were harassing him for being a Brahmin and could be killed in an encounter. The Bhadohi police however later had issued a clarification rejecting Mishra's charges.

Mishra had alleged that he was a Brahmin and four times MLA so he was being framed in fake cases and alleged wrong framing of his wife and son in a criminal case. He had alleged that he could be killed so that someone else could contest poll from his area.

A man had recently complained to police against Mishra his MLC wide Ramlali and son Vishnu for beating him up and usurping his property.

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Illuminations at Madhya Pradesh State Assembly on the eve of Independence day in Bhopal on Friday

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STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and other leaders of the State have greeted people of the country and State on the occasion of 74th Independence Day.

BJP State president Vishnu Dutt Sharma, State Congress president Kamal Nath and others also extended greetings to the people on Independence Day. Governor Patel has extended greetings and best wishes to the people on the occasion of 74th Independence Day. She also paid tribute to the martyred freedom fighters on the occasion.

Patel mentioned that full contribution towards national unity and harmony besides

the development of the country will be the true tribute to the freedom fighters. She urged the youth to ensure their participation in the development of the State and the country taking inspiration from the personalities and ideals of freedom fighters. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has extended best wishes and greetings to the people of the state on the occasion of Independence Day. Reminiscing the sacrifices of the freedom fighters, Chouhan urged the citizens to assimilate the mantra 'Sankalp se Siddhi' given by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He appealed to the citizens to follow their civic responsibilities with utmost diligence to protect freedom.

Chouhan has urged the

citizens to engage themselves to make the State free of corruption, terrorism, casteism, sectarianism and poverty.

Home Minister Narottam Mishra has extended greetings to the people of the State on Independence Day.

He said that this is the occasion when we should take pledge for peace, prosperity and equality in the state and to make the State a leading State of the country.

He said, "We got freedom with struggle of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, Subhash Chandra Bose, Sardar Bhagat Singh, Ashfaqullah, Sukhdev and others."

State Congress president and former chief minister of the state Kamal Nath has also

extended greetings to the people of State and country on Independence Day.

Nath in his message on the occasion said that this great occasion reminds us of the sacrifices made by the martyrs; also this is the occasion to remind us the sacrifice of the youth who laid down their lives for providing us independence. He wished for the continuous development of the country and the prosperity of the people of the country.

Protem Speaker of the State Assembly also greeted people on the 1-day. He would unfurl the tricolour in the State Assembly premises on Saturday, while Principal Secretary of the Assembly AP Singh would hoist the flag at MLA Rest house premises.

BHEL ADMN REMOVES ENCROACHMENTS

Bhopal: Illegal occupancies and encroachments were removed by BHEL Administration near Nandi Foundation at Khajuri road. A cemented platform was built on the land of BHEL located near Nandi Foundation at Khajuri road. The platform was removed with the help of JCB machine. At the place street vendors who have illegally occupied the space were removed. The action was taken in the Senior Deputy Director General ML Nagaur, RP Tripathi Officer-in-Charge (Eviction) and maintenance, BHEL's security team and labor force.

MOU SIGNED BETWEEN SATI.MPCST

Bhopal: Joint research will be done in the field of science and engineering. Students and faculties from various disciplines of engineering will have the opportunity to train and visit the council, said Director General of the Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology (MPCST) Anil Kothari at the signing of MoU between and Samrat Ashok Technological Institute (SATI), Vidisha and MPCST.A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at Vigyan Bhawan between MPCST, Bhopal and Samrat Ashok Technological Institute (SATI), Vidisha, under which the areas of science and technology between the two institutions Cooperation will be done in research and development. On behalf of the MP Science and Technology Council, the MoU was signed by Director General Anil Kothari and Director JS Chauhan on behalf of Samrat Ashok Technological Institute, Vidisha. Director of Samrat Ashok Technological Institute JS Chauhan, said that there is a need to make youth and rural areas self-sufficient for a self-reliant India. Engineering students will be encouraged to start up and innovate.

ONLINE EXHIBITION INAUGURATED

Bhopal: On the eve of the Independence Day, the Minister for Culture, Tourism and Adhyatm Usha Thakur inaugurated from Indore the Online Exhibition based on Freedom Movement 1920-1947. The exhibition organized by the Directorate of Archaeology Archives and Museums can be viewed on the website of the www.archaeology.mp.gov.in.

STATE CABINET ENDORSES DECISIONS

Bhopal: The State cabinet met on Friday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, endorsed the decisions taken by the state government for restarting and revival of industries affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This is the third virtual meeting to be held through video conferencing. The Cabinet also approved creation of new posts of Law officer in office of the Advocate General, Jabalpur and office of the Additional Advocate General, Gwalior. In the cabinet meeting, discussions were also held on Madhya Pradesh Cooperative Society (Amendment) Ordinance 2020.

CRIME BRANCH SEIZES HAUL OF LIQUOR

Bhopal: Crime branch Bhopal police has seized a haul of liquor and a jeep worth over `10 lakh and nabbed five miscreants from New Punjabi Dhaba in Khajuri area and Daussehra Maidan in Chhola area on Thursday. Acting on a tip off, police acted swiftly and raided the place where truck was parked and nabbed four persons.

SBI further empowers farmers with YONO Krishi
Introduces KCC
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STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

State Bank of India (SBI) continues to empower its farmer customers by offering them technology backed agricultural solutions with YONO Krishi. The recently launched platform that caters to all the requirements of farmers from sowing to harvesting and then selling has been receiving significant traction from the farmers. In the current unprecedented times due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SBI is set to make lives easier for its farmer customers by introducing the KCC Review option on YONO Krishi.

With this added feature, farmers will no longer need to travel the distance to visit the bank branch to apply for a revision in their KCC limit. KCC Review option on YONO Krishi will help farmers apply

for the same in just 4 clicks from the comfort of their homes without any paperwork.

Recognizing the fact that not all farmers may have access to smartphones, SBI has also streamlined the KCC review process at its branches. KCC Review on YONO Krishi is expected to benefit more than 75 lakh farmers having KCC accounts with SBI. The feature of paperless KCC review will not only help farmers save costs and effort involved in applying for revision of the KCC limit, but also make the process quicker for them especially during the harvesting season.

Rajniish Kumar, Chairman, SBI said, "Introduction of YONO KCC Review on YONO Krishi is SBI's yet another initiative to make our farmer customers, future-ready by offering them constant digital innovations pertaining to their agricultural needs."

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3.	Mr. Chakramani Yadav S/o Mr. DK Vimal Yadav Add.: VK 3/254 Danish Kunj Kolar Road Bhopal (M.P.)-462042 Also At:- Flat No.02305 Block No.02 Third Floor Sr. MIG 2 Soumya Evergreen Vill. Hinotia Alam Nagar Palika Ward No.84, Tahsil Huzur, District Bhopal (M.P.) - 462042	Mrs. Anjana Yadav W/o Mr. Chakramani Yadav Add.: DK 3/254 Danish Kunj Kolar Road Bhopal (M.P.) - 462042.	Rs.17,84,175/- (Rs. Seventeen Lacs Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five Only) Rs.1,60,000/- (Rs. One Lacs Sixty Thousand Only)	11-02-2020 29-06-2020	₹ 17,59,183/- as on- 09.06.2020 ₹ 1,69,669/- as on- 09.06.2020	All that piece and parcel of the property in the name of Mr. Chakramani Yadav S/o Mr. Vimal Yadav and Mrs. Anjana Yadav W/o Mr.chakramani Yadav, Flat No. 02305 Block No.02 Third Floor Sr. MIG 2 Soumya Evergreen Khasra No.402/2, 402/1, 406/11/3, 406/2kh, 406/1/2GHA, Vill. Hinotia Alam Nagar Palika Ward No.84, Tahsil Huzur District Bhopal (M.P.) 462042, Comprising Seable Buildup Area 879.2 Sq.ft.super Bulidup Area1099 Sq.ft., Common Area 219.8 Sq.ft. Boundaries: East: Road, West : Flat No.02308, North : Flat No.02304, South : Flat No.02306
4.	Mr. Chandra Prakash Meena S/o Mr.Ram Narayan Meena Add.: H. No.02, Pipal Chouraha Main Road Near Kali Mandir Karond Bhopal (M.P.)- 462001 Also At:- Plot No. Sr. MIG 29 (Corner), Situated At Housing Board Colony, Village Rusalli, Karond Kalan, Tehsil Huzur, Dist, Bhopal (M.P.)-462001	Mrs. Arti Meena W/o Mr. Chandra Prakash Meena Add.: H. No.02, Pipal Chouraha Main Road Near Kali Mandir Karond Bhopal (M.P)- 462001	Rs. 49,37,058/- (Rs. Forty Nine Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Fifty Eight Only)	09-01-2020 29-06-2020	₹ 48,04,176/- as on- 09.06.2020	All that piece and parcel of the property in the name of Mrs. Arti Meena W/o Mr. Chandra Prakash Meena, one Residential house on Constructed Over Plot No. Sr. MIG 29 (Corner), Situated At Housing Board Colony, Village Rusalli, Karond Kalan, Tehsil Huzur, Dist, Bhopal (M.P.)- 462001, Admeasuring Area 1517 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: East : 18 Meter Road, West : LIIG Plot, North : 09 Meter Road, South : Sr. MIG 30
5.	M/s Homestead (India) Private Limited. Through its Directors Add.: R-1, SBI Colony, M.P. Nagar Zone II, Bhopal (M.P.) - 462005.	1. Ms. Minal Gagrani, 2. Ms. Poonam Gagrani 3. Mr. Ravindra Kumar Gagrani S/o Mr. Shiv Narayan Gagrani, 4. Mrs. Hema Gagrani W/o Mr. Ravindra Gagrani 5. Mr. Manoj Gagrani S/o Mr. Shiv Narayan Gagrani 6. Mr. Arpit Gagrani S/o Mr. Ravindra Gagrani Add.: E-3/7 HIG Aera Colony Near Ganesh Mandir, Bhopal (M.P.) 462016. Also At: Plot No. 106, MP Nagar Zone II, Ward No.44, Tehsil Huzur, Dist. Bhopal (M.P.) 462005 Also At: 15 Jumerati Bazaar Bhopal (M.P.) - 462001.	Rs. 2,00,00,000/- (Rs.Two Crore Only)	28-09-2019 21-07-2020	₹ 2,07,98,382.74 as on- 15-10-2019	Primary Security : Exclusive charge on entire current asset (including stock and book debit) (present and future) of the company. Collateral Security: All that piece and parcel of the property Equitable Mortgage of Southern part of commercial/ residential lease hold plot situated at Plot No. 106, MP Nagar Zone II, Ward No.44, Tehsil Huzur, Dist. Bhopal (M.P.) in the name of Mr. Ravindra Kumar Gagrani and Mrs. Hema Gagrani. Plot area is 1830 Sq.Ft or 170.07 Sq.Mt. Boundaries: East- : 40' Wide Road, West: 40' Wide Road, North: Remaining Part Of Plot No.106 (Plot No. 106A), South: Plot No.107, (This Property is also extended to secure exposure of Rs.179 Lac sanctioned to associate concern M/s Arpit Trading Corporation.) (Personal Guaranteee of Mrs. Minal Gagrani, Mrs. Poonam Gagrani, Mr. Ravindra Kumar Gagrani, Mr. Manoj Gagrani, Mrs. Hema Gagrani, and Mr. Arpit Gagrani.)
6.	Mr. Narmada Prasad Verma Add.: H.No. 65, Yantrik Vibhag Colony, Coal & Timber Market, Chola Road, Bhopal 462001 (M.P.)	Mrs. Sangita Verma W/o Mr. Narmada Prasad Verma Add.: H.No. 65, Yantrik Vibhag Colony, Coal & Timber Market, Chola Road, Bhopal 462001 (M.P.)	Rs.12,86,063/- (Rs. Twelve Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Sixty Three Only) Rs.14,00,000/- (Rs. Fourteen Lakh Only)	09-01-2020 23-07-2020	₹ 13,18,862/- as on- 23-07-2020 ₹ 13,11,019/- as on- 23-07-2020	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property In The Name Of Mrs. Sangita Verma W/o. Shri Narmada Prasad Verma Of Purchase Plot No. 65, "Yantrik Vibhag Colony", Situated At Coal & Timber Market, Chola Road, Nagar Nigam Colony, Bhopal (M.P.). Admeasuring 1500 Sq.Ft. Boundaries: East: Plot No. 66, West: Plot No. 64, North: Road, South : Plot No. 34

Under the circumstances as aforesaid, the Notice is hereby given once again to the Borrower s/ Guarantors / Mortgagors / Property holders to pay the Bank, within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice the amount indicated here in above together with further

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आपका साथ मध्यप्रदेश का विकास

1. **संबल योजना** - गरीबों को गिर मिता संबल। एक अप्रैल से 31 जुलाई 2020 तक योजना के विभिन्न चरणों में 25 हजार से अधिक हितधारियों को 268 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की सहायता स्वीकृत।
 2. **पथ व्यवसायी योजना** - आत्मनिर्भर भारत के तहत प्रदेश के शहरी एवं ग्रामीण पथ विक्रेताओं को कार्यशील पूंजी का व्याज मुक्त ऋण।
 3. **श्रम सिद्धि अभियान** - प्रदेश के इतिहास का सबसे बड़ा रोजगार अभियान। 61 लाख 34 हजार 426 श्रमिकों का नियोजन। 3536 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की राशि का मुगलान।
 4. **श्रमिक आयोग का गठन** - श्रमिकों को बेहतर जीवन दिलाने के एकदम प्रयासों की दिशा में अहम कदम।
 5. **रोजगार सेतु पोर्टल** - रोजगार के अवसरों का नया आसमान। 13 लाख 10 हजार से अधिक श्रमिक और 31 हजार से अधिक नियोजिता पंजीकृत। 38,900 से अधिक लोगों को रोजगार मिला।
 6. **श्रम कानूनों में संशोधन** - क्रांतिकारी संशोधनों से श्रमिकों के हितों का संरक्षण एवं औद्योगिक विकास को प्रोत्साहन।
 7. **पंच परमेश्वर योजना पुनः प्रारंभ** - 52 हजार से अधिक गांवों के विकास के लिये 14वें वित्त आयोग के 1555 करोड़ रुपये तथा 15वें वित्त आयोग के 996 करोड़ रुपये जारी।
 8. **गेहूँ उपार्जन में सबसे आगे** - एक करोड़ 29 लाख 42 हजार मीट्रिक टन गेहूँ उत्पादन। देश में प्रथम स्थान।

10. **मंथी अधिनियम में सुधार** - किसानों को घर बैठे देश की किसी भी मंथी में फसल बेचने की सुविधा। किसान एवं व्यापारी दोनों को लाभ की पहल।
11. **बंदल प्रवेश-बै** - बंदल क्षेत्र को मिली विनाश की अभूतपूर्व सीमा।
12. **बिजली बिलों में राहत** - 97 लाख बिजली उपभोक्ताओं को 623 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की राहत।
13. **किलो कोरोना अभियान** - कोरोना संक्रमण की घैट तोड़ने के लिए 15 दिन का डोर-टू-डोर सर्वे अभियान।
14. **उद्योगों को रियायतें** - कोरोना संक्रमण के दृष्टिगत उद्योग संवर्धन नीति एवं विशेष प्रोत्साहन योजना में लाभ ले रही औद्योगिक इकाइयों को संचालन तथा भुगतान संबंधी रियायतें।

आत्मनिर्भर मध्यप्रदेश से
आत्मनिर्भर भारत की ओर बढ़ते कदम

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Roadmap will be prepared for Atmanirbhar MP: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday asked all the Government departments to play their part in making the State Atmanirbhar (self-reliant), an official release said. He has instructed Ministers to conduct regular reviews of their departments to speed up public welfare efforts, Chouhan interacted with the Ministers at Mantralaya before the beginning of Virtual Cabinet.

He said that the important suggestions that came up in the recently concluded webinar organized for the roadmap of Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh will be implemented.

Chouhan said that suggestions have been received from the general public also apart from scholars and subject-experts in the Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh webinar. These should also be placed in the roadmap. It has to be ensured that practical suggestions are included.

The Chief Minister said that the ministers should hold meetings with the coordinating

officers after the webinar from August 16 onwards to prepare a draft for development in various areas for preparing the roadmap of Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh on the Prime Minister's call for Atmanirbhar Bharat. Groups of ministers should give their recommendations by August 25th. Chouhan said that after getting these recommendations, discussions will be held with NITI Aayog. After this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be entrusted a 3-year roadmap for the development of Madhya Pradesh. The roadmap for development of Madhya Pradesh will have annual as well as half-yearly and quarterly goals.

Chouhan said that the activities of each department should reach the public. Virtual events meetings should be organized. Along with this, foundation stones must be laid, dedications should be done and funds of schemes should be deposited in the accounts of beneficiaries.

Chief Minister Chouhan said that revenue collection has

been adversely affected during Corona period, but for this, priority should be given to the welfare of the common man by ensuring financial arrangements and management.

The Chief Minister said that a rapid campaign should be launched against mafia and anti-social elements engaged in adulteration in the state. Adulteration of milk and other products is unforgivable.

Chouhan said that focus should be made on the implementation of Shramasiddhi Abhiyan, Sambal Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana, Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan, Public Service Act, Supply of Forest Rights Pattas, Labour Reforms, Implementation of New Mandi Act, Jal Jeevan Mission, Rural Street Vendors Welfare Scheme, Hamara Ghar Hamar Vidyalaya and the Sahyog se Suraksha Abhiyan starting from August 15.

Chouhan said that he will take part in online programmes of Rozgar Setu, housing construction and other schemes and will extend benefits to the beneficiaries.

