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## Pilot back to recover lost ground

Cong may again entrust him with some key responsibility in State politics

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/JAIPUR

After calling off his rebellion against Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Congress leader Sachin Pilot returned to Jaipur on Tuesday amid indication that the party high command may again entrust him with some "significant" responsibility.

There were telltale indications of this proposition. To start with, the high command set up a three-member committee consisting of senior leaders to look into the issues raised by Pilot and some MLAs against Gehlot's style of functioning.

If Pilot was not going to be associated with the State Government or State Congress, there would have been no need to set up such a committee, which would primarily ensure better coordination between Pilot and Gehlot in the future. Secondly, throughout the day in his different media interaction and interview, Pilot never said he was not looking to regain the post of Deputy



Congress leader Sachin Pilot being welcomed by his supporters on his arrival at his residence in Jaipur on Tuesday

Chief Minister of the State president. "I've left it to the high command," was his stock reply to pointed questions about his future, though he kept asserting he would continue to serve people of Rajasthan.

Thirdly, Pilot made it a point to emphasise he has nothing personal against Gehlot, whom he addressed as

an "elderly" and "experienced" leader.

Against this background it looks obvious that Pilot and his supporting MLAs could hope to get their pound of flesh, though it may take time.

On his arrival in Jaipur, he was greeted by hundreds of his supporters.

Pilot said he was pained by the words used against him,

but he would like to forget and move on.

"I am sad, shocked, and hurt due to the kind of words used against me," Pilot said. He said there should not be any space for "personal ill-feelings" in politics and there should not be any vendetta politics.

"I have not demanded any post from the party but have said that MLAs have raised issues and there should be no vendetta politics against them," he told reporters at his residence.

He said differences can be ideological, on functioning or thoughts but in politics, there is no space for vendetta. "I had and have good relations with all leaders," he said.

"I am happy that the party leadership heard our issue to be it related to functioning, development, workers participation, self-respect, etc.

The AICC has constituted a committee, which in a time-bound manner will address the issues," said Pilot.

Pilot was fired from his

post of Deputy CM as well as State Congress chief after he rebelled against the Ashok Gehlot Government last month.

"We never spoke or did anything against the party or party leadership. Several people spread many rumors and raised many questions but we remain on the stand that we took 30 days ago," Sachin Pilot said.

### 6 Manipur Cong MLAs resign from Assembly, also quit party

Imphal: Six Congress MLAs in Manipur have submitted their resignation from the Legislative Assembly and also quit the party on Tuesday. The six legislators who had handed over resignation letters to Speaker Yumnam Khemchand Singh the previous night, formally informed the Congress office here about leaving the party.

## SC: Daughters have equal rights to paternal property

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Holding that daughters cannot be deprived of their right of equality, the Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that they will have equal rights to inherit joint Hindu family property as sons, saying the amended Hindu Succession Act that came in force in 2005 will have retrospective effect.

"A daughter always remains a loving daughter. A son is a son until he gets a wife. A daughter is a daughter throughout her life," the top court observed in a significant judgment while upholding the rights of a daughter even if the father died before the enactment of the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra, S Nazeer and MR Shah said the provisions contained in substituted Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, confer the status of coparcener on the daughter born before or after the amendment in the same manner as a son with the same rights and liabilities.

### Rights intact even if father died before enactment of the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005

Coparcener is a term used for a person who assumes a legal right in parental property by birth only.

The verdict makes it clear that the amendment to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, granting equal rights to daughters to inherit ancestral property would have retrospective effect. The top court overruled its earlier 2015 decision in which it had originally held that the rights under the amendment are applicable to living daughters of living coparceners as on September 9, 2005, irrespective of when such daughters are born.

The judgment on a batch of appeals against the 2015 verdict came on the issue whether the amendment to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, granting equal rights to daughters to inherit ancestral property would have retrospective effect.

"The rights can be claimed by the daughter born earlier with effect from September 9, 2005 with savings as provided in Section 6(1) as to the disposition or alienation, partition or testamentary disposition which had taken place before December 20, 2004. Since the right in coparcenary is by birth, it is not necessary that father coparcener should be living as on September 9, 2005" it said.

The SC, in its 121-page judgement, said the statutory fiction of partition created by proviso to Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 as originally enacted did not bring about the actual partition or disruption of coparcenary.

"The fiction was only for the purpose of ascertaining share of deceased coparcener when he was survived by a female heir, of Class-I as specified in the Schedule to the Act of 1956 or male relative of such female.

## Eminent poet Rahat Indori dies during Covid cure

PTI ■ INDORE

Famous Urdu poet Rahat Indori, whose powerful and lucid poetry filled halls and connected with the young and old alike, died of a heart attack at a hospital here on Tuesday while being treated for Covid-19, his son said. He was 70.

The teacher-turned-poet had been admitted to hospital on Tuesday morning after he tested positive for the disease. He is survived by three sons and a daughter.

"He was admitted for coronavirus treatment but died after suffering a heart attack," son Satlaj Indori, also a poet, told PTI.

Indore District Collector Manish Singh said Indori was undergoing treatment at the Sri Aurobindo Institute of Medical Sciences.

In the morning, the lyricist-poet tweeted about his Covid-19 diagnosis and said he will keep everyone updated through social media.

## Pranab critical, on ventilator support

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former President Pranab Mukherjee continues to remain critical on ventilator support post-surgery for a brain clot, the Army's Research and Referral (R&R) Hospital said on Tuesday.

The Tuesday evening medical bulletin said the former President "has not shown any improvement and his status has worsened. He remains on ventilator support."

Mukherjee underwent emergency life-saving surgery for a brain clot on Monday.

In a statement, the Army Hospital said, "Pranab Mukherjee's health condition continues to remain critical at Army Hospital (R&R) Delhi Cantonment. The former President, who underwent life-saving emergency surgery for brain clot on August 10, 2020, has not shown any improvement and his health status has worsened. He remains on ventilator support."

A multidisciplinary team of doctors is constantly monitoring Mukherjee's health.



The former President, 84, was admitted to the military hospital on Monday afternoon and was tested Covid-19 positive. "On a visit to the hospital for a separate procedure, I have tested positive for Covid-19 today. I request the people who came in contact with me in the last week, to please self isolate and get tested for Covid-19," Mukherjee tweeted on Monday afternoon.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited the R&R Hospital on Monday and enquired about the former president's health. Singh was at the hospital for around 20 minutes.

## Russia 1st to develop corona vaccine amid safety concerns

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid the race to develop a Covid-19 vaccine, Russia has become the first country in the world to register a vaccine against coronavirus disease. Russian President Vladimir Putin announced the approval of a coronavirus vaccine for use on Tuesday, claiming it as a "world first" and one of his daughters has already been inoculated amid continued concern and unanswered questions over its safety and effectiveness.

The vaccine has been given regulatory approval after less than two months of testing on humans. The vaccine was named 'Sputnik V' in reference to the 1957 launch of a Soviet satellite, which opened space to exploration by humans.

"This morning, for the first time in the world, a vaccine against the new coronavirus was registered in Russia," Putin



said during a televised video-conference call with Government Ministers. "One of my daughters had this vaccine. I think in this sense she took part in the experiment," Putin said.

He said that his daughter had a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius (100.4 Fahrenheit) on the day of the first vaccine injection, and then it dropped to just over 37 degrees (98.6 Fahrenheit) on the following day. After the second shot she

again had a slight increase in temperature, but then it was all over. "She's feeling well and has high number of antibodies," Putin added.

Meanwhile, Dr Randeep Guleria, Director of the New Delhi-based All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), has said, "First, we need to be clear that the vaccine is safe. That is the first standard that the world will look at for mass production."

He also said that if the vaccine makes antibodies, how long would they last for, also needs to be answered.

The claim of victory by Putin in the global push to make an effective vaccine against Covid-19 comes amid suggestions that Russia has cut essential corners in its development.

The vaccine has yet to go through crucial Phase 3 trials where it would be administered to thousands of people.

## Over 1000 cases, 32 fatalities in Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab on Tuesday reported a record 32 fatalities due to Covid-19, pushing the death toll to 636, while 1,002 fresh cases took the State's infection tally to 25,889. Among the fresh cases, 41 jail inmates and a dozen cops have been tested positive for the virus in the past 24 hours.

As many as 11 fatalities were reported in Ludhiana, followed by four in Sangrur, three each in Amritsar, Patiala, Jalandhar and Mohali, and one each in Gurdaspur, Bathinda, Kapurthala, Muktsar and Tarn Taran. Ludhiana district continued to reported highest number of fresh cases at 252, followed by 118 each in Patiala and Amritsar, 83 in Mohali, 77 in Hoshiarpur, 64 in Pathankot, 54 in Jalandhar, 38 in Bathinda, 36 in Kapurthala, 34 in Mansa, 20 in Ferozepur, 16 each in Nawanshahr and Moga, 15 each in Faridkot and Sangrur,

13 in Gurdaspur, nine in Fatehgarh Sahib and Barnala, five in Muktsar, four in Ropar, and three each in Tarn Taran and Fazilka.

As many as 41 jail inmates — including 23 from Ludhiana and 18 from Bathinda, besides 12 police personnel — including seven from Ludhiana, two from Kapurthala, and one each from Pathankot, Bathinda, and Nawanshahr — have been tested positive. 6 healthcare workers from Ludhiana and a prisoner from Moga, are also among fresh cases reported on Tuesday.

No less than 18 cases — seven from Pathankot, three from Ludhiana, two each from Fatehgarh Sahib, Moga, and Pathankot, and one each from Mohali and Nawanshahr — have travel history to other state or countries. A total of 1,055 coronavirus patients were discharged on Tuesday after recovering from the infection, taking the total recoveries to 16,790.

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## Covid-19 IN INDIA

**TOTAL CASES: 23,25,026**  
**DEATHS: 46,185**  
**RECOVERED: 16,35,848**  
**ACTIVE: 6,42,520**

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	5,35,601	18,306	3,68,435
Tamil Nadu	3,08,649	5,159	2,50,680
Andhra Pradesh	2,44,549	2,203	1,54,749
Karnataka	1,88,611	3,398	1,05,599
Delhi	1,47,391	4,139	1,32,384
Uttar Pradesh	1,31,763	2,176	80,589
West Bengal	1,01,390	2,149	73,395
Bihar	86,812	465	57,039
Telangana	82,647	645	59,374
Gujarat	73,238	2,695	56,516
Assam	61,738	155	43,587
Rajasthan	54,887	811	40,399
Odisha	48,796	349	34,806
Haryana	43,227	500	36,082
Madhya Pradesh	40,734	1,033	30,596
Kerala	36,932	121	24,042

## Delhi records 8 deaths, lowest in 2 months

New Delhi: The national capital recorded 1,257 fresh coronavirus cases, and eight deaths, the lowest in over two months, in the last 24 hours, authorities said on Tuesday.

This is the first time in over two months that the daily

number of deaths has dropped below 10, said Delhi Government's health bulletin.

On August 5, Delhi recorded 11 Covid-19 deaths, indicating a significant improvement in the situation in the city. Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal said in a tweet, "Delhi recorded just 8 deaths on Tuesday. It is after many days that the number has gone below 10. We have taken several steps to reduce the number of fatalities due to the coronavirus."

## Krishna Janmasthan temple out of bounds for devotees

Mathura: Janmashtami festival in Krishna Janmasthan will be observed on Wednesday with all the rituals, but the devotees will not be allowed entry to the temple due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, arrangements have been made to live stream the 'puja' for devotees. The sanctum sanctorum of the Janmasthan will be given the shape of a 'Purnendu Kunj', sparkling with gems like pearls, diamonds and ruby.

## Railways suspends all passenger services

New Delhi: The Railways has stated that all regular passenger train services will remain suspended till further notice, but 230 special trains will continue to be in service. "This is to bring to the notice of all concerned that as decided and informed earlier as well, regular passenger and suburban train services will continue to remain suspended till further notice," a statement from the Railways said.

## Sushant case: Bihar, Maha slug it out in SC

### Apex court seeks written submission by August 13

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Bihar and Maharashtra Governments sparred in the Supreme Court on Tuesday over jurisdiction to probe film star Sushant Singh Rajput's death.

While the late actor's father told the Supreme Court that the Mumbai Police was not probing his son's death "in the right direction" even as the Maharashtra Government contended that Bihar Police lacks jurisdiction in the actor's alleged suicide case.

The submissions came before the apex court in

response to a petition filed by actress Rhea Chakraborty, accused of abetting Rajput's suicide, seeking transfer of the Bihar Police FIR against her and others to Mumbai police.

The Bihar Government submitted before the SC that the FIR lodged in Patna in the case is legal and valid and alleged that there is non-cooperation from Maharashtra.

The Bihar Government further contended that even Rajput's post-mortem report was not given to Patna Police by Mumbai Police, and refuted the allegation of political pressure in the case.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, representing Bihar Government, told the bench that no FIR has been lodged in Mumbai yet with regard to Rajput's death.

Reserving verdict on Chakraborty's plea, the SC asked all the related parties in the matter to file their written submissions, not more than two pages each, by August 13.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Maharashtra, told a bench of Justice Hrishikesh Roy that there was complete lack of jurisdiction of Bihar in the case.

During the nearly three-hour hearing, Singhvi further said that he has never seen such sensationalization being attached to a transfer petition.

Senior advocate Vikas Singh representing Rajput's father Krishna Kishore Singh said that his matter is only about a proper investigation of the case and according to him Mumbai Police were not investigating in the right direction.

### ED quizzes SSR's roommate, sister

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after grilling actress Rhea Chakraborty and her family members, the Enforcement Directorate ED on Tuesday questioned late film star Sushant Singh Rajput's friend and roommate Siddharth Puthani and business manager Shrutika Modi besides recording the statement of deceased actor's elder sister Meetu Singh in the ongoing money-laundering probe.

The ED has not traced anything to prove that Rhea fraudulently siphoned off ₹15 crore from Sushant's account, as alleged by his father.

Pithani and Modi arrived at the ED's Mumbai office at around 11 am in keeping with the summons but Meetu Singh reached a while after 1 pm. Modi is a named accused in both the abatement to suicide of Rajput and resultant money laundering case in the matter.

It's the first time a member of Rajput's family is appearing before the ED in the case

## BJP MP calls BSNL staff 'traitors' for delay in services in calamity-hit areas

### Hegde calls for privatisation, says some 85K will be fired

PNS ■ BENGALURU

Former Union Minister and BJP MP from Uttara Kannada Anantkumar Hegde has sparked a major controversy by calling BSNL employees "traitors" and "anti-nation-

als" who would be fired as they refused to work.

In a video of an event in Kuma in his parliamentary constituency on Monday, the MP was seen saying the State-owned BSNL was a blot on the country as even after being provided money, infrastructure and a ready market, the PSU telecom employees just refuse to work.

"The only cure for that is privatisation which our Government will do. Some 85,000 will be fired and later on

more need to be fired," he was seen saying in the video. Hegde was so angry with BSNL due to the delays in restoring services in calamities affected areas. He was seen sharing the lackluster and non-caring attitude of BSNL employees.

The Opposition Congress criticised Hegde's remarks, saying the comments only showed his own worth. The party also said the Centre was out to privatise everything and this indicated its inability to govern.

## CAPSULE

### MY ACT WAS SEEN AS TREASON: SHAH FAESAL

Srinagar/New Delhi: Shah Faesal, the first resident of Jammu & Kashmir who topped the civil services exam in 2009, on Tuesday said his decision to join politics last year had done more harm than benefit as his "innocuous act" of dissent was seen as an "act of treason".

### SC STAYS NGT ORDER ON GODREJ APARTMENTS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday set aside a National Green Tribunal order quashing the environmental clearance granted to a high-rise luxury project by Godrej Properties Limited and Wonder Projects Development Private Limited in Bengaluru.

### MUSEUMS FOR TRIBAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS

New Delhi: The Tribal Affairs Ministry on Tuesday said all nine museums dedicated to tribal freedom fighters will be completed by the end of 2022.

### 191 JAIL INMATES TEST VIRUS POSITIVE IN BASTI

Basti: As many as 191 inmates of the district jail here were found Covid-19 positive, a senior official said on Tuesday. According to M Ramesh Chandra, 374 inmates of the jail were tested through rapid antigen tests in a camp organised here on Monday, and of these 191 were found positive though they did not show any symptoms. The camp was organised on the directives of the district administration, Chandra said.

# Himachal Cabinet nod to over 23300 workers' appointment

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet in its meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Tuesday gave its approval to appoint 2322 workers in Jal Shakti Vibhag which include 718 Para Pump Operators, 162 Para Fitters and 1442 Multipurpose Workers under the Departmental Para Workers Policy to manage 486 drinking water and 31 irrigation schemes of the Department.

floriculturists from March to May due to non-transportation of flowers, an official statement said. In order to help the floriculturists, the Cabinet approved the guidelines for providing financial assistance or relief amounting to Rs 4 crore. To ensure smooth operationalization of National Ambulance Services -- 108, it has decided to make payments over and above the provisions of concession agreements as a special interim measure and stopgap arrangement to employees of GVK-EMRI by enhancing the take home salary of its employees. The Cabinet approved the amendment in Section 3 of the Himachal Pradesh War Awards Act, 1972 for enhancing the grant

of War Jagirs from Rs 5,000 to Rs 7,000 annually for all those eligible.

## HIMACHAL RANKS THIRD FOR CONSULTATION ON E-SANJEEVANI PORTAL

Himachal Pradesh has been ranked third across India for registering highest number of consultations on e-Sanjeevani portal, a government spokesperson said. The state has facilitated 24,527 consultations through the e-Sanjeevani and e-Sanjeevani OPD portals. This is the third highest in the country after Tamil Nadu with 32,035 consultations and Andhra Pradesh with 28,960 consultations, the spokesperson said. Himachal had responded swiftly and put in place tele-medicine services in March 2020 and E-Sanjeevani portal was meant to connect the most peripheral health institutions i.e. Health Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres with specialists and super-specialists in the Medical Colleges of the State.

# Capt warns against Punjabis 'koyi gal nahin' spirit amid Covid as delayed testing, treatment push up mortality

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab spirit of "koyi gal nahin" (let it go) appears to be holding COVID-19 back in the state, at least this is what Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh believed. Capt Amarinder, addressing a virtual meeting with top industry leaders across the country as a part of a day-long brainstorming conference organized by Chandigarh University, said that the "Punjab spirit of koyi gal nahin is causing people to delay going for testing and treatment of COVID-19, which is a cause for worry". "While this is a nice spirit, it could prove to be detrimental in certain instances, as amid the pandemic," he said, adding that he had conveyed as much earlier in the day to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi too. Capt Amarinder added that the higher than Haryana mortality rate of Punjab was due to this attitude, which led people to delay going to the hospital till it became inevitable. Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh said that he wanted the State to lead in both, industry and agriculture, to put it on the path to future progress. The Chief Minister desired to kickstart the process of transformation within his lifetime so that the future generations in the State could be secure. Inviting the industry stal-

## With investments worth ₹ 65,000 crore secured on ground in the past three years, and with four mega industrial parks coming up, Punjab has already proved itself as offering attractive investment potential for large corporates

gone into an overdrive to boost industrial development," he said, adding that the new rules allowing deferred clearance for industry would facilitate growth in this area. There is a lot of interest in Punjab, with the various incentives and policies, including power at Rs five per unit, attractive potential investment, said the Chief Minister. With investments worth Rs 65,000 crore secured on ground in the past three years, and with four mega industrial parks coming up, Punjab has already proved itself as offering attractive investment potential for large corporates, he added. Even during COVID, the State has received investment of about Rs 2500 crore, he disclosed, adding that migrants were returning in large numbers since the lifting of the lockdown and 2.34 lakh units in Ludhiana were already operational. "This shows that the State and its industry have always looked after the migrant labourers and the absence of strikes, truck unions etc are further encouraging industry to come in large numbers," he said. To revive the industrial growth and economy in the post-COVID era, the State Government had appointed a high-level expert committee headed by leading economist Montek Singh Ahluwalia to formulate short and medium term action plans, said the Chief Minister.

## PSPCL's raids against power theft continues

PNS ■ LUDHIANA

To curb the menace of power thefts in Ludhiana city, the officers of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) conducted a massive raid at Dairy Complex in Haibowal, Ludhiana, on Tuesday and snapped as many as 20 'kundi connections' in the area. The raid was conducted under the directions of PSPCL chairman-cum-managing director A Venu Prasad, and under the observation of Director Distribution DPS Grewal. As many as 36 teams (16 Distribution XEN, 16 SDOs and four enforcement wing), with four members in a team, conducted the raid. In a day, the teams checked a total of 1,227 connections and fined consumers a total of Rs 40 lakh for power theft and misuse of meters. Of total connections checked, 20 cases of power theft were detected. Grewal said that apart from checking 'kundi connections', the teams also checked the meters, to ensure that meters are working properly and there is no tampering with the meters. Prasad said that the PSPCL will continue to conduct systematic raids in the future also to curb the menace of power thefts in the city and to ensure that residents are free from glitches of such unscrupulous practices.

# Classifieds

## LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main Secondary Examination of year 2006, Roll No.2123628 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Surennder Sharma S/o Sh.Satpal Sharma, H.No. 2379, Urban Estate, Jind (Haryana).

I, Bharat Bhushan S/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar R/o H.No. 301/14, Mohalla New Jagatpura, Hoshiarpur declare that he has changed the name of my minor Daughter from Palak Goyal to Palak Goel. Concerned Note.

I, Salwinder Kaur W/o Tarsem Singh R/o Village Rampura Tehsil & District Ferozepur hereby declare that earlier my name was Surinder Kaur. But now I have changed my name to Salwinder Kaur and now I am not known by any other name except Salwinder Kaur.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Layak Ram S/o Narayan Dass R/o Village Rampurjani, Kalika, Panchkula, declares that my son Kamal Kishore is out of my control, so, I disowned him from my movable-immovable property. Anybody deals with him in future at his own risk & responsibilities.

I, Rajat Dhiman S/o Sh. Lalit Mohan Dhiman R/o H.No. 1/48, St. No. 03, Dhoobi Ghat, Hoshiarpur declare that he has changed the name of my minor Daughter from Ikshita to Ikshita Bansal. Concerned Note.

I, Jinder W/o Dilbij Singh R/o Vpo. Sherkhan Wala Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My name to Jinder Kaur.

I, Parveen Kumar S/o Sh. Dharam Pal R/o H. No. 56-57A, Aggarsain Colony, Hisar declare that my son Soraabdeep Singh is out of my control, I deprived him from all my movable - immovable property if any body deals with him, they shall do on their own risk, me & my family will not responsible.

I, Babita Kumari wife of No. 15620669X NK Rajvir Singh Resident of VPO Malsar Tehsil and District Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan) have changed my name from Babita Devi to Babita Kumari. Concerned please note.

I, Harshit S/o Sh. Purshotam R/o 266, Virat Nagar, Model Town, Panipat have changed my name from Harshit to Harshit Garg for all future purposes.

I, Anjali Singh S/o Sh. Dalbeer Singh R/o Gali No 1, Rajiv Colony, Panipat, I disown my son Mandeep Singh & His Wife Akvinder Kaur from all my movable & immovable properties. Anybody deals with them deals at own risk & responsibilities.

I, Nagina Parbin Wife No 15612834L Hav Rafikul Islam Unit 15th Guards C/o 56 APO and Permanent Resident of Village Kheria PO Katlamari Distt Malda State (WB) Pin 732102. I have changed my name from Nagina Parbin to Nagina Parvin. Please Correct this.

I, Amarjit S/o Sampuran Singh R/o Vill. Chote Baloki, Po. Bade Baloki, Teh. Nakodar, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Amarjit Singh (Surname as Singh)

I, Nirmal Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/o H.No- 239, Jaggi Colony, Phase-3, Ambala City inform that my Son Harminder Singh, his wife Paramjit Kaur are out of my control. So I disown both of them from my movable immovable properties. If anybody deals with them will do so his/her at their own risk.

I, No 15612834L Hav Rafikul Islam Unit 15th Guards C/o 56 APO and Permanent Resident of Village Kheria PO Katlamari Distt Malda State (WB) Pin 732102. I have Changed the name of my Mother From Jorina Khatura to Jarina Bibi due to incorrect Name.

I, Lila Devi W/o No 6391885P Ex Hav Chaman Lal R/O Vill- Dulla Nangal Po- Bangovani Distt-Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name From Lila Devi To Lilo Devi.

I, Beena Devi W/o Late Sham Singh, #580, Sector 16D, Chandigarh, declare that I disown my daughter Manisha from moveable/immovable property, as she is beyond my control. Anybody deals her at own risk/responsibility, I shall not be responsible for her acts.

I, Binty Kumari W/o Ajay Kumar Choudhary R/o 137 Adarsh Colony, Telidih, Chas, Bokaro Steel City, Jharkhand have changed my name to Binty Choudhary after marriage.

I, Smt Kanwaljit Kaur W/O No.2498330M Ex Lnk Satinderjit Singh R/O Vill/Po- Ghanie Ke Banger Tehsil Batala Distt- Gurdaspur State Punjab, That I Declare Changed My Name From Kanwaljit Kaur To Kanwaljeet Kaur And Date Of Birth From 06/05/1986 To 05/08/1981 In Army Record.

We Surennder Kumar S/o Sheotaj Singh and Sunita Yadav W/o Surennder Kumar, VPO Juddi, Tehsil Kosli, Distt Rewari Haryana. Our son Vikas Yadav and his wife Nisha Yadav out of our control. We disown them from our moveable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own Risk.

I, Balvinder Kumar S/o Jagir Singh R/o Village Doda Khari District Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Balvinder Singh.

I, Manjit Singh Dhalwal S/o Gurcharan Singh Vpo. Bhadur Distt. Barnala have changed my name to Manjit Singh.

