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Cong wins Raj trust

Gehlot mocks BJP for abortive bid to topple his Govt

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

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

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

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

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

The indirect reference was to Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who had earlier rejected the Congress allegation. Gehlot also questioned



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

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

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

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

Rajasthan BJP chief Satish Poonia said the State Congress Government is suffering from a "political corona", even though it has won the vote of confidence. Poonia remarked that the way Pilot spoke in the Assembly makes it clear that there are still some differences between Gehlot and Pilot.

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

The Opposition BJP

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

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

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I am the strongest warrior of Cong, avows Sachin Pilot

PTI ■ JAIPUR

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

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

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

Covid 2.5 mn and counting

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

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With over 60,000 cases daily for the past few days, India coronavirus count crossed 2.5 million mark on Friday. For the last 10 days, the country has witnessed a huge surge, adding 5.50 lakh fresh cases during this period. India now accounts for 10.35 per cent of all active cases globally (one in every 10 active cases), and 6.21% of all deaths (one in every 16).

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

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

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

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

According to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India conducted record 8,48,728 tests for detection of

Covid-19 IN INDIA

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CASES: 25,25,144

DEATHS: 49,134

RECOVERED: 18,05,246

ACTIVE: 6,70,276



STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	5,72,734	19,427	4,01,442
Tamil Nadu	3,26,245	5,514	2,67,015
Andhra Pradesh	2,73,085	2,475	1,80,703
Karnataka	2,11,108	3,718	1,28,182
Delhi	1,50,652	4,178	1,35,108
Uttar Pradesh	1,45,287	2,335	92,526
West Bengal	1,10,358	2,319	81,189
Bihar	98,370	500	65,307
Telangana	88,396	674	64,284
Gujarat	76,569	2,746	59,622
Assam	74,502	175	49,384
Rajasthan	58,692	846	43,897
Odisha	54,630	377	39,206
Haryana	45,614	518	38,348
Madhya Pradesh	43,414	1,081	32,405
Kerala	41,277	140	26,992

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

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

"Today, my corona test report has come and it is negative. I thank God and express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who wished for my recovery," he tweeted. He also thanked the doctors and paramedical staff of Medanta Hospital.

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CAPSULE

CONSTABLE KILLED IN MAHA NAXAL ATTACK
Nagpur/Mumbai: A constable was killed and his colleague injured in Naxal attack in Gadchiroli district of Maha on Friday morning, police said.

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J&K Police scoops 2nd highest peacetime gallantry medal

ITBP recommends gallantry medals for 21 jawans who fought PLA troops

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

The CRPF follows the J&K Police with 51 medals, mostly for operations conducted in Jammu & Kashmir. While the Kirti Chakra was awarded posthumously to Head Constable of Jammu & Kashmir Police Abdul Rashid Kalas, the Shaurya Chakra went to Deputy Inspector General of the J&K Police Amit Kumar.

The Indo-Tibetan Border



Police (ITBP) on Friday has recommended gallantry medals to 21 troops who fought against China's People Liberation Army (PLA) in Eastern Ladakh in May-June, for this year's Independence Day.

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

The ITBP troops not only effectively used shields to protect themselves but also responded fiercely to PLA

advancing troops and brought the situation under control. With the highest order of professional skills, ITBP troops fought shoulder to shoulder and also brought the injured Indian Army troops to the rear," the ITBP said in a statement highlighting the bravery against the treachery of the PLA troops.

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

the youth and those who have returned to the state during the pandemic.

Rawat said, "The impact of the double engine is clearly visible in Uttarakhand. The Central Government has approved various projects amounting to about Rs 1 lakh crore for the State. Work on various projects is underway at a swift pace with the major projects being the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project, Char Dham road project, Kedarnath reconstruction, Bharatmala project, Namami Gange, Dehradun Smart City and others. There has been considerable expansion in road, rail and air connectivity with special focus having been laid on air connectivity."

The Chief Minister said that the basic mantra of his Government is good governance.

CM to hoist Tricolour at Gairsain today

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Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat will unfurl the national flag at the summer capital Gairsain after hoisting the national flag in Dehradun on the occasion of Independence Day today.

He is also scheduled to unveil the foundation for developmental works and make some announcements on the occasion. On the next day, the CM will trek to Dudhatoli where he will also pay homage at the Samadhi of Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali.

Modi's leadership. The PM has rolled out a Rs 20 lakh crore special package to strengthen the economy focusing on the interests of all sections including labourers, farmers, the poor, businessmen and industrialists. Additionally, a Rs one-lakh-crore agriculture infrastructure fund has also been facilitated. The Chief Minister said that honouring the public sentiment, Gairsain was made the summer capital.

Now the work plan for development facilities necessary for a capital is being prepared. He said that in recent times, there has been a rise in Covid cases in the State but



The Vidhan Sabha building in Dehradun illuminated on the eve of Independence Day. Pioneer photo

the Government is fully prepared. The health system has been strengthened. While there were ICUs in only three districts in 2017, now every district has one.

Further, to boost the economy, various types of relaxations have been provided to industries amidst the pandemic. The Mukhyamantri Swarozgar Yojana was also launched to facilitate self employment for

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The authorities reported 122 patients in Haridwar, 73 in Dehradun, 54 in Nainital, 24 in Udham Singh Nagar, 23 in Tehri, six in Uttarkashi, five in Champawat, two each in Pithoragarh and Bageshwar and

Similarly 122 patients were discharged in Haridwar district on the day while 47 patients were discharged in Dehradun, 38 in Pithoragarh, 35 in Nainital, 12 in Pauni, seven in Bageshwar, six in Almora and three each in Champawat and Almora districts. The State now has 3924 active patients of the disease with Haridwar at top of the table of active cases with 1253 cases. Udham Singh Nagar is now at second place with 884 active cases of the disease. Nainital is in third position with 784 active cases while Dehradun is in fourth position with 504 active patients of Covid 19. Uttarkashi has 166, Tehri 145, Champawat 96, Pithoragarh 58, Pauni 54, Chamoli 53, Almora 42, Bageshwar 25, Rudrapur 24 active cases of the disease.