MP tourism launches ‘Intezaar Khatm hua’ campaign

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh tourism launched a campaign 'IntezaarKhatamHua' to build the confidence and trust amongst the travellers and to keep the audience engaged during the Monsoon season by featuring the major monsoon tourism attractions of the destinations like Amarkantak, Panchmarhi, Mandu, Orchha, Tamia, Bhedaghat, National Parks.

Caravan road trips for five to six days have been prepared from Bhopal and Indore, travel influencers will visit the various destinations of Madhya Pradesh as per the travel itinerary designed to promote the destinations during Monsoon.

Itinerary starting from Bhopal will cover Bhopal, Amargarh falls, Bhimbetka, Tawa, Madai, Pchmarhi, Tamia, Patalkot, Pnch and from Indore the destinations covered are Indore, Patalpani, Choral Dam,



Jam Gate, Vanchu Point, Janapav, Mandu, Maheshwar, Omkareshwar, Sailani.

The influencers will travel to these destinations in a caravan of Madhya Pradesh Tourism, so that they can have a comfortable journey while enjoying the enchanting land-

scapes of the State.

The trip will be documented as a Travelogue by both the influencers. The influencers will post their individual blogs through their pages. A compiled film of both the influencers will be released on the MP Tourism social media han-

dles.

Throughout their trip across the State, as they are shooting their travelogue, the influencers will carry placards with 'IntezaarKhatamHua' written on it and they will click pictures along with it. These photos will populate the MP

Tourism SM pages.

After the release of the blog, the influencers will create a "My Top 5 moments from the Heart of Incredible India" - a five minute video where they will recount their top five moments of the trip which will be combined with snaps and video bytes with a narration by the influencer.

MP Tourism looks forward to boost morale and bring back the confidence in the tourism sector and make them aware that the entire tourist destinations of Madhya Pradesh is fully prepared and ready to welcome the domestic tourists.

Madhya Pradesh is also offering tour packages to the tourists that are specially designed keeping in mind safe travel, stay, and excursion for prevention during pandemic. In order to facilitate smooth travel, the board has come up with weekend and package trips from adjoining cities with all safety measures that are required at the destination.

20 MP officials to get President’s Police Medal on Independence Day

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Director General of Police Vivek Johri congratulated 20 officers and employees who are conferred to President's Police Medal of the year 2020.

The distribution of medals will be done on next year's Independence Day function i.e. August 15, 2021.

It has been announced to confer the President's Police Medal of the year 2020 for distinguished and meritorious service to 20 officers and employees of Madhya Pradesh Police.

The President Distinguished Service Medal, has been conferred to Additional Director General of Police (Training) and Director, Madhya Pradesh Police Academy, Bhoari Anuradha

Shankar, Inspector Senior Library (Library) Police Headquarters Farid Wazmi, Inspector (M) Steno Police Headquarters Rakesh Mohan Dixit, Inspector (M) Steno State Police Headquarters Bhopal Bharat Kumar Bhavsar.

President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Police Headquarters, Bhopal, RRS Parihar, Deputy Commandant 23rd Battalion, Bhopal, Shanu Aftab Ali, Superintendent of Police, Radio Training School, Indore, Santosh Kori, Additional Superintendent of Police, Narcotics, Indore, Dilip Kumar Soni, Inspector (FP) Police Headquarters, Bhopal, Deepak Kadam, Principal constable, 7th Battalion, Bhopal, Sitaram Tiwari, head constable police

station, Pabai Panna, Pyare Garg, Principal constable, PS, Crime Branch Bhopal Rajkumar Gautam, constable 7th Battalion Bhopal Mangal Singh Yadav, constable 25th Battalion Bhopal Rajesh Kumar Pandey, constable administration branch police headquarters Bhopal Ravi Naresh Mishra, Subedar (M) Police Headquarters Bhopal Sunil Kumar Tiwari, Subedar (M) Police Headquarters Bhopal Balram Singh Rajput, Inspector (M) Hoshangabad Ramraj Gupta, Inspector (M) E.O.W. Bhopal Rajiv Chaudhary and Sub Inspector (M) E.O.W. Bhopal will be given to Anil Kumar Nigam.

These medals will be handed over to all of them at the ornament ceremony on August 15 next year.

Folk play ‘Dhritarashtra Digvijay’ broadcasted on MPSTM’s channel

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A folk play Dhritarashtra Digvijay was presented on Friday, marking the virtual Abhinayan drama series. The play was broadcasted on official YouTube Channel of Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum.

The play was presented in Ankiya Style under the direction of Atul Bhuyan (Assam). Ankiya is the ancient traditional folk dance style of Assam. 'Ankiya Naat' means a one-act drama. Ankiya naat plays were written in an artificial assamese Maithili mixed language called BrajaVali . Ankiya naat main subject is to worship lord Krishna. The plays usually combine live instruments and singers ,dance and elaborate costumes in production.

The invention of the ankiya naat is usually attributed to the medieval saint and social reformer Srimanta Sankardeva. Ankiya naat were intended to be viewed by common folk in medieval assam, majority of whom were expected to be illiterate . Thus, an explanation was included at every succeeding stage of the drama.

The play was about the story of Dhritarashtra, who is wholeheartedly engaged in the worship of Lord Vishnu.

Pleased with the penance of Dhritarashtra when Dhritarashtra asks him to ask for a groom, Dhritarashtra demands his eyesight from Vishnu for four months. After getting his vision for four months, Dhritarashtra goes on to conquer the world. Dhritarashtra accompanies him during the world victory. During this period Dhritarashtra conquers many big states and slays many demons with his wisdom.

Police arrest 4 for drug trafficking

648 gm MDMA drugs seized

PNS ■ MANDSAUR

Mandsaur police took action against drug trafficking nexus and seized 648 gram MDMA drugs from a car at Bhavgarh Vivekananda School and arrested 4 accused; drug would cost over Rs 64 lakh.

Mandsaur district has always been active and sensitive in trafficking illegal drugs. Often, smugglers involved in smuggling of illegal drugs from almost every part of the country often come to Mandsaur

district for the purpose of smuggling illegal drugs into the area.

Superintendent of Police Siddharth Chaudhary has given special instructions to all police officers / employees of the district to constantly instruct them to curb trafficking and smugglers of illegal drugs and take effective action against them.

SP Chaudhary said that the police team formed took action on illegal narcotics smugglers, in a planned blockade in front of Bhavgarh Vivekananda School, by made and a swift car was stopped in which the drugs were recovered. SP said that accused Deepak alias Deepu alias

Hemant Jain (32) Asif Khan(32), Afzal Ali Farukhi (29) and Ghanshyam Patidar(37) have been arrested.

The police have registered a case under section 8 and 20 of the NDPS Act.

MDMA line, ice, meow-meow, ecstasy and party drug, are known to be very intoxicating and deadly drugs which are often consumed by youths for the purpose of increasing excessive thrill and excitement.

Generally, the said drugs are widespread in pubs, disco clubs, beer bars, rave parties, and in large cities and metros. The price of the said drug in the international market is about Rs 1 crore per 1000 grams.

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74th Independence Day

Independence Day

Greetings to all fellow citizens

Jai Hind

“ 15th August is a day to pay homage to all those greats who worked hard for India’s freedom. Their struggles continue to give strength to millions. Independence Day is an occasion to reaffirm our commitment to build an India that would make our respected freedom fighters proud. ”

- Narendra Modi

Independence Day Ceremony at the ramparts of Red Fort to be live telecast by Doordarshan 6:25 a.m. onwards

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Prez Kovind lauds efforts of frontline corona warriors

Says nation is ‘indebted to doctors, nurses and other health workers’



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday lauded the efforts of healthcare professionals at the frontline in the country’s fight against the coronavirus pandemic and said the nation is “indebted to doctors, nurses and other health workers”. He said the celebrations this year will be restrained without the customary pomp and show owing to the pandemic which has “altered the world we live in.”

Addressing the nation on the eve of the 74th Independence Day, the President termed the Government’s response to the Covid-19 challenge as ‘super-human’.

Lauding the Centre and State Government for taking steps to contain the transmission of novel coronavirus, Kovind said India’s role in dealing with the pandemic is a lesson for the world.

The President also spoke on the Galwan Valley face-off in which 20 Indian soldiers

were killed fighting the Chinese army in June this year in eastern Ladakh. “Our brave soldiers laid down their lives defending our borders. Those worthy sons of Bharat Mata lived and died for national pride. Their bravery in combat has demonstrated that while we believe in peace, we are also capable of giving a befitting response to any attempt of aggression,” he said.

“Even while the world community needs to fight together against the greatest challenge before humanity, some in our neighbourhood tried to carry out their misadventure of expansion. Our brave soldiers laid down their lives defending our borders. Those worthy sons of Bharat Mata lived and died for national pride. The entire nation salutes the martyrs of Galwan Valley. Every Indian feels grateful to their family members.

“Their bravery in combat has demonstrated that while we believe in peace, we are also capable of giving a befitting response to any attempt of

Naresh wins police medal for record 7th time for fighting terrorists in J&K

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

CRPF Assistant Commandant Naresh Kumar has scripted history by receiving his 7th Police medal for Gallantry in a short span of four years for his gallant action against the terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.

“An officer with sharp tactical acumen and indomitable courage, Naresh Kumar has led the CRPF Valley QAT (Quick Action Team) in Srinagar which has a glorious history of continued success marked with numerous Gallantry medals that embellish its valour”, the CRPF said in a statement.

Assistant Commandant Kumar got his first medal in 2017 for an operation which was conducted in Srinagar in 2016. Here, he neutralised two foreign terrorists whereas in 2018, he was awarded with two PMGs for neutralising two Hizbul Mujahideen commanders in an fierce operation which lasted for three days.

This year alone, the Valley QAT has been adorned with

more than 15 Gallantry medals. Furthermore, the erstwhile IG Srinagar, CRPF, Ravideep Singh Sahi and the present valley QAT Commander, Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh and his team mate Constable Devsant Kumar have been awarded with Police Medal for Gallantry for a courageous operation in Srinagar on October 3, 2017 where two militants were neutralised by the security forces.

For Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh, this is his 3rd Gallantry Medal and second PMG while Constable Devsant Kumar will be receiving the PMG for the second time.

Yet another story of grit and courage relates to 208 CoBRA where the team of gallant warriors came under a heavy attack from Maoists in jungles of Sukma, Chhattisgarh on March 03/04, 2016, the troops retaliated with bravery and forced the Maoists to give up their nefarious designs, the CRPF said.

In this long lasting encounter nine Maoists were neutralised while five were injured. Three Bravehearts of

208 CoBRA made supreme sacrifice serving the nation. For their indomitable gallantry and courage in the face of danger during the operation, 208 CoBRA has been awarded with eight PMGs with three being awarded posthumously.

CRPF –the largest Central Armed Police Force of the country, has been awarded with as many as 55 Police Medals for Gallantry on the eve of Independence Day, which is the second highest force after the Jammu and Kashmir police that bagged 81 medals.

With this, the total number of gallantry medals won by the deserving Force personnel till now has reached to 2036, the highest among all the CAPFs in the country.

“The narrative behind each of these Gallantry Medals speaks the language of courage, dedication to duty, devotion for the motherland and over and above a steely resolve to deliver, which is the hallmark of Internal Security Warriors,” added the C R P F

India won’t compromise with its self-esteem, says Rajnath

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the situation on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh remains tense for nearly three months now, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said India has never attacked anywhere to capture land of others. Reiterating this, he also said India believes in winning hearts and not land. “But it does not mean we will let our self-esteem be hurt,” he said.

Making this assertion during the customary address to the troops on the eve of the Independence Day, he, however, cautioned if attacked India as always will give a befitting reply. He, however, did not name China.

“Whatever we do in national security, we always do it for self-defence, not for attacking others. If enemy

country ever attacked us, like every time we will give a befitting reply,” he said.

His observations came in the backdrop of five rounds of military level and four at the diplomatic level in the past few weeks failing to resolve the stand-offs now on at four friction points. Moreover, China has not withdrawn its troops from these sites despite agreement thereby leading to tension in the area.

In his address, the defence minister assured that the government is doing all that is necessary to keep our forces morale high and fulfill their all operational requirement.

Later in his tweet message, he paid tributes to the soldiers. “On the eve of India’s Independence Day, I salute the indomitable courage of the brave soldiers of our Armed Forces who are self-

lessly serving the nation. Their unmatched courage and patriotism has ensured that our country is safe,” he said.

In another tweet, the minister said the Government is leaving no stone unturned to strengthen the armed forces and ensure the welfare of their families and the ex-servicemen.

Amid the ongoing stand-off, the Defence Ministry has given the armed forces emergency financial powers to procure weapons systems up to Rs 300 crores on an urgent basis without any further clearances to cut short the procurement cycle.

The Services have embarked on major procurements of ammunition, anti-tank missiles, man portable air defences, unmanned aerial vehicles among others.

Def Min launches portal providing access to defence vendors



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Days after banning import of 101 weapon systems to make the Indian defence industry self-reliant, the Government on Friday signed four contracts as part of Defence India Start Up challenge in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

On the final day of ‘Atmanirbhar Week’ celebration of the Defence Ministry, he also launched Department of Defence Production (DDP) portal SRUJAN which is a ‘one stop shop online portal that provides access to the vendors to take up items that can be taken up for indigenisation. A number of Expressions of inter-

est/Requests for Proposal were also issued.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajnath said signing of these MoUs and contracts will lead us to self-reliance in the technologies related to defence manufacturing. He called upon the Indian industry partners to show complete commitment and take proactive participation in the pursuit of Indigenisation and self-reliance in the defence sector.

Commending the DDP for creating SRIJAN portal, the minister said this will help Indian industry partners to play active role in the goal of self-reliance in defence sector. Pursuant to Atmanirbhar Bharat announcement, Department of Defence

Production has developed an indigenization portal, srijan-defence.gov.in, as “opportunities for Make in India in Defence”, which will give information on items that can be taken up for indigenisation by the private sector.

On this portal, DPSUs/OFB/SHQs can display their items which they have been importing or are going to import which the Indian Industry can design, develop and manufacture as per their capability or through joint venture with OEMs. The Indian Industry will be able to show their interest.

There are over 3,000 unique items with a value of over ₹10,000 Crore that are available through the portal.

Former Maha CM Fadnavis may get key role in Bihar election

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP is expected to give former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis a key role in the Bihar election, due later this year.

A move is afoot to appoint Fadnavis as election-in-charge of Bihar polls, according to sources.

The former Maharashtra Chief Minister’s role assumes importance in the backdrop of a raging controversy around the death of Sushant Singh Rajput, a young and rising Bollywood actor and a native of Bihar. Sushant’s parents have lodged an FIR in the state in the case.

The BJP has been alleging that the Mumbai police under the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress coalition was not conducting a fair probe in the circumstances leading to what has initially been termed as “suicide”.

Fadnavis has been in the forefront in attacking Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and his son for the handling of the actor’s case and demanding a CBI probe into his death and “justice” for him.

The issue of the 34-year-old actor’s death triggered charges and counter-charges between the two States with

Maharashtra Shiv Sena leaders accusing the BJP-JD (U) coalition Government in Bihar of politicising the investigation to serve its political ends when assembly polls are round the corner.

The Bihar Government’s eagerness to take up the case of Rajput is seen by many as a move to consolidate “thakur votes” in the state as also a gesture that the Nitish Kumar-led government was standing by its ‘son of the soil’ and his family in distress.

The reports of the appointment of Fadnavis have been growing since he chaired a core committee meeting of the BJP’s Bihar unit party on August 13 and BJP President J P Nadda directing leaders in Bihar unit to brief former Maharashtra Chief Minister on the campaign strategy.

Fadnavis, the first Brahmin CM of Maharashtra who lost his second run in the state as CM, has been living in political shadows in Maharashtra after the ‘Maha vikas Aghadi’ coalition took reins of governance in the State.

The BJP is also expecting to benefit from Fadnavis’ Brahmin origins. Brahmins constitute 5 percent of the population in Bihar.

India exports 23 lakh PPEs to 5 countries

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With export norms relaxed, India managed to export 23 lakh Personnel Protection Equipments to five countries namely the USA, the UK, UAE, Senegal and Slovenia in just a month.

“This has substantially aided India to position itself in the global export market of PPEs,” said a statement from the Union Health Ministry.

PPEs are a crucial medical resource for frontline workers during the pandemic that include body coveralls, N-95 masks, goggles, face shields among others.

According to the Ministry, the ‘Make in India’ spirit embedded in the ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan’ has resulted in providing resilience and self-sufficiency” to the country for various medical equipment including PPEs.

While the Union

Government is supplying PPE kits, N95 masks, ventilators etc., to the State governments and union territories administrations, states are also procuring these items directly.

“Between March and August 2020, they have procured 1.40 crore indigenous PPE from their own budgetary resources. During the same period, the Centre has distributed 1.28 crore PPE to states, UTs and central institutions, free of cost,” said the ministry in a statement.

The Centre has been leading the graded, pre-emptive, proactive and collaborative response and management of COVID-19, along with the states union territories.

As part of its continued efforts towards progressively augmenting and strengthening the medical infrastructure across the country, various policy decisions have been taken on a regular basis.

At the start of the pandemic, there was a global shortage of all kinds of medical equipment including N95 masks, PPE kits, ventilators etc, the ministry underlined.

Most of the products were not being manufactured in the country in the beginning as many of the necessary components were to be procured from other countries. The rising global demand due to the pandemic resulted in their scarce availability in the foreign markets, it stated.

Turning the pandemic into an opportunity to develop its domestic market for production of medical equipment, with the combined efforts of ministries of health, textiles, pharmaceuticals, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Defence Research and Development Organisation and others, India has hugely ramped up its own manufacturing capacity, the ministry said.

Number of deaths due to smokeless tobacco in India is on rise: Study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The number of deaths due to smokeless tobacco in India is on the rise, accounting for 70 per cent of deaths in the South-East Asia region followed by Pakistan (seven per cent) and Bangladesh which accounts five per cent of the global disease burden due to smokeless tobacco.