I, Neena Rani W/o Sunil Kumar R/o H.No 388/10 Rajiv colony Teh and Distt Panipat declared Neena rani and Meena both are my name but in future my name Neena Rani.

I, Ramrati Widow D/o Late Dariya Singh Chahial, Rank Sub. JC-89182-L, R/o Vill. Bidola, PO Chhapar Rangran, Tehsil Tosham, Distt. Bhiwani (Haryana) have changed my name Murti Devi to Ramrati.

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Sh. Amarjit Singh R/o V. Lohari (Ropar) have changed his minor daughter's name Kamalpreet Kaur to Komalpreet Kaur.

I, Munshi Ram S/o. Mangal Ram Resedent of Ward 9 Ratia Distt Fatehabad Haryana declare that my son Jony Kumar and his wife Preeti are out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable/immovable properties. In future I will not be Responsible for their any Act / transactions. All concerned please note.

I, Neena Rani W/o Sunil Kumar R/o H.No 388/10 Rajiv colony Teh and Distt Panipat declared Neena rani and Meena both are my name but in future my name Neena Rani.

I, Gurbinder Kaur W/O Darshan Singh R/O Village Bhanghari District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Gurwinder Kaur Brar.

I, Kavita W/O Zubeen Gupta R/O # 2147/3, Sector 45-C, Chandigarh. Have Changed My Name After Marriage To Kavita Gupta.

I, Satish army no.14822137k HAV/MT S/o Gopi Ram R/o village Jaurashi saraf khas teh Samalkha Distt Panipat declared that in my service record my son Monu Kumar and his DOB 27.8.2003 that is wrong and his correct name Monu Gahlyan and his DOB is 28.8.2003.

I, Gurnet Kaur W/O Sarwan Singh R/O Village Rupana Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Kaur.

I, Sankruti Sanket Budukh D/o Mahesh Suri R/o House No. 411, Sector 12, Panchkula Haryana have changed my name to Shikha Suri.

I, Rajashree Behera is legally wedded spouse of No. 14423990H .Rank Hav (OPR)Dibakar Rout of Unit 213 Rkt Regt. C/o 56 APO. Have changed my Name from Rajashree Behera To Rajashree Rout. Vide affidavit dated 11.08.2020 Before Executive Magistrate Ambala Cantt.

I, Davinderjit Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o Vill: Kasba Bhural (Sangru) changed my name to Devinderjit Singh.

I, Poonam Ruhil Spouse of No.15707702A Hav Ruhil Satish Kumar R/o Village-Dehokora, Tehsil-Bahadargarh, Distt. Bahadargarh (Haryana) have changed my name from Poonam Ruhil to Poonam Rani in my husband's army record.

I, Army No 15471958L Rank DFR Name D.Thirinaadha Lakshmana posted at HQ SQN 83 ARMED REGT C/O 56 APO hereby declare that I have changed the name of my son from d. Anil Kumar to Deergasi Anil Kumar in my Army record.

I, Pavinder Singh S/O Mohinder Singh, R/O V.Sokar,Tehsil Banga, Distt Sbs Nagar, Pb, India, Have Changed My Name Singh Pavinder .

I, Sankruti Sanket Budukh D/o Mahesh Suri R/o House No. 411, Sector 12, Panchkula Haryana have changed my name to Shikha Suri.

I, Sahli S/o Surjeet Singh, H.No.2055, Near Gurudwara, Sector 15C, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Sahli Jarwal.

I, Charan Dass S/o Gurmail Ram R/O Vill: Jand Po. Goraya Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my minor daughter name Priyanka to Priyanka Mahay.

I, Michael Julian S/o Ishwar Dayal R/o 2538, Shri Naray Colony, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar declares Michael Julian & Michel & Maikal are all my name, one and the same person.

I, Harjit Kaur W/o Harbhej Singh village Leharka Amtitsar Punjab. Have changed my name Harjeet Kaur to Harjit Kaur. Please note.

I, Rustam Ali S/o Sharif Mohammad R/O Vpo. Pharwala Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) i know by two names Rustam Ali and Mohamad Rustam Ali both names are same and one person.

I, Mr. B Anandan R/o Village Villa Puram PO Avania Puram, Madurai, Tamil Nadu Pin-625012 In my service record my daughters name wrongly recorded as Priitha Shree instead of A. Preetha Shree and Sakthi Shree instead of A. Shakthi Shree vide affidavit no 2554682 dated 10-08-2020 before Notary Pathankot.

I, Dev Karan Chaggar S/o Kulwant Chaggar R/o # 35, Darpan Enclave, Near Morinda, Distt. Ropar (Punjab) have changed my name from Dave Karan Singh Chaggar to Dev Karan Chaggar.

I, Tarsam Singh S/o S.Mihan Singh. R/o - Bollar Chowk Sanaur (Patiala). Have changed my name to Tarsem Singh.

I, Mr. B Anandan R/o Village Villa Puram PO Avania Puram, Madurai, Tamil Nadu Pin-625012 In my service record my daughters name wrongly recorded as Priitha Shree instead of A. Preetha Shree and Sakthi Shree instead of A. Shakthi Shree vide affidavit no 2554682 dated 10-08-2020 before Notary Pathankot.

I, Sunita Devi W/o Darshan Ram R/o 104, Vill. Saketri, Tehsil & Distt.Panchkula do have change my name from Sunita to Sunita Devi.

I, J. Anbarasi, wife of No. 15325826K, L/NK, Jerome Arokiyaraj T Presently Residing at House No. 6/2, Sekkadu Railway Gate (Near) Kamaraj Nagar Tehsil Avadi District Tiruvallur (Tamil Nadu) Chennai 600071 have changed my name from Anbarasi to J. Anbarasi Vide Affidavit Dated 11 August 2020 Before at Notary Ferozepur.

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# No transfer certificate needed for admission in Punjab Govt schools

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Taking serious note of the difficulty faced by the students for obtaining transfer certificates for admission in the state government schools, Punjab School Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla on Tuesday directed to remove the restriction on transfer certificates for admission in government schools so that students don't face any difficulty regarding admission. Following the Minister's instructions, the Department has issued a letter to the District Education Officers (DEO) in this regard, said the spokesperson, adding that the restriction of transfer certificate for admission in government schools has been lifted and school heads

have been asked to admit such students at their own level. At the same time, the school heads have been directed to take in written from the parents of the students, who do not have the transfer certificate. Spokesperson said that the instructions have also been issued to the district authorities to send the names of the schools to headquarter which are not issuing transfer certificates to the students. SAT the same time, instructions have been issued not to compel the students, who do not have the birth certificate but want to take admission in the government schools. The school heads have been directed to admit these students on provisional basis.

# Punjab relaxes night curfew for Janamashtami

ONE NIGHT RELAXATION FOR AUG 12, 13

Chandigarh: Punjab Government on Tuesday decided to relax night curfew across the State on the intervening night of August 12 and 13 on account of Janamashtami. "The partial relaxation will be only for one night. While the entire state, barring the cities of Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Patiala, were under night curfew from 11 pm to 5 am, the curfew timings were advanced to 9 pm for the three cities last week in view of the spike in the number of COVID cases," said a spokesperson of the Chief Minister's Office. Spokesperson said that on account of Janamashtami, curfew would now be imposed between 1 am and 5 am on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday. PNS

# No large gatherings during Independence-DAY celebrations in Haryana

Chandigarh: In the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak, Haryana government on Tuesday said large gatherings would not be allowed and advised against the participation of children below 10 years in the Independence day functions across the state, according to an official. An official spokesperson said other preventive measures such as social distancing, wearing of masks and proper sanitisation will be followed. "It is imperative to follow certain preventive measures like avoiding large congregations during the Independence day celebrations," he said, adding that there will not be any PT show and people below 10 years of age should not participate in various activities and the march past. The spokesperson said a state-level flag hoisting programme will

be held at the Haryana Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh. Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya will unfurl the national flag. However, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the "At Home" programme at the Raj Bhawan has been cancelled this time. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar will hoist the national flag at Panchkula; Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala at Gurgaon while Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta will hoist the Tricolour at Ambala. COVID-19 warriors like doctors, health and sanitation workers are also likely to be invited to the ceremonies as recognition of their service in the fight against COVID-19. Some persons cured from COVID-19 may also be invited, the spokesperson said.

# Guru Tegh Bahadur's 400th Birth Anniversary

## Punjab Forest Dept plans to plant 400 saplings in each village

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Dedicated to the auspicious 400th parkash purab of Guru Teg Bahadur, Punjab Forest Department has prepared a proposal for planting 400 saplings in each village of the State and a comprehensive program to ensure the upkeep and growth of the saplings under which two 'Van Mitras' would be deployed. The state Forest Minister Sadhu Singh Dharmot on Tuesday held a brainstorming session with Rural Development and Panchayat Minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa and School Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla in this regard. Dharmot said that the work of planting the saplings would be carried out under Mahatma Gandhi-National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. "For ensuring the programme's success, the Departments of Forest, Rural Development and Panchayat and School Education would develop synergy and orders would be issued soon. He said that 400 saplings would be planted on one acre panchayat land in each village and one Van Mitra would be kept for every 200 saplings and would ensure proper growth of the saplings for three years. "New saplings would be planted on the places where the saplings do not flourish properly," he said. Minister said that around 85 lakh saplings are ready in the Forest Department's nurseries in the state and preference would be given to plant the sapling having a height of five feet. The saplings would be planted on the vacant land, roadsides, schools, and other suitable locations.

# Capt Amarinder and Partap Bajwa in verbal duel on withdrawal of security

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Constantly engaged in power tussle, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and senior Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa are up in arms once again, this time over the withdrawal of the latter's security cover provided by the Punjab Police. As Congress Rajya Sabha MP Partap Singh Bajwa on Tuesday hit out at the Punjab Police chief Dinkar Gupta accusing him of withdrawing his security cover because of "political interference", the Chief Minister asked his party colleague to write to him (as the Chief Minister and Home Minister of the state), or to the party high command in Delhi if he had any grudge or complaint against the State Government and not to the state police chief. Notably, the Punjab Government had, the previous week, decided to withdraw state security given to the Rajya Sabha MP saying that he enjoys the central security cover and virtually faced no threat. A miffed Bajwa had accused the Chief Minister of resorting to hitting below the belt by exposing his whole family to risk as he had criticized his party's government in Punjab. Asserting that his threat perception was validated by several intelligence reports over the last few years, Bajwa alleged that a "bogus threat assessment report" was prepared by the police to rule out any threat to him. "I am compelled to highlight your complete abdication of profes-

sional integrity and impartiality in the discharge of your duties as the DGP of Police, Punjab," said the parliamentarian in a letter to Gupta on Tuesday. Bajwa said that he was not writing the letter to seek restoration of police security. "However, I am concerned with the politicization of threat assessment reports and allotment of security to protectees," he said. "I have been highlighting the politico-police-drug nexus, production and distribution of illicit liquor, under the alleged State patronage and rampant illegal mining in Punjab for the last few years... That my threat perception stands confirmed and validated by several intelligence reports over the past few years, however, it is evident that due to political interference and manipulation, a bogus threat assessment report was prepared overnight by the Punjab Police to rule out any threat," said Bajwa in his letter. Bajwa alleged that the state police apparatus was acting on the whims and fancies of the Punjab Chief Minister by solely furnishing their reports depending on his convenience. He asked Gupta why police security cover given to the former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal, SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal and Akali leader Bikram Singh Majitha was not withdrawn on the same grounds of central security cover as was done in his case. "Due to political interference, you have withdrawn my security provided by the Punjab Police, contrary to

all canons of propriety, independence, and professional ethics and with utter disregard to established rules and regulations," Bajwa accused the DGP in the letter. He alleged that the "fallacious" report prepared by your Intelligence Department is motivated by political malafide. Bajwa, in another letter to Chandigarh DGP Sanjay Baniwal, wrote that the Punjab Chief Minister and the state's DGP will be solely responsible for any harm caused to his family due to the withdrawal of security cover. I took decision on your security, write to me if you have any grudge instead of attacking my DGP" Capt Taking strong exception to the Congress MP's attack on Punjab DGP's integrity and fairness, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday asked Pratap Singh Bajwa to write to him or to the party high command in Delhi if he had any grudge or complaint against the State Government. Responding to Bajwa's letter to DGP Dinkar Gupta word by word, the Chief Minister said that it reflected the Rajya Sabha MP's total frustration and desperation, and exposed his own shameless lies in the matter. "By his own admission, Bajwa has been highlighting what he alleges to be the "politico-police-drug nexus, production and distribution of illicit liquor, under State patronage and rampant illegal mining in the State of Punjab", pointed Capt Amarinder adding that if the State Government had to take any vindictive action.

# Capt demands fiscal package from Centre amid pandemic

## SAYS PUNJAB TO HIT COVID PEAK IN SEPT

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Underlining that Punjab is likely to hit peak in September, the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday demanded liberal fiscal package from the Centre, flexibility in terms for State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) COVID-19 related expenses, and increased testing capacities in the Central Government labs, besides seeking a review of UGC's decision on mandatory exams for exit classes.

Capt Amarinder, during virtual meeting of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi with

Chief Ministers of some states to review the COVID situation, sought a liberal financial package for states to fill the collection gap caused by the pandemic while pointing at surge in COVID-19 cases and 50 per cent revenue decline for the first quarter of the current fiscal in Punjab.

He said that the current cap of 35 per cent in State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) for COVID related expenditure, as per MHA guidelines, is not sufficient to meet the current requirements.

Citing the state's rising cases of COVID, the Chief Minister urged the Prime Minister to review the UGC decision on mandatory exams for exit classes to be held by September 30.

"Punjab may not be in a position to conduct exams in September as it may be facing

its peak at that time," he said, suggesting promoting these students promoted on past performance and internal assessment, with option to take exams later for those wanting to improve their performance.

He also sought Central Government's assistance for online school education, especially for poor children of classes X and XII. More money was needed for creating the infrastructure needed to support online education, he added.

Though Punjab was conducting 23,000 tests per million for COVID (higher than the national average), and planned to increase RT-PCR tests from 12,000 to 20,000 in the next 15 days, it needed to scale up the testing capacity further, the Chief Minister stressed while requesting the Prime Minister to direct the Central

Government institutions in Chandigarh and Punjab to increase testing capacity, as already written to him earlier.

Expressing concern over the state's mortality rate of 2.4 percent, Capt Amarinder said that though it was lower than the all India deaths per million and 91 percent of the fatality cases were with co-morbidity, it was still higher than neighbouring Haryana. Patients were coming to hospitals late and 86 percent deaths were occurring in tertiary hospitals, he added.

Capt Amarinder also requested immediate operationalisation of COVID testing and treatment at AIIMS Bathinda, where OPDs are already functional, saying, "this will be useful for the people of southern Punjab".

Noting that PGIMER Chandigarh is a premier tertiary care facility for Punjab, he

also sought increase in hospital's bed capacity and strengthening of the existing PGI Satellite Centre at Sangrur, especially for COVID treatment.

The Chief Minister further urged the Centre for immediate commencement of work on the newly sanctioned PGI Satellite Centre at Ferozepur.

"While of the three already sanctioned need medical colleges, Mohali Medical College will start classes this year, more such institutions were needed," said the Chief Minister, requesting for new colleges in the aspirational districts of Gurdaspur, Sangrur or Malerkotla, as well as Moga. COVID has shown that we need to strengthen public facilities in health, he added.

Giving an update on the state's COVID situation, Capt Amarinder said that it had

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seen cases go up from 500 to 1000 in two weeks, with positivity rate of the last five days at 8.73 percent. "The majority of cases are coming from Ludhiana, Jalandhar, and Patiala cities, though cases are

increasing in all districts," he added.

The number of micro-containment zones was being increased in high incidence districts like Ludhiana, Patiala and Jalandhar, he said.

To augment its fight against COVID, the state has opened two Plasma Banks (in Patiala and Amritsar), with another set to open soon at GMC Faridkot, the Chief Minister informed the meeting.

## Khattar instructs officers to speedily work on CM's announcements



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Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday directed the officers to immediately inform about the feasibility of Chief Minister's announcements and to invite tenders for them along with uploading their information on the portal.

Khattar presided over a review meeting regarding pending matters related to the Chief Minister's announcements here in which he further specified that when the work of formulation of the schemes commences after the announcements have been made, the Administrative Secretaries should step out in the field to review the progress and inform the local public representatives about it.

He said that the Central Government has included projects related to Indian National Highways and Railways in infrastructure development plans, hence, land can be acquired for these projects under the new Land Acquisition Act.

He further added that land should be acquired for the projects where 70 per cent of the land is available while the remaining 30 per cent should be acquired in the adjoining area so that it can be substituted with private land in future. Its main goal is to complete infrastructure projects.

The Chief Minister said that projects of public use should be given priority.

Additional Chief Secretary TC Gupta, who is looking after the tasks related to implementation of C.M. Announcements, apprised the Chief Minister in the meeting that a total of 8,111 CM's announcements have been made between 2014-20, out of which 4,398 announcements have been completed and 2,388 are still in progress. Also, there were 315 declarations, and 1,032 declarations were still pending.

He also informed that 95 per cent of announcements related to Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department have been completed, while 93 per cent of Public Health

Engineering Department and 77.7 per cent of Health Department have been completed. Similarly, the work of announcements related to school education, transport, electricity, public works, development and panchayat, urban local bodies will also be completed within the stipulated time.

### GOOD GOVERNANCE TOP PRIORITY, SAYS CM

Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar said that providing good governance to the people of the state is one of the top-most priorities of the present State Government and for this, in the year 2016, a flagship programme named CM's Good Governance Associates was started in Haryana. Addressing the fifth batch of the CM's Good Governance Associates here, Khattar said, "It is the duty of each CMGGA to ensure that along with working with the system they should also work for the betterment of the society."

The path of good governance comes through e-governance, therefore connecting people with the government schemes is the most important task of every Associate."

He said that as we have already announced that 2020 will be observed as Susashan Sankalp Varsh, therefore despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, no stone was left unturned to convert this crisis into an opportunity. During this period many IT initiatives have been taken so as to ensure that people of the state get a corruption-free and transparent system and benefits of welfare schemes reach down to the grass-root levels.

"Many new initiatives including Antyodaya Saral, Saksham Haryana, CM Window, Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao etc were introduced to bring about a change for the betterment in the society," he said.

Khattar added that the mandate of the State Government is to provide ease of living, bringing transparency, Zero tolerance to corruption, and providing an efficient public delivery system.

## 11 more Covid-19 deaths in Haryana, State's toll reaches 500

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Eleven more Covid-19 deaths were reported in Haryana on Tuesday, taking the toll to 500 as 798 fresh cases of the infection pushed the total in the state to 43,227.

On the day, 798 patients of the disease were discharged from different hospitals of the State. Of the total number of cases, 10,404 have been reported in Faridabad with the highest 121 new Covid-19 cases on

the day, making it the worst-hit district in the State.

According to the Health department's daily bulletin, four fatalities were from Panipat, two from Faridabad and one death each took place in Gurugram, Sonapat, Panchkula, Kurukshetra and Ambala. With this, Covid-19 deaths in Haryana have risen to 500.

Faridabad is the hardest-hit among the 22 districts in the state and has reported not only the highest number of cases,

but also the most number of fatalities at 144. Gurugram has reported 9,854 cases and 126 deaths. The districts which reported fresh cases include Karnal (38), Gurugram (69), Sonapat (56), Rewari (73), Ambala (69), Rohtak (42), Panipat (107), Palwal (47), Kurukshetra (40), Yamunanagar (26) and Kaithal (21), as per the bulletin.

The number of active cases stands at 6645, while 36082 patients have been discharged

after recovery. As of Tuesday, the State's recovery rate was at 83.47 per cent, while the rate of doubling of infections was 29 days.

### ONE DEATH, 75 FRESH CASES IN CHANDIGARH

The union territory of Chandigarh on Tuesday reported one death and 75 fresh COVID-19 cases. With this, the total positive cases reached 1670 while COVID-19 toll stood at 26 in the city. There were 628 active cases till the

evening.

"A 81 year old woman, who was a resident of Sector 43 succumbed to COVID-19 on August 10 in PGIMER. She was tested as COVID positive in PGIMER on August 10 and had expired on the same day. She had a previous history of heart disease and stenting. She had come to the PGIMER for treatment of her heart ailment," stated Chandigarh Health Department's evening bulletin.

## Punjab to release nearly 4,000 more prisoners

### High powered panel based on SC order decides to decongest jails to 50% of authorized capacity

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In view of the spike in COVID-19 cases and to ensure compliance with health protocols in the state's jails, Punjab Government has decided to bring the number of prisoners to the 50 per cent of the authorized capacity so as to provide adequate space for keeping the prisoners under quarantine besides ensuring social distancing.

In accordance with the decision, 3,500 to 4,000 prisoners would be released soon whereas earlier, 9,500 were released, said the state's Jail Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on Tuesday. "This exercise is being undertaken considering the relaxations in lockdown restrictions, increase in number of new inmates owing to spiraling of crime rate, regarding which the recommendations were made by the High Powered Committee on the orders of the Supreme Court," he said.

The Minister said that the average admission in Special Jails is around 3,000 per month, due to which the present population of jails stands at around

17,500, which is approximately 73 percent of the total capacity. "449 prisoners and 77 prison officials have tested COVID-19 positive till date. Most of the above cases have been detected in last few weeks though 2-levels of testing of all prisoners had started since mid-May," he said.

Considering the challenges faced by the Prison Administration related to containment of COVID and related issues, the third meeting of the High Powered Committee was held on July 31, to achieve further decongestion of jails to bring the population down to around 50 percent of authorized capacity, ensure sufficient social distancing, provide sufficient space for quarantining those being shifted from Special Jails to the regular jails.

"Since 80 percent of total population is of under-trials, the criteria for recommending the release of prisoners was of under-trials only, and mainly of those accused under NDPS Act, with recovery up to intermediate quantity and not having more than three cases," he said.

Other sections of IPC which have been included for recommending release on interim-bail are 379 (theft), 420 (cheating), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 452 (house trespass), 323 (for causing hurt), 324 (causing hurt), 188

(violation of prohibitory orders), 336 (act endangering human life), 316 (causing death of quick unborn child), 279 (rash and negligent act endangering life), 170 (impersonation of a government official), 337 (causing hurt by rash and negligent act), 338 (grievous hurt by act endangering life), 315 (preventing a child from being born), and 498-A (subjecting a married woman to harassment).

In addition to new criteria, it has been re-iterated that interim-bail of all prisoners, presently out from jail on interim-bail, may be extended further till the notification of Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 is in force.

The Committee has also recommended that cases of COVID positive prisoners may be taken up on priority basis by concerned Judicial officers for interim-bail.

In pursuance of the directions issued by the Supreme Court of India, the high powered committee (HPC) constituted with Punjab and Haryana High Court Judge Justice RK Jain, the state Additional Chief Secretary (Jails), and Additional Director General of Police (Prisons) had held two detailed meetings on March 25, 2020, and May 2, 2020, which saw decisions being taken to release around 3500-4000 prisoners.

Heartiest greetings on **Janamashtami**

" May Lord Krishna's blessings be with us, and may we all continue to be guided by his shining light as together we battle the unprecedented COVID crisis. Happy Janamashtami to one and all."

**Capt. Amarinder Singh**  
Chief Minister, Punjab

Aggressive testing needed to contain Covid: Modi

PM interacts with CMs of 10 States

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday pointed out that 10 States account for 80 per cent of the total Covid-19 cases and asked for aggressive testing and exchange of best practices to contain the pandemic.



ing that if we can identify and trace the infection in the first 72 hours, the disease treatment is easier," he said.

Citing the "Delhi model" to contain the pandemic, Modi said: "The template for this is the same for all, to separate containment zones, 100% screening, isolation, tracing and treatment."

Prime Minister said the number of testing has reached seven lakhs per day and is also increasing continuously. He said if we try more in focussed way then we can achieve the target to bring down Case Fatality Rate to less than one percent.

"The average fatality rate is much lower than in the rest of the world. It is a matter of satisfaction. It is constantly decreasing. The percentage of active cases has decreased and the recovery rate has increased. So this means that our efforts are proving effective", Prime Minister said.

Modi said there was a phase when Covid19 had become a huge problem in some districts of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi but "we held a review meeting and a committee was formed under the chairmanship of Union home minister Amit Shah and to a great extent, we achieved

Armed forces ready for deployment even during winter months in Ladakh, PAC told

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the stalemate continues at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China reluctant to pull back its troops, the Indian armed forces are ready for a long haul. Presenting this assessment to a parliamentary panel, the military also said the process of disengagement and de-escalation is likely to take more time.

Led by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, the armed forces also informed the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) that the Services are geared for deployment even during the winter months in Ladakh in the present situation. This is significant as temperature drops to minus 20 degrees in the region and winter sets in by September end.

The parliamentary panel was apprised of the ground situation at the moment at the volatile border in Eastern Ladakh and informed that the process of disengagement and de-escalation may take longer, sources said here on Tuesday. This comes in the backdrop of no substantial reduction of troops and withdrawal by the Chinese even after six rounds of military level talks besides scores of parleys at the diplomatic level.

Apprising the lawmakers of the current position, the military top brass, however, assured them that the armed forces are ready to face any challenge and are operationally ready. Moreover, adequate logistical arrangements are underway to enable the soldiers to perform their duties during the harsh winter months, the panel was informed.

As regards the time-consuming disengagement and de-escalation process, sources said it was a complex issue and

both the sides were dealing it with utmost caution. Also, India all along maintained that China has to restore status quo ante. It means the Chinese forces will have to go back to their positions as existing in April end.

The stand-offs started with the Chinese intruding into the Pangong Tso(lake) area on May 5 and obstructing an Indian army patrol. It led to a scuffle between soldiers of the two armies. At present, the "friction points" include Galwan valley, Hot Springs and Gogra besides Pangong Tso.