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Referring to Atmanirbhar Bharat mission she said that it will also motivate young people to take up self employment. Schools and colleges are closed due to pandemic and carrying on education is a big challenge. It is encouraging that educational institutes have adopted technology and innovation so speedily.

The Raipur MLA Umesh Sharma Kau, Rajpur MLA Khajan Das, Mussoorie MLA Ganesh Joshi and others were present on the occasion.

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- Narendra Modi

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

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Prez Kovind lauds efforts of frontline corona warriors

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



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President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday lauded the efforts of healthcare professionals at the frontline in the country's fight against the coronavirus pandemic and said the nation is "indebted to doctors, nurses and other health workers". He said the celebrations this year will be restrained without the customary pomp and show owing to the pandemic which has "altered the world we live in". Addressing the nation on the eve of the 74th Independence Day, the President termed the Government's response to the Covid-19 challenge as "superhuman".

Lauding the Centre and State Government for taking steps to contain the transmission of novel coronavirus, Kovind said India's role in dealing with the pandemic is a lesson for the world. The President also spoke on the Galwan Valley face-off in which 20 Indian soldiers

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

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CRPF Assistant Commandant Nareish Kumar has scripted history by receiving his 7th Police Medal for Gallantry in a short span of four years for his gallant action against the terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir. "An officer with sharp tactical acumen and indomitable courage, Nareish Kumar has led the CRPF Valley QAT (Quick Action Team) in Srinagar which has a glorious history of continued success marked with numerous Gallantry medals that embellish its valour," the CRPF said in a statement.

Assistants Commandant Kumar got his first medal in 2017 for an operation which was conducted in Srinagar in 2016. Here, he neutralised two foreign terrorists whereas in 2018, he was awarded with two PMGs for neutralising two Hizbul Mujahideen commanders in a fierce operation which lasted for three days. This year alone, the Valley QAT has been adorned with

more than 15 Gallantry medals. Furthermore, the erstwhile IG Srinagar, CRPF, Ravideep Singh Sahi and the present valley QAT Commander, Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh and his team mate Constable Devsant Kumar have been awarded with Police Medal for Gallantry for a courageous operation in Srinagar on October 3, 2017 where two militants were neutralised by the security forces. For Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh, this is his 3rd Gallantry Medal and second PMG while Constable Devsant Kumar will be receiving the PMG for the second time. Yet another story of grit and courage relates to 208 CoBRA which the team of gallant warriors came under a heavy attack from Maoists in jungles of Sukma, Chhattisgarh on March 03/04, 2016, the troops retaliated with bravery and forced the Maoists to give up their nefarious designs. The CRPF said, "In this long lasting encounter nine Maoists were neutralised while five were injured. Three Bravehearts of

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

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As the situation on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh remains tense for nearly three months now, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said India has never attacked anywhere to capture land of others. Reiterating this, he also said India believes in winning hearts and not land. "But it does not mean we will let our self-esteem be hurt," he said. Making this assertion during the customary address to the troops on the eve of the Independence Day, he, however, cautioned if attacked India as always will give a befitting reply. He, however, did not name China.

His observations came in the backdrop of five rounds of military level and four at the diplomatic level in the past few weeks failing to resolve the stand-offs now on at four friction points. Moreover, China has not withdrawn its troops from these sites despite agreement thereby leading to tension in the area. In his address, the defence minister assured that the government is doing all that is necessary to keep our forces morale high and fulfill their all operational requirement. Later in his tweet message, he paid tributes to the soldiers. "On the eve of India's Independence Day, I salute the indomitable courage of the brave soldiers of our Armed Forces who are self-

lessly serving the nation. Their unmatched courage and patriotism has ensured that our country is safe," he said. In another tweet, the minister said the Government is leaving no stone unturned to strengthen the armed forces and ensure the welfare of their families and the ex-servicemen. Amid the ongoing stand-off, the Defence Ministry has given the armed forces emergency financial powers to procure weapons systems up to Rs 300 crores on an urgent basis without any further clearances to cut short the procurement cycle. The Services have embarked on major procurements of ammunition, anti-tank missiles, man portable air-defences, unmanned aerial vehicles among others.

Def Min launches portal providing access to defence vendors



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Days after banning import of 101 weapon systems to make the Indian defence industry self-reliant, the Government on Friday signed four contracts as part of Defence India Start Up challenge in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. On the final day of 'Atmanirbhar Week' celebration of the Defence Ministry, he also launched Department of Defence Production (DDP) portal SRIJAN which is a 'one stop shop online portal that provides access to the vendors to take up items that can be taken up for indigenisation. A number of Expressions of inter-

est/Requests for Proposal were also issued. Speaking on the occasion, Rajnath said signing of these MoUs and contracts will lead us to self-reliance in the technologies related to defence manufacturing. He called upon the Indian industry partners to show complete commitment and take proactive participation in the pursuit of indigenisation and self-reliance in the defence sector. Commending the DDP for creating SRIJAN portal, the minister said this will help Indian industry partners to play active role in the goal of self-reliance in defence sector. Pursuant to Atmanirbhar Bharat announcement, Department of Defence

Production has developed an indigenisation portal, srijan.defence.gov.in, "opportunities for Make in India in Defence", which will give information on items that can be taken up for indigenisation by the private sector. On this portal, DDPs/OBs/SHOs can display their items which they have been importing or are going to import which the Indian Industry can design, develop and manufacture as per their capability or through joint venture with OEMs. The Indian Industry will be able to show their interest. There are over 3,000 unique items with a value of over Rs 10,000 Crore that are available through the portal.