Researchers added that deaths due to it globally has

also gone up by a third in seven years to an estimated 350,000 people.

The research, published in the journal BMC Medicine, comes at a time when there are concerns that spitting - a behaviour common among those who chew tobacco - is likely to transmit the Covid-19 virus.

“The study has come at a time when Covid-19 is affecting almost all aspects of our lives. Chewing tobacco increases

es saliva production and leads to compulsive spitting,” said study researcher Kamran Siddiqui from the University of York in the UK.

There are concerns that spitting - a behaviour common among those who chew tobacco - is likely to transmit the virus to others.

“In acknowledgement of this, India, for example, has already taken a positive step by banning spitting in public places to reduce the transmission of COVID-19,” Siddiqui added.

The study estimated that in 2017 alone smokeless tobacco resulted in more than 90,000 deaths due to cancers of the mouth, pharynx and oesophagus and accounted for more than 258,000 deaths from heart disease.

Millions more have their lives shortened by ill-health due to the effects of chewing tobacco-based products, the study reveals.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
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11	PANCHAYATI RAJ, SONIPAT	REPAIR OF PANCHAYAT SADAN AT VILLAGE MIMARPUR SITE PROPOSED TO BE CHANGED AT VILLAGE KAMI & OTHER 3 NOS. WORKS (RE-INVITING)	10.08.2020 20.08.2020	11.97 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	Executive Engineer
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Full name of work	Final Location Survey (FLS) for new line between Hardoi-Gursahaiganj via Sandi (59.300 kms). Carrying out detail Engineering survey including Levelling, alignment, soil exploration, preparation of plans, L-sections, GA plans of Bridges etc., bill of quantities and other ancillary activities related in connection with preparation of DPR.
Approx. cost	Rs. 49,29,143/- (Rs. Forty Nine Lakhs Twenty Nine thousand One hundred Forty Three only).
Completion period	06 Months (Six months)
Earnest money amount	Rs. 98,600/- (Rs. Ninety Eight thousand and Six hundred only)
Sale/availability of tender document on Rty. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 15.08.2020 to 07.09.2020 upto 11.30 hrs.
Last date/Time of upload of tenders	07.09.2020 upto 11.30 hours. tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer(s) on IREPS web site w.e.f 23.08.2020 to 07.09.2020.
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BENGALURU VIOLENCE

‘Riots started within 3 hours of FB post’

Bengaluru: The recent Bengaluru riots occurred at breakneck speed, erupting in less than three hours of the derogatory message being put up on social media, a police official said on Friday.

“Naveen posted the derogatory message around 6 p.m. and by 9 pm the riots erupted,” Central Crime Branch (CCB) Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Kuldeep Jain told IANS. The government machinery was already strained with battling the Coronavirus pandemic, and the riots caught them unawares.

On Tuesday night, hundreds of people ran amok after Pulikeshinagar’s Congress MLA Akhanda Srinivas Murthy’s nephew P Naveen posted a derogatory message on social media.

The mob pelted stones, injuring 60 police

men, and committed acts of vandalism and arson in DJ Halli, KG Halli, Pulikeshinagar and Kaval Byrasandra areas. “As soon as the news reached the police, cops from nearby police stations rushed to the spot,” said Jain.

Police Commissioner Kamal Pant himself rushed to the riot-affected areas to monitor the situation.

The police was initially overwhelmed with the rioters outnumbering them. “By that time whatever preventive things we could do, we tried it out. All that did not calm down the mob,” he said. It was only after the police fired in the air and later at the rioters, leading to the death of three people, did the situation come under control.

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A head of the Independence Day celebrations, heavily armed terrorists, believed to be the cadre of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terror outfit on Friday shot dead two policemen and wounded another in “indiscriminate” firing on the outskirts of Srinagar near Nowgam bypass.

The terrorists seem to have done thorough recce of the area before targeting the patrol party of Jammu & Kashmir police.They disappeared in the bylanes of the densely populated area even before the security personnel could chase them.

Inspector General of police, Kashmir range, Vijay Kumar who visited the spot told reporters, “the terrorists emerged from Gulshan street on the outskirts of the Srinagar city near Nowgam bypass and targeted the policemen by opening indiscriminate firing around 9.30 a.m.” He said three policemen received injuries but two among them succumbed to their

injuries. The martyred jawans of Jammu & Kashmir police were identified as Constables Ishfaq Ayoub and Fayaz Ahmad of IRP 20 Bn.

IG Vijay Kumar said, “elaborate security deployment was done on ground zero to ensure incident free Independence day celebrations in the valley”. He said after the terror strike the entire area has been cordoned off to track down the foot-prints of the terrorists behind the attack. He said, preliminary reports suggested JeM cadre were behind the attack. He maintained, the security personnel also exercised restraint by not opening indiscriminate firing due to the heavy civilian movement in the area.

Later in the day, a tribute ceremony was organised at the police headquarters where senior officers including DGP Jammu & Kashmir police paid their tribute and remembered the supreme sacrifices of the jawans of the J&K police.The mortal remains were later shifted to their local residences in Srinagar where thou-

sands of residents paid their last tributes and joined the funeral of policemen.Wailing women and close relatives were seen chanting slogans during the funeral procession of martyred policemen.

Interacting with the media persons, DGP Dilbagh Singh said,” it is the hand-iwork of the Pakistan and its proxies who don’t want to see peace prevailing in the region. He said, the security situation has largely improved in Kahsmir valley but in between when such incidents occur our resolve to restore peace gets strengthened. Referring to measures adopted by the security forces ahead of the I-day celebrations, DGP said, drone cameras and camera fitting vehicles have been deployed at various places to ensure complete area domination during the I-Day function.

The security forces were also directed to remain in a state of high alert across Jammu & Kashmir to prevent fresh strikes on the security convoys and other vital security installations.

GOLD SMUGGLING

Kerala Protocol

Officer denies about diplomatic baggage

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Sunil Kumar, Kerala State Protocol Officer reportedly told the sleuths of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) probing the gold smuggling racket busted by the Customs department recently that no diplomatic baggage has come to the UAE Consulate at Thiruvananthapuram during the last two years.

The statement has put the CPI(M) led LDF Government in Kerala in dilemma as KT Jaleel, the Higher Education Minister has been claiming that he had received Ramzaan kits and thousands of copies of Quran sent by the UAE Consulate at Thiruvananthapuram through diplomatic consignment. Kerala BJP president K Surendran had alleged on Thursday that the baggage contained gold bars instead of Quran and the same was transported to different parts of Kerala through the official vehicles of Jaleel, a former leader of the outlawed SIMI. But Jaleel denied all allegations and declared that he was ready to face probe by any agencies including the NIA, CBI or the Enforcement Directorate.

Sunil Kumar reportedly told the NIA officials that he does not have any information about the Ramzaan kits addressed to Jaleel’s office from the UAE Consulate in the capital city.

The NIA sleuths has asked Sunil Kumar to furnish the details of the diplomatic consignments received by the State Government Departments from the UAE Consulates and all other foreign missions operating in the country. All materials addressed to the State Government officials from diplomatic missions in the country are received by the State Protocol Officer before handing it over to the concerned departments. Sunil Kumar’s explanation to the NIA has come hours before the Kerala BJP president Surendran alleged that Shine Haq, the former State Protocol Officer was hand in glove with those involved in gold smuggling.

“Though Haq was transferred out of the Protocol Office, he managed to get back to the office in a senior position and he continued to meddle with the affairs of the SPO,” Surendran had alleged in a press meet on Thursday at Kozhikode.

Wildlife lovers appeal Modi to save endangered black bucks

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

The wild life lovers and NGO of Aligarh have appealed to the Prime Minister of India to save the endangered species of Black bucks of this region. They said that if such steps are not taken by the Government on urgent basis the Black Bucks will become history and be banished from this region. Once this region used to be very rich with the presence of Black bucks but on account of the killing of endangered species by rich persons belonging to Aligarh city and so called, Nawabs of the districts now only 357 black deers are believed to be exist in the region.

Bankebihari Gupta, president of LATA NGO Said that “ Aligarh was very rich with the presence of Black buck. But due to pouching the life of endangered species are in danger. We have written several letter to District Administration. But Administration have turned a blind eye regarding this evil menace. At last We have appealed to the Prime Minister of India to save the endangered species of Black deers of this

region”.

Sources of wild life department of U P Government that some 10 years ago the number of black deers in the district was estimated to be 5347. The black bucks were found in the jungles of villages Sunthla Rahim Kot, Surajpur Jaivana Birpura, AlahdadvMur, Gurskien Jarkhera Lohgarh and Saidman under the areas of Atrauli, Kher and Koil Tehsils of the district. It is worth mentioning that this species have their own history as several authors have written about free movements of Black deers in Aligarh district. According to manuscripts on records, Sir Thomas Row a British who visited India in the beginning of 17th Century in the region of Emperor Jahangir had written that black deers and peacocks were seen moving in almost whole of the area of Koil (Aligarh). Similarly another tourist Hawkins has written that in the surrounding of Delhi, Agra and Aligarh (Koil) large number of herds of black bucks were seen, now with the passage of time the number has considerably reduced and few left alone are struggling for their existence.

No two power centres in Maha, CM only leader, Pawar architect of our Govt: Raut

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Contesting the speculation that there are two power centres in Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena said Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray was the only leader who enjoyed all the powers in the MVA Government, while NCP chief Sharad Pawar being an architect of the ruling alliance, he played an important part in it and “we seek his advice”.

Participating in a joint interaction programme hosted by Marathi television channel “ABP Majha”, Shiv Sena’s Rajya Sabha member and spokesperson Sanjay Raut dismissed the allegation in certain quarters that the State Government files were being sent to the Yeshwantrao Centre for the NCP chief to look at them.

“There are no two power centres in Maharashtra. Chief minister Uddhav Thackeray is the only leader who enjoys all the powers in the state government. No government files to the Yeshwantrao Chavan Centre (for Pawar sahib to look at) as is being claimed in certain quarters. Uddhav sahib has the powers with him,” Raut said.

Alluding to Pawar’s role in the Shiv Sena-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in the state, Raut said: “Pawar saheb played a key role in the formation of the MVA government in the State. He has a major role to play in our gov-

ernment. He is the most experienced political leader in the state and has vast administrative experience. No one has as much experience as he has governance matters in the state”.

“Hence his guidance is valuable for our government. What is wrong if someone goes to him and seeks advice?. And we need the guidance of Pawar sahib,” Raut said.

Replying to another question, Raut slammed the Opposition BJP for politicising the Sushant Singh Rajput suicide cases purposely. “In view of the impending Bihar Assembly elections, the Opposition BJP is deriving political mileage out of the Sushant Singh Rajput suicide case”

When his attention was drawn to the NCP chief’s disapproval of his grandnephew Rohit Pawar’s demand for CBI probe into the alleged Sushant Singh Raput suicide case, Raut said: “You should see the whole episode as a grandfather giving his grand nephew. Even late Bal Thackeray used to rebuke the youngsters when something went wrong. His family members as well all of us used to feel happy. Because, if he got irritated with us, we would think he was keeping a watch on us. Even in Rohit’s case, Pawar did not say whatever he said in an irritating tone. Whatever he said was over that day. Now it has become a family matter”.

MLAs to take feedback from Covid patients

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

MLAs will now speak to Corona patients over phone daily and will take the feedback of health services from them. In case of any problem, they will inform the district administration immediately. On Thursday, Minister of State for Medicine Atul Garg gave this instruction on the complaint of MLA Sanjeev Raja during inspection of Corona Control Room.

During the inspection of the control room, Atul Garg inquired about the number of corona patients, the number of hospitals, the number of patients admitted to them and the number of fleets relative to them. He was somewhere satisfied with the answers of control room incharge Smriti Gautam.

At the same time, city MLA Sanjeev Raja, who accompanied him, also had some problems, on the basis of which he directed the administration that a list of covid patients should be given to the MLAs along with their names, addresses and mobile numbers daily. MLAs will seek health services feedback from patients at their level.

Case of assault of MLA-SHO overshadowed on online platform

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

In Gonda police station, the Lcase of the fight between the BJP MLA Rajkumar Sahayogi of IGLAS and Anuj Saini, the SHO, was overshadowed on social media. In this case, former Chief Ministers Mayawati, Akhilesh Yadav, IPS officer Amitabh Thakur have tweeted and demanded action against the culprits.

Former Chief Minister and BSP supremo Mayawati said in her tweet that the law and order in UP is dying. Allegations made by the BJP MLA and the police in Aligarh are very serious, whoever is guilty, action should be taken against them.

What is the difference between the SP-BJP government in terms of crime control and law and order? Government should pay proper attention to it.

Former Chief Minister and SP National President Akhilesh Yadav has targeted the Yogi government in this matter.

He said that this is the condition of the state under BJP rule, BJP’s own legislators are being victims of police beatings.

Don’t know who benefited from Modi’s ₹20L cr Covid package: Maha Cong chief

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Seeking to “expose” the Rs 20 Slakh crore Covid-19 Economic Assistance Package announced by the Modi Government in August last year, the Maharashtra Pradesh Youth Congress (MPYC) President Satyajet Tambe said here on Friday that while “the self-styled Pradhan Sevak” insisted ₹20 lakh crore-worth of assistance

was given to farmers, entrepreneurs and the unemployed, he wanted to who were actually the beneficiaries from the scheme.

“The self-styled Pradhan Sevak insists ₹20 lakh crores-worth of assistance was given to farmers, entrepreneurs and the unemployed, but Maharashtra Youth Congress has been hard pressed to find a single individual who it has helped. My only question to the Prime Minister is, Modi ji, who exactly got the ₹ 20 Lakh Crore?,” Tambe asked.

In a statement issued here, Tambe said: “Our MPYC Bearers and activists have been reaching out to the intended stakeholders of the ₹20 Lakh Crore COVID-19 Relief Package and have not been able to trace

any beneficiaries. Meeting with farmers on the first day of the agitation at the district and taluka level, it was revealed by the video interviews recorded that not a single farmer has received the assistance promised,” Tambe said.

“The fact-finding teams also consulted local traders, shops and factories and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, and the unemployed, who also attest on record that the relief sought is still expected three months after it was pledged. The People of Maharashtra have participated wholeheartedly in our poll and their recorded testimonies express the same disillusionment across critical sectors of the economy,” he said

Because of the stark variance between the Prime Minister’s professions and the zero beneficiary reality on the ground, we at Maharashtra Youth Congress continue to apply to the Central Government for a breakdown of the COVID-19 assistance to Maharashtra. BJP’s silence and tuggery is symptomatic of the elite capture and the cronyism that is Modi’s Operandi.

Andhra HC extends status quo on 3 Capitals issue

IANs ■ AMARAVATI

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday extended, till August 27, the status quo on three capital issue.

A three-judge bench comprising Justices Rakesh Kumar, A.V. Sesha Sai and M. Satyanarayana Murthy directed the State government to maintain the status quo for two more weeks, rejecting its appeal to vacate the interim order passed on August 4.

The court on Friday took up hearing of nearly 55 petitions filed to challenge the Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions Act, 2020 and the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) Repeat Act, 2020.

Counsel for the petitioners argued that the three capital move was violation of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 as it talks of only one state

capital.

Lawyers of some of the petitioners expressed their inability to personally appear before the court due to current Covid-19 situation and pleaded for extending the status quo.

The government had on Thursday filed a common counter-affidavit claiming that the related policy decision was within its competence and in consonance with the Central government’s sworn statement on the matter.

The government contended that its decision was not arbitrary, but was taken on the basis of various studies conducted by experts, and that it had the obligation under Article 38 of the Constitution to ensure that there were no inequalities among the people in different areas.

The court had ordered the status quo on August 4 as the petitioners feared that the gov-

ernment might start shifting offices to Visakhapatnam and Kurnool by taking advantage of the Bills getting the Governor’s assent.

Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan on July 31 approved the two Bills and the same day, the government issued the gazette notification.

Under Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions Bill 2020, the government seeks to shift key capital functions out of Amaravati.

It proposes to develop Visakhapatnam as the executive capital. With the shifting of the offices of the Chief Minister, the Governor, ministers and secretaries, the coastal city for all practical purposes will become the seat of power.

Kurnool will be developed as the judicial capital by shifting the High Court there.

Amaravati, which was orig-

inally planned as the only state capital and a world-class city, will only be a legislative capital.

The moved by Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government has led to fresh protests by farmers in 29 villages in Amaravati.

About 24,000 farmer families had given 33,000 acres of land for development of Amaravati under land pooling scheme five years ago.

Then Telugu Desam Party (TDP) government headed by Chandrababu Naidu had embarked on the mega plans to build Amaravati on the banks of Krishna river as the dream capital and a world-class city. Naidu had got its design was prepared by Singapore government.

Several farmers had already challenged the three capitals move. They also filed petitions challenging the two Bills approved by the Governor.

1,087 new cases take Gujarat’s tally to 76,569

Gandhinagar:

Gujarat on Friday reported 1,087 new Covid-19 case, , taking the State’s total tally to 76,569, while 15 new fatalities pushed the death toll to 2,748, health officials said.

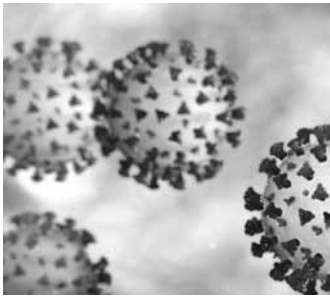
As many as 1,083 patients were discharged in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of recoveries to 59,522.