While the Chinese have withdrawn in considerable numbers from Gsalwan, Hot Springs and Gogra, they are not ready to retreat from the Pangong Tso. In fact, some more rounds of talks are likely in the coming days at the military and diplomatic levels to sort out this contentious issue, sources said.

Not willing to take any chances in the present scenarios, the Indian army has also ramped its troop strength besides bringing forward heavy guns and tanks. This move was undertaken after the Chinese buildup at all the "friction points" and the Depsang Valley. It has amassed more than 15,000 soldiers on its side of the LAC in the Depsang region leading to Major Generals of the two armies holding talks to defuse tension there last week.

On strengthening troop levels during winter months in Ladakh, sources said more than 20,000 troops are now ready to be deployed at a short notice in any operational areas on the LAC.

Expert committee to identify effective Covid vaccine in fight against virus

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The expert committee on vaccine administration, chaired by NITI Aayog's Dr VK Paul, will meet on Wednesday to consider "selection, logistics and ethical aspects" of procurement and administration of vaccines against the coronavirus disease that has claimed over 45,000 lives and infected over 22.70 lakhs people in the country.

"The panel will decide to identify the COVID-19 vaccine that are effective in fight against the virus. The committee will also chalk out a plan how the vaccines should be procured. Finally, the panel will prepare a strategy on inventory management, distribution, and administration," Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said at a press briefing here on Tuesday.

The high-level panel includes AIIMS director Dr Randeep Guleria, representatives of the ministries of external affairs, biotechnology, information technology, the Director General of Health

services, India's Aids Research Institute, the Indian Council of Medical Research, and also representatives from states.

The panel's terms of reference constitute all matters related to logistics of vaccines and ways to address issues of equity etc, said the official when asked if the Government plans to tie-up with Russia which has recently announced manufacture of a vaccine to curb the Covid-19.

The committee members will decide which vaccine or vaccines will be effective for Indian citizens. The task force will also chalk out a budget and discuss how capital can be raised for procurement, distribution of the vaccine. Moreover, the high-level panel will prepare a strategy on inventory management and administration.

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) scientist Balram

Bhargava, India has three vaccine candidates in different phases of the clinical study.

The first is inactivated virus vaccine which is being developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with the ICMR. The vaccine has completed its Phase-1 study on one site and has started Phase-2 clinical trial.

The second is the DNA vaccine being developed by Zydus Cadila. This vaccine has also begun its Phase-2 trial at 11 sites.

The third is the Oxford University-AstraZeneca vaccine that will be manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII). The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has given approval to SII to conduct Phase 2 and 3 clinical studies in the 17 sites in the country.

Once the vaccines are ready, the Government will work on priority and fair distribution of vaccine, to look out logistic and roll out in a cold chain, stockpiling, and training people who are being given this vaccine.

USA meets Lord Rama at Huston, via Kerala's Ramayana Month

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

People in Huston, US, may not have heard of Kerala's Karkkadaka month (the Malayalam equivalent of Sraavan) but thanks to Ramayana, people in the far away continent are getting to know more about Indian heritage and Kerala.

While Hindu households observe Karkkadaka as Ramayana month in Kerala, Hindus who went to far away places in search of livelihood and education took with them a

portion of Karkkadaka. The net result? A Lord Krishna Temple at Huston, more famous as Sri Guruvayurappan Temple and recitation of Ramayana throughout Karkkadaka. Yes, more than a hundred households join the Ramayana recitation every evening at this temple for the entire month and they make the neighborhood reverberate with the lyrics known for its devotion, dedication and Bhakti towards the Maryada Purushotham. For nearly a decade Dr Rekha Nair, a paramedic scientist, has been

reciting Ramayana at this Huston Temple with silent prayers for people in Kerala as well as the rest of the world.

"The numbers have increased manifold over the years. This year due to Covid-19 norms, we use the social media to propagate the message of Lord Rama. Every evening one person comes to the temple and recite Ramayana which is aired through the social media page of the temple. Others join the session from their homes," said Dr Nair.

Desi def industry gets ₹8,722.38-cr booster

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Giving a boost to the Indian defence industry, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday cleared proposals worth ₹8,722.38 crore including procurement of 106 Basic Trainer Aircraft (BAT). They are manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Giving details, defence ministry officials later said with the HAL having successfully developed Basic Trainer Aircraft (HTT-40) Prototypes and certification process underway, the DAC approved procurement of 106 Basic Trainer Aircraft from the HAL. It will address the basic training requirements of the IAF. Post certification 70 Basic Trainer Aircraft will be initially procured from the HAL and bal-



Mount (SRGM), which is fitted as the main gun onboard Navy and Indian Coast Guard (ICG) warships, from Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL). The upgraded version of SRGM has enhanced capability to perform against fast manoeuvring targets like missiles and Fast Attack Crafts. The guns have considerable engagement range.

In view of the availability of requisite capability for indigenous development, both in terms of 'Manufacturing' and 'Technology', the DAC approved procurement of 125 mm APFSDS (Armour Piercing Fin Stabilised Discarding Sabot) ammunition for the Army as a 'Design and Development Case'. The ammunition being procured will have a 70 per cent indigenous content. The DAC also gave approvals that are likely to speed up the procurement of AK-203 assault rifles and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) upgrades.

ance 36 after operationalisation of HTT-40 fleet in the IAF. The DAC is the apex body to approve acquisition plans of the armed forces. To improve the fire power of Navy, the DAC approved procurement of an upgraded version of Super Rapid Gun

EC explores 'blockchain technology' for remote voting

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) has explored the potential of using blockchain technology to enable remote voting. Speaking at a webinar organised by the EC and the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra emphasised that in designing a technology based solution, the primary consideration should be the ability to "inspire trust of all stakeholders, assure integrity of electoral process and secrecy and inviolability of ballot."

Blockchain is a system in which the database of recordings (a 'chain') appears on multiple computers at the same time even as it is updated with any new digital information (a block).

This distributed collection of the information has led some to claim that this system can overcome issues of over-centralisation.

Chandra expressed his concerns over geographical hurdles in voting.

Top educationist in TN questions logic behind opposition to Hindi

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Tamil Nadu's top educationist has come out in the open questioning the logic behind the State Government's decision not to allow the three-language policy prescribed in the New National Education Policy of the Union Government.

Prof E Balagurusamy, former vice-chancellor, Anna University and former member of the Union Public Service Commission, in a hard hitting letter to Chief Minister Edappadi Palanisami has expressed his anguish and disapproval over the State Government's stance that the three-language formula was "saddening and painful". The educationist, held in high esteem all over India described himself as a victim of the two-language formula implemented by the five-decade long Dravidian rule in Tamil Nadu. Immediately after the announcement of the National Education Policy, Palanisami had said that his government would not allow in Tamil Nadu the three-

language formula envisaged in the policy.

"Ours is the only State in the country that has been denying its students an opportunity to learn any other Indian languages other than Tamil for more than five decades now. I am one of those who were badly affected by the two-language formula," Balagurusamy said in a letter to the Chief Minister, copies of which were

released to the media.

He said the decisions of the governments led by the Dravidian parties ruling the State since 1967 have deprived the poor and rural students studying in government schools of learning any additional language while the rich and urban joining the CBSE, central and private schools have the freedom to study any language they wish.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one boy **Namely: Rahul, S/o: Late Om Parkash, R/o: H.No. 183, D-5, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Wearing: Red Colour Shirt-Blue Jeans Pant and Red Slipper in feet has been missing/kidnapped since 26.06.2020 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 727/20, U/s 363 IPC, Dated 07.07.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped boy please inform the undersigned.

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Guidelines for covid-survivors soon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid reports that Covid-19 survivors are facing health issues post recovery, the Union Health Ministry is preparing guidelines to help such patients manage any long-term complications. "A group of experts in the Ministry is presently seized with this issue and working on a guidance note for recovered people and possible complications that may afflict them," said Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Health Ministry on reports of lung ailments in some of the patients who have recovered from COVID-19. The ministry's technical wing, or Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) which is looking into the matter, includes several domain experts. Dr Rajiv Garg, the director-general health services, chairs the group. The group includes experts from AIIMS, Delhi, representatives from the ICMR and World Health Organisation's India office. "This group provides an expert

opinion on various topics from time to time... it has been responsible for providing technical inputs to draft guidelines on issues related to testing, isolation of patients, home isolation dos and don'ts, clinical management of Covid-19 cases in and outside hospitals..." There have been global studies too wherein researchers have found that the infection free patients faced one or many health issues like fatigue, breathlessness, psychological distress - including problems with concentration and memory - and a general decline in quality of life. For instance, a research team - involving multidisciplinary specialists from the University of Leeds, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust and Leeds Beckett University - had followed 100 people recovering from Covid-19, four-to-eight weeks after being discharged from hospital in Leeds and found such health issues among the survivors. The findings - Post-discharge

symptoms and rehabilitation needs in survivors of COVID-19 infection: a cross-sectional evaluation - have been published in the Journal of Medical Virology. The researchers identified a pattern of longer-term symptoms likely to be experienced by people who were hospitalised with the Covid-19 infection. Some patients, particularly those who had been in intensive care, had symptoms associated with cases of PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). PTSD symptoms are a well-recognised component of post-intensive care unit syndrome caused by a variety of factors including fear of dying, invasive treatment, pain, delirium, inability to communicate, weakness, immobility, and sensory problems and sleep deprivation. Meanwhile, the Union Health Ministry said that for the first time in the country, the COVID-19 fatality rate has fallen below 2 per cent and is currently at 1.99 per cent.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION RAMBAN
(Short Term) NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
Fresh e-NIT No 17 of 2020-21 dated 10-08-2020 to e-NIT No 14 of 2020-21 dated 17-07-2020 (E-tendering).
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Ramban invites tenders by e-tendering mode on Item%/age rates from approved and eligible Contractors/Firms registered with J&K UT. CPWD, MES & Railways for the following work:-
S.No 1. Name of Work :- Construction of Kanga Bhatni road km 5th and 6th by way of 25 mm thick SDBC over 75 mm thick WBM Grade III. (Under State Plan).(Fresh 2nd time)
Name of Division :- PWD (R&B) Division Ramban, Estimated cost of Work (in Lacs) :- 27.46, Cost of Tender Doc.(in Rs) :- 1000 Earnest Money (In Lacs) :- @ 2% of Adv. Cost, Time allowed for completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- 25-08-2020 at 12.00 A.M, Class of Contractor :- Hot Mix Plant Holder/ A & B Class
S.No 2. Name of Work :- Construction of 1 No H.P culvert alongwith approach R/wall in km 1st RD 900-925 and Constt. of R/wall and B/wall with drain in km 2nd RD 740-770. Constt. of B/wall with drain in km 2nd RD 825-850 and Providing and Laying of WBM Grade II in km 2nd RD 250 to km 3rd RD 500 on Mujji to Dharum road. (Under Distt Plan). Name of Division :- PWD (R&B) Division Ramban, Estimated cost of Work (in Lacs) :- 23.95, Cost of Tender Doc.(in Rs) :- 600 Earnest Money (In Lacs) :- @ 2% of Adv. Cost, Time allowed for completion :- 02 Months, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- 25-08-2020 at 12.00 A.M, Class of Contractor :- "A,B & C" Class
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# Mamata again demands State dues from Modi

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has once again asked the Central Government to clear the State's dues that had gone beyond ₹50,000 crore.

Raising the issue during the Chief Ministers' meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi Banerjee on Tuesday said that the Centre owed ₹52,000 crore to Bengal in terms of funds that were to be sent to the State on various accounts. The stated amount is exclusive of ₹4,153 crore that the State will get from the Centre towards the settle-

ment of GST, she added.

Bengal is "yet to receive ₹4135 crore towards GST compensation and overall outstanding dues of ₹53,000 crore from the Central Government," Banerjee said requesting in addition for more high flow nasal canulas and ventilators.

Reminding the Prime Minister that the "Centre has raised the FRBM limit from three per cent to five per cent but only 0.5 per cent out of the increased 2 per cent has been made unconditional," she requested the Centre to "make the remaining 1.5 per cent

unconditional too for one year."

Ruing the fact that the Centre had sent paltry amounts towards fighting the pandemic she said the Bengal Government had spent more than ₹2,500 crore whereas it had received from the Centre only ₹125 crore. Besides, Banerjee also raised the issue of corona vaccine asking the Centre to "immediately" issue guidelines.

"Regarding the vaccine, the central government should authorise which vaccine is to be procured and used. It must issue guidelines in this regard," sources quoting her said.

## Priyanka slams UP Govt on girl's death during chase

LUCKNOW: Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has slammed the Yogi Adityanath government over the Bulandshahr accident in which a US student was killed.

The accident, which took place on Monday, was apparently caused when motorcycle-borne men chased the girl who was on a scooty with her uncle.

In a tweet, Priyanka said, "There is no fear of the law in UP and women are getting increasingly insecure. It appears that the state government does not take incidents of eve teasing seriously."

## Teenager raped by neighbour in UP

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

In a colony of Bannadevi area of the city, youth raped a teenager who went to a neighbour's house to take onions on Monday evening. The mob gathered at the screaming of the teenager and grabbed the accused and beat him fiercely. When the matter reached the BJP leaders, the fight broke out. All the leaders including the former mayor reached the police station in support of the teenager. Up late in the night, the police station created a ruckus for action. Police has also taken the accused into custody. Action is being taken by investigating the case on the basis of complaint.

Late in the evening, the victim went to her friend's residence in the neighborhood to ask for onions where her friend's maternal uncle was already present. He dragged her into the room and raped her. The local people gathered as the teenager screamed. They saw the teenager lying in blood. People took her to the hospital. At the same time, grabbed the accused from spot and beat him.

## Bonded labours still exist in UP

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Despite the Supreme Court's order to ban the bonded labour, a large number of such labourers are working in different brick kilns of Aligarh and Hathras district.

Although the labour department of Uttar Pradesh has rescued 670 bonded labourers, including 20 from Aligarh and 21 from Bulandshahr, from clutches of brick kiln owners till now. Sources said most of rge kiln labourers belong to Atrauli tehsil. More than 30,000 labourers are hired to work at kilns situated in UP, Haryana, Punjab and Delhi. Some organised gangs are involved in arranging bonded labourers.

They lay advance money to the labourers and send them to different district. The agents charge a high commission from kiln owners for these labours.

Nearly 1,200 bonded labours have been rescued from different places. Of the 1,200, more than 220 belongs to Atrauli region in Aligarh district.

## 1,417 fresh cases in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Kerala Police have started preparing a data bank of persons who do not wear face masks while they come out of their houses.

"Though the police officers would only warn the law breakers for the first time, the violators would be fined ₹2,000/- when they are caught the second time without masks," Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala, told reporters in his daily press briefing on Tuesday.

Vijayan said that 1,417 new persons were tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday while 1,426 patients were cured of the pandemic.

## Vaishno Devi Yatra to begin from August 16

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Tuesday set a ceiling of permitting a maximum number of 5,000 pilgrims per day to visit Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine nestled in Trikuta hills from August 16.

The yatra was suspended to the cave shrine on March 18 ahead of the imposition of nationwide lockdown.

The Government had earlier decided to throw open the gates of all other major shrines and religious places like Charare-Sharif, Hazratbal, Nangali Sahib, Shahdara Sharief, Shiv Khori where devotees visit from

all parts of the union territory and the country from August 16.

According to the fresh guidelines issued by the administration, "a maximum number of 500 pilgrims per day will be permitted within this ceiling in a graded manner from outside Jammu and Kashmir."

Pilgrims coming from outside Jammu & Kashmir will undergo 100 percent antigen testing along with those visiting the shrine from red districts of Jammu & Kashmir. A detailed set of guidelines for worshippers and other stakeholders in and around these religious places were also issued.

## 256 die, 11,088 +ve in Maha

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a noticeable drop in the Covid-19 triggered fatalities and an increase in the number of infections, Maharashtra on Tuesday witnessed 256 deaths and 11,088 infected cases in various parts of the state.

With the fresh fatalities and infections, the Covid-19 toll in the state mounted to 18306, while the total number of infected cases jumped to 5,35,601.

Of the total 256 deaths reported on Tuesday, Pune accounted for 53 deaths, followed by 48 deaths in Mumbai and 43 deaths Thane.

As the fatality figure dropped below 50 mark in Mumbai for the third consecutive day, the total Covid-19 toll Mumbai rose by 48 from 6,845 to 6,893, while the infected cases increased by 917

## Capt Deepak Sathe cremated with full State honours

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Mumbaikars bade an emotional farewell to Wing Commander Deepak Sathe (ret'd) -- who was killed in the ill-fated Dubai-Kozhikode Air India Express flight crash on Friday last, as he was cremated here amid the State honours on Tuesday.

People from the north-eastern suburbs of Mumbai who had lined up on either side of the road and people from the balconies of the housing societies en route paid last respects to Wg Cdr Sathe, as his funeral procession of passed from Nahar Amrit Shakti complex at Chandrivli to Tagore Nagar electric crematorium at Vikhroli, where he was cremated in the presence of family members, defence officials and friends.

Chants of 'Capt. Deepak Sathe

## to touch a total of 1,25,224.

Apart from fresh deaths reported in Pune, Mumbai and Thane, there were 27 deaths in Kolhapur, 15 deaths in Nashik, 12 in Nagpur, 11 in Palghar, 7 each in Jalgaon and Solapur, 5 each in Ahmednagar and Sangli, 4 in Raigad, 3 in Beed, 2 each in Dhule, Satara, Ratnagiri, Jalna and one death each in Aurangabad, Parbhani, Latur, Osmanabad, Nanded, Buldhana and Wardha. In addition, there was death of one from another state.

Meanwhile, as many as 10088 patients were discharged from hospitals in the state after full recovery, taking the total number of patients discharged from various hospitals after full recovery since the second week of March this year to 3,68,435. The recovery rate went up to 68.79 per cent. The mortality rate in the state is 3.42 per cent.

## Amara Rahe' rent the air, as late Capt Sathe's funeral cavalcade, escorted by the Mumbai Police, proceeded from the Nahar Amrit Shakti complex where Sathe's live in Jalvayu Vihar building, on its final journey.

Capt Sathe's body had on Sunday afternoon been flown from Kochi and kept at an Air India facility near Terminal 2 of the Chhatrapati Shivaji international airport for some time before being taken to Bhabha Hospital at Bandra, from where the mortal remains were brought by his sons Shantanu and Dhananjay to the family home at Chandivli on Tuesday morning.

The pilot's father Col. Vasant Sathe (ret'd) (87) and mother Neela (83), who reside in Nagpur, had reached Mumbai on Monday to have a last glimpse of their son.

## HE WAS A LOVING HUSBAND, A CARING FATHER: FAMILY

Mumbai: After the funeral of late Wing Commander Deepak Sathe (ret'd), his family on Tuesday released a touching tribute in his memory, describing him as a "loving husband and caring father".

"Deepak Sathe was a loving husband and caring father and we are deeply

## Covid-19 patient dies awaiting treatment by Kolkata pvt hospital

KOLKATA: A 60-year-old female coronavirus patient died in an ambulance outside a private hospital in Kolkata while allegedly awaiting admission as her family failed to deposit in time Rs 3 lakh demanded by the staff.

The incident took place at Desun Hospital on the EM Bypass here on Monday night. The patient had been brought from East Midnapore's Tomluk. The deceased's husband had died of Covid-19 three days ago.

Her family said that when they took the patient to the hospital they were asked to deposit Rs 3 lakh. They said they immediately deposited Rs 80,000 and asked for an hour to arrange the remaining amount. But, they alleged, the

hospital authorities categorically told them that doctors would not be able to start treatment unless the full payment was made.

Later, they arranged Rs 2 lakh more and deposited the amount in a bank account, but the patient had died by then in the ambulance. Despite repeated attempts, hospital authorities refused to issue any media statement on the issue.

"Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has clearly given instructions to all private medical facilities not to delay treatment in such emergencies. This is absolutely uncalled for," Indian Medical Association (IMA) President and Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha MP Shantanu Sen said.

Sen also urged the

bereaved family to approach the state medical regulatory commission with a formal complaint for necessary action against the hospital authorities.

In another incident of alleged medical negligence in adjoining Howrah district's Jaiswal hospital, coronavirus positive patient Moumita Ghosh was denied proper care. Ghosh was admitted to the hospital for the past seven days but suddenly developed respiratory problem and asked for oxygen support. She went live on the social media to seek help.

Later, West Bengal Minister Laxmi Ratan Shukla responded to her video appeal and made arrangements to ensure an oxygen cylinder for the patient.

## Bengaluru Zoo to gift lions to safari

BENGALURU: The Bengaluru Zoo will gift three lions and a lioness. A pair to the Gadag zoo, and two lions to a Shimoga safari, both within the state limits under animal exchange programme earmarking the just celebrated World Lion Day, an official said on Tuesday.

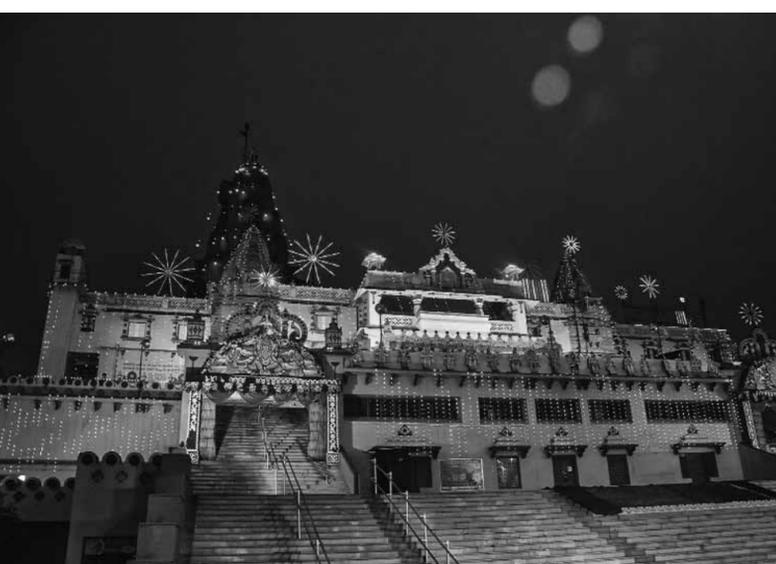
"Bengaluru Bannerghatta Biological Park has decided to gift two male lions -- Dharm and Arjuna to lion and tiger safari Tyavarekoppa in Shimoga, which is 320 km northwest of Bengaluru," said Executive Director Vanashree Vipin Singh.

It will also gift a lion and a lioness -- Nakula and Nirupama to Gadag Zoo which is located 391 km northwest of the city.

According to Singh, the gifts were meant to celebrate the World Lion Day that was celebrated on Monday.

A proposal recommending the exchange is being submitted to the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) in New Delhi for approval.

The biological park has four units -- a zoo, safari, butterfly park and a rescue centre sprawling over 732 hectares of land and accommodates 2,279 animals. The zoo is nestled in the forests of Champakadhama Hills inside the Bannerughatta National Park.



Illuminated Sri Krishna Janambhoomi temple wears a deserted look on the occasion of Krishan Janmashtmi, in Mathura on Tuesday PTI

## Karnataka, Emory varsity to set up immunology centre in B'loru

IAN S ■ BENGALURU

Recognising the importance of immunology at a time when the coronavirus pandemic is terrorizing the world, Karnataka government has announced that it will set up an immunology and vaccine research centre in the city in collaboration with renowned Emory University from the USA, said a minister on Tuesday.

"Keeping in mind the importance of immunology in the future, the state is very keen to establish an immunology and vaccine research centre in the city in collaboration with the Emory University," said Deputy Chief Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan.

Narayan held a webinar with Rafi Ahmad, director of Emory Vaccine Center and discussed the importance of immunology, which is critical to address vaccines, infec-

tious diseases, cancer research and others.

"The results of researches done now in the field of immunology will be the solution to problems of coming days. Hence, investments done in this area are going to fetch fruitful results," told Ahmad to Narayan in the webinar.

The Emory professional explained that the entire world is pondering about immunology and effective vaccine at this juncture.

According to Narayan, the state government is very keen on finding novel coronavirus diagnostic tests and is looking at the larger benefits of setting the vaccine centre.

"The state has a very robust ecosystem suitable for research and innovation. It needs to be focused on research in the development of vaccines, clinical trials, and translation of research studies to the ben-

efit of the larger society," he said.

He highlighted that Bengaluru houses up to 20 institutes of national eminence which are being engaged in vaccine development activities.

"All these will be integrated and the government is ready to support through policy implementation. The rigid restrictions which were in place earlier with regard to clinical trials are now being relaxed," pointed out Narayan.

Ahmad said Emory Vaccine Center has developed highly specified and sensitive rapid test for Covid-19 which was adopted by hospitals in Atlanta, Georgia state, USA, where the university is located.

The Emory professional said the university is also engaged in plasma therapy, human molecular antibodies developments and other areas.

## Doctor-turned Mizo MLA saves woman's life, helps deliver baby

AIZAWL: Mizoram's legislator ZR Thiamsanga proved nothing short of an angel for a pregnant woman amid a medical emergency, as he conducted a caesarean operation on her and helped deliver a healthy baby boy.

Those who know the 62-year-old qualified doctor turned MLA would be hardly surprised, given the fact that he is known for his penchant for extending a helping hand to those in need in the past too.

The Mizo National Front's lawmaker told IANS on Tuesday that both the 39-year-old woman and her newborn were doing fine.

Thiamsanga said that during a visit to coronavirus-affected and quake-hit areas of remote Champhai district on Monday, he came to know that the pregnant woman was bleeding profusely and in a critical condition at the state's Champhai district hospital and rushed there.