Former Maha CM Fadnavis may get key role in Bihar election

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The BJP is expected to give former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis a key role in the Bihar election, due later this year. A move is also to appoint Fadnavis as election-in-charge of Bihar polls, according to sources. The former Maharashtra Chief Minister's role assumes importance in the backdrop of a raging controversy around the death of Sushant Singh Rajput, a young actor and Bollywood star and a native of Bihar. Sushant's parents have lodged an FIR in the state in the case. The BJP has been alleging that the Mumbai police under Minister Uddhav Thackeray and his son for the handling of the actor's case and demanding a CBI probe into his death and "justice" for him. The issue of the 34-year-old actor's death triggered charges and counter-charges between the two States with

Maharashtra Shiv Sena leaders accusing the BJP-ID (U) coalition Government of Bihar of politicising the investigation to serve its political ends when assembly polls are round the corner. The Bihar Government's eagerness to take up the case of Rajput is seen by many as a move to consolidate "thakur votes" in the state as also a gesture that the Nitish Kumar-led government was standing by its 'son of the soil' and his family in distress. The reports of the appointment of Fadnavis have been growing since he chaired a core committee meeting of the BJP's Bihar unit party on August 13 and BJP President J P Nadda directing leaders in Bihar to brief former Maharashtra Chief Minister on the campaign strategy. Fadnavis, the first Brahmin CM of Maharashtra who lost his second run in the state as CM, has been living in political shadows in Maharashtra after the 'Maha vikas Aghadi' coalition took reins of governance in the State. The BJP is also expecting to benefit from Fadnavis' Brahmin origins. Brahmins constitute 5 percent of the population in Bihar.

India exports 23 lakh PPEs to 5 countries

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With export norms relaxed, India managed to export 23 lakh Personal Protection Equipments to five countries namely the USA, the UK, UAE, Senegal and Slovenia in just a month. "This has substantially aided India to position itself in the global export market of PPEs," said a statement from the Union Health Ministry. PPEs are a crucial medical resource for frontline workers during the pandemic that include body coveralls, N-95 masks, goggles, face shields among others. The reports of the Ministry of the 'Make in India' spirit embedded in the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Aikyaan' has resulted in providing resilience and self-sufficiency to the country for various medical equipment including PPEs.

While the Union Government is supplying PPE kits, N95 masks, ventilators etc., to the State governments and union territories administrations, states are also procuring these items directly. "Between March and August 2020, they have procured 1.40 crore indigenous PPE from their own budgetary resources. During the same period, the Centre has disbursed 1.28 crore PPE to states, UTs and central institutions, free of cost," said the ministry in a statement. The Centre has been leading the graded, pre-emptive, proactive and collaborative response and management of COVID-19, along with the states union territories. As part of its continued efforts towards progressively augmenting and strengthening the medical infrastructure across the country, various policy decisions have been taken on a regular basis.

At the start of the pandemic, there was a global shortage of all kinds of medical equipment including N95 masks, PPE kits, ventilators etc., the ministry underlined. Most of the products were not being manufactured in the country in the beginning as many of the necessary components were to be procured from other countries. The rising global demand due to the pandemic resulted in their scarce availability in the foreign markets, it stated. Turning the pandemic into an opportunity to develop its domestic market for production of medical equipment, the government has combined efforts of ministries of health, textiles, pharmaceuticals, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Defence Research and Development Organisation and others, India has hugely ramped up its own manufacturing capacity, the ministry said.

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

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

also gone up by a third in seven years to an estimated 350,000 people. The research, published in the journal BMC Medicine, comes at a time when there are concerns that spitting - a behaviour common among those who chew tobacco - is likely to transmit the Covid-19 virus. "The study has come at a time when Covid-19 is affecting almost all aspects of our lives. Chewing tobacco increas-

es saliva production and leads to compulsive spitting," said study researcher Kamran Siddiqi from the University of York in the UK. There are concerns that spitting - a behaviour common among those who chew tobacco - is likely to transmit the virus to others. The acknowledgement of this, India, for example, has already taken a positive step by banning spitting in public places to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, Siddiqi added. The study estimated that in 2017 one smokeless tobacco resulted in more than 90,000 deaths due to cancers of the mouth, pharynx and oesophagus and accounted for more than 258,000 deaths from heart disease. Millions more have their lives shortened by ill-health due to the effects of chewing tobacco-based products, the study reveals.

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8	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG. DIVISION KARNAL	APMT. ESTIMATE FOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME GHARHANA TOWN, "OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF ALL STRUCTURES/COMPONENTS, PUMP CHAMBER, BOUNDARY WALL, DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, TURBUINES, PUMPING MACHINERY, OSHA, ETC. WATER SUPPLY SCHEME GHARHANA TOWN AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THEREO FOR THE PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS" (FROM THE DATE OF COMPLETION)	13.08.2020 27.08.2020	220.07 LACS	http://tenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO. HRY_139394	0194-2266041 etgphn@hry.nic.in
9	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT PANCHUKHA	CONSTRUCTING RETAINING WALL AND GRADED WIRE SITE NEAR LAND OF SH. KARNAL, SINGH NEAR TANGRI NAZI IN VILLAGE NARAINPUR, BLOCK, SANSAR NALI, 2 + OTHER WORKS.	CLOSING DATE 28.08.2020	29.22 LACS	http://tenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570325 etgphn@hry.nic.in
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BENGALURU VIOLENCE

'Riots started within 3 hours of FB post'

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

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

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

The mob pelted stones, injuring 60 policemen, and committed acts of vandalism and arson in D J Halli, KG Halli, Pulikeshinagar and Kaval Byrasandra areas. "As soon as the news reached the police, cops from nearby police stations rushed to the spot," said Jain.