Hotspot Surat continued to lead the state’s tally with 232 cases, followed by Ahmedabad (161), Vadodara (107), Rajkot (99), Jamnagar (56), Panchmahals (40), Junagadh (39), Gandhinagar (36), Bhavnagar Gir-Somnath and Mahesana (24 each), Bhavuch and Dahod with (23 each), Kutch (22), Morbi (21), Banaskantha (15), Patan and Surendranagar (13 each), Anand (12), Navsari (10), Valsad (9), Sabarkantha (8), Kheda and Narmada (7 each), Botad and Chhota Udepur (6 each), Tapi (5), Mahisagar and Porbandar (4 each), and Aravalli and Devbhumi Dwarka (3 each).

Gujarat’s mortality rate has come down to 3.58 per cent, but it is still one of the highest in the country.

Till now the health authorities have conducted 12,11,047 RT-PCR tests in Gujarat, out of which 11,34,478 have returned negative.

There are 14,299 active cases in the state at present, out of which the condition of 14,228 is stable, while 71 critical patients are still on ventilator support. Right now, there are over 4.9 lakh people quarantined in the state, out of which 4,92,647 are under home quarantine and 989 in government facilities. **IANS**



India at 74

The pandemic has given us our transformative moment. Probably to remind us of forgotten ideals that make up our civilisational DNA



On September 5, 2019, 74-year-old Erramatti Mangayamma gave birth to twin girls in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, becoming the world's oldest mother after being called "barren" her whole life. At 74, Ferdinand Marie de Lesseps made an attempt to construct the Suez Canal. And at 77, John Glenn became the oldest person to go into space. The point of citing these inspirational figures, who were really ordinary men and women till they were challenged, is that no time is too early or too late enough to make a new beginning. And at 74, with perhaps one of the most unimaginable crises in our nation's history — the relentless pandemic, the sliding economy, the collapse of democratic institutions, the chaos of sectarian politics and a conflict-ridden society — India is perhaps at that turning point in its timeline to correct its course and claim a new destiny. Perhaps this churning is necessary to prepare ourselves for a new century instead of relying on templates that we thought were transformative but are now past their prime. Had it not been for the pandemic and the crushing burden it imposed on our social and economic infrastructure, we wouldn't have bothered to look at rebuilding them. There's nothing wrong with globalisation except that when there is resource scarcity in every nation, as a pandemic-induced shutdown snapped mutual dependencies, we ought to be self-sufficient. The massive push to self-produce through *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, decentralising the agricultural economy and empowering rural India may not show results in the short-term. But at least the steps for the next big leap have been laid. China transformed itself in its lowest phase and became the world's largest producer. As a consumption-driven society, we are battling low demand and investment, but given the accelerators and enablers in economic packages, revival is possible. Graded targets for manufacturing at home, incentivisation and hand-holding through the initial break-through stage, standardisation of quality through technical partnerships with global expertise, developing economies of scale and allowing competition only to build better and robust home brands will get us there. Not insularity, but letting the trade winds blow so that we can make our mark on shop shelves around the world beyond the boutique handicrafts or tea. If we can be the world's largest producer of vaccines, we can be the factory floor for other products as well. Statistics speak for themselves. Most global chains and majors have, so far, not robbed domestic brands of their dedicated market but have had to indigenise their product lines instead. Pre-pandemic, India emerged as one of the fastest-growing major economies and post-recovery is projected to become one of the top three biggest economies in about a decade. And if the deep penetration of our digital economy is any indication, then that would be our competitive edge. These are also the days when India has awakened to its potential in the knowledge economy. Taking the COVID-19 management module as an example, just in a four-month period, we have developed our own test kits, exported drugs, ventilators and PPE kits, worked on our own vaccine and built multi-bed treatment facilities through both public spending and private partnerships. Imagine, what an increased health spending and a ground-up public health policy, especially at the primary and secondary levels, can do to ease medical treatment and not make it another nightmare for a nation battling serious disease burdens. For the first time, research and development (R&D) is being prioritised in the National Education Policy (NEP) with dedicated funding, compared to the last few years when money spent on it has been actually dwindling. The NEP's switch in emphasis from herd-oriented learning to an absorptive and application-based one should hopefully groom innovative minds and get us creditable research papers and patents, an area where our centres of excellence are still inadequate. So far, ISRO has been the only name that comes to mind when it comes to innovation, what with its missions to the moon and Mars. But science and technology will be the most meaningful when it impacts the life of the common man, still distressed and poor, and given Indian ingenuity, we could lead a solution-oriented talent pool.

Of course, our democracy has weathered many challenges and unfortunately, it faces its toughest survival test yet. It is no longer a culture but a tool. Politics has overtaken its true purpose, the purveyors of power using it to erode representative institutions and using collective angst and distress to arrogate more power to themselves. Policies are being weaponised for partisan purposes than public good. Though the shared crisis of COVID-19 did bring about some kind of cooperative federalism, we must not forget that happened only with an authoritarian sanction. Meanwhile, majoritarianism has become a mainstream virtue and secularism an ill-conceived vice, conformists of mainline discourse are true patriots while a thinking civil society has become an enemy of the State. The executive has become bigger than either the legislature or the judiciary and watchdog institutions like the media are either willing propagandists or ousted rebels. We are more disunited when we should be united as a pluralistic society. Yet the pandemic that has attacked us at a not too friendly age of 74 has brought out the best of human spirit, courage and compassion in everyday life. Probably to remind us of the ideals that make up our civilisational DNA. And, therefore, we are best placed to resurrect them than writing them off.

Sputnik V and safety

Is Russia's vaccine truly effective without community trials or is it the beginning of a new commercial and political race?



Russia claims to have beaten the rest of the world and come out with a vaccine for the Coronavirus named 'Sputnik V'. However, even before it hits the markets, it has become mired in controversy, with several countries, and even traditional friend India, expressing some doubts over its efficacy. What has the experts worried is the pace at which Sputnik V has been produced, leaving behind front-runners like Oxford-AstraZeneca, Moderna and Pfizer. They fear that without large scale community trials, Moscow has cut corners and may have put the lives of those inoculated at risk. The Moscow-based Gamaleya Institute, which is making the vaccine, got lightning speed regulatory approvals less than two months after it got into human trials. Compare this to other vaccine candidates in human trials that are not expected to be ready before early next year. However, Russia has claimed that such fast approvals were possible because Sputnik V resembles a vaccine for the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome that had already been tested greatly. This isn't the only controversy surrounding Russia and its bid to win the vaccine race. In July, it was accused of trying to steal vaccine research by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre. But the fact of the matter is that despite all the concerns of health and security experts, Moscow has got orders for one billion doses already from countries desperate to eradicate the pandemic. And even as Russia claims that India is one of the 20 nations to place an order, New Delhi has set up an expert committee headed by NITI Aayog member VK Paul to "consider the logistics and ethical aspects of procuring and administering the COVID-19 vaccine." The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) can ask Russia to conduct late-phase human trials, usually both phase-2 and phase-3, on an Indian population. This is the usual requirement for all vaccines developed outside India.

But there are overlap issues. As over 50 per cent of vaccines are currently manufactured in India, the Pune-based Serum Institute of India has already tied up with other developers. Then, there is the issue of availability and competition with India's own vaccine. According to the Russian Register of Pharmaceuticals website, the vaccine would be in circulation from January 2021 but the Indian vaccine is expected to hit the market before that. So, how the Centre will balance out the country's need for a Corona vaccine with the commercial interests of Indian firms producing it remains to be seen.

Pledge of independence

On our 74th Independence Day, we have perhaps forgotten that India's strength lies in unity and not conformity. We need to renew our vows



AJOY KUMAR

On August 15, 1947, India and its citizens gained independence with the British rule coming to an end. Loudly and proudly, we pronounced to the world that we, too, were ready to step out from the darkness of colonial rule to a new dawn, ripe with uncertainty but also hope. It is this hope that former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru so eloquently captured in his address to the nation on the eve of India's independence. He opened his speech with, "Long years ago, we made a tryst with destiny..." His immortal words still send a chill down my spine. But too often, we focus only on the first few words. If we read his speech further, *Nehruji* talked about a pledge that we have renewed by obtaining freedom. A pledge "of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity."

Few exemplified this pledge and dedication to the service of India more than Mohd Usman, also known as *Naushera ka sher* (the Lion of Naushera). At the time of India's independence, Mohd Usman was offered a high position in the Pakistan Army but he refused to join. Instead, he chose to help build a "new India" that had awakened on the fateful night of August 15. Usman bravely defended Naushera, causing a heavy toll on the Pakistani side but was martyred in July 1948 while fighting for his motherland. He was posthumously awarded the Maha Vir Chakra but more importantly, he remained a shining symbol of hope for a secular India. On his death, Khwaja Ahmad Abbas wrote, "...a precious life of imagination and unswerving patriotism has fallen a victim to communal fanaticism. Brigadier Usman's brave example will be an abiding source of inspiration for free India."

Such an example was necessary at a time when tension, fear and suspicion were writ large owing to the spectre of Partition. Not only did Usman dedicate his life to the service of India but also his death. Just as significant and poetic is the fact that six months before Usman was killed in a battle, another famous son of India, Jadunath Singh Rathore, who was under Usman's command, protected a nine-man forward section post, displaying unmatched brav-



ery against thousands of enemy forces. His bravery led to him being posthumously awarded the second-ever Param Vir Chakra. This sacrifice by two of India's brave sons — both were from different faiths but laid down their lives for the Indian dream — in all likelihood terrorised Pakistan more than any weapon could and still does.

So where does India stand today? Seventy two years after the death of these bravehearts, it seems that the fear and suspicion, that loomed large then, looms larger now. We are currently living in times where different sections of society are asked to prove their nationality. Proving one's nationality has been reduced to the idea of being subservient to a ruling class and not creating too much noise. This test is not limited to individuals of different faiths or people who come from different castes; it applies to anyone who does not agree with the view of the Government in power.

There are a number of instances where dissent against the Government and its actions are not only treated with the reckless exercise of power but also through an indiscriminate attack on the individual's patriotism. There are numerous examples that are in the public domain but one does not

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even need to go that far. The author himself has been subjected to vile abuse and was branded "un-Indian" merely because he had written/spoken in favour of what he believed was right for the beloved country. This despite the fact that he served as a public servant and was awarded a medal for bravery by the Government itself. I can only imagine how an everyday citizen is treated when he/she dares to dissent.

A part of the reason why we are in this unfortunate position is that we have forgotten that India's strength lies in unity and not conformity. We are steadily moving towards a time where dissent in a non-violent form and the free flow of ideas is stymied by authoritarian force or by the loudest voice. We have forgotten that our enemies as Indians are not our countrymen, who may follow different faiths or eat different foods, but illiteracy, hunger and corruption.

In his speech, Nehru recognised this when he said, "The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity." His words hold just as true today as it did then. True service to India is not fighting wars that our political masters or news channels manipulate

us into. Instead, it is the fight against poverty, illiteracy and disease that plague millions of Indians.

This is one of the main reasons why I am proud of the work done by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). The party's goal is to remain true to the nationalistic spirit through its work. This is why the Delhi model of governance has received such widespread credit in areas of health, education and transparency. All of this has been achieved by people of all faiths, gender and caste. By treating service to one another as the truest form of patriotism, we are united by purpose and enriched by our non-conformity.

Therefore, as we celebrate the 74th independence day, I would like to urge the citizens to remember the sacrifices of Usman and Jadunath Singh Rathore, who were killed before they could get a chance to see their beloved country turn two and laid down their lives for the Indian dream. A dream where people, divided for centuries by a foreign ruler, could find common meaning and purpose by pledging to live in service to one another and, therefore, in service to the country. A pledge renewed in 1947 demands renewal even more so in 2020.

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SOUNDBITE

Having completed all talks, we have come to the Assembly today. It may rain fire at this frontline, but we all and I will be the shield, club and spear and will protect.



Congress leader
—Sachin Pilot

Unless you are a good actor, you won't survive. As far as the disparity is concerned, it is tougher for outsiders. Star kids have access to information that we don't.



Actor
—Vikrant Massey

The world will be laughing and taking full advantage of the United States if Joe Biden ever became President. Our country would collapse.



US President
—Donald Trump

If one analyses this (Galwan) incident carefully, it's clear that the onus is not on China. The Indian side crossed the LAC for provocation and attacked the Chinese border troops.



Chinese Ambassador to India
—Sun Weidong

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Manage distribution

Sir — An expert group on COVID-19 vaccine administration has advised against States procuring the Russian vaccine. The directive has reportedly come in response to some States showing keen interest in getting the consignment to arrest the pandemic. Any procurement has to be done centrally, so that supplies can be allocated to States in proportion to their needs. Without a data-driven and honest assessment, this could set off needless politicking.

In the case of lockdowns, too, a uniform policy should have been adopted for all States to follow. Had every State followed the same guidelines, the detection of cases and deaths in all the States in terms of percentage would have been more or less the same.

KV Seetharamaiah
Hassan

Diminishing popularity

Sir — Politics is a different ball game altogether. For three years, US President Donald Trump

Race to the White House

In the run-up to the November elections, US President Donald Trump is relentlessly whipping up anti-immigrant sentiments. On the other hand, Democratic candidate Joe Biden's choice of Kamala Harris as his vice-presidential mate is a reminder to the incumbent that immigrants cannot be wished away. Though Kamala is part-Indian, part-Jamaican, she is an absolute American, committed to her country and its people. From being San Francisco's District Attorney twice, to being elected California's Attorney General for two terms and being Senator from California since 2017 to finally being a vice-presidential prospect, she has achieved many firsts as a woman of African and Asian pedigree. Irrespective of whether 77-year-old Biden wins or loses, 55-year-old Kamala is the heir apparent for the Democratic party which may be as early as 2024. Her rise is thought-provoking for us not only because of her Indian roots but also because she boycotted the "Howdy-Modi" event in Texas last year. Her views on Article 370 and CAA among others shall put the Government on the backfoot. Here, Biden and the Democratic party's views are no different. The party, perceived to be under the Leftists' and Progressives' control, occasionally indulges in India-bashing and is also seen to be soft on China, unlike Trump. Unless



it tweaks its stance, a Democratic victory would have a significant bearing on both the Indo-US and Indo-China relationships.

Black voters in the US, courtesy the George Floyd saga, are already polarised against Trump. Kamala's entry will lead to a further hardening of stance. Though Indian Americans traditionally vote for Democrats, yet a shift is happening towards Republicans. The 2.3 million Indian voters can tilt the results either way. How the two political parties, going forward, charm them will be a matter of strategy and shall have long term echoes on who stays on top of the pecking order in the geopolitical space.

SK Prabhakar
Gurugram

ably. According to the latest Gallup poll, Trump's popularity fell below the 40 per cent mark in June, with voters giving him low marks on the Coronavirus pandemic and,

notably, the economy. To add salt to his wounds, the selection of Kamala Harris as Joe Biden's running mate has stressed the Trump campaign. Harris is a heartbeat away from the White

House for the moment and she is likely to be a trumptcard in a close contest. She is expected to wean away the Black votes and the Indian diaspora in a bid to trounce Trump.

CK Subramaniam
Via email

Temporary relief

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Will the truce hold?" (August 14). It is no secret that the coup in Rajasthan was orchestrated by the BJP. It was just waiting to destabilise the Government. But Sachin Pilot's revolt fizzled out as the Congress took an unusually tough stand. By now Pilot would have also realised the selfishness of the saffron party, who tried to use him as a pawn and played its cards very carefully. As for the Congress, it is time it nominates a president, who can lead the party and act as a bulwark against a rampaging BJP. Most importantly, accommodate the young Turks.

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FIRST COLUMN

\$5 trillion GDP a distant dream

By all calculations, the COVID-19 impact has pushed India's \$5 trillion goal back by three years



SWAPNIL SONI

The Prime Minister has laid down a visionary target of making India a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25. This has stimulated debate and discussion among economists and policymakers to seek roadmaps to attain this optimistic economic goal. This discussion garners more significance given the current domestic and global economic slowdown coupled with domestic price instability, the US-China trade war and the current pandemic. Amid such global and domestic challenges, two questions arise: Will India become a \$5 trillion economy? What should be done to help Indian attain its goal?

It is necessary to empirically diagnose India's growth pattern to meet the objective of a \$5 trillion Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the current level of \$2.9 trillion. The latest estimate of the GDP for 2019-20 and the exchange rate of ₹70.39 per dollar (average exchange rate of 2019-20) yield a \$2.9 trillion GDP that has to touch \$5 in five years. This implies exchange rate adjusted Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of about 13.5 per cent, which is close to the Niti Aayog's projection of 11.5 per cent. However, the \$5 trillion GDP target was originally set during the pre-COVID-19 scenario, which has now made this target impossible to achieve owing to the disastrous consequences of the lockdown on the economy.

Amid the macroeconomic shocks and uncertainties, many national and global institutions and rating agencies have been releasing a revised GDP growth forecast for 2020-21. S&P and Fitch Solutions have projected India's GDP growth rate for 2020-21 as -5 per cent. The World Bank maintained a -3.2 per cent growth outlook. In contrast, Moody's Investors Services and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) posited non-negative growth numbers of zero per cent and two per cent for the current financial year (FY). On May 22, the RBI postulated the GDP growth in the negative territory. It further released a projection of -1.5 per cent growth for 2020-21 in its *Survey of Professional Forecasters* report in June. However, most projections predict above eight per cent growth outlook in the FY 2021-22, owing to the fiscal and monetary stimulus and reforms announced by the Government accompanied by the unravelling of the pent-up aggregate demand in the economy.

However, incorporating the adversity in GDP growth, due to the pandemic, it is best to consider a GDP growth rate of nearly -3.2 per cent for 2020-21 relying on the World Bank's estimate and the RBI's negative territory forecast. This growth number, while being conservative, hovers around the other negative estimates and thus is a tenable representative of all the growth projections made by various multilateral institutions and agencies. It is inevitable that subdued growth for the initial year (2020-21) of the \$5 trillion target trajectory will either devolve the growth pressure to subsequent years or push the target year to a later period.