"C Lalmhangaisangi, pregnant with her second child, was bleeding profusely

## Kerala Police begins probe into cyber attacks on journalists

IAN S ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Police on Tuesday began a probe into the complaint given by the Kerala Union of Working Journalists after some mediapersons came under cyber attack for posing inconvenient questions to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

State Police Chief Loknath Behra said in a statement that the Hi-tech Enquiry Cell and the Police Cyberdome have started the probe.

For the past few days a journalist couple working in a TV channel and another woman journalist with a different TV channel had come under unprecedented cyber attacks.

The major issue for the attackers seemed to be that these journalists were asking inconvenient questions to Vijayan in particular and the CPI-M in general.

This issue was first taken up by Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala who slammed Vijayan's press secretary P.M. Manoj for taking on the journalists, when he is not supposed to indulge in such acts being a government servant.

When mediapersons raised the issue with Vijayan on Monday night he said he had no knowledge of what had happened and when specifically asked about Manoj, he pointed out that, "Manoj like many of you is also a journalist."

## As cases surge, so does loot by Agra's pvt hospitals

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When Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma was told at an official meeting that the private hospitals in Agra were charging more than Rs 15,000 daily for Covid-19 patients, he was taken aback.

Sharma told district officials to adopt appropriate measures to bring down the tariff at par with Lucknow where the daily charges were Rs 6,800.

In the last 10 days there have been numerous complaints against the private nursing homes for overcharging distressed Corona patients and their kin. The bills worked out to more than Rs 1 lakh for a week's stay at the facility. A

level-3 nursing home charges around Rs 17,000 a day with ventilator and ICU support while the level-1 charge on an average around Rs 11,000 a day.

These rates are 10X to 12X the tariff fixed by the state government. The nursing home owners say the patients want 'A' class facilities and are willing to pay for it. A section of the society feels no cost is too high for a life saved, a private hospital manager said.

The general perception about government hospitals is negative. "You go with one problem and return with two," a patient who recovered at a private hospital said.

However, the doctors at the district hospital and the SN Medical College Covid hospi-



Vehicles stuck in mud after flash-floods triggered by a cloud burst on Dunadri-Bunjawah link road in Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday PTI

## As cases surge, so does loot by Agra's pvt hospitals

tal vehemently deny the charge. "We are giving high quality services and the recovery rate reflects this. SN Medical College is fully equipped with latest gadgetry and facilities to take up any challenge. Don't forget a number of critical cases are referred to us here by the private nursing homes," a senior government doctor claimed.

The IMA meanwhile, has offered a Rs 600 daily package for those in home quarantine. The expenses on medicines and equipment are separate but consultations by the specialists and frequent monitoring is included in the fees, Dr Sanjay Chaturvedi, secretary IMA told IANS.

Meanwhile, 33 fresh cases

were reported in the past 24 hours taking the Agra tally to 2,136. The number of active cases has increased to 318, while the number of recovered stands at 1,717. So far, 68,149 samples have been tested.

In Mathura 33 new cases were reported, over a dozen from the ISKCON temple complex. Mainpuri reported 22, Etah 21, Firozabad 22 and Kasganj 13.

District authorities in Mathura clarified that outsiders would not be allowed to enter the Sri Krishna shrines in Braj Mandal. Rituals connected with the Sri Krishna Janamashtmi will be streamed live for the benefit of the devotees.

"Like Raksha Bandhan,

Janamashtmi festival will also be on a low key, the fervour is clearly missing," a 'Panda' of the Vishram Ghat said.

"Vrindavan lanes are deserted, even the simians are distressed, the morale is low, may be Sri Krishna will dispel the clouds of gloom," hoped Jagan Nath Poddar, convener of Braj-Vrindavan Alliance.

So far the trend continues to remain alarming. For the local administration, the new worry is the spread of Dengue and Malaria. The health department of the municipal corporation has stepped up sanitisation and cleaning work. People have been told to ensure there was no stored water around, an official of the District Malaria office said.

Like Raksha Bandhan,

# Nepal at it again

After Lord Ram, KP Oli wants to appropriate the legacy of Buddha in his continuing political tirade against India



That China has made inroads in our neighbourhood by debt-trapping our allies and is now muscling in politically to re-configure their equations with us isn't surprising. So far, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have worked out a "trade with China" and "historical ties with India" strategy to play the two Asian majors against each other and extract concessional gains in the process. But looks like Nepal wants to obliterate the civilisational ties and shared heritage it has had with India, overturn history and claim its independent standing, which is almost impossible given the origins of the sub-continent. In fact, Nepal

Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli is now appropriating shared cultural icons of Nepalese origin and claiming an intellectual property right over their legacy. First, he tried to own Lord Ram, saying he was born not at Ayodhya but in Nepal. Nobody took him seriously in the absence of any historical evidence. Now he is trying to reclaim Buddha as distinctly Nepalese. The controversy followed External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's speech at CII where he referred to Mahatma Gandhi and Lord Buddha as two great Indians. Various Nepalese leaders, including Opposition leaders and former Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, reacted immediately, terming the reference "objectionable." The official statement laid stress on historical and archaeological evidence, which prove that Buddha was born in Lumbini, Nepal. India though was quick to put the lid on the row, saying that no one could doubt that Buddha was born in Lumbini but the emphasis was on the Buddhist heritage shared by the two countries. India has never attempted a cultural takeover of Buddha at any time, religiously attributing his birth to Nepal. Similarly, Nepal cannot deny the fact that he spent most of his life in India, attaining enlightenment at Bodhi Gaya, delivering key sermons at Sarnath and ultimately leaving the earthly world at Kushinagar. Besides, someone like Lord Ram and Buddha cannot be defined by their geography but by their philosophy that the whole world has adopted. In that sense, anybody, anywhere can quote them as inspiration. Though, Lord Buddha made India his *karmabhoomi*, travelling through its length and breadth and preaching the true *dharma*, his followers and practitioners keep him fervently alive in most countries in Southeast Asia compared to India. Does that mean we can claim to be the fountainhead of the bigness of his vision? By that logic, poet laureate Rabindranath Tagore is as much ours as he is of Bangladesh, whose national anthem he wrote and where he spent much time. Having been a Hindu kingdom and given its contiguity with India, Nepal has had the strongest bond with us in terms of shared history, culture and people-to-people contacts. This commonality has been one of the reasons for the open borders between both countries. So now that Oli is putting up cultural barriers, looks like he is determined to eliminate any interdependent associations with India and is decidedly hawkish about China, willing to be its vassal State. In fact, China has upped its cultural diplomacy, too, in Nepal, helping it rebuild old temple complexes and shrines that were damaged in the earthquake of 2015.

Oli's latest tirade against India follows the ongoing cartographic war, where he questioned Indian claims around the Lipulekh Pass based on varied interpretations of British era maps. This despite the fact that the pass is an accepted Indian gateway, according to a 1954 treaty signed between India and China. Although the new road near it, built by New Delhi to facilitate pilgrim traffic to Kailash Mansarovar, is now one of the quickest links between Delhi and the Tibetan plateau, China had not objected to it. In fact, it recognised India's sovereignty by agreeing to expand trade through the pass. But overriding such precedents, Nepal released a revised map showing Limpiyadhura, Lipulekh and Kalapani under its territory. No political party opposed the resolution for reclamation. Yet India has been in possession of this territory for at least 60 years. Even the new road to Lipulekh does not challenge that status quo. Nepal says that the basis for demarcation, the Kali river, originates from a stream at Limpiyadhura, north-west of Lipulekh. Thus Kalapani, Limpiyadhura and Lipulekh are actually on its eastern bank and qualify to be its land. New Delhi has countered this, saying that Kali originates in the springs well below the pass and that while the old map does not demarcate the area north of these springs, administrative and revenue records of the 19th century show that Kalapani was on the Indian side and should be a part of Uttarakhand. China, as in Doklam, has taken advantage of the trijunction area to complicate the territorial confusion and push India backward. But if Nepal has gone so maximalist and nationalist, despite sharing Hindu origins and, therefore, more naturally inclined to the Narendra Modi regime, it means that China has an iron grip on it. India's over-dependence on historical, spiritual and geographical connect as a leitmotif of diplomacy is being tested severely. And though we are investing in bilateral relations on more favourable terms and pushing COVID-19 aid, we can't beat the Chinese, who make up over 90 per cent of Nepal's FDI and are moulding it as their frontier proxy warrior.

# Muted festivities

The IPL might be taking place later this year but it is almost certain to be a less extravagant affair than before



No matter what your opinion about Lalit Modi, the fact of the matter is that with the Indian Premier League (IPL), he managed to create a globally competitive and recognised sports league. So much so that the IPL is the world's top franchise-based cricket league and one must keep in mind that China, for all its success in creating brands, has failed in creating a global sports league. That said, as sports have been ravaged, thanks to China's gift to the world, the Coronavirus, the IPL also fell a victim, missing its scheduled slot at the start of the Indian summer. But now sports — from Formula 1 to football — have

returned to television screens and spectator-less formats. Even cricket has restarted in England in the safety of a "bio bubble." So the IPL is looking at playing its season in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this winter, or at least has plans of playing.

The UAE, thanks to its relatively compact size that eliminates the need for connecting flights, its close location to India — being away by just 90 minutes of flying time — and large availability of remote resorts, where teams can be sequestered between matches, as well as more than enough cricket stadia, should make the IPL pretty easy to manage. However, whether the IPL will be played with the audience in attendance remains to be seen. The UAE — despite its economy being ravaged by the pandemic and sending hundreds of thousands of expatriate workers from India home — still has a huge base of workers from the sub-continent. Tens of thousands of fans can easily be found to fill the stadia in the UAE replete with their IPL uniforms and tribal loyalties. But will the sponsors bite? The huge player salaries guaranteed by television revenues and on-field sponsors might make things difficult for the teams. Already, the principal sponsor of the IPL has withdrawn because of the ongoing anti-Chinese sentiment in India. While Baba Ramdev-promoted Patanjali wants to sponsor the IPL, will the brash cricket league want to associate with it? Teams will also find it difficult to find jersey sponsors and broadcasters might find it equally difficult to get sponsors on television broadcasts. Conversely, the IPL could be the firestarter the Indian market really needs. Maybe it will drive consumerism again and awaken our economy, which was waylaid by a poisonous scale of the Chinese dragon. The cricket bat can be more effective in beating back the dragon than a French fighter plane or five.

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# The border challenge

The PLA has blemished the Modi Govt's muscular image created in the wake of Uri and Balakot responses against Pakistan, which won it an overwhelming political mandate



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One's blood boils watching the way India and its Army are being pushed around by the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Roughing up soldiers, intruding/transgressing on the Indian side of the LAC at will and violating border protocols have become second nature to the PLA. And yet, many citizens keep harping that when it comes to joining the battle, Indians are six feet tall. The PLA has no experience to fight in high-altitude terrain; whereas Indian soldiers have been deployed in Sikkim, Ladakh and Siachen for decades. China lacks the regimental system of the Indian infantry and is composed mostly of short-term conscripts compared to India's wholly volunteer Army. The PLA has not fought a war since 1979. Neither have the Indian troops since the skirmish they fought "on our side of the Line of Control (LoC)" against a mixed bag of Pakistani frontier militia and hardcore terrorists at Kargil.

Because the PLA has done a sort of Kargil in east Ladakh, loud thinking can be heard about launching a land-air offensive *a la* Kargil, confined to our side of the LAC to vacate aggression in Ladakh. This comparison has many holes: It likens LAC to LoC, which is delineated with the maps exchanged in 1972 between the two militaries. The LoC is violated regularly by infiltration, cross-border firing and is a hot border. Not a shot has been fired along the LAC since 1975 and a no-shooting protocol exists. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has not carried out any joint military exercises for air support of ground troops along the LAC. Border protocols debar the use of force in settling the boundary question, which includes the LAC.

And yet, rogue actions of the PLA have continued periodically like the intrusions at Sumdorongchu (1988), Depsang (2013), Chumar (2014), Doklam (2017) and now across east Ladakh, stretching over 250 km. They have all gone unpunished. Instead, PLA raw recruits managed to thrash outnumbered Indian soldiers near the Pangong lake on May 17/18 last year so badly that 72 soldiers had to be hospitalised. PLA helicopters chased away an Indian helicopter in the same area around the same time. In short, India has been at the receiving end of PLA depredations except possibly at Galwan. The mystery is, why have Indian troops never done a tit-for-tat



counter intrusion?

That the disengagement and de-escalation process has ended in utter failure was recognised by the Indian Ministry of Defence (MoD) on its website earlier this month but the admission was pulled down within 48 hours. Indian forces have been left with buffer zones at friction points where they have had to withdraw and dismantle their fortifications from the Indian side of the LAC. Worse, the PLA is not permitting these soldiers to exercise their patrolling rights upto established patrolling points, which when connected, roughly align with the Indian LAC.

Still worse is the stubborn refusal of the PLA and its commanders to even discuss the 18-km deep massive intrusion made in Depsang, a repeat of the intrusion in April 2013, from where the PLA withdrew after three months. Crowning the multiple intrusions is the PLA's construction of infrastructure on the Indian side of the LAC. Violative of border patrols, PLA activities are nothing short of acts of war.

Not only has China unilaterally changed the status quo but it has also shifted the LAC several kilometres westwards, attempting to conform to its 1960 claim line. It has also annexed several hundred kilo-

metres of Indian territory. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's in-denial statement of June 19 — "neither has anyone intruded across our border nor is anyone intruding" — has become the great enabler of PLA intrusions. Taking down the belated acceptance of intrusions on the MoD website is supportive of Beijing's actions. China is rejoicing that Modi has kept the Wuhan spirit alive whereas it is an abysmal failure of summitry. By virtually condoning the Galwan clash, Modi seems to have done the reverse of Nehru's cavalier orders to throw out the Chinese from the Thagla ridge.

The joy and excitement exuded by Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh over the arrival of five Rafales reflected the dire and optionless situation at the LAC. Given the phenomenal spike in the COVID-19 pandemic in India, a debilitating decline in the economy and the military overstretched on two fronts, a Kargil-like response to multiple intrusions will lead to a war that India cannot afford.

India's continental strategy (if there is one) for border management has come unstuck because the PLA has changed the rules of engagement, both on the ground and at the negotiating table. Five rounds of military commander talks, four

rounds of Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) dialogue and conversations between high ranking Special Representatives on border talks have hit a *cul-de-sac*.

With wholesale intrusions in early May, China delivered an initial *fait accompli*. This was followed by a Chinese-scripted DPP in July end that made cosmetic disengagement to ease tensions at friction points but was tantamount to quarantining Indian soldiers on their own territory. The PLA, on the other hand, dug down like it did at Doklam after disengagement and nobly proclaimed that disengagement is completed. This new *fait accompli* has imposed on India a new status quo without a hint of restoring the May 5 situation.

The Modi Government can pretend it is business as usual: Take down belated acceptance of intrusions from the MoD website, talk tough the virtues of Rafales and most of all, use diversionary strategies to focus on its spectacular political achievements like the grand ceremony at the Ram temple on the same day it erased Article 370 at Jammu & Kashmir a year ago.

In deference to Chinese sentiment, the new status of Ladakh has been played down. The setback at LAC has almost

disappeared from TV and media, reflecting India's acceptance of aggression by the PLA. The tragedy playing out along the LAC for 10 weeks, that was essentially concealed by the Government, is a reminder of India's colossal intelligence and operational failures.

It has blemished the Modi Government's tough muscular image created in the wake of Uri and Balakot responses against Pakistan, which won it an overwhelming political mandate. The Chinese PLA has changed that perception. That, too, 60 years after the 1962 war when China gave India a dressing down and withdrew unilaterally, vacating areas it now covets: Tawang and East Ladakh. India's failure to shape and maintain a deterrent has led to the loss of face.

Three days from now, on August 15, Independence Day, Modi will recount his Government's achievements, including the handling of the pandemic. How he will frame the situation along the LAC, where the Chinese PLA has altered status quo and annexed Indian territory, will be worth watching out for.

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## SOUNDBITE

I think there should be dialogue, decency and a *Lakshman Rekha* in public discourse and I haven't crossed that line in the 20 years of my political career.



Congress leader — Sachin Pilot

Theatres would always overlook small films. That problem is solved now. Everything is equal on the OTT platforms. Not getting a show was a big problem.



Actor — Radhika Madan

I'm much more inclined to do it (G-7 meeting) some time after the election. ... We could do it through tele-conference or we could do it through a meeting.



US President — Donald Trump

I welcomed Sonia's appointment as interim president last year. But I do believe it is unfair to her to expect her to carry this burden indefinitely.



Congress leader — Shashi Tharoor

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Ill-conceived decision

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "*Atmanirbhar raksha*" (August 11). There is nothing wrong with the Government's call for "vocal for local" but actions such as those taken by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to impose import embargo on 101 items are ill-conceived and may prove to be detrimental in the long run. Instead, the Government should have come out with a clear picture as to how various sectors could reduce dependence on imports so that we gradually start producing world-class products in the country. Such a hasty decision will send the wrong signal to both our domestic suppliers as well as hostile neighbours. Our defence preparedness, too, is not upto the mark.

Bal Govind Noida

### Lessons from Beirut

Sir — The deadly explosion in Beirut is another instance of conscience-keepers of safety abdicating their responsibility.

Military ammunition depots, inflammable gas and fuel stations in the energy sector and nuclear facilities exclusively rely on meticulous standard operating procedure manuals. The presence of 740 tonnes

### Big boost to agriculture

This refers to the establishment of a ₹1 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to enhance post-harvest infrastructure in the country. The creation of a comprehensive post-harvest infrastructure can be a game-changer. As per Government data, 16 per cent of the fruits and vegetables and up to 10 per cent of cereals, oilseeds and pulses are wasted in the country due to inadequate storage and warehousing facilities. Most of the existing storage in the country is not owned by farmers. This also means that they are forced to sell their entire farm output at one go after the harvest is over and when the prices are low. Since the AIF is trying to rope in farmers' producers organisations (FPOs) to build such infrastructure, it will hopefully also address this asymmetry and allow growers to dispose of their produce in a phased manner and avail better returns. This will go a long way in increasing the bargaining power of Indian farmers.

However, the economic challenge of boosting growth and incomes cannot be missed. Even before the pandemic struck, the economy was in a bad shape. Disruption caused due to the pandemic made matters worse. If the situation does not revive, it is unlikely



that FPOs and other intended beneficiaries of AIF loans will be enthusiastic about committing to such investments. Economic experts say that the economy needs a massive fiscal push to boost economic sentiment as the consumer confidence has plummeted to an all-time low. The actual loan disbursement from AIF early this week was just ₹1,000 crore. This is yet another signal that the actual fiscal boost to the economy doesn't match the scale of the Government's big ticket announcement. This needs to change.

N Sadhasiva Reddy Bengaluru

### Breather for Congress

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Needed, full-time chief" (August 11). In a belated yet pragmatic move, the Congress leadership has succeeded in averting a fall of its Government in Rajasthan. Concerted efforts by the Gandhi siblings have yielded results. This new scenario has paved the way for truce, howsoever fragile, between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot. Pilot is ready for an unconditional truce and Gehlot has agreed to follow the leadership line. Hopefully, the Rajasthan Assembly session scheduled for August 14 will pass without any hurdle. Grievances flagged by the Pilot camp should be addressed. Rahul Gandhi must now take charge and call for elections to the Congress Working Committee without any delay. Sans a permanent head, the grand old party looks like a rudderless boat.

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**FIRST COLUMN**

# Modi the messiah of Hindus?

The BJP and the RSS are now convinced that the dream of Ram Rajya is possible with majoritarian dominance



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Just like August 15, i.e. Independence Day and August 9, which is Quit India Day, a third date, August 5, 2020, has become a historic date for the BJP. While launching the construction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "history was written today in golden letters." It is indeed a twin triumph for Modi that the colourful *bhoomi puja* ceremony came on the first anniversary of the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The Ram temple at Ayodhya and the abrogation of Article 370 were two divisive issues for the country. But for Modi it was a matter of fulfilling the BJP's promises to its core Hindu voters. At the *bhoomi puja* Modi drew a parallel with the freedom movement and by this he has placed freedom from cultural subjugation on a par with the political freedom of India. "Just as August 15 symbolises untiring tenacity, millions of sacrifices and the fervent desire for freedom... similarly this day reminds (one) of the sacrifices made by several generations... for the Ram temple," Modi said and claimed that the "wait of centuries" for the Ram temple had ended. In fact, August 5 marks the demise of what the Congress and the other Opposition parties call "secularism."

The *bhoomi puja* ceremony for the Ram temple is the beginning of a new cultural nationalism and dominance that was the dream of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) for decades. The BJP and the RSS have rejected the idea of composite nationalism and favoured cultural nationalism. The BJP has been agitating for its core agenda since its inception in 1980 though its critics call it a majoritarian agenda. The party is jubilant as in the first year of Modi's second term, he managed to deliver two of the items on the agenda. He was able to do so because of three reasons. The first is that the BJP got a big mandate in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The second is the weak Opposition which has given a free hand to the saffron party. The third is that the BJP does not need to woo the Muslim votebank as the majority is with them.

Let us take Kashmir first. It was on August 5, 2019 that the State was bifurcated and Article 370, that gave special status to J&K, was abrogated. The decision attracted international attention and criticism and even after one year, things are yet to become normal. The entire political class has been under arrest at one time or the other in J&K and even one year down the line, some of the leaders, including former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, remain incarcerated. There is a political vacuum on the one hand and an incapacitated political class on the other. As a result, there has been no political activity in J&K for more than a year. Many demand that the detained leaders should be freed and elections should be held. Since the PDP-BJP Government fell in 2018, J&K has been under continuous Governor's Rule. Former Minister Manoj Sinha took over as the Lieutenant-Governor last week, the second in a year. Militancy in J&K has reduced to an extent but not totally snuffed out. The people of Kashmir have been facing a double whammy, the Coronavirus-induced lockdown on one side and curfew on the other, for the past many months. The promised jobs are nowhere on the horizon and the industry, including shawl, carpet, dryfruit, fruit exports and so on have suffered. Tourism is dead. Communication has broken down and schools and colleges are closed.

In this regard Manoj Sinha's statement after the oath-taking ceremony is significant. "There should be peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir. The situation of uncertainty should end, terrorism should end. Achieving all this along with accelerated development will be our aim, our mission." The challenges before him include delimitation, Assembly elections, resuming political dialogue and restoring full statehood. The trust deficit should also be bridged and there should be a reconnect with the people.

As for the Ram temple, the Supreme Court's verdict has strengthened the Government's hand. With the law on its side and the Muslims reconciled to the fact that they will have a mosque on the land given to them elsewhere, not much problems are expected. The temple trust would have the support of the State and the Central Government as both are ruled by the same party. Money would be no problem as donations are pouring in. The big temple would be ready by 2023, perhaps just before the 2024 elections. BJP leader Vinay Katiyar has already claimed that major temples at Kashi and Mathura are on the BJP's agenda. Now only the Uniform Civil Code remains on the BJP's core agenda. The Modi Government might think of bringing a law soon when the pandemic is behind us. Along with that, there could also be some measures for population regulation. The BJP and the RSS are now convinced that the dream of Ram Rajya is possible with majoritarian dominance. Modi is their chosen messiah now.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

**POINT COUNTERPOINT**

**THE EIA 2020 DRAFT IS A DISASTER. IT WILL SILENCE THE VOICE OF COMMUNITIES WHO WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION IT UNLEASHES.**

—CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI



**WE HAVE GOT THOUSANDS OF SUGGESTIONS WHICH WE WELCOME. WE WILL CONSIDER THEM. THEN TAKE A CALL AND COME OUT WITH A FINAL (EIA) DRAFT.**

—UNION ENVIRONMENT MINISTER PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

# Not a NEET situation

The International Youth Day is meant to reflect on one of the most serious issues concerning our young people and that is their growing number without employment, education and training



Each year, August 12 is celebrated as the International Youth Day (IYD) to raise awareness about the challenges and problems being faced by the young people of today. IYD, which was first observed in 2000, aims to endorse ways to engage the youth and help them participate in affirmative contributions to society. The theme of the IYD this year is 'Youth Engagement for Global Action.' It seeks to highlight the ways in which young people at the local, national and global level are enriching national and multilateral institutions and processes, as well as draw lessons on how to enhance their representation and engagement in formal institutional politics.

As per the United Nations (UN) population prospects, the youth segment (15-29 years) globally stands at 1.8 billion now. Out of the total number of young people in the world, every fifth person (20 per cent) resides in India (366 million) reflecting the importance of this segment in the country. The youth are faced with many challenges and one of the most serious issues concerning them is the growing number of idle youngsters or those who are not in employment, education and training (NEET in short).

NEET youth tend to experience a varying degree of social and economic marginalisation and are more likely to be left behind in mainstream development. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 2030, adopted by the UN in 2015, also set the agenda specifically for target 8.6, which calls for the proportion of youth with NEET status to be substantially reduced in the next 15 years.

The Global Employment Trends for Youth 2020 noted that there has been a continued decline in the participation of young people in the labour force across countries. The population of the youth has increased from one billion to 1.3 billion in the period between 1999 and 2019, but the number of young people engaged in the workforce (either employed or unemployed) has seen a decrease from 568 million to 497 million during the same period.

The most disturbing pattern globally is that one young person out of every five (20 per cent) and 30 per cent of the girls and 13 per cent of the boys among them— those aged between 15 and 24 (which is the international definition of the youth) — are currently classified as NEET. This means that a whopping 267 million out of 1.3 billion young people worldwide are neither gaining experience in the labour market, nor receiving income from work or enhancing their education and skills. This suggests that their labour remains under-utilised.

India, at present, is home to the largest population of youth in the world. The National Youth Policy of India, 2014 defines them as people belonging in the age group of 15-29 years. According to the census data for 2011, the youth constitute 28 per cent of the total population in the country and contribute to over 34 per cent of India's national income. The latest estimates show that they comprise around 27 per cent of the total Indian population of 1.3 billion.