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

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

Terrorists kill two cops on outskirts of Srinagar

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Ahead of the Independence Day celebrations, heavily armed terrorists, believed to be the cadre of Jammu & Kashmir Police, carried out a terror outfit on Friday shot dead two policemen and wounded another in "indiscriminate" firing on the outskirts of Srinagar near Nowgam bypass.

The terrorists seem to have done thorough recon of the area before targeting the police party on the outskirts of Srinagar city near Nowgam bypass and targeted the policemen by opening indiscriminate firing around 9.30 a.m. He said three policemen received injuries but two among them succumbed to their

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

SG Vijay Kumar said, "elaborate security deployment was done on ground zero to ensure incident free Independence day celebrations in the valley." He said after the terror strike the entire area has been cordoned off to track down the footprints of the terrorists behind the attack. He said, preliminary reports suggested that the police party was ambushed by Jammu & Kashmir police paid their tribute and remembered the supreme sacrifices of the jawans of the J&K police. The mortal remains were later shifted to their local residences in Srinagar where thou-

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

Interacting with the media persons, DGP Dilbag Singh said, "it is the handiwork of the Pakistan and its proxies who don't want to see peace prevailing in the region. He said, the security situation has largely improved in Kashmir valley but in between when such incidents occur our resolve to restore peace gets strengthened. Referring to measures adopted by the security forces ahead of the 1-day celebrations, DGP said, drone cameras and camera fitting vehicles have been deployed at various places to ensure complete area coverage during the 1-day function.

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

GOLD SMUGGLING

Kerala Protocol Officer denies about diplomatic baggage

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

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

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

Wildlife lovers appeal Modi to save endangered black bucks

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

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

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

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

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When his attention was drawn to the NCP chief's disapproval of his grandnephew Rohit Pawar's demand for CBI probe into the alleged Sushant Singh Rajput suicide case, Raut said, "You should see the whole episode as a grandfather giving his grand nephew. Even late Bal Thackeray used to rebuke the youngsters when something went wrong. His family members as well as of us used to feel happy. Because, if he got irritated with us, we would think he was keeping a watch on us. Even in Rohit's case, Pawar did say whatever he said at that time. He said whatever he said over that day. Now it has become a family matter".

Kerala CM, 7 Ministers go into quarantine

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Covid-19 is causing havoc in Kerala as 1,569 new persons were diagnosed positive for the pandemic in the last 24 hours ending Friday 6 pm. The situation in the State is so grave that Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and seven of his Cabinet colleagues have gone under self-quarantine on Friday. The Ministers who have gone under quarantine include K K Shyllaja, Health Minister. Ten persons summoned to Covid 19 on Friday while 1,354 out of the new 1,569 cases contracted the pandemic through social transmission. 86 patients who tested positive on Friday failed to pinpoint the source from where they contracted the pandemic.

Interestingly, Shyllaja had said in a release on Thursday that Kerala is likely to see the number of Covid-19 cases going up to 10,000 to 20,000 per day in the coming weeks and the number of casualties too would go along with it.

Loknath Behera, State Police Chief too went under quarantine on Friday. He had accompanied the Chief Minister in the latter's trip to Kozhikode and Munar recently. The responsibility of Covid-19 management has been given to the Police Department by the Chief Minister on Wednesday as all measures to fight and control the pandemic has come a cropper in the State. The SP of Malappuram too went under self-quarantine as the district collector too was tested positive on Friday.

MLAs to take feedback from Covid patients

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

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

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

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

Case of assault of MLA-SHO overshadowed on online platform

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

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

Former Chief Minister and BSP supremo Mayawati said her tweet that the law and order in UP is dying. Allegations made by the BJP MLA and the police in Aligarh are very serious, whoever is guilty, action should be taken against them. What is the dispute between the SP-BJP government in terms of crime control and law and order? Government should pay proper attention to it.

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

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

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

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Seeking to "expose" the Rs 20 lakh crore Covid-19 Economic Assistance Package announced by the Modi Government in August last year, the Maharashtra Pradesh Youth Congress (MPYC) President Satyajeet Tambe said here on Friday that "the self-styled Pradhan Sevak" insisted ₹20 lakh crore-worth of assistance was given to farmers, entrepreneurs, and the unemployed, but the video interviews recorded that not a single farmer has received the assistance promised, "Tambe said.

The fact-finding teams also consulted local traders, shops and factories and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, and the unemployed, who also attest on record that the relief sought is still empty pockets. He said that the people of Maharashtra have participated wholeheartedly in our poll and their recorded testimonies express the same disillusionment across critical sections of the economy".

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

Andhra HC extends status quo on 3 Capitals issue

IAINS ■ AMARAVATI

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday extended, till August 27, the status quo on three capitals issue. A three-judge bench comprising Justices Rakesh Kumar, A.V. Sesha Sai and M. Satyanarayana Murthy directed the State government to maintain the status quo for two more months. He said his appeal to vacate the intention order passed on August 4.

The court on Friday took up hearing of nearly 55 petitions filed to challenge the Andhra Pradesh Government's decision to develop a new capital and to move the Government of All Regions Act, 2020 and the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) Repeat Act, 2020.