Realistic estimation for the post-COVID-19 period i.e., from 2021-22 to 2024-25, yields a CAGR of 18.1 per cent, incorporating a -3.2 per cent GDP growth for 2020-21. This estimate indicates that the Indian economy has to grow at an annual rate of 18.1 per cent to attain a GDP target of \$5 trillion by 2024-25, which looks more surreal than real. Plus, each one per cent decrease in the growth rate for the current year yields an additional burden of 0.3 per cent in the CAGR for the subsequent years of the growth trajectory. Given the unrealistic-looking projected growth rate of 18.1 per cent, one needs to look at the alternative to attain the \$5 trillion target which is, naturally, a postponement of the target year.

In the post-COVID-19 period, the economy is expected to recover and revive as argued by multilateral institutions, rating agencies and economists. In fact, economists have even gone ahead and contemplated that the Indian market will emerge stronger than ever post-COVID-19, given the liquidity support and future demand. This revival is attributable to stimulus and reforms announced by the Government for all the productive sectors. However, the effectiveness of these stimuli and reforms would depend on their implementation and thus remains debatable. If not a big bang, a green shoot is expected to knock on the door of the economy in the next FY, replicating a V-shaped recovery to some extent.

Given this, from 2021-22, the economy's productive sectors, i.e. agriculture, industry and services, will follow their respective historical growth trajectories. Thus, it is expected that these productive sectors, post-COVID-19, will grow at the historical average of the previous five years of about 7.5 per cent, 9.0 per cent and 11.4 per cent, respectively. This looks more realistic and acceptable than the 18.1 per cent annual growth rate, derived and discussed earlier. This consideration and associated analysis revealed that the Indian economy will attain only \$3.8 trillion by 2024-25 and reach the \$5 trillion target by 2027-28 with a CAGR of 9.97 per cent. This implies that the COVID-19 impact has pushed India's \$5 trillion dream back by three years.

The ambitious \$5 trillion economic objective intends to provide a stimulus to the economy while raising many pragmatic challenges to achieve it. This objective can be achieved by providing an appropriate fillip to the growth of agriculture, industry and services sectors that are drivers of the Indian economy. However, a data-driven approach reveals that the growth attained by the present GDP patterns is far from the target required to attain the \$5 trillion objective. However, it is possible to attain this target by 2027-28 when there is a recovery in the economy during the post-COVID-19 period coupled with a consistent growth in productive sectors over the years.

Historically, the services and industry sectors show a high correlation with the overall GDP growth rate but they need consistent stimulus for growth. In fact, the productive sectors collectively can deliver viable growth rates that may put the Indian economy into the \$5 trillion club by 2027-28.

Any moderate shock to one sector may be absorbed by the other sector, but a major shock cannot be tackled and can derail the \$5 trillion growth trajectory. Thus, policymakers must focus on all the three sectors equally without focussing on any particular one. Along with the individual growth of a sector, its dynamics with other sectors and its contribution to the economy are evenly important. This could be achieved by attracting Foreign Direct Investment and strengthening the Regional Innovation Systems to encourage local firms to network, innovate and globalise.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

I HAVE THE GREAT HONOUR TO ANNOUNCE THAT I'VE PICKED KAMALA HARRIS, A FEARLESS FIGHTER FOR THE LITTLE GUY AS MY RUNNING MATE FOR THE ELECTIONS.

—FORMER US VICE-PRESIDENT

JOE BIDEN



SHE (KAMALA HARRIS) IS THE MEANEST, THE MOST HORRIBLE, THE MOST DISRESPECTFUL OF ANYBODY IN THE US SENATE.

—US PRESIDENT

DONALD TRUMP

Shun vitriolic leaders

The community should be represented by some liberally-balanced Muslims who know history and at the same time are rooted in their faith. Or else we could be stranded in a wasteland



FIROZ BAKHT AHMED

A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since 1947. The 200 million plus population of Indian Muslims was the one, that at the call of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad from the steps of old Delhi's Jama Masjid, put down its luggage meant for the next Lahore train from the Old Delhi Railway Station. In all probability, theirs was the right decision, in spite of the fact that many of their relatives had decided to leave for their El Dorado — the newly created Pakistan. Even today most of the Indian Muslims living in Old Delhi have their relatives in the country across the border. Religious frenzy has never augured well for any community in India and the world. In the words of eminent Muslim thinker, AG Noorani, the “two-nation theory” was, in effect, an offshoot of the constant friction and confrontation stirred up between the two communities and it was under exceptional circumstances that Jinnah's concept gained popularity among the Muslims. Indeed, the whole country responded to the “two-nation theory.” The greatest religion for both communities became Hindu-Muslim hatred. This mephitic form of politics saw its culmination in 1947 when a wall of hatred rose between the two communities.

Partition horrors: Elders would describe the gory sight of trains full of mauled, murdered, mutilated and dead Hindus chugging into the stations from Pakistan and similar trains from India, full of dead and mutilated Muslims pulling into Pakistan. These were called “blood trains” and all too often they crossed the border in funeral silence. Huts, houses, bungalows and mansions were burnt and robbed on both sides. Women were raped and murdered, children were killed in front of their parents, some women on both sides of the border jumped into wells and rivers while men also killed their wives and daughters to save them from dishonour.

Jinnah and Nehru both responsible: Jinnah on the Muslim front and Nehru in opposition to Jinnah, both barristers full of intellectual rivalry to be one up against the other, instead of preserving the sovereignty of India, started dreaming of being the new kings of the nascent kingdoms. Azad was blatantly ignored and sidelined by the Congress because he considered both Nehru and Jinnah as the main villains of the vivisection. He could read well into Nehru's flagrant opportunism and ambition to be the first Prime Minister of the new nation.

Azad was quite aggravated about the Partition and had accused Nehru of being lured into the Partition by Lady Edwina Mountbatten. Even in the play *Maulana Azad*, by noted playwright and scriptwriter, Dr Saeed Alam, Tom Alter, playing the protagonist, was heard stating in chaste Urdu, “*Log keh tey hain, aur theek hi keh tey hongee, ke Jawahar Lal ko batwaare pe raazi karney mein us charming lady ka bahut bada haath tha*.” (People say, and they must be right, that the charming lady played a role in getting Jawahar Lal to accept the Partition.) Today's Muslim leadership, bereft of thinkers like Maulana Azad and Dr Zakir Hussain, has lost both its voice and utility. During every election, it has been seen that all leaders are power-brokers indulging in pernicious vote-bank manipulation, acquiring State patronage themselves and leaving ordinary Muslims to the mercy of God.

Muslims misled: Despite that, Muslims won't fully trust Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had declared in a meeting with eminent clerics and intelligentsia at his residence on June 6, 2015, that he wanted to see in each Muslim's hands the holy *Quran* and a computer. When Home Minister Amit Shah said, “Muslims are like our children. We want to treat

“IT IS TIME THAT MUSLIMS REALISE THAT THE RSS IS A REALITY AND MODI IS A PRIME MINISTER WHO HAS PLEDGED ‘SABKA SATH, SABKA VIKAS, SABKA VISHWAS (COMPASSION FOR ALL, PROGRESS FOR ALL, TRUST FOR ALL).’ IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MUSLIMS TO HOLD HIM TO ACCOUNT AND ENSURE THAT HE REMAINS COMMITTED TO INDIA'S PLURALISTIC LEITMOTIF”



them equally on a par with others”, hardly any member of the community hailed it. This opposing mindset is creating a major problem in better integration with the mainstream. Battered by the populist rhetoric and provocative militancy of its myopic ill-educated clerics and shallow youth, the nation's cultured and high potential minority stands at the crossroads. Owing to their obscurantist approach, they are leading the community back to the dark ages of ignorance, like the ones in Arab countries before the advent of Islam. More often than not, they are interested in feathering their own nests and are indulging in petty-mindedness characterised by an extremely narrow and irresponsible outlook completely out of tune with the existing reality. Such leaders are not seriously interested in dealing with the main problems of the community. Muslim leaders and petty politicians are becoming richer day-by-day while the people they represent are languishing in ghettos.

In this ghettoised situation emerged the churlish political middlemen as interlocutors for communities, picking on sensational issues that would only apparently tighten their stranglehold on the gullible and divert attention from the real bread and butter and educational issues. Shah Bano, Jamia Millia, the AMU's minority character, Taslima Nasreen, Salman Rushdie and so on became issues. However, none of them had any bearing on the real problems of the Muslims. Educational backwardness, women's education, social stagnation, communalisation of the police force and absence from the mainstream were never addressed by the self-appointed interlocutors with the same emphasis as the Babri Masjid issue. It is thanks mainly to this leadership that Muslims remain stranded in a wasteland of missed opportunities even 73 years after Independence.

Muslims' ghetto mindset, the main problem: Indian Muslims, who now call themselves “Muslim Indians” deliberately, do agree that Pakistan today has

become hell on Earth. Yet they fail to thank their God and stars that they are far better in India as compared to those in Pakistan in terms of safety and security of life. My Karachi-based cousin has told me that after dusk, all city roads become deserted. I have a few questions to ask my Indian co-religionists. How is it going to benefit them when they abuse the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the BJP and Modi? Will constantly howling for reservations based on religion not discredit them?

Why do the so-called intellectuals and clerics instead of coolly convincing, heckle opponents in TV debates? All this has created a negative perception of Muslims in the country. My concern is that if these questions are not satisfactorily answered, relations between Hindus and Muslims will worsen. So far at least the answers that have come from educated Muslims have been deeply unsatisfactory or incomplete. The community should be represented by some liberally-balanced Muslims, who know history and at the same time are rooted in their faith.

However, the situation with the ghetto mindset of the Muslim community today is rather grim as they remain critical of the system in general and try to run a parallel governance via the AIMPLB (All-India Muslim Personal Law Board), the *Sharia* courts and the so-called rabble-rousing leaders like the Owaisi brothers, Azam Khan and a horde of perennial apologists seen in TV debates. Rather than serving the community and the nation, their vitriolic remarks create a perception of the community that all the Muslims are similar, which is not true. As per my assessment, more than 50 per cent Indian Muslims are with a progressive idea of India. However, they are tight-lipped and don't want to come out openly in support of the present Government for fear of being socially boycotted or stigmatised as RSS stooges and BJP sycophants.

Prophet's teachings forgotten: The problem with today's Muslims is that they

don't follow the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in letter and spirit. This actually distances them from Islam as well, because, Islam possesses sufficient elasticity to enable it to adapt itself to the social and political revolution going on around it. The Mohammedan Common Law (today AIMPLB), or *Shariah*, is by no means unchangeable or unalterable. A practical example of it is the ban of triple *talaq*, a part of *Sharia* but not mentioned in the holy *Quran* and absolutely abhorred by the Prophet. The only law unalterable in Islam is essentially the *Quran* and the traditions of the Prophet. The team of Modi, Shah and Ravi Shankar Prasad, the Law Minister, have banned the draconian *Sharia* law besides settling the eons old *mandir-masjid* imbroglio.

But across India, despite the many problems, the community is forging ahead. Large numbers are doing exceedingly well. The 1992 Babri mosque razing led to major churnings. The dominant consensus was that it was important to concentrate on education. That process continues. On November 9, 2019, the issue got amicably settled and none of the Muslims, except the AIMPLB or Owaisi brothers, protested.

Light at the end of the tunnel: More and more Muslim women, even in smaller towns, are acquiring an education. Although a Muslim political party has come up in Assam, another one in Telangana and two have been formed in Uttar Pradesh, most Muslims swear by secular national parties. It is time that Muslims realise that the RSS is a reality and Modi is a Prime Minister who has pledged “*Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas* (Compassion for all, Progress for all, Trust for all).” It is the responsibility of Muslims to hold him to account and ensure that he remains committed to India's pluralistic leitmotif.

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MSMEs need help to keep afloat

Invest in a mechanism to strengthen the longevity muscle of MSMEs as that would help break barriers and capture global markets



DIPANKER MUKHERJEE

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are the flavour of the season. Promoting inclusive growth by providing employment opportunities in rural areas to women and people belonging to marginalised sections of society, they are the new engines of India's growth story.

Contributing about 29 per cent to India's GDP, the vision is to increase this contribution to about 50 per cent. Collectively employing over 120 million people, second only to the mammoth agriculture sector, the MSME sector contributes over 45 per cent to India's overall exports.

A net gain is also reduction of regional imbalances and a more equitable distribution of national income and

wealth. MSMEs by design have high flexibility and strong ties to customers and suppliers.

The focus on customer needs, detailed knowledge and experience is many times difficult to replicate. Low overheads often aid lower fluctuations in their business cycle. With a very positive climate in the thinking on MSMEs, where policy, polity and production seem to have come together in fitting measure, all seems to be well in this rapidly upcoming 63 million-sector. It is primed to help move the economy towards the \$5 trillion mark.

Some chinks below the surface, however, need attention and merit early correction. The MSME sector operates primarily on a cash basis and has less access to formal sources of credit. The financial stress of operation, which has been curtailed due to the lockdown and the continuing overhead expenses, however small, has created a burden on many of these companies, which are struggling and are on the brink of shutting down or have already shut down.

With the overall slowdown in the economy and the prospect of a tepid

growth in future demand, this sector will be hard hit. For the MSME sector not to become a “me too” sector, asking for complete Government support and the Government in turn nudging the unwilling banking sector to provide credit in a high default risk scenario, the options available are seemingly limited. An enhanced working capital limit and guarantee on loans to small businesses seem to be the way ahead.

The biggest need for working capital — MSME bank loans — is contested by the banks. Processes are lengthy and loan queues are long. The MSMEs can't get loans and hence don't grow and because they don't grow, they don't get loans. It is a classic “catch-22” situation. Ironically, large lending to big corporations continues despite the risk of them becoming insolvent.

The credit gap for MSMEs as estimated by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Intelcap stands at ₹16.7 lakh crore. Loan approvals, logistics support, technology access and market access work against the MSME growth ambition. Unlike large companies, they do not have the support of a

strong network of people, resources and marketing channels, most of which become easily accessible with scale.

MSMEs are often seen competing with large corporations and this should be avoided through policy measures. Certain products and categories should be prioritised for MSMEs along with pre-defined quality standards. What affects the MSMEs further is that they don't have the experience of learnings from management education to have an appropriate appreciation of the grammar of business. Theirs is a hit and trial growth.

The future of MSMEs depends significantly on big corporations buying from them. They thus link up with big businesses through disadvantaged negotiations of prices and payment terms, forcing them to borrow more and more. Add to that scenario, the difficulties of delayed income tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST) refunds which further prevent growth. Thus, in the payment hierarchy, where MSMEs are last and have little bargaining power, they are forced to continue the relationship which is contingent on them remaining

small. Equally, the MSMEs are unable to apply pressure to reduce dues as they are made to feel that their future business is at stake. Due to the lack of skilled and professional manpower, they are unable to create the required pressure.

Their access to grievance redressal is either not available or has very low resolution levels. Many don't know how to leverage the redressal system. They fear that seeking such remedy would jeopardise their future business as ultimately they have to fall back on the same business houses for repeat business and the same service providers. For the MSMEs, a nose above the water is as good as it gets.

The creation of a favourable ecosystem for MSMEs would thus remain contingent on regulators assisting in clearance of their bills. Pay or be dealt with swiftly or pay up the interest which the MSMEs are paying for no fault of theirs. Investing in a mechanism to build resilience and strengthen the longevity muscle of MSMEs would help break barriers and capture global markets.

(The writer is Co-founder, Handygo Behtar Zindagi)

US will collapse if Biden is elected Prez: Trump

Washington: President Donald Trump has said that the US would collapse and become the world's laughing stock if the Democratic Party's presumptive nominee Joe Biden wins the November 3 presidential elections.

Trump said Biden's proposed policies were not good for the country.

"Today, we saw Joe Biden continue to politicise a pandemic and to show his appalling lack of respect for the American people. That's what it is. At every turn, Biden has been wrong about the virus, ignoring the scientific evidence and putting left-wing politics before facts and evidence," Trump told reporters on Thursday at the White House.

"The world will be laughing and taking full advantage of the United States if Joe Biden ever became President. Our Country would COLLAPSE!" Trump said in a tweet.

Trump's tweet included a Fox News video clipping in which its news anchor was crit-

ical of Indian-American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal for praising Biden. The Fox News anchor described Jayapal as socialist and a genuine radical.

"Sleepy Joe opposed both the China and the Europe travel bans. You know that. He opposed the China travel ban that I instituted very early and the Europe travel ban that I instituted quite early. If I listened to his advice, hundreds of thousands more people would have died. This is according to many people," the president said.

Trump alleged Biden wants to fling open American borders, allowing the pandemic to infiltrate every American community. "He wants to have ridiculous open borders. I've been saying from the first day I started campaigning for this great office that if you have open borders, you don't have a country. You don't have a country, with open borders. So he wants open borders. The Democrats want open borders," he said.

While Biden will allow riot-

ers, looters and millions of illegal aliens to roam free in our country, he also wants the federal government to issue a sweeping new mandate to law-abiding citizens, Trump alleged.

"He wants the President of the United States, with the mere stroke of a pen, to order over 300 million American citizens to wear a mask for a minimum of three straight months. He thinks it's his good politics. Different states are different, both in terms of the atmosphere and also in terms of the coronavirus problem," he said.

"If the President has the unilateral power to order every single citizen to cover their face in nearly all instances, what other powers does he have," Trump asked. The president alleged that Biden rejects the scientific approach in favour of locking all Americans in their basements for months on end.