However, a major positive development has been their growing enrolment in the secondary and tertiary-level of education, which has resulted in better-skilled employees and prolif-

“ WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LARGER YOUTH POPULATION FOR THE NEXT TWO DECADES, WHICH POSES AN IMMINENT CHALLENGE AS WELL — OF LEVERAGING THE POTENTIAL OF THE ABUNDANT HUMAN RESOURCE. THE SPIRAL OF THE UNEMPLOYED IS POSING SOME SERIOUS QUESTIONS ON HIGHER EDUCATION, SKILL DEVELOPMENT, DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND AND INDIA'S FUTURE. THERE ARE OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT QUALITY OF JOBS, DECENT WORKPLACES, UPWARD MOBILITY, WAGES, ASPIRATIONS, COMPETITION ACCRUED BY LIMITED SUPPLY OF NEW JOBS, CONTRACTUAL NATURE OF JOBS, MENTAL HEALTH, OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND FOSTERING INNOVATIONS AMONG THE YOUNG MINDS ”



eration of decent employment in many countries around the world.

However, the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2017-18 reported a significant increase in unemployment rates for the young segment of the population. A more serious concern is the increasing joblessness among educated youth (15-29 years), which went up nearly three times from 6.1 per cent in 2011-12 to 17.8 per cent in 2017-18. In particular, technical degree holders have been noted to fare the worst with their unemployment rate being pegged at 37.3 per cent, closely followed by those who are post-graduates and above (36.2 per cent), graduates (35.2 per cent), and youth with formal vocational training (33 per cent).

For young women, the unemployment situation is graver in terms of labour force participation as well as unemployment. Women are moving out of the workforce in greater numbers, but among those who remain, unemployment rates are higher than those among men. This holds true even for women who are educated or have received training, and this trend has worsened during the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic.

One would imagine that the young population with "industry-relevant" formal vocational training would have better job prospects in India. But only 1.8 per cent of the population reported receiving formal vocational/technical training in 2017-18. Young people comprised more than half of those who received formal vocational/technical training, which is in sharp contrast to the 50-80 per cent participation in developed nations.

Around 33 per cent of the formally-trained youngsters were unemployed

in 2017-18. Nearly a third of trained young men and more than a third of trained young women were unemployed. Among those who did not receive such training, 62.3 per cent were out of the workforce.

Further, the growing number of NEET is also posing a serious challenge, as it has increased from 70 million in 2004-05 to 116 million in 2017-18. The Government has increasingly been wary of this and has taken steps to deal with this growing challenge. In recent years, it has launched the "Skill India" campaign, which includes an array of initiatives under its purview to bridge the gap between lack of skill training and joblessness. A key initiative under the campaign is the Pradhan Mantri Kausal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme and so on.

The PMKVY was envisioned to impart employable skills and help the youth in securing better livelihoods. Although it intends to provide training free of cost, most of the youth who have received formal training have had to personally arrange the fees. The PLFS 2017-18 data shows that only 16 per cent of the youth who received formal training were funded by the Government. Around 73 per cent of the youth underwent full-time training. The coaching period for more than half of the youth exceeded a year and about 30 per cent of them underwent training for more than two years.

However, it was apparent as early as 2016 that there were several issues with the initiative, when a Government-appointed committee to rationalise Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and improve Skill India, led by Sharda Prasad, found that the programme's targets were too ambitious. Additionally,

it was discovered that the spending of the funds allocated for the programme was not subject to adequate monitoring mechanisms. On the whole, most of the youth in the country still remain outside the ambit of formal training and many of those who are able to personally finance themselves in order to undergo months of vocational training, remain jobless. The subsequent decline in budgetary allocations for PMKVY is an indicator that the Government itself is not convinced about its working.

In sum, as argued by economists and researchers, if the youth are properly skilled and absorbed in the labour market, they can contribute to higher economic growth of the country. We are going to have a larger youth population for the next two decades, which poses an imminent challenge as well — of leveraging the potential of the abundant human resource. The spiral of the unemployed is posing some serious questions on higher education, skill development, demographic dividend and India's future. There are other concerns about quality of jobs, decent workplaces, upward mobility, wages, aspirations, competition accrued by limited supply of new jobs, contractual nature of jobs, mental health, opportunities for entrepreneurship and fostering innovations among the young minds. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as the country is moving towards the vision of a new India and an *Atmanirbhar Bharat* (self-reliant India), we need to prioritise the aspirations of the young population for inculcating and strengthening their *atma vishwas* (confidence).

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# UP B.Ed 2020 JEE a benchmark in many ways

It is an example for others to emulate, right from the selection of centres to logistics. It shows how fair, safe examinations can be held even in these testing times



MONIKA S GARG

Uttar Pradesh (UP) organises a Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for B.Ed. every year, where students compete for almost two lakh seats. Conducting it this year was a challenge in more ways than one. The State had received 4.31 lakh applications for the examination that was initially scheduled for April 8 but got postponed thrice in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and was finally held on August 9.

Last year, it was conducted in only 15 districts with 60 to 130 centres per district. This year there were the twin targets of least movement and ample social distancing. Hence it was decided to host the entrance test in all districts indicated by the

candidates. The number of districts was increased to 50 and later to 73. To reduce the number of students congregating in one place, the strength of candidates allotted to a centre was halved, as compared to earlier years. Thus, the number of centres also increased proportionately. Special care was taken to ensure that women and *divyang* candidates were allotted the district of their choice, while other candidates were accommodated at or near their first place of preference.

In the past, B.Ed entrance tests were conducted by the nominated university with the help of other State universities while the Department of Higher Education played a negligible role. This year, the nominated university, Lucknow University, had sought the department's help due to the special circumstances arising out of COVID-19. Ensuring compliance with the directive of the Chief Minister to ensure that there were no incidents of copying or other malpractices during the examination was the department's biggest challenge. This required a marked departure

from established practices and it was not easy to change the ways of the management accustomed to working in a particular fashion.

Formerly, 50-60 per cent of the centres were in private institutes and there was a suspicion of malpractices in some of them. To check the menace of cheating, it was decided that examination centres would be set up only in Government and Government-aided institutions. This turned out to be a daunting task. A screening committee was constituted in each district, comprising the district administration, the Secondary Education and Higher Education Departments and a coordinator from Lucknow University. Their task was to identify potential examination centres in the district, including State and Central universities, degree and intermediate colleges, engineering colleges, ITIs, polytechnics and even Government schools. Nevertheless, this was not sufficient. There was so much resistance to change that when requests and persuasions failed to yield results, the organising team ultimately had

to be convinced by those at the highest level.

The Deputy Chief Minister and Chief Secretary held a special video conference with the District Magistrates and finally, after a meticulous exercise, success was achieved and 1,089 centres were identified.

The mammoth task of organising the centres, informing the students and mobilising the district administration was done through virtual meetings over the next month. Centres had to be changed because of new containment zones and floods in a few districts. Care was taken to ensure that the candidates did not bear the brunt of any of this and were kept updated through e-mails and SMS. Battling time constraints and infection risks, a programme for training invigilators and superintendents was designed. They were educated in the best practices for infection prevention as well as new anti-cheating measures. The optimum use of technology was witnessed at all levels during the crisis.

Ensuring the safety and health of candidates and staff was the highest

priority and adequate monetary allocation was made for sanitisation of each centre — a minimum of ₹4,000 plus an additional ₹20 per candidate if the number surpassed 200 at any centre.

Face masks and sanitisers were provided free of cost. Thermal scanners were used and proper social distance was maintained in and outside the centres. Lucknow University adopted an innovative method for taking the thumb impressions of the students. Instead of the routine common ink pad, an individual disposable ink strip, specially made for the JEE, was given to each student for the purpose.

On the day of the examination, static magistrates and flying squads were deployed and an effective face-detection system was used. The technology uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to collect information of the candidate's face from 27 points and matches him/her with the profile photo on 13 indicators including hair, ears, spectacles and so on. Each candidate's biometric picture was taken on special phones with this app.

Other mobile phones and communicating devices were not allowed inside the centre. CCTV cameras that had been specially-installed in each examination centre were continuously monitored through live webcasting at the university's command centre, having 100 screens.

Before the examination was held, there were live debates in newsrooms and drawing rooms on whether this exam should be conducted at all. People argued that admissions to B.Ed could be made based on marks obtained in the final year of college itself and that this test could be done away with in view of the need for safety. However, the fact remains that this would be unfair to all stakeholders as final year exams are not standardised across universities.

Additionally, marking is often done on a bell curve based on the student pool of that university. Thus, the top few students from each university are expected to score higher, irrespective of how they compare with students across the State. Thus, a JEE was conceived years ago. Denying

this opportunity to a student body that has already suffered academically due to the Corona crisis would have been remiss.

The option of holding the test online this year was given due consideration, but the digital divide across the State and access issues, especially for the vulnerable sections, weighed against it.

Since this is a prestigious course with fierce competition, it was essential to give a fair and uniform opportunity to all. The result will be declared on September 5 and the new session will commence in October-November. Conducting this exam was an experience worth sharing. It showcased the sensitivity and caution of the State Government and set the trend for holding competitive exams during the outbreak. It is an example for others to emulate, right from the selection of centres to logistics. It shows how fair, safe examinations can be held, even in these testing times.

(The writer is Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department, UP)

US-TALIBAN DEAL

'Attacks on freed prisoners will jeopardise peace talks'

Islamabad: Ahead of an upcoming release of Taliban detainees held in Afghan prisons, the insurgent group warned the Government in Kabul on Tuesday against any attacks on those released, saying such incidents would jeopardise the peace talks.



A Taliban spokesman told The Associated Press there have been at least 11 such attacks in the past several months — instances when freed Taliban figures were killed, harassed and re-arrested by government forces.

Kabul officials denied unwarranted attacks on freed Taliban. The prisoner release is part of a deal the insurgents signed with the United States earlier this year. A final 400 Taliban prisoners remain in government prisons.

Over the weekend in Kabul, an Afghan traditional council, known as the Loya Jirga, agreed to free the final 400 imprisoned Taliban, paving the way for an early start to negotiations between Afghanistan's warring sides.

The council agreed to an "immediate" release of Taliban prisoners but by Tuesday, they had not been freed. Negotiations between Kabul's political leadership and the Taliban are expected to begin within weeks — and will be held in the Mideast state of Qatar, where the Taliban maintain a political office. The Taliban said the talks could begin within a week of the final prisoner releases.

Taliban political spokesman Suhail Shaheen warned that attacks on newly freed prisoners will drive them back to the battlefield despite orders from their leaders "to

stay at home, with their families." Attacks on their homes will "make it impossible for them to stay in their homes," Shaheen said. "Such incidents have happened that they have been re-arrested and also killed."

In recent months, both sides have freed prisoners in line with the deal the Taliban signed with Washington on February 29 to bring an end to decades of war. The government was to free 5,000 — and has already released all but the last 400. The Taliban freed the 1,000 members of the government forces and Afghan officials they had held captive. AP

Malaysia's former Finance Min, wife charged with graft

Penang (Malaysia): Malaysia's former finance minister accused the government of taking political vengeance on Tuesday after a third graft charge was filed against him and his wife was charged with money laundering.

Lim Guan Eng was part of a reformist Government ousted in March and the new Government under Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin is supported by graft-tainted parties defeated in the 2018 general election.

At a news conference after his court hearing, Lim was visibly upset as he told reporters that Muhyiddin's government had targeted his family to break his spirit.

"They are caught in the crossfire. This is completely excessive, just too much. Go for me but leave my family alone," Lim said.

His wife, Betty Chew, was more emotional as she slammed as frivolous and baseless the charges against them, calling it "cruel and terrible".

Lim, 59, pleaded not guilty to abusing his position as chief minister of Penang state to

obtain gratification for his wife related to a workers' dormitory project.

Chew pleaded not guilty to three charges of receiving 372,009 ringgit (\$88,584) in the unlawful proceeds linked to the same project. A business acquaintance of Chew was also charged with abetting Lim.

Chew is a lawyer, and Lim said the money was her legal fees. He was earlier charged with soliciting bribe and abusing his power related to a \$1.5 billion undersea tunnel project.

Both projects were approved during Lim's tenure as Penang chief minister from 2008-2018, before he became Malaysia's finance minister.

Muhyiddin's Malay-centric government has only a thin two-seat majority in Parliament. Some political observers said Lim's prosecution could indicate a possibility of early elections, which are not due until 2023.

Rights groups have voiced concerns over his government's clampdown on dissent and media independence, with journalists and media groups being investigated. AP

Coronavirus breaks out again in New Zealand after 102 days

Wellington: New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern on Tuesday said authorities have found four cases of the coronavirus in one Auckland household from an unknown source, the first reported cases of local transmission in the country in 102 days.

Ardern said Auckland, the nation's largest city, will be moved to Alert Level 3 from midday Wednesday through midnight Friday, meaning that people will be asked to stay at home, while bars and many other businesses will be closed.

"These three days will give us time to assess the situation, gather information, make sure we have widespread contact tracing so we can find out more about how this case arose and make decisions about how to respond to it once we have further information," Ardern said at a hastily called news conference late Tuesday.

"I know that this information will be very difficult to receive," Ardern said. "We had all hoped not to find ourselves in this position again. But we had also prepared for it. And as a team, we have also been here before."

She said that traveling into



New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Director-General of Health Ashley Bloomfield attend a news conference in Wellington, New Zealand on Tuesday. AP

Auckland will be banned unless people live there and are traveling home.

She said the rest of the country will be raised to Level 2 through Friday, meaning that mass gatherings will be limited to 100 attendees and people would need to socially distance themselves from each other.

Director-General of Health Ashley Bloomfield said the infections were confirmed after a person in their 50s went to their doctor on Monday with symptoms and was swabbed twice, testing positive both times. Six other people in the person's household were then tested, with three more positive

results. "Importantly, the person has no history of overseas travel," Bloomfield said, adding that the source of the infections remains unknown.

Until Tuesday, the only known cases of the virus in New Zealand were 22 travelers who had recently returned from abroad and were being held in quarantine at the border.

The country has been praised globally for its virus response.

New Zealand initially got rid of the virus by imposing a strict lockdown in late March when only about 100 people had tested positive for the disease. That stopped its spread. AP

Opposition candidate leaves Belarus, urges end to protests

Minsk: The top opposition candidate in Belarus' presidential vote, who initially refused to concede her defeat amid a massive police crackdown on anti-government protesters, said on Tuesday she has left for Lithuania and called on her supporters to end demonstrations.

Looking haggard and distressed, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, a former teacher and political novice, apologized to her supporters in a video statement and said it was her own choice to leave the country.

"It was a very hard decision to make," she said. "I know that many of you will understand me, many others will condemn me and some will even hate me. But God forbid you ever face the choice that I faced."

In another video statement released later on Tuesday, she

urged her supporters to respect the law and avoid clashes with police.

Her campaign aides said she made the unexpected move under duress. Tsikhanouskaya's husband has been at a Belarusian jail since his arrest in May. "It's very difficult to resist pressure when your family and all your inner circle have been taken hostages," said Maria Kolesnikova, a top figure in Tsikhanouskaya's campaign.

Tsikhanouskaya previously dismissed the official results of Sunday's election showing authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko winning a sixth term by a landslide.

Thousands of opposition supporters who also protested the results met with a tough police crackdown in Minsk and several other Belarusian cities for two straight nights. AP

Bhutan orders first nationwide lockdown as virus cases hit 113



Thimphu: Bhutan ordered its first nationwide lockdown on Tuesday after a returning resident tested positive for coronavirus after being discharged from quarantine and coming into close contact with people in the capital Thimphu.

The case took the total in the tiny Himalayan kingdom to 113, still the lowest in South Asia, and it has yet to record a fatality.

Bhutan, which is heavily reliant on high-end tourists, banned tourism in March after an American visitor tested positive, and ordered a three week mandatory quarantine for everyone returning from abroad.

The lockdown was ordered after a 27-year-old Bhutanese woman, who returned from Kuwait and was discharged from quarantine after testing negative, tested positive at a clinic on Monday. Agency

US says goods from Hong Kong must have 'made in China' tag

Washington: Goods made in Hong Kong for export to the United States will need to be labelled as made in China after September 25, according to a US Government notice posted on Tuesday.

The move follows China's imposition of a national security law on Hong Kong and a U.S. decision to end the former British colony's special status under U.S. law, escalating bilateral tensions that were already rising over trade war tariffs and

the handling of the coronavirus outbreak. The latest step will see Hong Kong companies subject to the same trade war tariffs levied on mainland Chinese exporters, should they make products subject to these duties, said the U.S. Customs and Border Protection notice.

It said that 45 days after its publication, goods "must be marked to indicate that their origin is 'China'".

The step was taken after the United States determined that

Hong Kong is "no longer sufficiently autonomous to justify differential treatment in relation to China".

Trump has made tough talk against China a feature of his campaign for re-election in November.

The United States on Friday imposed sanctions on Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam and the city's current and former police chiefs accused of curtailing political freedoms in the former British colony. AFP

Pompeo opens anti-China, anti-Russia tour in Czech

Prague: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is in the Czech Republic at the start of a four-nation tour of central and eastern Europe expected to focus on threats to the region posed by Russia and China.

Amid post-election violence and concerns about significant democratic backsliding in nearby Belarus, Pompeo plans to use his visit to push his hosts to counter Russian and Chinese influence.

Russia and China are active and seeking greater roles

throughout the continent in the energy, infrastructure and telecommunications sectors, a trend the United States is keen to reverse. Pompeo on Tuesday was opening his visit in the Czech city of Pilsen, where he was to visit the Patton Museum and memorial to the World War II liberation of western Czechoslovakia by U.S. Troops.

In his talks, Pompeo will likely face questions about the Trump administration's decision to reduce the U.S. Military presence in Germany. AP

Taiwan says virus aid sent quietly to avoid Beijing protests

Taipei: Taiwan sent COVID-19 assistance to foreign countries surreptitiously to avoid protests from China, its foreign minister said on Tuesday during a meeting with the highest-level American official to visit the island in four decades.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory and has sought to isolate it diplomatically, including barring its participation in forums such as the World

Health Assembly. The trip by US Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar comes against the backdrop of a sharp downturn in relations between China and the US and Azar said in his remarks that the US supported Taiwan's participation in international health forums.

China's attempts to isolate Taiwan has compelled the island at times to keep its

donations of masks and personal protective equipment under the radar, Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said.

"Truth is, we even had to deliver these supplies quietly in some occasions to keep the recipients free from trouble, trouble from Beijing," Wu said.

Taiwan has brought its virus outbreak under control, and Wu said the island has

donated 51 million masks overseas, including 10 million to the US, along with other items of personal protective equipment. He did not name the other countries to which Taiwan has made quiet donations or give other details.

Just 15 countries maintain formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan, and China has sought to peel away its remaining allies. Wu said Chinese pressure

to accept political conditions for bringing Taiwan under Beijing's control has made life "increasingly difficult."

However, acquiescence would merely turn Taiwan into another Hong Kong, Wu said, referring to recent arrests of media figures and pro-democracy activists under a new security law being enforced in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory. AP

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Tender Notice No. 15 / 2020-2021 Dated: 11.08.2020  
**Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system**  
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	19204450	BEARING FOR HITACHI TRACTION MOTOR TYPE HS-15250A	227 NOS	07.09.20
02	07190448A	HOSE CONNECTION 20X550MM FOR AIR SPRING	2189 NOS	07.09.20
03	06202084A	CONTROL ROD SLACK ADJUSTER	7848 NOS	07.09.20
04	06203057	KIT OF PU PAINTS (TWO PACK) FOR LHB RAJDHANI COACHES	240 SET	07.09.20
05	19201945A	IOH MAINTENANCE KIT (SUB KIT IOH-1)	31 NOS	21.09.20

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(Under sub-regulation (5) of regulation 36A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)  
**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PROSPECTIVE RESOLUTION APPLICANTS OF M/S VENESSA METALS & ALLOYS PRIVATE LIMITED (IN CIRP)**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the corporate debtor	Venessa Metals & Alloys Private Limited
2	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	26-03-2015
3	Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies, Delhi, India, under the Companies Act, 1956
4	Corporate identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U51909DL2015PTC278447
5	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	A-93, South Extension Part 2 New Delhi South Delhi - 110049
6	Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	19-02-2020
7	Date of invitation of expression of interest	12-08-2020
8	Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(b) of the Code is available at:	Detailed Expression of Interest contains details of eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(b) of the code and can be sought by email at: vmetal@vmetal.com and is also available at: http://insolvencyresolution.in/
9	Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	Same as stated in (8) above
10	Last date for receipt of expression of interest	27-08-2020
11	Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	04-09-2020
12	Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	09-09-2020
13	Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	17-09-2020
14	Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	09-09-2020
15	Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	All the eligible prospective resolution applicants will be sent the documents to their email id. For further information the applicants shall request the resolution professional to his email id.
16	Last date for submission of resolution plans	09-10-2020
17	Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	In Electronic form, supported by speed post or by hand delivery in sealed covers followed by an email confirmation
18	Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	24-10-2020
19	Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Ashish Singh (IBBI/IPA-002/IPR-N00416/2017-19/11230)
20	Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Ashish Singh Reg. Add: Unit No. 811, 8th Floor, Aggarwal Millenium Tower-1 Near B T W, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034 Email: ID. ashishsingh@vmetal.com
21	Address and email to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	Address: As mentioned in Sr. No. 20 Email: d: vmetal@vmetal.com
22	Further Details are available at or with	Details can be sought by email at vmetal@vmetal.com and is also available at http://insolvencyresolution.in/
23	Date of publication of Form G	12-08-2020

Date: 11-08-2020  
Place: New Delhi  
Ashish Singh (Resolution Professional)  
Reg No: IBBI/IPA-002/IPR-N00416/2017-19/11230

**CANCELLATION OF TRAINS**  
This is notified for the information of the general public that Railways have cancelled the following Special trains in view of Lockdown on 20.08.2020, 21.08.2020, 27.08.2020, 28.08.2020 and 31.08.2020 in West Bengal. The details are as under:-

Train No. & Train Name	Date from originating station
02302 New Delhi - Howrah Special Train	19, 20, 26, 27 & 30.08.2020
02301 Howrah - New Delhi Special Train	20, 21, 27, 28 & 31.08.2020
02303 Howrah - New Delhi Special Train	29.08.2020
02304 New Delhi - Howrah Special Train	30.08.2020
02381 Howrah - New Delhi Special Train	20.08.2020 & 27.08.2020
02382 New Delhi - Howrah Special Train	21.08.2020 & 28.08.2020
02357 Kolkata - Amritsar Special Train	18.08.2020 & 25.08.2020
02358 Amritsar - Kolkata Special Train	20.08.2020 & 27.08.2020

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Name** : Sonam W/o Hargyan R/o M-64, Guru Harkishan Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped along with her daughter (depicted in the photo), **Name**: Kajal age 11 months since 30.06.2020 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 98-A dated 30.06.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

**Age** : 21 Years, **Height**: 5'1", **Complexion** : Fair, **Face**: Round, **Wearing** : Red colour sari and white colour blouse and hawai chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/Kidnapped female and her daughter, may inform SHO, Paschim Vihar West, Delhi at E-mail id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

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**SONAM**

**KAJAL**

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), **Name**: Avdhesh Kumar S/o : Ramcharan Yadav R/o : H. No. 1/322, Jahangir Puri, Delhi **Permanent Address**: Village Udhav Pur Khagiyia, P.S. Mauaaima, Distt. Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh has been missing since 01.08.2020 from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 24A dated 03.08.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Jahangir Puri, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Age**: 35 Years, **Height**: 5'5", **Complexion**: Shallow, **Face**: Round, **Built**: Strong, **Wearing**: White colour shirt and black colour pant and black colour chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Jahangir Puri, Delhi at E-mail id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE**

General public is hereby informed that one female **Name**: Chhoti Kumari, W/o Vikas, R/o H. No. 1, Borola Gaon, Delhi, **Age**: 22 years, **Height**: 5'4", **Face**: Long, **Built**: Thin, **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Wearing**: Black and Green Saree and Chappel in feet has been missing since 16.07.2020 from area of P.S Mahendra Park, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 86A, dated 19.07.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Mahendra Park, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this 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.

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# Industrial production declines 16.6 % in Jun

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Industrial production declined by 16.6 per cent in June, mainly due to lower output of manufacturing, mining and power generation, as per the government data released on Tuesday. According to the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data, manufacturing sector production registered a decline of 17.1 per cent, while the output of mining and power fell 19.8 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively. In a press release, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation issued a disclaimer saying that "it may not be appropriate to compare the IIP in the post-pandemic months with the IIP for months preceding the Covid-19 pandemic". However, on a monthly basis, the Index of Industrial Production has shown improvement. The index, which was 53.6 in April, improved to 89.5 in May and 107.8 in June, the data revealed. The IIP had expanded by 1.3 per cent year-on-year in June 2019. The data further revealed that the contraction in the consumer durables and capital goods segment was 35.5 per cent and 36.9 per cent, respectively during June 2020. However, consumer non-durables segment posted a growth of 14 per cent. The IIP

for April-June period has contracted by 35.9 per cent, according to the data. It had registered a growth of 3 per cent during the same period last fiscal. In view of the preventive measures and announcement of a nationwide lockdown by the government to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, a large number of industrial sector establishments were not operating from March-end, 2020 onwards. This has had an impact on the items being produced by the establishments during the period of lockdown. With the lifting of restrictions in the subsequent periods, industrial activity is now resuming.