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

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

The government had on Thursday filed a common counter-affidavit claiming that the related policy decision was within the purview of the Act, and that it had the obligation under Article 38 of the Constitution to ensure that there were no inequalities among the people in different areas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amaravati, which was orig-

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

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

About 24,000 farmer families had given 33,000 acres of land for development of the capital city. The pooling scheme five years ago.

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

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

Lord Muruga, Lord Vinayaka to unite Tamil Nadu Hindus

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Lord Muruga and Lord Vinayaka are playing a major role in uniting the Hindus in Tamil Nadu who have been divided along caste lines. Hindus all over the State had come out protesting against the humiliation meted out to Lord Muruga by Karuppu Kootam (the Black Alliance), a frontal organisation under the auspices of the Dravidian outfits.

A YouTube channel under Karuppu kootam had aired an obscene song as a parody to the Skanda Shasti Kavacham, an iconic hymn of Muruga devotes all over the world and which was immortalized by Sotlamangalam Sisters, the famous devotional song proponents. The Tamil Nadu Government was forced to arrest the Karuppu Kootam manage-

ment only after State-wide protests by the devotees which included the skanda Shasti Kavacham recitation and worshipping idols of Lord Muruga.

On Wednesday, Tamil Nadu Government ordered the ban of Vinayaka Chaturthi processions and festivities citing the Covid-19 situation in the State. Hell has broken loose all over the State with Hindu organisations including the BJP coming out in protest against the government order banning the processions and festivities. Vinayaka Chaturthi processions in Tamil Nadu have been a major concern for the Government as well as the law and order enforcement agencies as Muslims strongly object to the carrying of Vinayaka idols along the main thoroughfares and highways across the State as part of the immersion ceremony.

Goa housing societies stigmatising patients, warned

IAINS ■ PANAJI

Goa Health Minister Vishwajit Rane on Friday warned of a crackdown on housing societies and colonies discriminating against asymptomatic Covid-19 patients who have opted for home isolation.

Rane said that his Ministry has been receiving complaints about various housing societies and other residential complexes stigmatising asymptomatic Covid-19 patients, including restricting supply of food to those in home isolation.

"You cannot stigmatise patients who are opting for home isolation, otherwise government will come down heavily and take action against these housing societies and colonies. I have received complaints that committees are not allowing access to those who are in home isolation in different societies", Rane said.

"Supply of food is being stopped at the gates, as a result it is creating problems for patients who are asymptomatic and under monitoring of the Indian Medical Association and Health services. These people should not be stigmatised", Rane said.

The Health Minister said that Covid-19 could affect anyone. "Covid does not recognise caste, status or society. Anybody can become Covid positive. There should not be any kind of stigmatisation. Home isolation decision has to be respected. No society or colony can take these decisions on its own", Rane said.

Kadha' stalls, another start-up in corona times

IAINS ■ LUCKNOW

With a cure for coronavirus still not known, more and more people are turning to Ayurvedic Kadha' prescriptions to keep the virus at bay.

In a new start-up, kiosks selling Kadhas have sprung in at several places, especially those frequented by morning walkers.

"We used to sell juices of bottle gourd, bitter gourd here, but now we have added Kadha and the majority of our customers prefer a glass of this Ayurvedic concoction," said Ramesh Sharma who sets up a stall near a park in Shidra Nagar locality every morning.

Ramesh claims that his wife and mother prepare the Kadha by boiling various spices, including cardamom, ginger, nutmeg, pepper, coriander, basil leaves, cinnamon, honey and turmeric. However, he admitted that he was not aware of the quantity of spices that should go into the making of the decoction.

He sells a small glass of the concoction for Rs 40 and many customers even get it packed for home.

Swadesh Sharma, a septuagenarian, said, "I drink one cup and take home three cups. My wife and I drink this Kadha twice a day".

Ravindra Kumar, another morn-

ing walker and a regular Kadha consumer, said that preparing the decoction at home was a cumbersome task.

"My wife and I go to work and we barely get time to cook a meal. Preparing the Kadha takes a lot of time so we drink a cup here", he said.

Almost all the morning walkers who flock to the Kadha stalls, said they had learnt about the benefits of this from TV and newspapers.

Apart from this, packets of ready-to-brew Kadha are now available in the market.

This is in a powder form and is easy to consume. It is measured quantities and there is no need to even strain the decoction," said Mohan Lal, who sells packets of the Kadha powder in his grocery store in Mahanagar area.

The medical practitioner, doctor Raj Kumar, said over-consumption of Kadha was proving harmful for many.

"Excessive use of spices like nutmeg, cinnamon in this weather can lead to other problems. People are going overboard in drinking Kadha because they believe that it will keep corona away, but the side effects are now showing up", he explained.

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

Gandhinagar:

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

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

Hotspot Surat continued to lead the state's tally with 232 cases, followed by Ahmedabad (161), Vadodra (107), Rajkot (99), Jamnagar (56), Panmahals (40), Junagadh (39), Gandhinagar (36), Bhavnagar (35), Navsari (34), Mahesana (24 each), Bharuch and Dahod with (23 each), Kutch (22), Morbi (21), Banaskantha (15), Patan and Surendranagar (13 each), Anand (12), Navsari (10), Valsad (9), Sabarkantha (8), Kheda and Narmada (7 each), Botad and Chhota Udupar (6 each), Tapi (5), Mahisagar and Porbandar (4 each), and Aravalli and Devbhumi Dwarka (3 each).