"We've been dealing pretty strongly over the last number of weeks. But he wants them in the basement for months on end," he said. **PTI**

Nepal's ruling CPN forms 6-member task force to resolve party rift

Kathmandu: The ruling Nepal Communist Party on Friday formed a six-member task force to resolve the intra-party rift as Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and the party's executive chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' resumed their talks after a hiatus of over a week.

The taskforce, led by General Secretary Bishnu Poudel, will recommend ways to sort out the differences in the party after Prachanda and senior leader Madhav Kumar Nepal demanded Prime Minister Oli's resignation.

The task force also has Standing Committee members Shankar Pokhrel, Janardan Sharma, Bhim Rawal, Surendra Pandey and Pampha Bhusal, according to party sources.

The decision to form the task force was taken after a meeting between Oli and Prachanda on Friday.

The two leaders resumed their talks on Thursday and held a one-on-one meeting at the

Prime Minister's residence at Baluwatar in Kathmandu to sort out their differences and resolve the intra-party rift. This was their first meeting after over a week.

Oli during a television interview on Wednesday said that the ongoing intra-party tussle will be settled within five days.

Oli and Prachanda have held several meetings to sort out the differences between them. But, as the Prime Minister did not accept the condition of a one-man-one-post, the talks failed. Oli has refused to give up his post as prime minister as well as a co-chairman of the NCP.

A bitter internal feud has been brewing in the ruling NCP after top party leaders, including Prachanda, demanded Oli's resignation, saying his recent anti-India remarks were "neither politically correct nor diplomatically appropriate." They are also against Oli's autocratic style of functioning. **PTI**

Kabul begins release of final 400 Taliban, talks to follow

Kabul: Afghanistan has released the first 80 of a final 400 Taliban prisoners, paving the way for negotiations between the warring sides in Afghanistan's protracted conflict, the government said Friday.

Javid Faisal, spokesman for the National Security Council's office, made the announcement.

Taliban officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they are not authorised to speak to the media, said 86 prisoners were freed. It wasn't immediately known when the remaining prisoners would be freed.

Prisoner releases on both sides are part of an agreement signed in February between the US and Taliban. It calls for the

release of 5,000 Taliban held by the government and 1,000 government and military personnel held by the insurgent group as a good will gesture ahead of intra-Afghan negotiations.

Talks are expected to be held in Qatar where the Taliban maintain a political office. Several Afghan leaders told The Associated Press talks could begin by August 20.

These negotiations are to lay out a framework for a post-war Afghanistan.

Washington's peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad spent a year-and-a-half negotiating the peace deal aimed at allowing American troops to return home and end America's longest military engagement.

US troops have already begun leaving and by

November less than 5,000 troops are expected to still be in Afghanistan down from nearly 13,000 when the agreement was signed Feb. 29.

American and NATO troop withdrawal is contingent on the Taliban keeping their commitment not to allow militant groups to use Afghanistan against the United States or its allies. The withdrawal is not tied to successful talks between the warring sides.

Last weekend, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani held a traditional council meeting known as loya jirga to get a consensus on the release of a final 400 Taliban he said were accused of serious crimes, saying without explanation that he could not unilaterally decide to release them. **AP**

Letting Iran arms embargo expire is 'nuts': Pompeo

Vienna: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Friday urged an extension to a UN arms embargo on Iran, saying it would be "nuts" to let it expire.

Opposition from UN Security Council veto powers China and Russia is expected to block a resolution to extend the blockade beyond October.

Pompeo reiterated during a visit to Vienna that Iran should not be allowed to buy and sell weapons, calling the Islamic Republic "the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism."

"I mean that's just nuts... We're urging the whole world to

join us" to extend the arms embargo, he said.

As things stand arms sanctions are set to be eased gradually from October, under a Security Council resolution blessing a 2015 deal Iran signed with world powers to limit its ability to develop a nuclear bomb -- in exchange for easing trade barriers.

The landmark deal has come under strain since the US pulled out of it in 2018.

As Washington has re-imposed crippling sanctions, Tehran has in turn stepped up its nuclear activities again since

last year. Pompeo urged Tehran to provide "full, transparent and immediate cooperation" with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which monitors Iran's compliance with the nuclear deal.

Stepping up enrichment After meeting Pompeo on Friday, IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi told reporters that Iran had still not granted the agency access to two sites where it has requested access in order to clarify questions about possible undeclared nuclear activity in the early 2000s. **AFP**

China attacks new US demand to register Confucius Institutes

Beijing: China accused the United States on Friday of trying to "demonise and stigmatisate" relations between the two countries, in a scathing attack on the Trump administration's designation of Chinese-funded language and culture programmes in the US as foreign missions of the Chinese Communist Party.

Foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said branches of the Confucius Institute US Centre operating at US schools and colleges are a "bridge and link to help peo-

ple from all over the world learn Chinese, understand China, and strengthen educational and cultural exchanges and cooperation between China and other countries."

Zhao said the accusations against the institutes were without basis and were motivated by "ideological prejudice and self-interest." "The relevant US approach is to demonise and stigmatise the normal operation of China-US cooperation projects. We strongly deplore and oppose it," Zhao said at a daily briefing. **AP**

Officials: US seizes Iranian gas heading for Venezuela

Miami (US): The Trump administration has seized the cargo of four tankers it was targeting for transporting Iranian fuel to Venezuela, U.S. Officials said Thursday, as it steps up its campaign of maximum pressure against the two heavily sanctioned allies.

Last month, federal prosecutors in Washington filed a civil forfeiture complaint alleging that the sale was arranged by a businessman, Mahmoud Madanipour, with ties to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organisation.

At the time, sanctions experts thought it would be

impossible to enforce the U.S. Court order in international waters.

A senior U.S. Official told The Associated Press that no military force was used in the seizures and that the ships weren't physically confiscated.

Rather, US Officials threatened ship owners, insurers and captains with sanction to force them to hand over their cargo, which now becomes US Property, the official said. Prosecutors alleged the 4 ships were transporting to Venezuela 1.1 million barrels of gasoline. But the tankers never arrived at the South American country and then went missing. **AP**

11 killed, 27 missing in rain-triggered landslides in Nepal

Kathmandu: Powerful landslides triggered by torrential rains hit central Nepal's Sindhupalchowk district on Friday, killing at least 11 people and leaving 27 others missing, an official said.

The landslides hit Jugal Rural Municipality of Sindhupalchowk district, 130 kilometers east of Kathmandu on Friday morning.

Five people who sustained serious injuries have been airlifted by the Nepal Army in a helicopter and brought to the district headquarters where they are undergoing treatment, the official said. **PTI**

Belarus frees detainees amid protesters' pressure

Minsk: Belarusian authorities have released about 1,000 people detained amid demonstrations contesting the results of the presidential election, in an attempt to assuage public anger against a brutal crackdown on peaceful protests.

Around midnight, scores of detainees were seen walking out of one of Minsk's jails. In the early morning, volunteers also saw at least 119 detainees being released in the city of Zhodino just northeast of the Belarusian capital. **AP**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

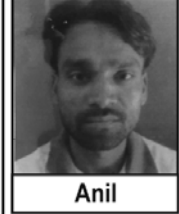


General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age: 26 years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'4", Clothes: Without Clothes, was found in Hari Park, Mukund Pur, Delhi, In this regard a DD No. 90A, dated 07.08.2020, has been lodged**

at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi DP/407/ON/2020 Ph: 011-27811933, 27811934

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Anil, S/o Kedar Singh, R/o: Street No. 14, Mangal Bazar, Pooja Colony, Pavi Sahadatpur, Loni, Gaziabad, U.P.,** has been missing from 10703, Manak Pura, Sabzi Bazar, Delhi, since **24.06.2020** from the area of P.S. DBG Road, Delhi In this regard a case vide **DD No. 35A, dated 06.08.2020** has been lodged at P.S. DBG

Road, Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped male is as under: **Age: 32 years, Height: 5'8", Face: Oval, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black colour T-shirt and white colour pant.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this female kindly inform to the following.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - c/c@cbi.gov.in Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. DBG Road, Delhi DP/267/CD/2020 Ph.: 011- 23613252, 8750870429

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely Chandni with her Son Krishna **D/o Hariom Sharma R/o C-48, Street No.9, Mange Ram Park Ext., Budh Vihar, Ph-II, Delhi Aged-28 Years** has been reported missing since 29.07.2020 at about 11:30 AM from her residence vide **DD No.69A Dated 30.07.2020** registered at Police Station Budh Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'4", Face: Long, Built: Thin, Clothing: Parrot Green coloured Suit, Salwar and Cream coloured jutti

Child description: Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 2', Face: Round, Built: Normal, Clothing: Grey coloured T-shirt, Red coloured half shorts and Blue coloured slipper in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing female & her children, may inform **SHO, Budh Vihar, Delhi at E-mail : c/c@cbi.gov.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in**

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
(TENDER NOTICE)

The Deputy Chief Engineer /Survey & Const., Tilak Bridge, Northern Railway, New Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender for the following work:

Mode of Tender	E-Tender (Single Packet)
Tender Notice No.	283-W/S&C/TKJ/FLS/DL/FZR-BTI & JHL-HSR/2020 Dated : 14.08.2020
Full Name of work	Final Location Survey (FLS) for doubling of Firozpur-Bhatinda and Jakhal-Hisar (168.80 kms.). Carrying out detail Engineering survey including Levelling, alignment, soil exploration, preparation of plans, L-sections, GA plans of Bridges etc., bill of quantities and other ancillary activities related in connection with preparation of DPR.
Approx. cost	Rs. 1,08,02,686/- (Rs. One Crore Eight Lakhs Two thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Six only).
Completion Period	06 months (Six months)
Earnest money amount	Rs. 2,04,000/- (Rs. Two Lakh Four thousand only)
Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 15.08.2020 to 07.09.2020 upto 11:30 hrs.
Last date/Time of upload of tenders	07.09.2020 upto 11:30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer(s) on IREPS website w.e.f. 23.08.2020 to 07.09.2020.
Date and time of opening of tender	07.09.2020 at 11:30 hours (immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2) in the office of Chief Administrative Officer/Const, N.Rly, Kashmir Gate, Delhi-110006.

This notice is available on www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in website and documents on www.ireps.gov.in site is available. Tender Notice No. 283-W/S&C/TKJ/FLS/DL/FZR-BTI & JHL-HSR/2020 Dated : 14.08.2020 1771/2020

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Tender No. **PDD-09/2020-21**
Name of work/supply/services etc. : **Supply of aerial work platform (Hydraulic system) mounted on 4 wheeler vehicle.**
Estimated cost : **Rs. 14,00,000/- + GST extra.**
Date of availability of bid document on website : **13.08.2020**
Last date for submission of tender : **04.09.2020**
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in> (Executive Engineer)

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1. Name of work and location	Hiring of 03 (three) Nos. Non-AC Vehicle such as "Jeep, Gypsy, Tata Sumo type of vehicle" on the monthly basis for a period of 02 (Two) years for the officers (XEN/C-I/TKJ, XEN/C-II/TKJ & XEN/C/ROK) working in the unit of Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi
2. Completion of the work	24 (twenty four) months
3. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 34,71,680.16 only
4. Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 69,400.00 only
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tender may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on 07.09.2020 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the Bids of which will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 07.09.2020.
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 24.08.2020 to 07.09.2020 and bidders will be able to offer their technical and financial bid from 07.09.2020. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2020
(Amount in Lakhs)

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended 31.06.2020 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 30.06.2019 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)
1.	Total income from operations	442.22	1615.15	1726.83	5967.19
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-40.49	6.67	0.94	66.44
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-40.49	6.67	0.94	66.44
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-40.49	-1.11	0.68	44.19
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)]	-40.49	-1.11	0.68	44.19
6.	Paid-up Equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10/- each)	329.00	329.00	329.00	329.00
7.	Other Equity (Reserves (excluding Revaluation	518.85	559.34	515.38	514.69
8.	Earnings per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)	-1.23	-0.03	0.02	1.34
	a) Basic				
	b) Diluted				

Notes :
1. The above results were reviewed by an Audit Committee and thereafter taken on record by the Board of Directors in their meeting on 13.08.2020 after review by an Audit Committee.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly & year to date financial results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly & year to date financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.mseil.in) and the company's website (www.parijatpapermills.com).

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Date : 13.08.2019
Place: Muzaffarnagar

Assange will never have fair trial chance in UK, US: Ex-Ecuadorian Consul

London: Former Ecuadorian Consul in London Fidel Narvaez told Sputnik ahead of Friday's administrative hearing in Wikileaks founder Julian Assange's extradition case that the whistleblower will never get a fair trial either in the UK or in the United States.

"There is plenty of evidence showing that Assange is a victim of a judicial persecution and that he is not getting a fair extradition trial here in the UK, and certainly will not have a fair trial in the US," the former diplomat told Sputnik in a phone interview.

According to Narvaez, the judicial persecution against the Australian journalist began even before he was arrested on April 11, 2019, at the Ecuadorian embassy in London, where he enjoyed political asylum for

seven years to avoid being sent to Sweden until Ecuador's current government handed him into the UK police last year. **AFP**

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NOTICE is hereby given to the public that my Client Shri S.S. Sai Baba S/o Late Shankar Narayan, residing at Plot No. 39, Saraswati Bhawan, A-1, Upper Ground Floor, A-Block, Shanti Kunj, Vasant Kunj, Church Mall Road, New Delhi-70 intend to purchase the property from Sunil Chaudhary S/o Late Shri Rishi Singh, residing at F-130/A, Gautam Nagar, New Delhi, the flat being Flat at Third Floor had an area measuring 100 Sq. Yards having One Bed Room, toilet, 100 sq. rights. That the said flat is in the name of Sunil Chaudhary S/o Late Shri Rishi Singh and he have the lawful possession and right to sell the said flat. The undersigned advocate hereby invites claims or objections from claimant/s or objector/s for the transfer of the said right, interest or title in the said flat, within a period of 14 days from the publication of this notice, with copies of documentary proofs to support the claim/objectior. If no claims/objectior are received within the period prescribed above, the negotiation will be completed and it will be presumed and/or deemed that there are no such claims/objectior and if any, the same have been waived or abandoned and my client will be free to complete the purchase without any reference to such claims made thereafter.

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WESTERN RAILWAY
ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
Tender No.: SG 623/1443/WA-R (Single Tender) dated 13/08/2020 Department: Signal & Telecomm Executive: Sr.DSTE(N)/BCT Work and Location: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Electronic Interlocking (EI) system (Kyosan make) at VAPI station in Virar - Surat section of Mumbai Division for 3 years. Approx. Cost of Work: Rs.67,68,658/- Particular division where E-tender open: Senior Official Signal & Telecom Engineer(North), 2nd Floor, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Mumbai Central, Mumbai-400 008 Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 1,35,400/- Type of E-tender: Single E-Tender Time & Date for closure for submission of E-Tender Documents: On 15.00 hrs. on 14.09.2020. Time & Date for opening of E-Tender: On 15.30 hrs. on 14.09.2020 The tender can be viewed at web site <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. ANJ-08 Like us on www.facebook.com/WesternRly

RBI to pay ₹57,128 cr dividend to Govt

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India board on Friday approved a dividend payout of Rs 57,128 crore to the government, a move in line with the Budget expectation but may not help plug a huge revenue hole created by the pandemic and slowing economy.

The surplus transfer of Rs 57,128 crore for the accounting year 2019-20 compared with Rs 1.76 lakh crore transferred last year, which included Rs 1.23 lakh crore as dividend and Rs 52,637 crore excess provisions identified

as per the revised Economic Capital Framework (ECF).

In a statement, the RBI said its central board headed by Governor Shaktikanta Das “reviewed the current economic situation, continued global and domestic challenges and the monetary, regulatory, and other measures taken by RBI to mitigate the economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic.”

“The Board also approved the transfer of Rs 57,128 crore as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year 2019-20, while deciding to maintain the Contingency Risk

Buffer at 5.5 per cent,” it said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the budget for 2020-21 had provisioned receipt of Rs 60,000 crore in dividend from the RBI and other banks to bridge the fiscal deficit. But, government officials had expected more from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The government is facing a larger-than-expected shortfall in revenue as the economy heads for its first full-year contraction since 1979. With the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting businesses, it is widely speculated that tax collections

will miss the target.

At the same time, the government is being forced to spend more to cushion the blow from the pandemic, straining the budget deficit.

The central bank largely earns profit through its trading of currencies and government bonds as well as printing of notes and coins.

Part of these earnings is set aside by the RBI for its operational and contingency needs, while the rest is transferred to the government in the form of dividend.

RBI’s financial year runs

from July-June at present and is scheduled to be harmonised with the government’s April-March fiscal starting FY22. In the current year, the RBI will have a nine-month financial year, ending in March.

The central bank’s payout to the government last year was more due to a one-time transfer on account of the adoption of a new economic capital framework that calls for maintaining the level of the contingency risk buffer, or realised equity, at between 5.5 and 6.5 per cent of RBI’s balance sheet.

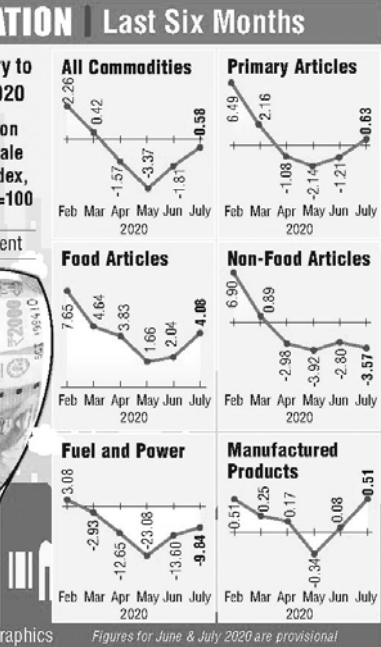
WPI inflation falls 0.58% in July, food prices spike

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The wholesale price-based inflation stood at (-)0.58 pc in July, remaining in the negative zone for the fourth straight month even as vegetables and other food items turned costlier. WPI inflation in June was (-) 1.81 per cent, while for the month of May and April it was (-) 3.37 per cent and (-) 1.57 per cent respectively.