# Sensex builds on gains amid global rally; HDFC twins sparkle

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
The BSE Sensex closed in the green for the fourth straight session on Tuesday, propelled by index heavyweights HDFC twins and Reliance, amid robust gains in global equities. A strengthening rupee, encouraging quarterly results and persistent foreign fund inflows further bolstered market sentiment, traders said. After touching a high of 38,556.27, the 30-share BSE Sensex pared some gains to end 224.93 points or 0.59 per cent higher at 38,407.01. The NSE Nifty jumped 52.35 points or 0.46 per cent to finish at 11,322.50. The Nifty has extended its winning run to six sessions. Axis Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rally

ing 3.96 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank, ITC, HDFC Bank, Tata Steel, HDFC, ICICI Bank and Reliance Industries. HDFC twins and RIL accounted for over half of the Sensex's gains. On the other hand, Titan, Bharti Airtel, HCL Tech and ONGC were among the laggards, dropping up to 3.73 per cent. Global markets surged to over five-month highs as investors looked forward to an agreement on a US stimulus package. Market participants also cautiously weighed the news of Russia becoming the first country to officially register a coronavirus vaccine and declare it ready for use, despite international skepticism. The number of cases around the world linked to Covid-19 has crossed 2 crore,

# ₹ settles 12 paise higher at 74.78 against US \$

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The rupee appreciated by 12 paise to close at 74.78 against the US dollar on Tuesday tracking weakness in the greenback and gains in the domestic equity market. Foreign traders said gains in the domestic currency were supported by foreign fund inflows into domestic equity and debt markets. Foreign institutional investors were net buyers in the capital market as they purchased shares worth ₹302.88 crore on Monday, according to provisional exchange data. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 74.83 against the US dollar and gained further ground to settle at 74.78, up 12 paise over its previous close of 74.90. Meanwhile, the dol-

lar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.13 per cent lower at 93.46. Market participants will track Index of Industrial Production (IIP) numbers scheduled to be released later in the day for further cues, they said. After touching a high of 38,556.27, the 30-share BSE Sensex pared some gains to end 224.93 points or 0.59 per cent higher at 38,407.01. The NSE Nifty jumped 52.35 points or 0.46 per cent to finish at 11,322.50. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.47 per cent to USD 45.20 per barrel. "Indian rupee gained in line with other Asian currencies amid weakness in dollar," HDFC Securities Deputy Head Retail Research, Devarsh Vakil said.

# More industry-friendly reforms in mining sector very shortly: Pralhad Joshi

**New Delhi:** Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi on Tuesday said the Government will come out with more industry-friendly reforms in the mining sector very shortly. "More industry-friendly, productive friendly reforms will be brought to the mining sector very shortly," Joshi said during a webinar on "Indian Mining Industry: Contribution Towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat" organised by FICCI. "At this juncture I would also like to urge the industry stalwarts and stake-

# ₹1-lakh cr Agri Infra Fund to be crucial in enhancing farm sector share in GDP: Farmers' body

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
The Rs 1-lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund launched by the Government will be crucial in enhancing contribution of the agriculture sector to the country's GDP, especially at a time when it is expected to add to economic stability amid the coronavirus-induced slowdown, according to farmers' body FAIFA. The Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA) said the fund will be important for farmers, agri-entrepreneurs, start-ups, agri-

tech players and farmer groups looking to boost the country's agriculture infrastructure. The federation claims to represent farmers and farm workers of commercial crops across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat. "Agriculture currently contributes to over 14 per cent of the national GDP and provides livelihood to over 40 per cent of the nation's workforce. In 2020-21, its contribution towards economic stability is expected to be even higher amid the COVID-19-induced economic slowdown," FAIFA said in a statement. This fund will be crucial for farmers, agri-entrepreneurs, start-ups, agri-tech players and farmer groups looking to boost the country's agriculture infrastructure, it added. "It will also allow the agriculture sector to help enhance its contributions to the GDP, improve balance of trade, stimulate greater export potential of the farm sector and ensure a stable and prosperous life for farmers by increasing incomes," the farmers' body said.

# CII calls for early FTP to raise India's global export share to 5 pc

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Industry body CII on Tuesday asked the Government to come out with new foreign trade policy at the earliest in view of the Covid-19 outbreak to increase India's shares in the global merchandise exports to 5 per cent by 2025. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has also outlined a 10-point agenda for increasing India's exports of goods and services in line with the prime minister's vision of an "Aatmanirbhar Bharat". For developing international competitiveness, key suggestions by CII include re-examining FTAs and tariff structure with an aggressive market-seeking approach, and build India brand and undertake market promotion in key markets. The CII report, titled 'Re-orienting India's Export Endeavour in the Covid-19 World', states India must aim to achieve 5 per cent share in world merchandise exports and 7 per cent in services exports by 2025. India's share in global merchandise exports is 1.67 per cent, with a low share in top globally traded items. In services, it enjoys 3.54 per cent share. The onset of the COVID-19 outbreak that led to a global trade slowdown, affected Indian exports substantially, and led to a drop in Indian

# Adani Ports Q1 net profit falls 26 % to ₹758 crore

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) on Tuesday reported 26.33 per cent decline in its consolidated profit to ₹757.83 crore for the first quarter ended June 30. The country's largest integrated logistics player had clocked a consolidated net profit of ₹1,028.69 crore in the corresponding period a year earlier, the company said in a BSE filing. Its total income declined to ₹2,749.46 crore for the first quarter as against ₹3,216.92 crore in the year-ago period. The company's total expenses during the quarter under review rose to ₹1,805.24 crore, compared to ₹1,796.34 crore in the year-ago period. "In the first quarter of FY21, we were able to perform operationally at par with pre-COVID levels. We kept supply chain running and stood by our customers to prove as a bankable service provider at all times ensuring stronger customer relationships and stickiness in cargo."



Greater Noida Chief Executive Officer Narendra Bhooshan on Tuesday made a surprise public hearing. The hearing was a surprise inspection. All protocols of Covid-19 was followed. Officers concerned were ordered for immediate redressal of the problems by talking to the present allottees/residents themselves. Sachin Kumar Singh, Special Officer was also present at the time of the said inspection

# Mankind Pharma ties up with South Korean co for clinical trials of Covid-19 drug

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Mankind Pharma on Tuesday said it has collaborated with South Korean firm Daewoong Pharmaceutical Co for conducting phase-I clinical trial of a novel formulation of Niclosamide for the treatment of Covid-19 patients in India. The trial is designed towards addressing the need for an investigation on this new formulation based on encouraging preclinical evidence for the treatment of Covid-19, Mankind Pharma said in a statement. "We are excited to collaborate with Daewoong Pharmaceutical Co Ltd to bring novel formulation of Niclosamide (DWRX2003) for the treatment of Covid-19 patients in India. "We believe that the product would provide for a safe and effective alternative to patients suffering from this disease," Mankind Pharma COO Arjun Juneja said. Both the companies have received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) to conduct phase-I clinical trials.

exports by 35 per cent in March, 60 per cent in April, and 36.5 per cent in May 2020. Outlining 10 areas where action is required to boost exports, the chamber said an open and facilitative import environment is required to attract global companies and ensure competitive access to intermediate goods. In general, higher duties on finished goods and lower duties on intermediates should be applied. CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said the pandemic situation has impacted world trade negatively. However, it also provides a big opportunity for India to better engage with the world and boost its export performance. This is an opportune time for India to strengthen its domestic manufacturing through a strong partnership between the government and industry, he said. "As more and more countries are looking at realigning their trading strategies and diversifying their import sources post the COVID-19 outbreak, India must leverage the present situation to emerge as an alternative destination for sourcing cost-effective, quality products", stated Banerjee.

# BITDA and PAT at ₹65 cr

**Gurugram:** RITES total standalone revenue has decreased by 33.9% to ₹366 crore on account of lessexports scheduled for the quarter and impact of restrictions & supply chain disruptions due to pandemic. Similarly, operating revenue, excluding other income, stands at ₹323 crore in Q1FY21 against ₹519 crore in Q1FY20. EBITDA and PAT stand at ₹94 crore and ₹60 crore against ₹151 crore and ₹93 crore, respectively, in Q1FY20. After making adjustment for one-time expenditure on CSR of ₹9.92 crore and donations (PM-CARES Fund) of ₹7 crore, EBITDA and PAT stand at ₹111 crore and ₹75 crore, respectively, with improved margins of 30.4% and 20.6% against 27.3% and 16.8% in Q1FY20, respectively.

# POWERGRID posts Profit After Tax of ₹2,048 crore for Q1FY21

**Total Income rises by 5% to ₹9,817 crore**  
**New Delhi:** Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a 'Maharatna' Company under Ministry of Power, GoI and the 'Central Transmission Utility (CTU)' of the country, has posted a Profit After Tax of ₹2,048 crore and Total Income of ₹9,817 crore on consolidated basis for Q1FY21. On standalone basis, the Company posted Profit After Tax and Total Income of ₹1,979 crore and ₹9,620 crore respectively for Q1FY21. During the quarter, the Company recognized as an exceptional item, the one-time consolidated rebate of ₹1,075 crore to DISCOMs / Power Departments of the States and Union Territories for passing on to the end-consumers on account of Covid-19 pandemic against the billing of Apr'20 & May'20. Excluding the impact of this one-time rebate, the Company's profit increased by 18% over the corresponding period of FY2019-20 on standalone basis. For the quarter, the Company incurred a Capital Expenditure of about ₹1,906 crore and capitalized assets worth ₹1,184 crore (excluding FERV) on consolidated basis.

# NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/NIT 06, 08, 13 & 20/20-21/W-IV Date: 10.08.2020	
The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.	
Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)	
1 Name of work with its location.	1. Annual Zone work for maintenance of track on ROK-PNP and ABO-RE section under ADEN/NROK for P.E. 30.06.2021. (NIT 06-W-IV-20-21) 2. Annual Zone work for maintenance of track on DLI-BTI section under ADEN/MMSZ for period ending on 30.06.2021 (NIT-08-W-IV-20-21) 3. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of staff qtrs. and service building on DLI-BTI section under ADEN/NROK for period ending 30-06-2021. (NIT 13-W-IV-20-21) 4. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of staff qtrs. and service building on DLI-BTI section under SSE/BGZ under ADEN/NROK for period ending 30-06-2021. (NIT 20-20-21-W-IV)
2 Approx. cost of work	(1) Rs. 59,97,953.51 (2) Rs. 69,03,396.09 (3) Rs. 79,81,989.08 (4) Rs. 39,25,776.65
3 Earnest money	(1) Rs. 1,20,000.00 (2) Rs. 1,38,100.00 (3) Rs. 1,59,600.00 (4) Rs. 78,500.00
4 Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender.	Bidding State date Up to 15:00 hrs. on 01.09.2020 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 15.09.2020.
5 Website particulars, published e-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>

**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL & CONTROLLER, RUHS COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES,**  
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Ph. 0141-2795624, 634, E-mail: [principal@ruhs.ac.in](mailto:principal@ruhs.ac.in)  
No. RUHS CMS/Store/2020-21/15750 Date: 10-08-2020

**Short Term E-bids Notice**  
Single stage, single envelope short term e-bids are invited upto 02.00 pm of 18-08-2020 for Urgent Supply of 1. RNA Extraction Kit; (Manual), 2. RT-PCR Test Kit, 3. Fully Automated Viral RNA & DNA Extraction Kit for Covid-19 Test Lab at RUHS College of Medical Sciences, Jaipur. Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at the website <http://proc.rajjasthan.gov.in> / [www.ruhs.ac.in](http://www.ruhs.ac.in) / [www.spprraj.nic.in](http://www.spprraj.nic.in). (UBN : CMS2021GLRC00025 To CMS2021GLRC00027)

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Sunita**, D/o **Basant**, R/o: H.No. 114, Gali No. 4, Kh No. 62/2, Krishna Colony, Prahladpur Bangar, Delhi, **Age:** 20 years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, wearing Blue colour T-Shirt, Pajama and Shoes in feet, has been missing since 17.07.2020 from her house. In this regard a **DD No. 42A, dated 18.07.2020** has been registered at **P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

**SHO P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi DP/394/ON/2020 Ph. No.: 011-27821047, 27822206**

# APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** Approx 40-45 years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'7", **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Long, **Hair:** Black & White Small, wearing Light Green colour Sleeve T-Shirt, Blue Lower and Bare feet, was found on footpath near Link Road, New Lajpat Rai Market, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 41A, dated 04.08.2020**, has been lodged at **P.S. Kotwali, Delhi**. His dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary for 72 Hrs. 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. Kotwali, Delhi DP/443/N/2020 Ph.: 011-23977100, 8750870121**

# APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Munna, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Vegabond, Rajouri Garden, Delhi, **Age:** 50 years, **Height:** 5' 6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **ID:** Tattoo over right forearm, **Wearing:** White colour Shirt and light blue colour pant, who was found at Gate No. 05 Metro Station Rajouri Garden, Delhi. In this regard a case **DD No. 0041A Dated 30.06.2020** has been registered at **P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi**. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

**Sd/- SHO P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi Tel.: 011-25453990 DP/171/WD/2020**

# SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Amit Kumar** S/o Sripasad, **R/o** A-1/86, Gali No. 4 Prem Nagar-III, Kirari, Delhi, **Age:** 27 Years, **Height:** 5' 7", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing:** White Colour Sandow Banyan and grey colour payjama, bare in Feet has been missing since 18.07.2020 from the area of PS Prem Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a **vide DD No. 115-A dated 24.07.2020** at **PS Prem Nagar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far, if any one having any information about this boy please inform undersigned.

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E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax.: 011-24368639

**SHO P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi DP/288/RD/2020 Mob. 8750870322**

# APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male named **Unknown**, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown was found on 02.08.2020 at footpath in front of Birla Niketan School, Birla Niketan Marg, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 37A, dated 02.08.2020** has been lodged at Police Station, Saket, New Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved in the mortuary of AAIMS Hospital, Delhi for 72 Hours for identification. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Name:** Unknown, **Age:** About 35 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Parrot & Blue Colour T-shirt and Blue colour Jeans. If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

**SHO Police Station, Saket, New Delhi DP/151/SD/2020 Ph.: 011-29562300, 29561300**

# SKILLS THAT MATTER

The ability to innovate and provide effective solutions for unanticipated problems is an important skill that a management graduate should learn, says **PROF VINAYTOSH MISHRA**



**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence. If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year.**

— **Horace Mann**

## BTech admission rank list announced

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The SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), has announced the SRM B.Tech Rank List for 2020 admissions. In the light of the ongoing pandemic, the SRMJEEE which determines entry into the much sought after engineering degree programmes, was cancelled this year, and replaced with rankings based on +2/pre-university/equivalent marks in PCM/PCB submitted by the candidate. A total of 1.36 lakh candidates from across India and overseas had applied for admission to SRM B.Tech 2020.

The top 10 rankers represent the student diversity of SRM, and come from diverse backgrounds across India: Ekkaluri Harshitha, Andhra Pradesh; R Sanjay, Karnataka; Abhinav Tripathi, Rajasthan; Dharshin Balakrishnan, Tamil Nadu; Shivam Kumar, Bihar; Arun Martin, Kerala; Ajay Parmar, Madhya Pradesh; Rudr Kesar, Jammu and Kashmir; Mayank Singh, Uttar Pradesh and Hil Savani, Gujarat, emerged as toppers in the all India Top 10 Rank list.

On enrolment, top 100 rank holders will be awarded Founder's Scholarship with 100 per cent tuition and hostel fee waiver. The top 101 to 500 rank holders will be awarded SRM Merit Scholarship with 100 per cent tuition fee waiver. The university also offers an incredible range of scholarship to the tune of ₹40 crores benefiting 3200+ students every year, making studying in the university affordable to all.

The next step in the admission process is the rankings along with the allocated branch will be sent to the candidates registered email ID.

## Educational toys are here

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In times like these, when kids cannot step out of their homes, it's very difficult to keep them engaged. Most of the parents are concerned about the increased screen time for their children. But what if that screen time can be made hands-on and educational? Now with PlayShifu's Augmented Reality based educational toys, children can sharpen their skills, learn, and play, all at the same time!

Orboot Earth is a one-of-its-kind Augmented Reality globe that transforms your tablet or smartphone into a magical gateway. Travel to any corner of the world and explore thousands of undiscovered trivia. Scan the globe to catch world's wonders pop up in 3D, interact with them, and hear their enchanting stories. Explore wildlife, landmarks, cultures, cuisines, and inventions of various countries. The globe doesn't have borders or names but the Orboot Earth app has detailed information with maps.

It sensitises young minds to cultures and people around the world. Built for ever-curious kids, it sparks their imagination. It helps children with geography, world knowledge, environmental science, social science that in turn develop STEAM skills. Encouraging hands-on play, Orboot Earth's world tour comes with a travel kit — passport, stamp, and lots of stickers for the little globetrotter.

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healthcare and education are being delivered. The present approach adopted focusses on physical distancing and digital proximity (PDDP) as a result, online shopping of the essential supplies is at an all-time high. Now businesses should innovate to pave the way for service delivery similar or better than traditional service delivery. The ability to innovate and provide effective solutions for unanticipated problems should be the fourth skill a management graduate should learn.

The prevailing tension between India and China has resulted in escalated anger in India. The people are calling for boycotting Chinese products. The Government has banned 59 mobile apps citing security concerns as a reason behind the move. If your business is dependent on the raw materials from China, your supply chain is at risk. Hence, maintaining the balance between global and local should be the fifth skill a B-School graduate should acquire.

Leadership matters, and a manager should demonstrate these skills during tough times. Gone are the days of managers barking orders and expecting employees to dutifully abide. Accountability, responsibility,

and transparency are on the rise in the business world. The manager is required to be sensitive, compassionate and demonstrate self-awareness. Thus, Leadership is the sixth skill; I would recommend a manager to learn in a B-School, if at all it could be taught.

A manager should learn to perform a stress test of the organisation, in expectation of a sudden outbreak of calamities like COVID-19. The manager should have the knowledge and desired sensitivity to anticipate the different risks an organisation could face.

They should also have the ability to prepare the risk mitigation strategy for these identified risks. Thus, managing the risk is the seventh skill a manager should acquire.

Finally, it is difficult to predict the future with certainty, but we can acquire the above mentioned skills to be better prepared for the challenges. The future doesn't always unfold as per our plan, thus, lamenting about the past is futile. Henceforth, living in the present, and preparing for the future should be the new mantra of the current times.

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We are witnessing unprecedented times in our lives. The COVID-19 outbreak has completely changed how we know it. The people have been forced to remain locked in their homes for months, and it has affected their physical and mental health. Millions have lost their jobs and the unemployment rate is at an all-time high in countries from India to the USA. Historic events such as the COVID-19 outbreak, will have a lasting effect on humanity, and this unique time of pandemic will leave us with many lessons to learn in life and management of businesses. The seven management skills that must be taught in B-Schools to make budding managers better equipped to face challenges affecting businesses, during a pandemic.

The first skill they should learn is to prioritise the tasks. Smaller short-term benefit providing tasks need to be jettisoned paving the way for larger projects and long-term objectives. They should be taught that, if things are not going their way not to lose heart and trying while keeping eye on the larger goals. way not to lose heart and trying while keeping eye on the larger goals.

Heraclitus, the Greek philosopher maintained that change is the only constant in nature. The biggest lesson COVID-19 has taught is that life is full of uncertainties and one needs to be prepared to deal with them. We need to fortify ourselves with new technologies, keep ourselves updated, and identify different goals. Thus the second must have skill a management graduate should acquire is change management.

Suddenly, we have started hearing about the Spanish Flu and how it affected mankind. We are also witnessing how the experience from the past of managing a different strain of coronavirus made South Korea better armed to tackle the COVID-19. This pandemic will provide us with many exemplary case studies on how businesses failed or succeeded in this pandemic. The management students should develop a keen eye and learn a lesson or two from such examples which will give them a hint on what the future holds for them.

To manage unforeseen situations organisations, need to innovate fast. As we have seen, the learning curve for digital technologies has drastically reduced. The pandemic has changed the way essential services like

## Make way for intelligent engineers

With COVID-19 pandemic, work and workplaces are undergoing a tectonic change. The post Coronavirus world will be in need of skilled engineers who are equipped with the knowledge of AI, ML and RPA, says **DR SG GOPALAKRISHNA**

Engineering education in India has been at the forefront to create engineering leaders in multi-disciplinary fields like chemical engineering, mechanical engineering etc. With time the teaching pedagogy at engineering institutes along with curriculum have evolved dynamically. Earlier the focus was much more on theoretical learning. Now, an integrated approach towards following work-based learning, multidisciplinary programs in emerging courses and a shift towards outward facing engineering courses is being followed.

The pandemic situation in the country has shown that technology has been a huge enabler in times of crises. With the COVID-19 pandemic clouding the world, work and workplaces are also undergoing a tectonic change. The post COVID world will be in need of skilled engineers who are equipped with the knowledge of emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Robotic Process Automation.

In general, experts believe that industrial automation, manufacturing industries will see a sharp rise with the unlocking procedure in the country. MSME and young startups are also expected to pick up. As consumers are already shifting to e-commerce platforms and are becoming dependent on it. This means, such players will need professionals to handle humongous



data to understand consumer behaviour patterns, buying behaviour etc. Here arises the need of data science and data analytics, because when such data is on the web, the need for various forecast and predictions also emerge.

Following are some of the ways in which AI will revolutionise the career journey for engineers in the post COVID world:

**Healthcare and AI:** As healthcare professionals are working day in and day out to come up with a vaccine that can help the world get back on its feet, AI is a key enabler in this sector. As costs continue to swell in the healthcare industry, cost savings are also crucial. AI plays an important role in medical research. As the government is keen on medical research and the environment is conducive, hospital research,

robotic surgeries are some domains where AI can be used.

**AI in retail and supply chain:** With the unlocking procedure in the country, factories are now under the mounting pressure of cutting costs and increased efficiency in production. The sudden lockdown has also compelled the retail industry to strengthen their supply chain and logistics. Starting from integrating their CRM tool with AI to post sale customer service, everything can be driven through AI.

**AI in Industrial Automation:** The evolution of new computing technologies and artificial intelligence, industrial automation has become more than just a buzzword. For manufacturing companies, it is essential to come out of their traditional technologies and make

changes in their manufacturing processes for eg: re-programming or re-tooling the application. Such industries can optimize scheduling, operator productivity and help in gaining production visibility.

**AI in Agriculture:** Companies are developing autonomous robots for essential tasks like harvesting. Predictive analytics is being used to develop and track different environmental conditions suitable for crops, service of agricultural machinery, crop yield and weather conditions.

**AI in Construction and Real Estate:** AI is used in real estate projects to predict cost overruns. Machine learning and AI are used to scrutinise the data and forecast cost based on size of the project, types of contractors, skills and competence level of workforce. It also helps to envision the start and end date of the project.

We can foresee a world post Covid with tremendous changes and opportunities as well. Organisations are already adapting to the new normal and transforming with skills and different competencies in such emerging technology will help organisations drive through the new normal. A broad understanding of emerging technologies like AI will enable them to create, innovate and collaborate.

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## Detailed analysis of IPMAT 2020

The overall level of the exam was easy and the cut-offs are expected to be on the higher side, says **ANKIT KAPOOR**

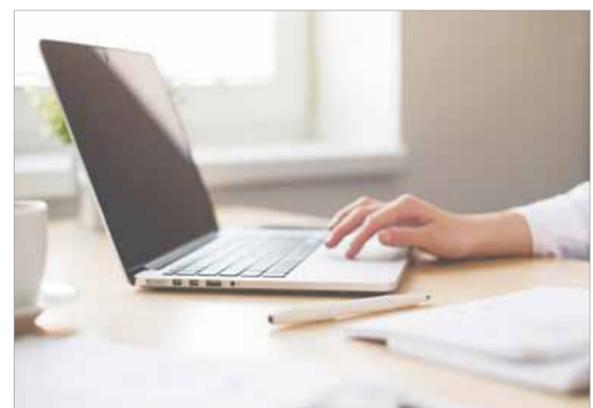
After getting postponed many times due to the on-going pandemic IIM Rohtak conducted its Integrated Program in Management Aptitude Test (IPMAT) on July 20, 2020 in a Google form format for its five-year Integrated Programme. Being conducted for the second time this came as a surprise as the exam was conducted through Google form.

While the structure of the paper was changed this year, various guidelines were also issued by the prestigious institute in different forms including the exam to be conducted as an open book exam through Google sheets with weightage being given to the past academics.

Being an MCQ based aptitude test, the questions from last year's pattern were reduced to 60 to be solved within 45 minutes, with 20 questions each in Quantitative techniques, Logical Reasoning and Verbal Ability sections. The marking scheme was that each correct answer will get you 4 marks and each incorrect attempt would get you a penalty of 1 mark.

The difficulty level of the paper was more or less on similar lines of 2019, but overall, it was easy. While many students faced technical glitches and complaints regarding submission of the paper, still the paper was conducted smoothly with some minor delay of 10 to 15 minutes.

The overall level of the exam was easy and the cut-offs are anticipated to be on the higher side. The detailed analysis of each section shows that the quantitative techniques' section had



moderate level of difficulty while no questions were asked from higher maths. And a student could easily attempt 13 to 14 questions. While the Logical reasoning section was easy, with only a set of two question being little confusing and 16-17 questions can be considered as a good attempt in this section. One question from the topic 'Dice' was incomplete as the figure required to solve the question was missing.

The Verbal Ability section was again very easy following the footsteps of last year's exam. The questions were direct. There were few questions that were ambiguous, but overall an attempt of 15-16 questions was good.

Post the Aptitude test there was a break of 15 minutes, and the students

were then required to write essays on the topics provided as part of the Written Ability Test (WAT). This too was changed this year. The students were given 30 minutes and they were supposed to write on two topics, namely 'Post COVID World' and 'What does being successful mean to you?' Both the topics according to the students were easy and they could write their thoughts in the given time.