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

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

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

India at 74

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



On September 5, 2019, 74-year-old Erramatti Mangayamma gave birth to twin girls in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, becoming the world's oldest mother after being called "barren" her whole life. At 74, Ferdinand Marie de Lesseps made an attempt to construct the Suez Canal. And at 77, John Glenn became the oldest person to go into space. The point of citing these inspirational figures, who were really ordinary men and women till they were challenged, is that no time is too early or too late enough to make a new beginning. And at 74, with perhaps one of the most unimaginable crises in our nation's history — the relentless pandemic,

the sliding economy, the collapse of democratic institutions, the chaos of sectarian politics and a conflict-ridden society — India is perhaps at that turning point in its timeline to correct its course and claim a new destiny. Perhaps this churning is necessary to prepare ourselves for a new century instead of relying on templates that we thought were transformative but are now past their prime. Had it not been for the pandemic and the crushing burden it imposed on our social and economic infrastructure, we wouldn't have bothered to look at rebuilding them. There's nothing wrong with globalisation except that when there is resource scarcity in every nation, as a pandemic-induced shutdown snapped mutual dependencies, we ought to be self-sufficient. The massive push to self-produce through *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, decentralising the agricultural economy and empowering rural India may not show results in the short-term. But at least the steps for the next big leap have been laid. China transformed itself in its lowest phase and became the world's largest producer. As a consumption-driven society, we are battling low demand and investment, but given the accelerators and enablers in economic packages, revival is possible. Graded targets for manufacturing at home, incentivisation and hand-holding through the initial breakthrough stage, standardisation of quality through technical partnerships with global expertise, developing economies of scale and allowing competition only to build better and robust home brands will get us there. Not insularity, but letting the trade winds blow so that we can make our mark on shop shelves around the world beyond the boutique handicrafts or tea. If we can be the world's largest producer of vaccines, we can be the factory floor for other products as well. Statistics speak for themselves. Most global chains and majors have, so far, not robbed domestic brands of their dedicated market but have had to indigenise their product lines instead. Pre-pandemic, India emerged as one of the fastest-growing major economies and post-recovery is projected to become one of the top three biggest economies in about a decade. And if the deep penetration of our digital economy is any indication, then that would be our competitive edge. These are also the days when India has awakened to its potential in the knowledge economy. Taking the COVID-19 management module as an example, just in a four-month period, we have developed our own test kits, exported drugs, ventilators and PPE kits, worked on our own vaccine and built multi-bed treatment facilities through both public spending and private partnerships. Imagine, what an increased health spending and a ground-up public health policy, especially at the primary and secondary levels, can do to ease medical treatment and not make it another nightmare for a nation battling serious disease burdens. For the first time, research and development (R&D) is being prioritised in the National Education Policy (NEP) with dedicated funding, compared to the last few years when money spent on it has been actually dwindling. The NEP's switch in emphasis from herd-oriented learning to an absorptive and application-based one should hopefully groom innovative minds and get us creditable research papers and patents, an area where our centres of excellence are still inadequate. So far, ISRO has been the only name that comes to mind when it comes to innovation, what with its missions to the moon and Mars. But science and technology will be the most meaningful when it impacts the life of the common man, still distressed and poor, and given Indian ingenuity, we could lead a solution-oriented talent pool.

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

Sputnik V and safety

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



Russia claims to have beaten the rest of the world and come out with a vaccine for the Coronavirus named 'Sputnik V'. However, even before it hits the markets, it has become mired in controversy, with several countries, and even traditional friend India, expressing some doubts over its efficacy. What has the experts worried is the pace at which Sputnik V has been produced, leaving behind front-runners like Oxford-AstraZeneca, Moderna and Pfizer. They fear that without large scale community trials, Moscow has cut corners and may have put the lives of those inoculated at risk. The Moscow-based Gamaleya Institute, which is

making the vaccine, got lightning speed regulatory approvals less than two months after it got into human trials. Compare this to other vaccine candidates in human trials that are not expected to be ready before early next year. However, Russia has claimed that such fast approvals were possible because Sputnik V resembles a vaccine for the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome that had already been tested greatly. This isn't the only controversy surrounding Russia and its bid to win the vaccine race. In July, it was accused of trying to steal vaccine research by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre. But the fact of the matter is that despite all the concerns of health and security experts, Moscow has got orders for one billion doses already from countries desperate to eradicate the pandemic. And even as Russia claims that India is one of the 20 nations to place an order, New Delhi has set up an expert committee headed by NITI Aayog member VK Paul to "consider the logistics and ethical aspects of procuring and administering the COVID-19 vaccine." The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) can ask Russia to conduct late-phase human trials, usually both phase-2 and phase-3, on an Indian population. This is the usual requirement for all vaccines developed outside India.

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

Pledge of independence

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



AJOY KUMAR

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SOUNDBITE

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

Congress leader
Sachin Pilot



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

Actor
—Vikrant Massey



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

US President
—Donald Trump



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

Chinese Ambassador to India
—Sun Weidong



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Manage distribution

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

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

KV Seetharamaiah
Hassan

Diminishing popularity

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

Race to the White House

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



it tweaks its stance, a Democratic victory would have a significant bearing on both the Indo-US and Indo-China relationships. Black voters in the US, courtesy the George Floyd saga, are already poised against Trump. Kamala's entry will lead to a further hardening of stance. How the two political parties, going forward, charm them will be a matter of strategy and shall have long term echoes on who stays on top of the pecking order in the geopolitical space.

SK Prabhakar
Gurugram

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

CK Subramaniam
Via email

Temporary relief

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

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FIRST COLUMN

\$5 trillion GDP a distant dream

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



SWAPNIL SONI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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I HAVE THE GREAT HONOUR TO ANNOUNCE THAT I'VE PICKED KAMALA HARRIS, A FEARLESS FIGHTER FOR THE LITTLE GUY AS MY RUNNING MATE FOR THE ELECTIONS.
—FORMER US VICE-PRESIDENT
JOE BIDEN

POINT COUNTERPOINT



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

Shun vitriolic leaders

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



FIROZ BAKHT AHMED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MSMEs need help to keep afloat

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



DIPANKER MUKHERJEE

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are the lifeblood of the season. Promoting inclusive growth by providing employment opportunities in rural areas to women and people belonging to marginalised sections of society, they are the new engines of India's growth story. Contributing about 29 per cent to India's GDP, the vision is to increase this contribution to about 50 per cent. Collectively employing over 120 million people, second only to the mammoth agriculture sector, the MSME sector contributes over 45 per cent to India's overall exports.

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

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

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

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

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

growth in future demand, this sector will be hard hit. For the MSME sector not to become a "me too" sector, asking for loans, it is a classic "catch-22" situation. Government in turn nudging the unwilling banking sector to provide credit in a high default risk scenario, the options available are seemingly limited. An enhanced working capital limit and guarantee on loans to small businesses seem to be the way ahead.

The biggest need for working capital — MSME bank loans — is contested by the banks. Processes are lengthy and loan queues are long. The MSMEs can't get loans and hence don't grow and because they don't grow, they don't get loans. It is a vicious cycle.

The credit gap for MSMEs as estimated by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Intellect stands at ₹1.7 lakh crore. Loan approvals, logistics support, technology access and market access work against the MSME growth ambition. Unlike large companies, they do not have the support of a

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RBI to pay ₹57,128 cr dividend to Govt

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

as per the revised Economic Capital Framework (ECF).

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

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

Buffer at 5.5 per cent," it said.

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

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

will miss the target.

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

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

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

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

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

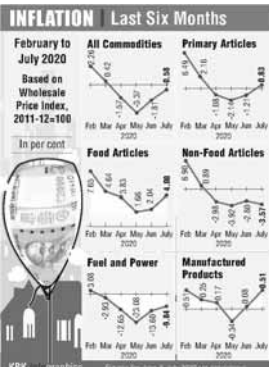
WPI inflation falls 0.58% in July, food prices spike

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



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

ICRA Principal Economist Aditi Nayar said the considerable narrowing in the WPI disinflation in July 2020 relative to the previous month, was along expected lines, with a correction in the index levels for crude oil and mineral oils, further narrowing of the disinflation and a rise in food inflation. "The surge in tomato prices and moderate rise in potato prices pushed up the vegetable inflation in July 2020, contributing to the uptick in the inflation for primary food articles to a four-month high.

Markets retreat for 3rd day; bank stocks bleed

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Global equities were under pressure following lacklustre industrial production and retail sales data in China. Bourses in Hong Kong and Seoul ended in the red, while Shanghai and Tokyo settled with gains.

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

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

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

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

During the session, the rupee witnessed an intra-day high of 74.74 and a low of 74.93 against the greenback. On weekly basis, the rupee inched up 3 paise against the US dollar. PTI

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

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Gr Noida brings open-ended scheme of residential buildings

Greater Noida: On the occasion of Independence Day, the Greater Noida Authority is bringing an open-ended scheme of residential buildings from date, GNIDA CEO Narendra Bhoshan said.

Under which you can decorate the dream of dwelling by not applying for the request. It is a special occasion for them that if they are living on rent or are confused about the breathing plan of the builders, then the authority is providing them a lot of opportunity to choose the building of their choice in this scheme.



METRO RLY OBSERVES CLEANLINESS WEEK

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

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

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

Milaap introduces free fundraising

New Delhi: For charitable organisations and personal causes during the Covid pandemic, Milaap is introducing a free fundraising platform for the upcoming festive season from the Independence Day. "We made Milaap free for all relief related fundraisers as a token of gratitude. Therefore, it made perfect sense for extending this 0% fee to all fundraisers," said Mayukh Choudhury, co-founder and CEO of Milaap.

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Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30.06.2020					
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Corresponding three months ended in the previous year	
		30-Jun-20	31-Mar-20	30-Jun-19	31-Mar-19
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1	Total Income from operations (net)	0.91	0.99	1.09	1.09
2	Net Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities after tax*	(1.28)	(1.87)	(1.76)	(1.76)
3	Profit/(Loss) from operations (net) (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(1.28)	(1.87)	(1.76)	(1.76)
4	Equity Share Capital	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
5	Reserves (including Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	12.26	12.26	18.60	18.60
6	Earnings Per Share (from ordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each) (In Rs.) 1. Basic 2. Diluted	(0.50)	(2.55)	(0.74)	(0.74)
*The Company does not have any extraordinary item to report for the above period					
Notes: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed form of Quarter ended 30.06.2020 Financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full financial results are available on the company's Website www.supraindustrialresources.in and on the stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. 2. The Unaudited standalone financial results of the Company for the quarter ended 30.06.2020 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 14.08.2020. 3. This statement has been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules 2015 (the IAS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable. for Supra Industrial Resources Ltd., Sd/- Rajiv Agarwal Director (DIN: 00286255)					

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Regd. Off: NS-82, Khazra No-3321, Ranaj Enclave, Najafgarh, Near Arjun Park Bus Stand New Delhi-110043 Email id: superiorfilelease@gmail.com; Website: www.superiorfilelease.com Extract of Statement of Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on June 30, 2020 (Rupees in lakh)									
Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE		CONSOLIDATED		Year ended		Year ended	
		30-06-20	30-06-19	31-03-20	30-06-20	30-06-19	31-03-20	30-06-19	31-03-20
		Un-audited	Un-audited	Audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations	23.10	22.85	102.33	23.10	22.85	102.33	23.10	102.33
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	15.74	8.16	22.09	15.74	8.16	22.09	15.74	22.09
3	Net Profit for the period (before tax) (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	15.74	8.16	22.09	15.74	8.16	22.09	15.74	22.09
4	Net Profit for the period (after tax) (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	15.74	6.04	16.31	15.74	6.04	16.31	15.74	16.31
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	15.74	4.96	16.91	15.74	4.96	16.91	15.74	16.91
6	Equity Share Capital	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10
7	Reserves (including Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the previous year	3.31	(8.67)	(11.27)	3.31	(8.67)	(11.27)	3.31	(11.27)
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (In Rs.) 1. Basic 2. Diluted	0.52	0.20	0.54	0.54	0.20	0.54	0.52	0.54
9	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (after Extraordinary Items) (In Rs.)	0.52	0.20	0.54	0.54	0.20	0.54	0.52	0.54
Note: The above is an extract of the detailed form of the Quarterly Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full financial results are available on the Stock Exchange Website (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and Company's website www.superiorfilelease.com.									
For Superior Filelease Limited Sd/- (RAJNEESH KUMAR) Director (DIN: 00430393)									

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Pursuant to Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of Meyer Apparel Limited is scheduled and will now be held on Thursday, 27th August, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at 412, 4th Floor, Orient Business Tower, Kharkhoda, Sector-34, Gurugram - 122004. Arrangement will also be made for participation of Board members electronically through video - conferencing facility. This notice is also available on the website of the Company @ www.meyerapparel.com and on the website of BSE Ltd. @ www.bseindia.com, where the company's shares are listed.	
For Meyer Apparel Limited Sd/- Nitesha Bakshi Associate Company Secretary Place: Gurugram Date: 08th Aug, 14, 2020	

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e-Tender Notice No. W64/12/2019/10A dated 13.08.2020, Chief Engineer, Western Railway, HQ Office, Churanga, Mumbai-400 027. Invites e-Tenders per the details given below (i) e-Tender No. 1: W64/12/2019/10A (ii) Name of the Work: Procurement of Turntable Carriage Tip Tamping Tools for Tamping machines (Maxi, Plaster or equivalent). (iii) Approximate Cost: Rs. 30,12,140.25. (iv) Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 60,250.00. (v) Tender Closing Date: 15.09.2020 at 11:00 Hrs. (vi) Opening Date: 15.09.2020 at 11:15 Hrs. (vii) Regarding detailed notice containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions. Please visit www.irps.gov.in. Manual offers will not be accepted.	
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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Friday, 21st August, 2020 to consider and take on record the Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June, 2020 among other things.	
Copy of the said Notice and the Financial Results shall also be available at the Company's website at www.prakashwoollen.com and on Stock Exchange Website at www.bseindia.com. For Prakash Woollen & Synthetic Mills Limited Sd/- VYAS KUMAR GUPTA WHOLETIME DIRECTOR & CFO Place: Village Anandpur (Moradabad) Date: 14.08.2020 DIN: 0033525	

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
NOTICE INVITING TENDER	
Name of work and its location	30-Elect-18-T-2020-21-63 Electrical work in connection with improvement of lighting in goods terminal at FN, PWL, SHDM, KKDE, KLE, MSZ, ROK & GGN over Delhi Division.
Approx cost of the works in	Rs. 91.62 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Civil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Earnest Money	Rs. 183300.00
Date & time of submission of tender	08.09.2020, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	08.09.2020, 12.00 Hrs.
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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.5/16/2020 Date 13.08.2020				
S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.	
426	Real Time RT PCR	1 No.	28.08.2020	
428	Boogie Bumper Arrangement	96 Nos.	04.09.2020	
430	Paint Maintenance	30166 Ltrs.	08.09.2020	
431	Tensioning device Asy.	315 Set	05.09.2020	
432	Vinyl Coated Upholstery Fabric	69917 Mtrs.	07.09.2020	
433	Pair of Leather Hand Gloves	12587 Pair	07.09.2020	
434	Set of Lock Asy.	43 set	07.09.2020	
435	Carbide Cutting Key Switch (POS No.125)	37 Nos.	07.09.2020	
436	Man compressor 1745 LPM	80 Nos.	07.09.2020	
437	High Reach Parafixing	48 Nos.	07.09.2020	
438	CPRI Side Bearer Post Asy. 22x5 Bogies	619 Nos.	07.09.2020	
439	Center Pivot Top for Camrub 22 HS/Mod1 Bogie	1166 Nos.	07.09.2020	
440	Relay QNA1 8F/8B	1005 Nos.	08.09.2020	
441	Boogie Frame Arrangement	96 Nos.	08.09.2020	
442	Wheel Pulling system Konnamatal	2371 Nos.	08.09.2020	
443	R/M Paint Bulk	108400 Ltrs.	09.09.2020	
444	Set of VRLA Battery 110V/7AH	203 Set	09.09.2020	
445	Man Entrance Door Moving (R.H.)	25 Nos.	09.09.2020	
446	CPRI Maintenance	30166 Ltrs.	09.09.2020	
447	R/M Paint Synthetic enamel, Exterior	23977 Ltrs.	10.09.2020	
448	Roof Mounted AC Package Unit	35 Nos.	10.09.2020	
449	Pressure Sensor Converter Kit	21 Nos.	10.09.2020	
450	Carbon Brush for H/TACAC type Traction	33386 Nos.	11.09.2020	
451	Set of PU Lining	4531 Set	11.09.2020	
452	CPRI Side Bearer post Asy. 22x5B bogie	659 Nos.	11.09.2020	
453	Steel angle complete type RISA-750	259 Nos.	11.09.2020	
454	Top Part Sliding Door Mechanism	200 Nos.	11.09.2020	
455	Copper Catenary Wire (192/10MM)	136000 Mtrs.	12.09.2020	

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