The annual rate of inflation, based on monthly WPI (Wholesale Price Index), stood at (- 0.58 per cent) (provisional) for the month of July, 2020 as compared to 1.17 per cent during the corresponding month of the previous year,” the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement.

Inflation in food articles was at a four-month high level of 4.08 per cent in July, mainly due to sharp rise in vegetable prices. Inflation in vegetables



stood at 8.20 per cent, against (-) 9.21 per cent in June.

Pulses saw inflation of 10.24 per cent, while for potato it was 69.07 per cent in July. Protein rich items like egg, meat and fish saw hardening of prices with inflation at 5.27 per cent.

However, onion prices soft-

ened and inflation fell 25.56 per cent, while in fruits it was (-) 3.03 per cent. Inflation in fuel and power basket fell 9.84 per cent in July, compared to 13.60 per cent drop in the previous month. Manufactured products, however, witnessed inflation of 0.51 per cent in July, against 0.08 per cent in June.

ICRA Principal Economist Aditi Nayar said the considerable narrowing in the WPI disinflation in July 2020 relative to the previous month, was along expected lines, with a correction in the index levels for crude oil and mineral oils,

further narrowing of the core disinflation and a rise in food inflation. “The surge in tomato prices and moderate rise in potato prices pushed up the vegetable inflation in July 2020, contributing to the uptick in the inflation for primary food articles to a four-month high.

Markets retreat for 3rd day; bank stocks bleed

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity indices nursed losses for the third straight session on Friday as investors pruned exposure to banking, financial and consumption stocks amid negative global cues.

Weak macroeconomic data and a depreciating rupee further curbed risk appetite, traders said.

Tanking 663 points from the day’s high, the 30-share BSE Sensx settled 433.15 points or 1.13 per cent lower at 37,877.34.

The broader NSE Nifty slumped 122.05 points or 1.08 per cent to close at 11,178.40.

Axis Bank was the top laggard in the Sensx pack, slipping 2.81 per cent, followed by SBI, M&M, Bajaj Finance, ITC, HDFC Bank, HCL Tech and IndusInd Bank.

Only five index constituents ended in the green — Sun Pharma, NTPC, Tata Steel, Titan and Infosys, rising up to 2.04 per cent. During the week, the Sensx declined 163.23 points or 0.42 per cent, while the Nifty fell 35.65 points or 0.31 per cent.

“Indian markets tracked weak global cues in the latter part of the trading day to end with losses. The uncertainty was with regards to the US-China trade meet this weekend and a lack of wholesome pickup in economic activity in many countries, including China.

“The Indian retail inflation numbers that came in above the MPCs’ target also put doubt on expected rate cuts by the RBI, which the market was looking forward to. Weak results especially in the Auto sector also contributed to the losses,” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Retail inflation rose to 6.93 per cent in July, mainly driven by rising prices of food items like vegetables, pulses,

meat and fish, official data released post market hours on Thursday showed.

BSE auto, bankex, finance, oil and gas, FMCG and telecom indices fell up to 2.50 per cent in Friday’s session, while metal, healthcare and consumer durables closed higher.

Broader BSE mid-cap and small-cap indices fell up to 1.02 per cent.

Global equities were under pressure following lacklustre industrial production and retail sales data in China.

Bourses in Hong Kong and Seoul ended in the red, while Shanghai and Tokyo settled with gains.

Stock exchanges in Paris, Frankfurt and London plunged up to 2 per cent in early deals, dragged by travel stocks, after the UK added more European countries to its quarantine list.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.65 per cent lower at USD 44.67 per barrel. In the forex market, the rupee settled 6 paise lower at 74.90 against US dollar.

₹ settles 6 paise lower at 74.90 against US \$

Mumbai: The rupee on Friday slid 6 paise to end at 74.90 against US dollar as data showing slow economic recovery and higher inflation dampened forex market sentiment.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 74.85 and then lost further ground to settle at 74.90, registering a decline of 6 paise over its previous close of 74.84 to the US dollar.

During the session, the rupee witnessed an intra-day high of 74.74 and a low of 74.93 against the greenback.

On weekly basis, the rupee inched up 3 paise against the US dollar. **PTI**

Bank credit grows 5.51 pc, deposits 11.11 pc: RBI data

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Bank credit and deposits grew 5.51 pper cent and 11.11 per cent to Rs 102.65 lakh crore and Rs 141.61 lakh crore, respectively, in the fortnight ended July 31, according to the latest data from the RBI.

In the fortnight ended August 2, 2019, bank credit and deposits were at Rs 97.29 lakh crore and Rs 127.44 lakh crore, respectively.

On a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis, non-food bank credit growth was at 6.7 per cent in June 2020, nearly the same as in May 2020 but lower than the growth of 11.1 per cent in June 2019.

Allow e-way bill for intra-State transportation of gold: GoM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

States can make e-way bill mandatory for transportation of gold within the respective states but implementing it for inter-state movement across India will not be feasible, a state-ministerial panel suggested on Friday.

The group of ministers (GoM), comprising finance ministers of Kerala, Bihar, Gujarat, Punjab, Karnataka and West Bengal, set up to examine feasibility of implementation of e-way bill for movement of gold and precious stones met via video conferencing.

“It was decided that if any state wants to implement e-way bill for gold, they can do so for intra- or within the state transportation,” Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi told PTI.

Gr Noida brings open-ended scheme of residential buildings

Greater Noida: On the occasion of Independence Day, the Greater Noida Authority is bringing an open-ended scheme of residential buildings from date, GNIDA CEO Narendra Bhooshan said. Under which you can decorate the dream of dwelling by not applying for the request. It is a special occasion for them that if they are living on rent or are confused with the breathtaking plans of the builders, then the authority is providing them a lot of opportunity to choose the building of their choice in this scheme.



METRO RLY OBSERVES CLEANLINESS WEEK

Kolkata: Metro Railway has undertaken a special cleanliness drive in order to observe Cleanliness Week from 10th August to 16th August, 2020. Metro officers and staff have been participating in this drive in order to make Metro premises more beautiful and clean and augment its aesthetics.

On Friday for the fifth consecutive day, cleanliness drives were organised at North-South and East-West Metro stations in which Metro staff participated in numbers maintaining all COVID-19 protocols.

During this week, special focus is given on collection and disposal of plastic wastes in and around Metro premises.

Milaap introduces free fundraising

New Delhi: For charitable organisations and personal causes during the Covid pandemic, Milaap is introducing a free fundraising platform for the upcoming festive season from the Independence Day.

“We made Milaap free for all relief related fundraisers as a token of gratitude. Therefore, it made perfect sense for extending this 0% fee to all fundraisers,” said Mayukh Choudhury, co-founder and CEO of Milaap.

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Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30.06.2020				
Rs. In Lakhs (Except EPS)				
S. No	Particulars	Quarter Ending 30-Jun-20 Unaudited	Previous Quarter Ended 31-Mar-20 Audited	Corresponding three months Ended in the previous year 30-Jun-19 Unaudited
1	Total Income from operations (net)	0.91	0.99	1.09
2	Net Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities after tax*	(1.28)	(1.87)	(1.86)
3	otal Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(1.28)	(1.87)	(1.86)
4	Equity Share Capital	25.00	25.00	25.00
5	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	12.26	12.26	18.60
6	Earnings Per Share (from ordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each) (In Rs.) 1. Basic: 2. Diluted :	(0.50)	(2.55)	(0.74)
*The Company does not have any extraordinary item to report for the above period				
Notes:				
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter ended 30.06.2020 Financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015. The full financial results is available on the company's Website www.supraindustrialresources.in and on the stock exchange website www.mse.in				
2. The Unaudited standalone financial results of the Company for the quarter ended 30.06.2020 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 14.08. 2020.				
3. This statement has been prepared in accordance with the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extend applicable.				
for Supra Industrial Resources Ltd., Sd/- Rajat Agarwal Director (DIN 00266205)				
Place: New Delhi Date: 14.08.2020				

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Email id: superiorfinlease@gmail.com; Website: www.superiorfinlease.com						
Extract of Statement of Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on June 30, 2020 (Rupees in lacs)						
Sl No.	Particulars	STANDALONE		CONSOLIDATED		
		Quarter ended 30-06-20 Un-audited	Year ended 31-03-20 Audited	Quarter ended 30-06-20 Un-audited	Year ended 31-03-20 Audited	
1	Total Income from operations	23.10	22.85	102.33	23.10	22.85
2	Net Profit for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	15.74	8.16	22.09	15.74	8.16
3	Net Profit for the period Before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	15.74	8.16	22.09	16.13	8.16
4	Net Profit for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	15.74	6.04	16.31	16.13	6.04
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	15.74	4.95	18.91	16.13	4.95
6	Equity Share Capital	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the previous year	3.31	(8.67)	(11.27)	3.31	(8.67)
8	Earning Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS	0.52	0.20	0.54	0.54	0.20
	(b) before Extra-ordinary items) (in Rs.)					
	(c) Basic and Diluted EPS	0.52	0.20	0.54	0.54	0.20
	(d) after Extra-ordinary items) (in Rs.)					
Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Results are available on the Stock Exchange Website (www.mse.in and www.bseindia.com) and Company's website www.superiorfinlease.com.						
For Superior Finlease Limited Sd/- (RAJNEESH KUMAR) Director DIN: 02463693						
Date : 13.08.2020 Place : New Delhi						

बिहार
 **सरकार**

प्राचार्य का कार्यालय, दरभंगा चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, लहेरियासराय निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

भारतीय चिकित्सा परिषद, नई दिल्ली के माध्यम से, को पूर्ण करने हेतु दरभंगा चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, लहेरियासराय के केन्द्रीय पुस्तकालय एवं विभागीय पुस्तकालय के लिए वित्तीय वर्ष 2020-21 में मेडिकल पुस्तकों नवीनीकरण एवं मूल संस्करण, विभिन्न विषयों / विषयसूचकों के जर्नल (साप्ताहिक एवं अन्तराष्ट्रीय) की आपूर्ति करने हेतु प्रकाशकों, प्राधिकृत वितरकों अथवा अधिकृत विक्रेताओं को FPBA, नई दिल्ली के माध्यम से शर्तों को पूरा करते हैं एवं जो भी शर्तों के द्वारा पूराकों / जर्नलों की आपूर्ति के प्राधिकृत एजेंट हो वे निम्न शर्तों और स्थिति (Terms and Condition) के साथ विद्यमान के प्रधान प्रकाशन की तिथि से 21 दिनों के अन्दर सूचनावित्तिकाके में निविदा दाय / स्वीड पोस्ट द्वारा निविदा समर्पित करेंगे। 21 वे दिन अगर किसी प्रकार का अवकाश रहता है या किसी अपरिहार्य कारण से प्राचार्य कार्यालय बंद रहता है तो उससे अगले दिन तक निविदा प्राप्त की जायेगी। निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि के अगले दिन क्रय समिति के सम्म निविदा खोली जायेगी। जिसमें निविदादाता या उनके प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि उपस्थित रह सकते हैं।

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NOTICE	
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Friday, 21st August, 2020 to consider and take on record the Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June, 2020 among other things.	
A copy of the said Notice and the Financial results shall also be available at the Company's website at www.prakashwoollen.com and on Stock exchange Website at www.bseindia.com	
For Prakash Woollen & Synthetic Mills Limited Sd/- VIJAY KUMAR GUPTA WHOLETIME DIRECTOR & CFO	
Place: Village Amnhra (Amroha)	
Date: 14.08.2020	DIN: 00353525



ISHAAN KHATTER

I am exhilarated to be a part of *Pippa*, a film of such magnitude and importance. It is directed by Raja Krishna Menon. Getting to play the suave and spirited tank commander Brigadier Balram Singh Mehta is a true privilege. I'm looking forward to the exciting experience of the film.



CHUNKY PANDAY

When I came into films in the late 80s and early 90s, it was all about these heroes doing the right things. The hero couldn't dream of doing anything negative, but then came SRK and he did films like *Darr*, *Baazigar* and now slowly, I have seen that even Akshay (Kumar) is doing it. Ranveer (Singh) has done it so convincingly in *Padmaavat*.



NAMIT DAS

I feel it is extremely important to make these big challenges of human existence a conversation in the public domain. What better way to spread awareness about them than through music? 'We are one' irrespective of caste, culture, religion, creed and colour. As humans, we need to do better and empathise with each other.



SUKHWINDER SINGH

The title track of the film, *Mere Desh Ki Dharti* is special for more than one reasons. The lyrics are beautiful yet powerful. The music stays with you. It's really an honour to be a part of such a spectacular song. What's most exciting is that it's releasing on Independence Day, the most befitting tribute to our country, our motherland.



VIKRANT MASSEY

The script of *14 Phere* hit me hard. The ideology of the film and the thought behind the story is something that has been with me, individually. It is a beautiful story that speaks of things relevant in today's times. I am looking forward to working with Kriti (Kharbanda).

INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL 60 MINUTES

SHADES OF INDIA

As India marks its 74th Independence Day, National Geographic celebrates the pride of the nation by releasing never-seen-before images through an aerial lens



Representation of a meteorite entering earth's atmosphere.

India is known for its rich cultural heritage and history. From archaeological wonders like Taj Mahal to majestic palaces and forts, all narrate the testimony of our nation's regal lineage. As India marks its 74th Independence Day, National Geographic celebrates the pride of the nation by releasing never-seen-before images of the country through an aerial lens. These images have been shot as part of its forthcoming two-part series titled *India From Above*. Narrated by Dev Patel, the film highlights different aspects of our country

from geological wonders, marvels of human engineering to some of the big festivals. Shot across one year spanning the length and breadth of the country using advanced 4k aerial filming technology, the series is a fitting tribute to our vibrant nation. From covering the largest democratic exercise in human history to ensuring ancient technique and skills are preserved for future generations, the film reveals how India is embracing its path to forge its future. *(The second part of the series premieres today at 10 pm on National Geographic.)*



Ghanshyam Singh, Deputy Commandant of the Border Security Force, leads the Camel Contingent at a rehearsal. By Abhik Wadhwa



A sea of blue solar panels. By Abhik Wadhwa



The shifting sand dunes of the Thar at the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan. By Raunak Sharma



Our drone glides past one of the fourteen gopurams as it captures the intricate carvings of the Meenakshi Amman Temple. By Raunak Sharma



The terrain of Ladakh as dusk approaches. By Abhik Wadhwa



A celebration of colour as the festivities for Holi kick off at the temple premises in Nandgaon. By Abhik Wadhwa



An aerial view of pilgrims taking a holy dip at the confluence of rivers Ganga, Yamuna and the invisible Saraswati at the Kumbh Mela. By Gaurav Agarwal



The Chand Baori, a stepwell that is approximately thousand years old. One that served as the primary source of water for countless villagers. By Raunak Sharma



One of the many waterfalls in the wettest place in the world, cascading down the Khasi Hills. By Abhik Wadhwa



The Vizhinjam village. By Anurag Jetly



India's second lunar exploration kicks off as the GSLV Mark III leaves its launchpad. By Jagya Naik M

CONVERSATION 60 MINUTES

'A LOVE LETTER TO HUMAN RACE'

Presenter BRIAN COX says that the series, *Human Universe*, explores the answers to the greatest questions ever asked about the existence of planets, alien life and the human brain. By TEAM VIVA

It is a story of humankind, told through the greatest questions ever asked. 'Where are we in the Universe?' 'What is the destiny of our planet?' 'How did the human brain arise and why did we develop consciousness?' 'Will our search for alien life be successful, or Earth is the only planet with life? Are we alone?' Answering these questions, the series, *Human Universe* offers a new perspective on human life, combining dramatic photography with innovative CGI all set in spectacular locations across the world as it explores the ultimate wonder of the universe — us. Excerpts of a conversation with presenter Brian Cox:

◆How would you sum up the series? *Human Universe* is a love letter to the human race. It sounds like a very simple definition of a series but it didn't begin that simply. It started out as a cosmology series, an astronomy series, asking questions about how we came here, questions about the evolution of the human race, the origin of the Universe itself. Well, what we realised during the shoot was that, it was, it really became a series about our values.

Modern science has taught us that we are very rare as well as insignificant, and so the trick in the series was to put those two things together — what does it mean to be rare, and then, the consequence of an almost unbelievable series of accidents, but also insignificant. How do you marry these things? The answers were — our rarity gives us value and also, because our existence seems to be completely meaningless, we're equally insignificant. We didn't have to be here. Hence, I think



we have a responsibility to look after ourselves, to protect ourselves, to find out about the Universe, and to do science. In this way, if you put all these thoughts together, ultimately, you get a love letter.

◆What's special about the series? I think of all the series I've made, this one is my favourite. I have a soft spot for the 'Wonders of the Solar System' because it's the first big thing that I did. And this one I think, for me, addresses the biggest questions. Undoubtedly, we're asking questions about, at one level, our existence, how did we come to be here, not only us as human beings, given the origin of life on Earth, but also the Universe itself. And the fact that modern, 21st century science is beginning to address these questions is remarkable.

At another level, it's also hinting at deeper questions like how to value ourselves and science, proceed for the future, and respect the acquisition of knowledge. This has been made most

explicit in the fifth programme, which is polemic. Many would have seen it in the past through series like *Cosmos*, *The Ascent of Man*, and some of James Burke's works. They have polemical elements.

I think this series is a bit old-fashioned, but in a good way. It has a collective opinion, which is delivered as mine but was actually generated throughout the series, through the collaboration with the crew and the directors, and everybody who worked on the series. I think that is what gives it some added depth and resonance.

◆What was your most memorable experience during the shoot?