Candidates will be shortlisted for Personal Interview on the basis of their performance in the exam which will consist (Entrance Test, WAT, and past academic record).

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## Webinar on new education policy

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The All India Technical and Management Council (AITMC) has organised a webinar on the New Education Policy (NEP) which has recently been released by the Government. The impact of the New Education Policy on higher education and the possibilities of skill development were discussed in the webinar.

Aman Mittal (Additional Director, Lovely Professional University), Dr Pramod Pampatwar (Founder Director, VNIT Alumni Association), Preet Sindhu Sihag (CEO, AITMC) and Smt. Rajnijhulka (Advisor & Strategist,

STEAM) were present as the key speakers. Brijesh Srivastav, producer of the programme *Aap Ki Baat* welcomed all the speakers as the moderator of the webinar. This education policy has been appreciated by all the speakers in the webinar.

Preet Sindhu Sihag (CEO, AITMC) said that this education policy will promote life-long learning. When a person becomes a life-long learner, then he is ready to deal with all the challenges coming in his/her life. This policy will not only help build educated youth but will also create empowered youth. It is very much confident about the future of our students with the introduction of this policy.

## New educational reforms in place

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In continuation of pertinent educational reforms being made of Ministry of Education, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Education Minister launched online the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations Act, 2020 in a simple ceremony here on August 11, 2020.

Council of Architecture (COA), in a first after educational reforms, brought these reforms in Architecture after 38 years in India.

The occasion was graced by Sanjay Dhotre, Minister of State for Education, Amit Khare, Secretary Education, senior officials of Ministry of Education, Ar Habeeb Khan, President Council of Architecture, Sapna, VP, COA, RK Oberoi, Registrar, COA, Heads of Architectural Institutions, Executive Members of COA and other officials & members of the Council.

Pokhriyal reminded about the unique historical and architectural beauty of India. He focused on the monuments and temples that put India in leader-

ship position in the world and further said that COA should take inspiration from the present and past treasure of Architecture and bring a paradigm shift in the field of Architecture to make India a leader again.

Sanjay Dhotre also emphasised on the role of architectural and said that Architecture is in built in the history and culture of India and he appreciated the initiative of COA to bring up these reforms which the new generation of Architecture should take as a challenge to turn around the culture and heritage of India.

Khare, Secretary Education appreciated the initiative of COA. The role of Shri RK Oberoi, Registrar, COA was highly appreciated for being instrumental in bringing these Regulations to the light.

Earlier the Education Minister Pokhriyal appreciated the work of Ar Habeeb Khan President of the Council and also asked the young architects to take a leap in the field of Architecture.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Sapna, Vice President of the Council.

## JKLU unveils virtual lab

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In the times of pandemic when the education has become online and the future of education completely depends upon experiential learning, JK Lakshmipat University, in collaboration with All India Management Association (AIMA), on July 30, 2020 unveiled the first-ever virtual lab for management students for business stimulation exercises in Jaipur.

Dr RL Raina, VC, JKLU, mentioned that the BizLab will expose students to real economic, environmental and business issues related to finance, operations, marketing and other business functions and that with the support of AIMA, it can develop and evolve as the most effective learning tool for management.

**CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD**  
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERBRANCH

8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh 0172-4601826

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Subject - Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/Registration D.U. No. 339-1 of LIG Category in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh in the name of (1) Sh. Arvind Agnihotri S/o Late Sh. Jagat Narayan Agnihotri (2) Ms. Hitanshu Agnihotri D/o Sh. Jagat Narayan Agnihotri on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee Smt. Adarsh Sharma W/o Lt. Sh. J.N. Agnihotri.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that transferee Smt. Adarsh Sharma W/o Lt. Sh. J.N. Agnihotri owner of Dwelling Unit No. 339-1 of LIG Category in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh expired on 23.9.2018 at Chandigarh as informed by his legal heirs. Now, (1) Sh. Arvind Agnihotri S/o Late Sh. Jagat Narayan Agnihotri (2) Ms. Hitanshu Agnihotri D/o Sh. Jagat Narayan Agnihotri have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No. 339-1 of LIG Category in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh in their names on the basis of intestate demise of Smt. Adarsh Sharma W/o Lt. Sh. J.N. Agnihotri. They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out and they are the only legal heirs of deceased owner of the above said Dwelling Unit.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/ right / interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of (1) Sh. Arvind Agnihotri (Son) (2) Ms. Hitanshu Agnihotri (Daughter), he/ she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary,  
Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Telephone No: 01782-233017  
e-mail: ee-ram-hp@nic.in

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Sealed item rate tender(s) on PWD form No. 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD, Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP) on behalf of the Governor of H.P. for the following works from registered contractors in HP.PWD (B&R) in appropriate class so as to reach in this office on 03.09.2020 upto 10:30 A.M. and will be opened on the same day at 11:00 A.M. in the presence of contractors or their authorized representative who wish to be present at that time. The application for obtaining the tender form will be received on 01.09.2020 between 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The tender form can be had from this office against cash payment (Non-refundable) on 02.09.2020 between 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Time Deposit Account/ Saving Account of the Post office in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HP. PWD, Rampur Bushahr Distt. Shimla H.P. must accompany with the tender form. Ambiguous/ Telegraphically/conditional tenders or tender by FAX shall not be entertained/considered in any case. The tenders without earnest money shall summarily be rejected. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 90 days. The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HP.PWD, Rampur Bushahr reserve the right to reject/accept any offer of tender without assigning any reasons.

**WORK No-1 R/R damages on T.J.G.N. Khamadi road Km. 0/000 to 51/00 (SH- C/O wire crate B/wall at RD 24/480 to 24/500, 24/500 to 24/520 & 24/520) ESTIMATED COST Rs.2,99,314/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.6,000/- TIME LIMIT Two Months COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-2 Improvement of black spot on Anu Kashapat road Km. 0/000 to 10/165 (SH- Re-grading of road at RD 7/210 to 7/300) ESTIMATED COST Rs.2,53,585/- EARNEST MONEY 5,100/- TIME LIMIT Two Months COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-3 A/R & M/O Tutupani Nankhari road Km. 0/000 to 9/000 (SH- Providing and laying Kharanja stone soling in patches) ESTIMATED COST Rs.1,71,215/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.3,400/- TIME LIMIT Two Months COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-4 R/R damages on Nogli Power House, Devatan Kalna Tanseni, Khakrola, Batuna road Km. 0/000 to 8/000 (SH- C/O wire crate R/wall at RD 6/410 to 6/429) ESTIMATED COST Rs.2,53,659/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.5,100/- TIME LIMIT One Month COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-5 Annual Repair and maintenance of existing bridge over Satluj River on Jeori Ganvi road (SH- P/L wearing course, wing wall repair masonry paint etc.) ESTIMATED COST Rs.1,23,235/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.2,500/- TIME LIMIT One Month COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-6 R/R damages on Jeori Nawarao Bonda road Km. 0/000 to 5/000 (SH- C/O wire crate B/wall at RD 4/345 to 4/375) ESTIMATED COST Rs.1,89,061/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.3,800/- TIME LIMIT One Month COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-7 R/R damages on Rampur Gaura Mashnoo Sarahan Jeori road Km. 0/000 to 61/000 (SH- C/O wire crate R/wall at RD 47/580 to 47/595) ESTIMATED COST Rs.2,28,045/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.4,600/- TIME LIMIT One Month COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-8 Improvement of black spot on Keo Koot Kinfi road Km. 0/000 to 13/350 (SH- Metalling and Tarring in Km. 5/510 to 5/900) ESTIMATED COST Rs.4,18,168/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.8,400/- TIME LIMIT Two Months COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-9 R/R damages on Tikkar Jarol Gahan Nankhari Khamadi road Km. 0/000 to 52/000 (SH- C/O R/wall at RD 17/415 to 17/435) ESTIMATED COST Rs.2,86,578/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.5,700/- TIME LIMIT One Month COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-10 R/R damages on Chasni Mandhoo road Km. 0/000 to 3/300 (SH- C/O B/wall at RD 2/240 to 2/270) ESTIMATED COST Rs.2,02,128/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.4,000/- TIME LIMIT One Month COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**WORK No-11 A/R & M/O Rohru Sungrahi Bahli Takekh Nogli road Km. 27/000 to 80/000 (SH- C/O solid type cause way with C.C. edge wall at RD 69/195 to 69/210) ESTIMATED COST Rs.1,68,912/- EARNEST MONEY Rs.3,400/- TIME LIMIT Two Months COST OF FORM Rs. 350/-**

**Terms and conditions:-**

- The contractors/firms are required to quote their rates clearly both in words as well as in figures, failing which the tender is liable to be rejected.
- The contractor will produce show their enlistment/renewal documents at the time of obtaining tender form.
- Latest Income tax and sale tax clearance certificates as well as Pan Number and GST number must be attached with the application failing which tender documents will not be issued.
- The tender forms will be issued to only those contractors who have not more than two works in hand in any of HP.PWD. Circles.
- The contractor will have to submit the proof of registration under Employees Provident Funds & Miscellaneous provision Act, 1952 at the time of tender. Failure to observe this condition shall render the tender of the contractor liable to summary rejection.

HIM SUCHNA AVAMJAN SAM  
RO NO. 2142/20-21 Dt. 11-08-2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sub: Transfer of residential, H.No.636, Housing Board Colony, Sector-11, Panchkula in the name of Sh. Saurabh Gupta & Gaurav Garg due to death of Late Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg & Late Sh. Satish Kumar Garg Living Intestate Property.

It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned with the H.No.636, Housing Board Colony, Sector-11, Panchkula which stands in the name of Late Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg & Late Sh. Satish Kumar Garg as per record of this office.

It has been reported by the applicant that Late Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg & Late Sh. Satish Kumar Garg who was the owner of this property died on 25-09-2015 & Late Sh. Satish Kumar Garg died on 18-12-2017. Sh. Saurabh Gupta & Sh. Gaurav Garg R/o H.No.636, Housing Board Colony, Sector-11, Panchkula have claimed/applied for the transfer of the said property in his name on the basis of death of Late Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg & Late Sh. Shambhu Dayal & Late Sh. Satish Kumar Garg & Late Sh. Shambhu Dayal.

If anybody has any objection regarding the transfer of the said property in favour of the applicant furnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which, this property shall be transferred accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

ESTATE MANAGER,  
HOUSING BOARD HARYANA, PANCHKULA

**DOCUMENT LOST**

1) Bhurika Do Joginder Pal R/o M 44, Sh Niwas Pun, New Delhi-110065 declares that I have lost my following documents. If anybody found, please contact on above address.

10th pass certificate & marksheet Roll No. 6433386 issued by CBSE, passed in 2008, 12th pass certificate & marksheet Roll No. 6271471, issued by CBSE, passed in 2010, MBBS Degree (Swami Rama Himalayan university) All 4 year MBBS Marksheet Enrolment No. 20100086, Internship Completion Certificate, Attempt Certificate, Migration Certificate, Uttaranchal Medical Council Registration: 6511, Punjab Medical Council Registration: 50322, Delhi Medical Council Registration: 76024, DCH CMC Ludhiana, Joining Letter, DCH Experience Letter.

It is notified for the information of General Public that Following Four F Forms No1038825-1038835-1038841-1038844 issued by Shri Laxmi Pharma Distributors Jaipur to Cadila Healthcare ltd Zirakpur are lost. If found contact Mr Markan 9915714520 or Zirakpur PS

**डैरा श्री शिव शक्ति मन्दिर (रजि. 06731)**  
गांव बाहरी (कानाल) सड़क क्र: 98128-83903, 98962-38729

**सांख्यिक सूचना**

दिनांक 28.07.2020 को डैरा श्री शिव शक्ति मन्दिर समिति को बैठक मन्दिर के प्रांगण में हुई जिसमें समिति के सभी सदस्यों ने अपने निजी कार्यों से समिति के कार्यों में समय न दे सकने के कारण समिति की सदस्यता छोड़ने का प्रस्ताव रखा। जिसको डैरा श्री शिव शक्ति मन्दिर समिति ने कार्य समिति को स्वीकार कर लिया तथा सभ्य आशय का प्रस्ताव कार्यवाही रजिस्ट्रार में भी दर्ज किया जा रहा है। समिति ने सर्व समझ से भंग कार्यवाही को रजिस्ट्रार कार्यालय में भंग करवाने की कार्यवाही के लिए श्री अखिल कुमार को अधिकृत किया है।

सचिव: रणवीर सिंह  
खाजची: अखिल कुमार  
प्रधान: राम सिंह

**केनरा बैंक Canara Bank**

**POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)**

The undersigned being the authorized officer of CANARA BANK (Hindu Girls College, Kath Mandi, Sonapat) under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (second) Ordinance, 2002 (RoC of 2002) and the exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated 05/06/2020 calling upon the borrower Sri Yogesh Sharma S/o Sh. Suraj Prakash, Shakuntla Devi W/o Sh. Suraj Prakash / M/s Suraj Enterprises H.No. 1410, Housing Board Colony, Sector 14, Sonapat 131001 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs. 12,58,812.10 (in words Twelve Lacs Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve & Ten paise only) within 60 days from the date of said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower & the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sec 13(4) of the said ordinance read with 9 of the said rule on this 11th day of August of the year 2020.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the following property and any dealings with these property will be subject to the charge of CANARA BANK (Hindu Girls College, Kath Mandi, Sonapat) for an amount of INR 12,58,812.10 (in words Twelve Lacs Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve & Ten paise only) and interest thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

All that part and parcel of the property situated in Housing Board Colony, Sec 14 bearing No. 1410, Sonapat (Haryana), Area 24.87 Sq Yds, a Residential House.

District Sonapat and District Sonapat.....

Bounded: On the North- by Road, On the South- by HUDA Park, On the East- by H.No. 1409 EWS, On the West- by H.No. 1411 EWS.

Date:- 11/08/2020  
Place:- Sonapat  
Authorised Officer  
(CANARA BANK)

**DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED**

National Office: HDIL Towers, B-wing, 8th Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Station Road, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051.  
Regional Office: A-301-302, 3rd Floor, Blante Office Complex, Industrial Area, Phase I, Chandigarh - 160002.

**APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of DHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
(Loan Code No. 00002364) (Bathinda Branch) Ashok Kumar (Borrower), Vinod Kumar (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Railway Colony, Ward No.1, Dana Mandi Gurusarashah, Distt- Ferozpur Ferozpur Punjab- 152022	18-Feb-2019 for Rs. 10,63,593/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three Only)	08-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00001866) (Bathinda Branch) Buta Singh (Borrower), Kuldeep Kaur (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Kharsa Muraba No.17, Kila 7/6-16) Near Grain Market, Darvohi Nagar Ferozpur Rd, Tehsil Mandot, Ferozpur, Firozpur-152022	30-April-2019 for Rs. 41,68,127/- (Rupees Forty One Lacs Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Seven Only)	07-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00002094) (Bathinda Branch) D Parkash, K (Borrower), Pinki D (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of H.No.178 Dashmeshdeh Colony Near Gurudwara Zindpur Road Village Malvot Distt Ferozpur Ferozpur Firozpur Punjab- 152022	20-May-2019 for Rs. 19,91,477/- (Rupees Nineteen Lacs Ninety One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Only)	07-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00001766) (Bathinda Branch) Balraj Singh (Borrower), Dajit Kaur (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Wd No 07, Gali No 2, No- 615, Gali Daudhaya Wali Near P&S Bank Godhe Wala Vakyar Kalka Moga Mehala Singh, Moga, Rupnagar- 140001	31-July-2019 for Rs. 56,54,422/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lacs Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Only)	07-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00001654) (Bathinda Branch) Mahabir Kumar (Borrower), Saroj Devi & Satvir Singh (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Street No. 2, Ward No. 3, Near Surman General Store, Village. Dargah Khora Teh & Distt. Fazilka, Punjab-152123	30-July-2019 for Rs. 15,19,226/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Only)	08-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00001033) (Bathinda Branch) Gurpreet Kaur (Borrower), Jinderjit Singh Kakra (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Mes Road, Near Chanakya School, Mes Road, Near Chanakya School, Fazilka, Punjab-152123	28-Sep-2019 for Rs. 12,12,908/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Eight Only)	08-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00001122) (Bathinda Branch) Gurpreet Kaur (Borrower), Jinderjit Singh Kakra (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Mes Road, Near Chanakya School, Mes Road, Near Chanakya School, Fazilka, Punjab-152123	28-Sep-2019 for Rs. 6,51,750/- (Rupees Six Lacs Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only)	08-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00000657) (Jalandhar Branch) Malkit Singh (Borrower), Chandandeep Singh & Sarabjit Kaur (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Model Town, Full Colony Near Guru Teg Bahadur Colony Vill. Tanda Umrar, Hoshiarpur, Hoshiarpur- 144204	30-April-2019 for Rs. 9,51,249/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine Only)	07-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00000698) (Jalandhar Branch) Malkit Singh (Borrower), Chandandeep Singh & Sarabjit Kaur (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Model Town, Full Colony Near Guru Teg Bahadur Colony Vill. Tanda Umrar, Hoshiarpur, Hoshiarpur- 144204	30-April-2019 for Rs. 14,92,232/- (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Two Only)	07-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00000289) (Jalandhar Branch) Harinder Singh (Borrower), Davinder Kaur & Jatinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of House No 85 & Mca No L-4/495 Abadi Kot Atma Ram Gali No 2 Near Toot Sahib Gurudwara Sultanwind Road Amritsar Amritsar Punjab- 143003	28-Aug-2019 for Rs. 13,16,870/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Only)	07-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00003872) (Patiala Branch) Prince Arora (Borrower), Meenakshi (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of House#509/2, Guru Nanak Street Near Ghar Soothan, Patiala Patiala Patiala Punjab- 147001	28-Aug-2019 for Rs. 5,82,596/- (Rupees Five Lacs Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Six Only)	08-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00004739) (Patiala Branch) Labh Singh (Borrower), Kuldeep Singh (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Village- Mahouh, Ramghar Nawran Pind Road On Ramghar Road Khanna, Khanna, Ludhiana- 141401, Punjab,	29-Oct-2019 for Rs. 10,07,208/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eight Only)	08-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00003139) (Patiala Branch) Balwinder Singh (Borrower), Santoshi Rani (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Jivan Singh Rangreta, Ward#16, Nehra Naga Prem Nagar, Bouran Gate Nabha Nabha Patiala Punjab- 147201	19-Nov-2019 for Rs. 5,14,132/- (Rupees Five Lacs Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty Two Only)	08-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00002054) (Patiala Branch) Hitesh Goyal (Borrower), Kanta Devi (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of House At Pindian Wali Gali Patiala House At Pindian Wali Gali Patiala Patiala Patiala Punjab- 147001	28-Aug-2019 for Rs. 10,71,836/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six Only)	08-08-2020
(Loan Code No. 00002350) (Bathinda Branch) Sunita Kumari (Borrower), Himesh R (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Near Durga Mata Mandir Faridkot Road, Near Purba Village Satyie Wala Ferozpur Firozpur Punjab- 152002	30-July-2019 for Rs. 16,06,859/- (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Nine Only)	06-08-2020

Sd/ (Authorised Officer)  
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

**HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES**

From the trusted family of HDFC Bank

REGD. OFFICE: "RADHIKA", 2ND FLOOR, LAW GARDEN ROAD, NAVRANGPURA, AHMEDABD-380009  
BRANCH OFFICE: PLOT NO. 384, FIRST FLOOR, DVS TOWER, R.K.ROAD, NEAR PETROL PUMP, CHEEMA CHOWK, LUDHIANA-141003

**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002**

THE UNDERSIGNED AS AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED HAS TAKEN OVER POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE NOTICE ISSUED U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 IN THE FOLLOWING LOAN ACCOUNTS WITH A RIGHT TO SELL THE SAME ON "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" FOR REALIZATION OF COMPANY'S DUES.

1. BORROWER/S & GUARANTOR'S NAME & ADDRESS 2. TOTAL DUE+ INTEREST FROM	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY	1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD 3. DATE & TIME OF THE PROPERTY INSPECTION	1. RESERVE PRICE 2. EMD OF THE PROPERTY
Arora Khadi Bhandar, Sirki Bazaar, Opposite PSEB Office, Bathinda-151001, Also at: Property bearing MC No.8039-A/1340, Backside Sirki Bazaar, Bathinda-151001; Smt. Mantia Rani, Mr. Sarwan Kumar, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar and Smt. Lakshmi Devi; All at: House No. 8039-A, Sirki Bazar, Opposite PSEB Office, Bhalinda City-151001. Loan Account No 1273194 TOTAL OUTSTANDING: Rs. 11870964 (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakhs Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four Only) as on 12.09.2017 along with further interest on contractual rate together with incidental expenses, cost, charges till actual realization.	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing MC No.8039-A/1340, Situated At Backside Sirki Bazaar, Bathinda - 151001. PROPERTY BOUNDED AS: EAST: 16'4" Road, WEST: 16'-00"-Sewer-City Drain, NORTH: 108'-00"-Dharminder Kumar, SOUTH: 108'-00"-Balbir Singh.	1) E-AUCTION DATE: 29.08.2020 BETWEEN 10.30 AM TO 11.30AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC: 26.08.2020 TILL 5:00 PM (IST) 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 24.08.2020 BETWEEN 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM IST.	Reserve Price (IN INR): Rs. 78,68,025/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Twenty Five Only) EMD Amount (IN INR): Rs. 7,86,802/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Two Only)
Ahuja Sales, SCF 132/15 Kesho Ram Colony Village Burali, Chandigarh-160047, Harish Ahuja, Surinder Ahuja, Surinder Ahuja, Krishna Kumari And Ahuja Sales, H.No 2458 Sector 23 C, Chandigarh-160023, Ahuja Sales, Site No 405 Sector 32, Chandigarh-160030 Loan Account No 1051052 TOTAL OUTSTANDING: Rs. 31613519/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixteen Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Only) As Of 22nd October, 2018 And Future Contractual Interest Till Actual Realization Together With Incidental Expenses, Cost And Charges Etc.	Property No. 1. All The Piece And Parcel Of The H No 2458 Sector 23 C Chandigarh Chandigarh-160023 Admeasuring 1784.97 Sq. Ft And Recorded In The Name Of K r i s h n a K u m a r i Registration Document: Book No. 1, Volume No. 54, On Serial No. 278, On Dated 11.05.1981, With The Office Of Sub Registrar - Chandigarh, Admeasuring 77/2 Marlas (198.33 Sq. Yards), Property bounded as: East: Road, West: Built Up; North: 2459 Built Up; South: 2457 Built Up. Property No. 2. Site No 405 Sector 32 Chandigarh Chandigarh-160030 Admeasuring 594 Sq. Ft And Recorded In The Name Of Surinder Ahuja And Harish Ahuja Registration Document: Book No. 1, Volume No. 129, At Serial No. 1862, On Dated 04.09.2002, With The Office Of Sub Registrar - Chandigarh Property Area : 66 Sq. Yards. Property bounded as: East: Parking; West: V-Road, North: Bay Shop No. 406 Built Up; South: Bay Shop No. 406 Built Up	1) E-AUCTION DATE: 16.09.2020 10.30 AM TO 11.30AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC 14.09.2020 TILL 5 PM 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 10.09.2020 BETWEEN 11:00 AM TO 01:00 PM IST	Reserve Price (IN INR): Rs. 2,44,92,537/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Four Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven Only) EMD Amount (IN INR): Rs. 24,49,254/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four Only) Reserve Price (IN INR): Rs. 2,95,65,690/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Five Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Only) EMD Amount (IN INR): Rs. 29,56,569 /- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine Only)

The intending bidders are advised to visit the Branch and the properties put up on Auction, and obtain necessary information regarding charges, encumbrances. The purchaser shall make his own enquiry and ascertain the additional charges, encumbrances and any third party interests and satisfy himself/herself in all aspects thereto. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property should be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s). The bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s) are requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/herself with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property/properties, before submitting the bids.