The strangest experience I've ever had filming anything was the Soyuz capsule return into Kazakhstan. The reason is that the snow there was quite heavy and our vehicles were very under-powered. Essentially, we had the wrong vehicles, so we couldn't get there and got stuck. It was a disaster because it's the centre part of the series — return of the Soyuz capsule into Kazakhstan

— and we were faced with a situation where we couldn't film it because we couldn't reach there.

A film crew working for the Russian Army said to us, 'We can fit two of you in our vehicle. If you jump on these two snowmobiles and chase us and see if you can find us out there in the Kazakh wilderness.' So, I and Paul O'Callahan, the cameraman, jumped onto the snowmobiles, left everybody else and went off with the Russian Army, with no communication with our team.

No one spoke English, apart from one of the Russian cameramen. We stayed the night, partly in a Kazakh farmer's hut, who, as far as I could see, brought us horse and jam to eat, which was actually very good. And we finally filmed the return of the Soyuz capsule. It was a remarkable experience. You will see it at the end of episode 1, *Ape Man Space Man*, in one of the most iconic scenes of the series, that only two of us actually shot it.

(The series airs from August 17 to August 21 at 8 pm on Sony BBC Earth.)

STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES

Humans behind the cartoon

Actors WILL SMITH, NAOMI SCOTT and MENA MASSOUD offer a peek inside their characters in *Aladdin*, their families' reaction and some behind the scenes. By TEAM VIVA

Aladdin, a live action musical fantasy film is the reimagining of the 1992 animated classic from Walt Disney Pictures. The plot follows Aladdin (played by Mena Massoud), a street urchin, as he falls in love with Princess Jasmine (played by Naomi Scott), befriends a wish-granting Genie (played by Will Smith), and battles the wicked Jafar (played by Marwan Kenzari). Excerpts:

□What was your reaction when you found out that you are going to play the most iconic character in the history of cinema?

Naomi Scott: I was excited initially but was scared later with the thought of humanising an animated character that's iconic. You are going off animation which means there are definitely certain things that are the foundation of the character, humanising that person is exciting because then you could make her into a woman who is into so many different things. She is one of my favourite Disney princesses for real.

Mena Massoud: I didn't have the time to think about it. I got the project on a Wednesday and had to fly out on a Friday for six months. So I had a day and half to pack all my stuff because of Will's (Smith) schedule. It was a good thought because I didn't have the time to dwell on it, it was a blessing in disguise.

□Who in your family was the most excited when they found out about your role?

Mena: I came home after wrapping up a film and woke up my parents at 3 am. I have never seen my dad more excited. He jumped out of the bed and gave me a hug. My mom was half asleep and half crying. She was like 'really?'

Naomi: I think everyone may have told a few people what was going on at the time but my favourite reaction was of my friend Adrian who literally just went 'girl bye' and then hung up in there, it was good 15 minutes before he rang me back. The



other one was my friend Shelly who burst out crying and my brother, who cared I was in the film because of Will. He is not that keen about what I do apart from the fact that I am in a film with Will. He is his biggest fan in the world.

Will Smith: For me, the major thing was how huge and perfect the character Robin

William's had already played in the film. And I have been in these situations before where you have roles with people you have nostalgic emotional connection. I love Williams and what he did with the genie. One question I always ask myself with those kinds of roles is, is there any meat left on the bone? can you do a service to the love

and nostalgia that is connected to it while at the same time bring something new to the next generation? When I played genie, it was absolutely terrifying but post that I have never felt it in a strange way because the character becomes ingrained in people's hearts and minds in a way that it's a family member. I watched the film about 10

times, it had live action and distinct characters. I thought I would modernise the genie where I could pay homage to Robin and honour the widely respected depiction while at the same time bring something new.

□What was the most memorable day of shooting on the set?

Naomi: I would say shooting 'Speechless' because it was a very emotional day. I felt like I had to give myself some space getting to the zone because I was singing the first half live which is difficult, I was being moved around so you try to control your voice and then go into the song. I just had to give everything. That song is really important to that character because it is that point where she is being herself and is constantly being shut down and people can relate to that.

□Tell us about the line "My sultan, Jafar is not who he says he is!"

Mena: So you have heard the story. It was a really intense moment in a very dramatic scene. I had a few long days and I came in and completely fumbled the line. Will didn't let it go. I said something like 'hem whom nom seem him is.' It did come out like that and then we just couldn't stop laughing. Will actually got it made into a T-shirt wrapped up gift. I still wear it, it's part of my pyjamas. I can't wear it out though otherwise people would be like 'What is that?'

□What film would you like to be in if you had the choice? What if Aladdin was in it?

Mena: Maybe *Inglorious Basterds* of Quentin Tarantino — that is one of my favourite films of all time. The character work in that is amazing so I would love to do that. If Aladdin was in it, that would be a little weird, we would have to mature it up a little bit.

(The film airs today at 3 pm on Star Movies as a part of the 'Independence Day: Special Edition' pack.)

JUKEBOX 15 MINUTES



Salaam, reloaded

Singer-composer AR RAHMAN's iconic song, *Maa Tujhe Salaam*, gets a new, beatbox rendition

Main gaya jahan bhi
Bas teri yaad thi
Jo mere saath thi
Mujhko tadpati rulati
Sab se pyaari teri soorat
Pyaar hai bas tera, pyaar hi
Maa tujhe salaam...



For the last two decades and more, the song has been instrumental in instilling a sense of pride, patriotism and national unity among millions. Even after garnering a Guinness World Record for being the song performed in the most number of languages, singer-composer AR Rahman's *Maa Tujhe Salaam* doesn't cease to amuse many and generate a plethora of emotions.

Celebrating the 73rd Independence Day, MTV, in partnership with BBXINDIA, launches a recreated version of Rahman's *Maa Tujhe Salaam*, with a beatbox version.

This rendition of the

song, purely created with human mouth and vocal chords (vocal flute, Konakkol, and Beatbox only) for the first

time ever, is a modern-day tribute to the resilience of our nation. Through this offering, the channel also brings *Beatbox Hustle*, an innovative extension to its rap reality show.

The track also owes its newness to three artistes — Chennai-based beatboxer Raka Vee, founder of the collaborating beatboxing company; Ajinkya, a self-trained mouth musician from Mumbai who recreates the wind flute using his vocal cords; and Shivaraj Natraj, a well-trained Carnatic vocalist and Mridangam artist from Bangalore, also known as the *Konnakol* beatboxer who combines the oldest vocal percussion (*Konnakol*) with modern-age beatboxing and brings the true mix of Indian beatbox flavour.

(There will be a series of Live sessions with Raka Vee for the next four weeks on MTV Hustle's Instagram.)

MADE IN US

Super-sub Tyler Adams' maiden Leipzig strike helps Nagelsmann's side knock-out Atletico to reach CL semis

AFP ■ LISBON

Leipzig stunned Atletico Madrid 2-1 on Thursday to reach the Champions League semi-finals for the first time as Tyler Adams' 88th-minute winner earned them a showdown with Paris Saint-Germain.

Atletico looked to have secured extra-time at the Estadio Jose Alvalade when Joao Felix won and then scored a penalty to cancel out Dani Olmo's headed opener early in the second half.

But Adams proved an unlikely hero for Leipzig, coming off the bench to snatch victory in Lisbon after his fired effort took a cruel deflection of Stefan Savic and flew in.

The win marks a historic night for Leipzig, who were



RB Leipzig players celebrate after winning their Champions League quarterfinal match against Atletico Madrid at the Jose Alvalade stadium in Lisbon

AP

only formed 11 years ago and played their first-ever season in Germany's top flight in 2016.

Progress to the last four also puts another feather in the cap of their coach Julian Nagelsmann, whose stock will rise even further after ousting Diego Simeone, one of this competition's most gnarly tacticians.

"I'm perhaps one of the happiest coaches in the world," Nagelsmann said.

"We were the better team, the result is totally OK. The second goal is a bit lucky but we found the space behind the defensive line. I think we were the better team today."

Their challenge is now to defeat PSG on Tuesday, the

French champions who have only played three matches in almost half a year and needed a late escape to see off Atalanta on Tuesday.

"It's normal that when you get to the next round, you want more," Nagelsmann said.

"Tonight we're happy. Tomorrow we'll start looking at Paris. That will be another difficult game but we'll have a plan."

'HURTS A LOT'

For Atletico and Simeone, this was an opportunity spurned to go far in Europe at the end of what has been a disappointing season in Spain.

After Real Madrid's loss against Manchester City, only

"When I came on I wanted to bring energy and help the team in any way possible. Getting your first goal is a little bit unexpected for me. I'm not a typical goal scorer but I'm happy I could help the team"

— TYLER ADAMS

"I'm convinced that we gave everything we had. But it wasn't enough. We have to raise our heads and try again next season"

— DIEGO SOMEONE

"Tonight we're happy, tomorrow we'll start looking at (PSG). That will be another difficult game, but we'll have a plan"

— JULIAN NAGELSMANN

Barcelona are left to fly the Spanish flag in this tournament and they face a formidable challenge against Bayern Munich on Friday.

Questions will be asked again about the future of Simeone, who has struggled to recreate an Atletico side capable of challenging for major honours.

His notoriously defensive approach, which saw off holders Liverpool in the last 16, looked outdated here against the slick, quick and free-flowing style of their opponents.

"It hurts a lot," said Atletico's Saul Niguez. "They had superiority in many areas on the pitch, inside, outside. Many times we were not even close to stopping them."

SINGLES

WRESTLING NATIONAL CAMPS FROM SEPT 1

NEW DELHI: The Wrestling Federation of India will hold the national camp for Olympic weight category wrestlers from September 1, top Indian wrestlers Bajrang Punia and Pooja Dhandha confirmed on Friday. The training camp for women wrestlers is slated to begin in Lucknow, while the one for male wrestlers will start in Sonapat.

ATP PLANS SEASON-END FINALS WITHOUT FANS

LONDON: The Italian Open is shifting to a week earlier than originally planned in September, and the Hamburg European Open will follow it on a provisional ATP calendar for the rest of the 2020 men's tennis season. The season-ending ATP Finals in London are still slated for Nov 15-22, without spectators. But the ATP said on Friday it "remains hopeful" that will change and some fans will be allowed to attend.

KIPCHOGE AMBASSADOR FOR 'RUN AS ONE'

MUMBAI: Reigning Olympic marathon champion Eliud Kipchoge was on Friday named the ambassador of the fund-raising initiative "Sunfeast India Run As One", starting on Saturday. The "virtual event" will support people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic with the citizen-led movement bringing together people of 28 states and eight union territories. The 30-day movement will kick-start on Saturday while registrations will continue till September 11.

WIEGMAN APPOINTED LIONESSES COACH

LONDON: Netherlands women's football team manager Sarina Wiegman will succeed Phil Neville as England Women's head coach from next year after signing a four-year deal, the Football Association (FA) announced on Friday. The Dutch won the European Championship under Wiegman in 2017 and she also led them to their first World Cup final two years later in France. Wiegman will take charge of England in September 2021.

MCDONALD TO MISS AUS TOUR OF ENG

SYDNEY: Australia's senior assistant coach Andrew McDonald will miss next month's tour of England owing to a pre-existing commitment with his IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals (RR), the country's cricket board said on Friday. The former Australia all-rounder had replaced Paddy Upton as the head coach of Rajasthan Royals last year.

YOUSUF, RAZZAQ JOIN HPC AS COACHES

KARACHI: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has roped in former captain Mohammad Yousuf and all-rounder Abdul Razaq as coaches of its High Performance Centre in Lahore. Talking to media, Yousuf confirmed that he was offered a coaching position and was happy to accept it.

Agencies

Willian joins Arsenal

AFP ■ LONDON

Arsenal have signed Brazil midfielder Willian on a three-year deal after the 32-year-old's contract with Chelsea expired.

The 32-year-old forward is an experienced player and has made more than 600 club appearances in a career spanning 13 seasons. He has played in leagues all over the world and Arsenal will be hoping he can given them a big boost next season.

Willian started at Brazilian side Corinthians, before joining Shakhtar Donetsk in August 2007. In his six years there, he won four Ukrainian Premier League titles and the UEFA Cup in 2009. Four years later, he briefly signed for Anzhi Makhachkala before joining Chelsea, winning the



Premier League and League Cup in his second season in England.

During his seven years at Chelsea, he won two Premier League titles, an FA Cup and the Europa League. He made 339 appearances, with 63 goals and 56 assists in that time.

"I believe he's a player that can really make a difference for us," Mikel Arteta told the *Arsenal.com*.

"We have been monitoring him for the past few months, we had a clear intention to strengthen in the attacking midfielder and the winger positions (and) he is a player that gives us a lot of versatility, he can play in three or four different positions. He has the experience of everything in the football world but to still have the ambition to come here and contribute to bring the club where it belongs. I have been really impressed with all the talks I have had with him and how much he wanted to come."

Tata joins Unacademy, Dream11 for IPL title sponsorship rights

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Multinational conglomerate Tata Group has submitted its 'Expression of Interest' to become IPL title sponsor this year, joining education technology company Unacademy and fantasy sports platform Dream11 in a bid to replace Chinese mobile phone company Vivo for one season.

Friday was the last date of submission of 'EOI' to the BCCI. The IPL will be held from September 19 to November 10 in the UAE this year and the winning bidder will hold the rights for four months and 13 days.

Tata Group's entry into the fray makes the bidding war on August 18 very interesting as BCCI is expecting that the winning bid will not be much

lower than Vivo's Rs 440 crore annual contract even though the rights period is of a short duration.

"Yes, Tata Group has submitted their Expression of Interest to buy IPL title rights," a group spokesperson told PTI.

A source in the BCCI earlier confirmed the submission of EOIs from the other two companies.

"The EOI doesn't have to mention the bid amount. It will be sent on August 18," the official said.

"Post the delivery of the EOI, BCCI shall inform the rights, product categories and entitlements to the interested third parties. The final bid should be sent to eoi@bcci.tv between 11 am to 1pm on August 18, 2020," the BCCI has already stated.

Aus confirm Eng tour

SYDNEY: Australia's limited-overs tour of England will go ahead this month at bio-secure venues, officials said on Friday, after its players were given Government clearance to travel.

The confirmation ensures Australians will pad up for their first internationals in nearly six months, with Glenn Maxwell, Nathan Lyon and Marcus Stoinis recalled to the squad, while Usman Khawaja and Travis Head missed out.

Australia was originally scheduled to play three one-day and three T20 matches against England in July, but the trip was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Detailed biosecurity plans have now been agreed to ensure it can go ahead, including Government exemptions, which are required for Australians to leave the country. The team has also agreed to self-quarantine for 14 days on their return.

They depart from Perth on August 23 en route to Derby ahead of four practice matches — three T20s and a one-day — before three T20s and three ODIs in Southampton and Old Trafford, which have hotels on site.

AFP

England, Germany & Spain book FIFA U-17 WWC tickets

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Defending champions Spain, England and Germany were on Friday named for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup to be held in India next year on the basis of their rankings after the European qualifying tournament was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) said in a media statement that the European governing body UEFA has "confirmed that

England, Germany and Spain will represent Europe in the upcoming FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2021".

The three countries were selected after the UEFA U-17 Women's Championship was cancelled due to the pandemic.

"The final round of UEFA U-17 Women's Championship has been cancelled because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Three teams with the highest coefficient ranking have been confirmed as the participants in the World Cup," the

statement said.

Spain, England and Germany will now join hosts India, North Korea, Japan and New Zealand, who have already qualified for the tournament.

Spain had won the 2018 edition of the tournament after beating Mexico 2-1 in the final in Uruguay.

The tournament was originally to be held in October-November this year but pushed to 2021 (February 17 to March 7). The final will be played at the D Y Patil stadium in Navi Mumbai.

Rizwan leads Pak fight back

AP ■ SOUTHAMPTON

Mohammad Rizwan scored a gritty, unbeaten half-century to guide Pakistan past 200 against an increasingly frustrated England before the teams were forced off because of bad light before tea on the second day of the second Test on Friday.

Pakistan was 215-8 at the enforced end of the session, with Rizwan on 53 and Mohammad Abbas on 2.

England looked like wrapping up the Pakistan innings after star batsman Babar Azam (47) edged behind a brilliant ball from Stuart Broad that seamed and squared up Babar.

That made the score 158-6 and two more wickets fell for 18 runs, with Yasir Shah (5) flashing at a delivery from Jimmy Anderson and edging to give wicketkeeper Jos Buttler another catch



before Shaheen Afridi (0) was run out by Dom Sibley at the non-striker's end after a mix-up.

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Dhoni, other CSK players reach Chennai for camp

CHENNAI: Enigmatic former India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni and some of his Chennai Super Kings teammates

arrived here on Friday for a short training camp ahead of the IPL in UAE, where the World Cup-winning star will

make his eagerly-awaited return to competitive cricket after a prolonged sabbatical.

Apart from Dhoni, others who have reached the city for the week-long camp beginning on Saturday at the M A Chidambaram stadium are Suresh Raina, Deepak Chahar, Piyush Chawla and Kedar Jadhav.

"Thirteen or 14 of the 16 Indian players will be part of the camp, including MS. Since they came after undergoing Covid-19 tests, their next test will be 72 hours before leaving for the UAE on August 21. They will start training from tomorrow," a CSK official told PTI.

All the players, except all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, are expected to participate in the camp.

A CSK official said Jadeja would be missing training owing to personal reasons and would join the squad before its departure the tournament venue.

All the players would be subjected to two tests here and only if they return negative for coronavirus, they would be allowed to fly to Dubai, the official added.

The franchise has picked eight net bowlers from Tamil Nadu and they will also travel with the side to the UAE.

The camp was planned after the Tamil Nadu Government gave the nod to use the facilities at the MAC with restrictions being eased gradually.

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