**Terms & Conditions of Online Tender/Auction:** (1) The auction sale shall be "online e-auction" bidding through website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> Or Auction Tiger Mobile App on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes., (2) The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding, from auction service provider M/s E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (Auction Tiger) Ahmadabad (Tel:-079-61200559/586/544) Contact Person: Mr. Ram Sharma Cell no. 800002397, Email : ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, Fax:-079-40230847 support@auctiontiger.net Please note that, Prospective bidders may avail online training on e-auction from their registered mobile number only. (3) The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of Demand Draft/PAY ORDER drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Commercial Bank in favor of "HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ LUDHIANA or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC CODE- HDFC00000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD; on or before date and time mentioned above (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above) and register their name at <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-Auction from the service provider. After their Registration on the web-site, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded (1. Copy of the NEFT/RTGS challan/DD copy/ Pay order, 2. Copy of PAN card and 3. Copy of proof of address (Passport, Driving License, Voter's I-Card or Aadhar Card, Ration Card, Electricity Bill, Telephone Bill, Registered Leave License Agreement) on the website before or by the last date of submission of the EMD(s) as mentioned in the table above and also submit hardcopy thereof at the Branch mentioned hereinabove., (4) Bid must be accompanied with EMD (Equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price) by way of Demand Draft/ Pay order in favour of "HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ LUDHIANA or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC00000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD; on or before date and time mentioned above., (5) Bids that are not filed up or Bids received beyond last date will be considered as invalid Bid and shall be summarily rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. Once the bid is submitted by the Bidder, same cannot be withdrawn. If the bidder does not participate in the bid process, EMD deposited by the Bidder shall be forfeited without further recourse. However, EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded without interest., (6) The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price alongwith increment value of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) and the bidder shall further improve their offer in multiple of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only). The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price set by the Authorised Officer., (7) The successful bidder is required to deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD) immediately but not later than next working day by Demand Draft drawn in favour of "HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ LUDHIANA or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC CODE- HDFC00000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD and the balance amount of sale price shall be paid by the successful bidder within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the Company. The EMD as well as Sale Price paid by the interested bidders shall carry no interest. The deposit of EMD or 10% of sale price, whatever may be the case shall be forfeited by the Company, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale or commits any default., (8) On compliance of terms of Sale, Authorised officer shall issue "Sale Certificate" in favour of highest bidder. All the expenses related to stamp duty, registration charges, conveyance, TDS etc. to be borne by the purchaser., (9) Company does not take any responsibility to procure permission /NOC from any authority or under any other law in force in respect of property offered or any other dues i.e. outstanding water/electricity dues, property tax or other charges, if any., (10) The successful bidder shall bear all expenses including pending dues of any Development Authority, if any/ taxes/ utility bills etc. to the Municipal Corporation or any other authority/ agency and fees payable for stamp duty /registration fees etc. for registration of the Sale Certificate., (11) The Authorised Officer reserves the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids or adjourn/cancel the sale without assigning any reason or modify any terms of sale without any prior notice. The immovable property shall be sold to the highest bidder. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter-se bidding, if deemed necessary., (12) To the best of his knowledge and information, the Company is not aware of any encumbrances on the property to be sold except of the Company. However, interested bidders should make their own assessment of the property to their satisfaction. The Company does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/titlity of the aforesaid property. For any other information, the Authorised Officer shall not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect of the aforesaid property., (13) Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the loan documents on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc. is due and payable till its actual realization., (14) The notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Mortgagee(s) to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyer/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described hereinabove, as per the particulars of the Terms and conditions of sale., (15) Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the offer/tender document on the website. Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at web-site of organization as mentioned hereinabove, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of HDB Financial Services Limited. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) shall be handed over to Concerned Manager Mr. Amrith Sharma Mobile No. 9888175600; Landline- 0161-4444423 at HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, ADDRESS- PLOT NO. 384, FIRST FLOOR, DVS TOWER, R.K.ROAD, NEAR PETROL PUMP, CHEEMA CHOWK, LUDHIANA-141003 on or before date and time mentioned above. (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above), (16) The property shall be sold on "As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" condition and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards encumbrance, charge and statutory outstanding on the property of any authority besides the Company's charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges and encumbrances over the property or any other matter etc. will be entertained after submission of the online bid and at any stage thereafter. The Company shall not be responsible for anything whatsoever including damages or eviction proceeding, etc. The intending bidder shall indemnify the tenants as well as the Company in this regard. The purchaser shall take necessary action for eviction of tenant / settlement of tenant only in accordance with the Law. The Company presses into service the principle of caveat emptor., (17) This publication is also a '15 (Fifteen) days' notice for Arora Khadi Bhandar and '30 (Thirty) days' notice for Ahuja Sales to the Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 6(2), 8(6) and Rule 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above alongwith upto date interest and expenses within 30 days from the date of this notice failing which the Secured asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. In case there is any discrepancy between the publications of Sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity. If the borrower/mortgagor pays the amount due to the Company, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped. For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED Mr. NAVAL KISHORE Mobile No. 7696442530.

DATE: 11.08.2020 PLACE : LUDHIANA Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER, FOR HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that the Central Bank of India Branch Office SCO No. 293-94, Sector 35-D, Chandigarh has issued Two Demand Drafts bearing Draft No. 101399 for Rs. 9,29,641/- dated 28.01.2016 and Draft No. 101400/- for Rs. 78,370/- dated 28.01.2016. The said demand drafts were issued in the loan account of Sh. Dinesh Kumar Sood and were issued in favour of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh. The same have neither been encashed nor presented for revalidation and the final Legal Notice has also been issued to the borrower Sh. Dinesh Kumar Sood and to the Estate Officer. The present notice is notice to all including the general public and if any person has any objection with regard to the cancellation of the said Demand Drafts and adjustment in the Loan Account he may file his objections within 15 Days of this notice. (Branch Manager) Central Bank of India, Branch Office Sector 35-D, Chandigarh

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**KUBO JOINS VILLARREAL ON LOAN**  
**MADRID:** Villarreal have signed Japanese playmaker Takafusa Kubo on loan from Real Madrid for 2020-2021 season. The 19-year old impressed last season in his debut campaign in the top-flight on loan at Real Mallorca although was unable to prevent the team from being relegated a year after winning promotion.

**KUZNETSOVA WITHDRAWS FROM US OPEN**  
**MOSCOW:** Former US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova has joined a growing list of players who have decided not to play in this year's tournament due to concerns over the Covid-19 pandemic. The Russian world number 32 on Monday announced her decision on Instagram where she also said she would skip the Western & Southern Open which is being held in New York this year instead of Cincinnati as a lead-up to the Aug 31-Sept 13 US Open.

**TSIMIKAS JOINS LIVERPOOL FROM OLYMPIAKOS**  
**LIVERPOOL:** Premier League champions Liverpool signed Greece defender Kostas Tsimikas from Olympiakos for a reported fee of £11.7 million (\$15 million) on Monday. Tsimikas agreed a five-year contract with Liverpool and is expected to provide back-up for first choice left-back Andy Robertson at Anfield.

**LAWRENCE EXITS BIO-SECURE BUBBLE**  
**SOUTHAMPTON:** Uncapped England batsman Dan Lawrence, who was one of the reserves in the ongoing Test series against Pakistan, has left the team's bio-secure bubble due to a family bereavement. "Lawrence, who has yet to make his Test debut, was named as one of the reserves in the #raissethebat Test series against Pakistan. He will not be available for selection when the second Test starts on Thursday at the Ageas Bowl," the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said in a statement.

**SABALENKA ADVANCES IN TOP SEED OPEN**  
**LEXINGTON:** World No 11 Aryna Sabalenka made a winning return at the WTA's resumption in the United States as she battled past America's Madison Brengle to enter the second round at the inaugural Top Seed Open. The No 2 seeded player from Belarus defeated Brengle 6-1, 6-7(5), 6-2 after nearly two-and-a-half hours of play on Monday. But world No 15 Johanna Konta failed to enter the second round as she lost to unseeded Czech Marie Bouzkova 6-4, 6-4.

**UTT POSTPONED INDEFINITELY**  
**NEW DELHI:** The fourth edition of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT), scheduled in India from August 14 to 31, has been indefinitely postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With sporting events yet to start in the country and the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) itself still not certain about the resumption of professional tour, the postponement was inevitable.

**FSDL TEAM REACHES GOA FOR INSPECTION**  
**PANJIM:** A 9-member delegation of ISL organisers, Football Sports Development Ltd (FSDL), reached Goa on Tuesday and will be there for the next few days to take stock of the venues and training ground readiness. It is expected that a final announcement of the single-site venue, where the seventh edition of the ISL is scheduled to be played, will be made by the end of this week. The team will visit the three identified playing venues (JLN Stadium in Fatorda, Tilak Maidan in Vasco and Bambolim Stadium), about 10 training grounds and have also lined up meetings with the local authorities on their agenda.

**MCA APEX COUNCIL MEETING ON AUG 14**  
**MUMBAI:** Resumption of cricketing activities in the megalopolis will top the agenda of the Mumbai Cricket Association's (MCA) Apex Council meeting to be held on August 14. Cricket in the megalopolis has come to a grinding halt since mid-March due to outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic and Mumbai is one of the worst affected cities in the country. "We will discuss resumption of cricketing activity and also the Standard Operating Procedures sent by the BCCI to all the state associations in this regard," an Apex Council member said.

Nieva seeks 7 more boxers at national camp

**NEW DELHI:** Resumption is done and expansion can now follow, said Indian boxing's High Performance Director Santiago Nieva, revealing that addition of seven more boxers has been proposed at the ongoing national training camp for the Olympic-bound in Patiala.

Nine male boxers and a few of their women counterparts are training at the National Institute of Sports (NIS) in Patiala, taking the first step towards a restart amid the Covid-19 pandemic. These include world Silver-medallist and top Olympic medal hope Amit Panghal.

"We are looking to add seven more boxers, two coaches and a support staff member to this list in the next few weeks. Approval has been sought from

SAI). We are assessing things one month at a time," Nieva said.

"The boxers who are here are training under the strict health safety protocol given to us and things have been smooth. I can't give you names but the ones we want included next are second in rankings of their respective categories," he said.

The camp started in the first week of this month after boxers, willing to take the trip to Patiala were quarantined, tested and then allowed to enter the NIS.

"We are currently able to do 70 per cent of the things that we used to do," Nieva said of the training regimen in Patiala.

"As per the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure), we cannot enter the ring or do sparring or pad work. But we can do running, strength training, and lot

of (punching) bags. That's enough for now," he added.

A boxer not able to access the ring, does it feel weird?

"Not as of now. May be another three-four weeks and it will begin to feel weird but what to do. We have to be patient. Like the rest of the world, we have to adjust and adapt," Nieva said.

With all international competition halted for the time being and Olympics postponed to next year, Nieva said the boxers can afford to take it a bit slow.

"We have enough time to get back top form. It's still one year for the Olympics, I am fine with the pace of training at this point. But it remains an evolving situation and we are all adjusting," Nieva said.

Kohli, Paine best Test captains right now: Faiz

**NEW DELHI:** Domestic veteran and Ranji Trophy-winning skipper with Vidarbha, Faiz Fazal believes India's Virat Kohli and Australia's Tim Paine are two of the best captains in the world at the moment.

In a recent interaction on Sports Tiger's show *Off the Field*, on being asked who the best captain in the world, Faiz answered, "I am a fan of Tim Paine, he is very good as a Test captain. Virat is also very good in Tests."

On being asked about him not getting a call to the national team after scoring a half-century in his debut match, Faiz said, "The competition in Team India is very tight. I feel very fortunate that I played for India because that was the aim, to play for the country."

Lukaku scores in ninth consecutive Europa League game to take Inter in semis; Red Devils needed extra time to beat Copenhagen

United effect



Romelu Lukaku celebrates after scoring Inter Milan's second goal against Bayer Leverkusen during Europa League quarterfinal clash AP

**AFP ■ COLOGNE**

Bruno Fernandes scored a penalty in extra time as Manchester United scraped past FC Copenhagen 1-0 on Monday in the quarter-finals of the Europa League, reshaped into an eight-team straight knockout tournament in Germany due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Portugal international notched his competition-best seventh goal of the season as United set up a semi-final clash against Sevilla or Wolves, joining Inter Milan in the last four following the Italian side's 2-1 victory over Bayer Leverkusen in Dusseldorf.

"Third time this season we've been to the semis, every competition we've been in.

Delighted we've gone through, we deserved to win tonight," United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer told BT Sport.

"Their keeper was fantastic, unbelievable. We hit the post a few times, there were a couple of VAR decisions against us. It could have been one of those nights that you end up with penalty shoot outs. They made it hard for us."

All games from the quarter-finals onwards in this season's Europa League are being played behind closed doors as one-off ties across four venues — Cologne, Duisburg, Dusseldorf and Gelsenkirchen — in a unique format following a five-month interruption.

Solskjaer recalled Fernandes, Paul Pogba, Marcus Rashford,



Bruno Fernandes scores Manchester United's first goal from a penalty kick AP

Mason Greenwood and Anthony Martial but the 2017 competition winners struggled early, and 18-year-old Copenhagen forward Mohamed Daramy was twice involved as the Danish underdogs threatened a creaking United backline.

Greenwood looked to have put United ahead as he drilled in via the far post moments later only for the teenager to be ruled offside following a VAR review.

He again went close early in the second half when he slammed against the upright, with Fernandes promptly smacking the opposite post with a dipping 20-yard drive.

The Portugal international, who scored five times in the group stage with Sporting, stung the palms of Johnsson with another hit from distance — shortly after Aaron Wan-Bissaka made a desperation block to thwart Bryan Oviedo after a mesmerising dribble from Rasmus Falk.

Appearing in their first European quarter-final, and the first Danish club to reach this stage since 1997, Copenhagen continued to frustrate United as they sought a repeat of their 1-0 win when the clubs last met in the Champions League group stage in 2006.

Martial nearly won the game in normal time but again a sprawling Johnsson tipped away his curling attempt that appeared destined for the top corner.

The France striker was once more repelled by Johnsson at the start of extra time, but Martial won a penalty as United kept the attack alive and the striker was upended by Andreas Bjelland. Fernandes blasted home

from the spot on 95 minutes but Solskjaer's team were left to sweat until the end as Johnsson pulled off sensational stops from the Portuguese and substitute Juan Mata, with Victor Lindelof the third United player to strike the post.

United though ultimately ensured their 2019-20 campaign will extend into a second year, having started the season 365 days ago with a 4-0 Premier League win over Chelsea.

Awaiting them on Sunday will be Sevilla — who have won the Europa League and its precursor, the UEFA Cup, a record five times — or domestic rivals Wolves.

Former United striker Romelu Lukaku grabbed the decisive goal for Antonio Conte's Inter against Leverkusen as the Serie A runners-up moved a step closer to adding to their titles from 1991, 1994 and 1998.

Inter struck first as Nicolo Barella guided in from the edge of the area on 15 minutes, with Lukaku bundling in a second six minutes later.

Kai Havertz reduced the deficit in possibly his final game for Leverkusen on 25 minutes after exchanging passes with fellow Germany international Kevin Volland, but Inter held on to seal their place against Shakhtar Donetsk or Basel in next week's semi-final.

"The defence did a tremendous job again tonight. We are growing but we have to learn to kill games off when we have the chances to do it, and we didn't tonight," said Lukaku.

"Now we have time to recover physically and prepare for another great game. We will have to be ready."



'Sarfraz should retire from Tests'

**PTI ■ KARACHI**

Former Pakistan captain Ramiz Raja believes wicketkeeper-batsman Sarfraz Ahmed should retire from Tests and focus on white ball cricket.

Sarfraz, a former captain, was seen performing the duties of 12th man in the series opener between England and Pakistan in Manchester.

"In my book I am clear once you have been captain and remained on a pedestal then it is very difficult to come down and be on the bench," Raja said on the Youtube channel, *Cricket Baaz*.

"I would advise Sarfraz to think about it and retire from Test cricket and just focus on white ball cricket, a format in

our cricket culture these things are not looked upon nicely and if they involve a former captain," Raja said. "I don't see him getting a chance in the Test format soon so he should focus on white ball cricket where he will play and be respected as well," he added.

Raja feels the presence of Sarfraz in the squad also adds pressure on Muhammad Rizwan, who kept the wickets for Pakistan in the first Test.

"He being in the Test squad also adds pressure on Muhammad Rizwan who knows there is a former captain keeper breathing down his neck and that is not good for him. I think Sarfraz should not be on the bench. He should call it a day from Test cricket."



which he is very good and known for his aggression," he added.

Raja, who featured in 57 Tests, said a former captain and senior player of Sarfraz's stature carrying drinks, although not rare in cricket, is frowned upon in Pakistan.

"There is nothing wrong with that because even James Anderson carried drinks when he didn't play in the second Test against West Indies. But in

**ESTATE OFFICE U.T., CHANDIGARH**  
 Before Manish Kumar Lohan, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh.  
 Subject:- Transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 50% Share in respect of House No.3073, Old Plot No. 9, Street -C, Sector-27-D, Chandigarh, on the basis of Intestate Death dated 01.02.2020 of Late Smt. Surjeet Kaur. It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office the property known as House No. 3073, Old Plot No. 9, Street -C, Sector-27-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 50% share, stands in the name of Smt. Surjeet Kaur. It has been reported by Sh. Parmjeet Singh S/o Late Sh. Sardar Singh that Smt. Surjeet Kaur is the owner to the extent of 50% Share of the above said property and has expired on 01.02.2020 & leaving behind the following legal heirs:- (1) Sh. Parmjeet Singh - Son Now Sh. Parmjeet Singh, has applied for the transfer of above said property to the extent of 50% Share in his favour on the basis of Intestate Death dated 01.02.2020 of Smt. Surjeet Kaur, as informed by the applicant. However, if anybody has any information about any other legal heirs of the deceased owner other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Office U.T., Chandigarh immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of the above named applicant they may furnish in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage. Manish Kumar Lohan, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh.

**Writing Geeks, Brainchild of Young Entrepreneur Deepika, Gives Popularity Platform to writers**

What clicks in business is innovativeness resulting out of spark of intelligence in intelligent minds. Intelligence blended with diligence yields success and Deepika Bhola has amply proved it by managing her company Writing Geeks. Writing Geeks, today a hallmark of proving multiple services to writers, exemplifies that right thinking at the right time bears fruit, and that too wonderfully. This company is also an example that the home-based enterprises really can work very well. Deepika's company today is a big name in the literary world. What is most surprising is that the founder & CEO of Writing Geeks is only in her late 20's and yet she is known globally for the services being rendered to the budding and established writers.

Writing Geeks: A Company Chiselling Persona Out of A Person. This perhaps is one of the very few companies that offer a plank for the authors to take a leap into the literary world rubbing shoulders with established authors of global repute.

Writing Geeks, the brain child of Deepika has, so far, worked with 200 writers globally. Launched in 2014, it specialises in creating a brand out of the authors. The company's excellent value-added brand-building services helped many new writers carve out their rightful places in the literary spectrum. Deepika also launched a digital magazine under her company's name.

In 2018, the company entered into the domain of self publishing.

What clicks in business is innovativeness resulting out of spark of intelligence in intelligent minds. Intelligence blended with diligence yields success and Deepika Bhola has amply proved it by managing her company Writing Geeks. Writing Geeks, today a hallmark of proving multiple services to writers, exemplifies that right thinking at the right time bears fruit, and that too wonderfully. This company is also an example that the home-based enterprises really can work very well. Deepika's company today is a big name in the literary world. What is most surprising is that the founder & CEO of Writing Geeks is only in her late 20's and yet she is known globally for the services being rendered to the budding and established writers.

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Writing Geeks, the brain child of Deepika has, so far, worked with 200 writers globally. Launched in 2014, it specialises in creating a brand out of the authors. The company's excellent value-added brand-building services helped many new writers carve out their rightful places in the literary spectrum. Deepika also launched a digital magazine under her company's name.

In 2018, the company entered into the domain of self publishing.

**HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
 REGD. OFFICE: "RADHIKA", 2ND FLOOR, LAW GARDEN ROAD, NAVRANGPURA, AHMEDABD-380009  
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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002**

THE UNDERSIGNED AS AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED HAS TAKEN OVER POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE NOTICE ISSUED U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 IN THE FOLLOWING LOAN ACCOUNTS WITH RIGHT TO SELL THE SAME ON "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" FOR REALIZATION OF COMPANY'S DUES.

1. BORROWER/S & GUARANTOR/S NAME & ADDRESS 2. TOTAL DUE+ INTEREST FROM	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY	1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD 3. DATE & TIME OF THE PROPERTY INSPECTION	1. RESERVE PRICE 2. EMD OF THE PROPERTY
Jagveer Polu, House No. 504, Urban Estate-II, Hissar-125001 and Krishan Daya House No. 504, Urban Estate-II, Hissar-125001. Loan Account No 660639 TOTAL OUTSTANDING : Rs. 1,06,00,705/- (Rupees One Crore Six Lakh Seven Hundred Five only) together with further interest thereon @ 18 % per annum till actual realization	All the piece and parcel of Property H No. 504, Urban Estate-II, Hissar-125001	1) E-AUCTION DATE: 29.08.2020, 10.30 AM TO 11.30AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC 26.08.2020 TILL 5PM 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 24.08.2020 BETWEEN 12.00 AM TO 01.00PM	1) Reserve Price (IN INR): Rs. 65,13,866/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lacs Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Only) EMD Amount (IN INR): Rs. 6,51,387/- (Rupees Six Lacs Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven Only)
Mr. Vindul Parkash Singh and Mr. Parveen Parkash Singh; Both at: House No 1360, N.H.B.C., Near Sai Baba Chowk, Panipat, Haryana-132103; Both also at: Plot No. 223, Sector-29, Part-II, Panipat, Haryana-132103; [Both the addressees as co-borrowers and legal heirs of borrower Mr. Ram Parkash Singh (Since deceased)] Loan Account No 185421 TOTAL OUTSTANDING : Rs. 85,76,858/- (Rupees Eighty Five Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight only) with further interest @ 18% Per annum alongwith other incidental, costs and expenses till actual realisation until payment in full.	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Plot No. 223, Sector 29, Part-II, Panipat, Haryana-132103.	1) E-AUCTION DATE: 29.08.2020, 10.30 AM TO 11.30AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC 26.08.2020 TILL 5PM 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 24.08.2020 12.00 AM TO 01.00PM	1) Reserve Price (IN INR): Rs. 1,98,05,020/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Eight Lakh Five Thousand Twenty Only) EMD Amount (IN INR): Rs. 1,98,0502/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Two Only)

The intending bidders are advised to visit the Branch and the properties put up on Auction, and obtain necessary information regarding charges, encumbrances. The purchaser shall make his own enquiry and ascertain the additional charges, encumbrances and any third party interests and satisfy himself/herself in all aspects thereof. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property should be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s). The bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s) are requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/herself with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property/properties, before submitting the bids.

**Terms & Conditions of Online Tender/Auction:** (1) The auction sale shall be "online e-auction" bidding through website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP on the dates as mentioned in the table above with further Extension of 5 Minutes. (2) The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding, from auction service provider M/s E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (Auction Tiger) Ahmadabad (Tel:-079-61200559/586/544 ) Contact Person: Mr. Ram Sharma Cell no. 800002397, Email : ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, Fax:-079-40230847 support@auctiontiger.net Please note that, Prospective bidders may avail online training on e-auction from their registered mobile number only. (3) The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of Demand Draft/PAY ORDER drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Commercial Bank in favour of "HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/Hisar or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD; on or before date and time mentioned above (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above) and register their name at <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-auction from the service provider. After their Registration on the web-site, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded (1. Copy of the NEFT/RTGS challan/DD copy/ Pay order, 2. Copy of PAN card and 3. Copy of proof of address (Passport, Driving License, Voter's I-Card or Aadhar Card, Ration Card, Electricity Bill, Telephone Bill, Registered Leave License Agreement) on the website before or by the last date of submission of the EMD(s) as mentioned in the table above and also submit hardcopy thereof at the Branch mentioned hereinabove. (4) Bid must be accompanied with EMD (Equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price) by way of Demand Draft/ Pay order in favour of "HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ Hisar or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD; on or before date and time mentioned above. (5) Bids that are not filled up or Bids received beyond last date will be considered as invalid Bid and shall be summarily rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. Once the bid is submitted by the Bidder, same cannot be withdrawn. If the bidder does not participate in the bid process, EMD deposited by the bidder shall be forfeited without further recourse. However, EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded without interest. (6) The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price alongwith increment value of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) and the bidder shall further improve their offer in multiple of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only). The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price set by the Authorised Officer. (7) The successful bidder is required to deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD) immediately but not later than next working day by Demand Draft drawn in favour of "HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ LUDHIANA or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD and the balance amount of sale price shall be paid by the successful bidder within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the Company. The EMD as well as Sale Price paid by the interested bidders shall carry no interest. The deposit of EMD or 10% of sale price, whatever may be the case shall be forfeited by the Company, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale or commits any default. (8) On compliance of terms of Sale, Authorised officer shall issue "Sale Certificate" in favour of highest bidder. All the expenses related to stamp duty, registration charges, conveyance, TDS etc. to be borne by the purchaser. (9) Company does not take any responsibility to procure permission / NOC from any authority or under any other law in force in respect of property offered or any other dues i.e. outstanding water/electricity dues, property tax or other charges, if any. (10) The successful bidder shall bear all expenses including pending dues of any Development Authority, if any/ taxes/ utility bills etc. to the Municipal Corporation or any other authority/ agency and fees payable for stamp duty/ registration fees etc. for registration of the Sale Certificate. (11) The Authorised Officer reserves the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids or adjourn/cancel the sale without assigning any reason or modify any terms of sale without any prior notice. The immovable property shall be sold to the highest bidder. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter-se bidding, if deemed necessary. (12) To the best of its knowledge and information, the Company is not aware of any encumbrances on the property to be sold except of the Company. However, interested bidders should make their own assessment of the property to their satisfaction. The Company does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid property. For any other information, the Authorised Officer shall not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect of the aforesaid property. (13) Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the loan documents on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc. is due and payable till its actual realization. (14) The notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Mortgagee(s) to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyer/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described hereinabove, as per the particulars of the Terms and conditions of sale. (15) Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the offer/tender document on the website. Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at a place of organization as mentioned hereinabove, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of HDB Financial Services Limited. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) shall be handed over to the Concerned Manager Mr. Ashish Mehta Mobile No. 9729438899; at HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, ADDRESS:-, SCO:102, SECOND FLOOR, URBAN ESTATE -11, DELHI ROAD, HISAR 125001 on or before date and time mentioned above. (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above). (16) The property shall be sold on "As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" condition and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards encumbrance, charge and statutory outstanding on the property of any authority besides the Company's charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges and encumbrances over the property or any other matter etc. will be entertained after submission of the online bid and at any stage thereafter. The Company shall not be responsible for anything whatsoever including damages or eviction proceeding, etc. The intending bidder shall indemnify the tenants as well as the Company in this regard. The purchaser shall take necessary action for eviction of tenant / settlement of mortgagor only in accordance with the Law. The Company presses into service the principle of caveat emptor. (17) This publication is also a '15 (Fifteen) days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 6(2), 8(6) and Rule 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above alongwith upto date interest and expenses within 15 days from the date of this notice failing which the Secured asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. In case there is any discrepancy between the publications of Sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity. If the borrower/mortgagors pays the amount due to the Company, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped. For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED MR. Vikas Anand : 9711010384.

DATE: 11.08.2020 PLACE : HISAR Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER, FOR HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED