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Sachin Pilot's ghar wapsi

As face-saver for Raj ex-Dy CM, Cong forms panel to look into issues flagged by him

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 $T^{\text{he month-long crisis in}}_{\text{Rajasthan Congress ended}}$ on Monday after rebel leader Sachin Pilot opted for an "unconditional" truce and his MLAs left for Jaipur from Maneshar in Haryana.

The breakthrough was worked out by Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi, who met Pilot two weeks ago. The process of reconciliation was set in motion in that meeting. Pilot completed the formality of his "home coming" by calling on Rahul Gandhi and later announcing his commit-ment to work for strengthening the Congress.

For a "face saver" Pilot was offered a three-member committee that would look into the issues flagged by him regarding the functioning of the Rajasthan Government and Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's



style of governance. KC Venugopal, Ahmed Patel and Priyanka Gandhi are part of the committee set up by Sonia Gandhi to address grievances of Sachin Pilot and his

supporters. Late at night, Pilot and his supporting MLAs, who were camping in a hotel in Maneshar, arrived at Rahul

Gandhi's residence where Priyanka, Congress organisa-tional general secretary KC Venugopal and Ahmad Patel were present. The MLAs are believed to have conveyed their grievance to the Gandhis, who

promised to look into them. Talking to the reporters his first media interaction after he rebelled against Gehlot -

Pilot said, "Sonia Gandhiji heard all our concerns and the governance issues that we raised. Formation of the threemember committee by the Congress president is a welcome step. I think all the issues will be resolved."

Pilot kept repeating that he was only trying to raise issues about governance and functioning of the Government and there was nothing personal in his action against anyone.

Throughout his press interaction, he never named Gehlot but expressed dismay on name calling and invectives hurled on him.

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KC Venugopal said Sachin
Pilot expressed his grievances
in detail. "They have had a
frank, open and conclusive
discussion. Sachin Pilot has committed to working in the interest of the Congress party and the Congress Government in Rajasthan," he said.

With at least 5-6 of the 18

MLAs supporting him not ready to risk expulsion and the BJP not in a position to help him achieve his objective to topple the Gehlot Government because of lukewarm response from former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje, Pilot has few options but to return "home" unconditionally.

Sources said his meeting with Rahul was arranged by Priyanka at Rahul's residence, where both the Gandhi had "meaningful" discussion with Pilot.

Sources said after Pilot left Rahul and Priyanka, met Sonia to discuss the latest developments following which Sonia called on Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot over phone. Gehlot reportedly assured Sonia Gandhi that he will not defy the party irrespective of the decision it takes on Pilot. He left the matter to Sonia and Rahul to resolve.

flooded with 'get well soon' **Ex-Prez was in hospital for brain surgery**

Former President of India Pranab Mukherjee has tested positive for Covid-19 and admitted to the Army's Research and Referral (R&R) Hospital here.

"On a visit to the hospital for a separate procedure, I have tested positive for Covid-19 today," 84-year-old

Mukherjee tweeted.
"I request the people who came in contact with me in the last week, to please self-isolate and get tested for Covid-19," the Congress leader, who was the President from 2012-17, said.

Mukherjee on Monday underwent a brain surgery at the Army's Research and Referral hospital for removal of a clot, sources said.

Several leaders wished a speedy recovery to Mukherjee. "We wish former President Pranab Mukherjee a speedy recovery from Covid," the



Pranab tests Covid positive,

Congress said on its official Twitter handle.

Abhijeet Mukherjee, the son of the former President, also tweeted, "I wish my father a speedy recovery! I appeal to all my countrymen to pray for his speedy recovery & good health." Several leaders from across the political spectrum also wished him a speedy recovery.

testing in Kolkata on Mondav

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot tweeted, "I have come to know former President of India Pranab Mukherjee has tested positive for Covid-19...concerned about his health. Wish him a speedy recovery."

"Wishing Pranab Mukherjee a speedy recovery. I am sure he will be out of this sooner than later," said Congress leader Mallikariun Kharge. Union Minister Piyush Goyal also wished good health for Mukherjee, and said he is confident that the former President will quickly recover from the virus.

Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi said, "Astonishing and matter of concern that former President Pranab Mukherjee tested positive for Covid per press reports. Very active, regular walker, wish him quick recovery and restful convalescence?

629 more test +ve in city 3 die of Covid at Tirupati,

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T ucknow reported 629 Limore coronavirus positive cases, taking the tally to 13,390, while the COVID-19 death toll reached 149 with eight more people losing the fight against the dreaded

Meanwhile, the state's coronavirus tally crossed the 1.26 lakh-mark as 4,197 more people tested positive while 51 more COVID-19 patients died, pushing the death toll to 2,120. A senior official at the

Lucknow CMO office said that in the last 24 hours, 29 people tested positive in Gomtinagar, 25 in Alambagh, 23 in Aligani, 21 each in Chinhat and Hasanganj 18 each in Indiranagar Hazratgani, 15 Hazratganj, Jankipuram, 14 in Mahanagar, 13 in Thakurganj, 17 in Naka, 15 in 14 Cantonment, 11 in Madiyaon and 10 in Vikas Nagar.

He said that eight COVID-19 deaths in Lucknow included one in Mayo hospital, two each in Vidya and Integral hospitals,



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath administering vitamin A dose to a child while kicking off the National Worm Eradication Campaign in Lucknow on Monday.

pitals.

With 373 patients being discharged from Covid hospitals in the last 24 hours, 6,904 coronavirus infected people have recovered in Lucknow and at present 6,337 active cases are undergoing treatment. Across the state, 4,197 people tested positive taking the tally to 1,26,722. Besides Lucknow, the dis-

and one each in TS Mishra, tricts reporting high number Make Well and KGMU hos- of coronavirus cases were Kanpur Nagar where 269 people tested positive, followed by Gorakhpur (255), Prayagraj (223), Ghaziabad

(148) and Noida (71).

As many as 4,078
COVID-19 patients were discharged from hospitals, taking the number of recovered people to 76,724. At present 4,7878 active cases are undergoing treatment in the state.

over 740 test positive

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PNS ■ TIRUPATI

Three staffers of the famous Lord Venkateswara temple in Tirumala, governed by the Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), have died of Covid-19 and at least 743 others have tested coronavirus positive since the temple re-opened on June 11 for the public after being close for two and a half months owing to the coronavirus-induced lockdown.

Of the 743 infected, three employees succumbed to the dreaded contagion and about 402 personnel have recovered so far from infection while 338 people were undergoing treatment at different Covid care facilities in Tirupati, TTD Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal told reporters.

Singhal denied reports in sections of the media and on social media that TTD had reopened the hill shrine after the coronavirus lockdown for the public with an intention to fill its coffers.

He said the ancient temple was reopened on requests from

devotees and entry was allowed by following strict Covid-19 measures.

About 22,000 people, including regular and outsourced workers, are employed with the board. Tests have been conducted on 9,102 of these employees till now.

Meanwhile, 2.38 lakh devotees from across the country visited the Tirumala temple in July alone. No devotee, who visited the temple ever since it reopened for 'darshan', has tested positive for the positive,



and at other points. The board for the richest temple in the country received about ₹16.69 crore in Hundi collection and about ₹3.97 crore through

according to media reports.

The TTD board has

arranged screening facility for

visitors at the foot of the hill

e-Hundi.





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A medic wearing a PPE collects samples from a woman for Covid-19 rapid antigen

CAPSULE

UGC CHALLENGES DELHI, MAHA CANCELLING EXAMS New Delhi: The UGC in the Supreme Court on Monday questioned the decisions of Delhi and Maharashtra Governments to cancel final year exams of state universities amid the Covid-19 pandemic, saying they were against the rules.

COP KILLED AS TEEN RAMS CAR INTO PATROL VEHICLE New Delhi: A constable was killed and another injured after a speeding car driven by an inebriated youth rammed into their patrolling vehicle in north Delhi in the early hours of

MAHA: DIASBLED COW GETS ARTIFICIAL LEG

Monday, police said.

Pune: A disabled cow got a new lease of Life after a team of doctors from a hospital here fitted an artificial leg, helping it to walk properly. A team led by Dr Salil Jain, head of prosthetics and orthotics department at Sancheti Hospital, made the artificial leg and gifted it to the cow from a shelter home on Pune-Solapur highway.

UP WOMAN GIVEN UP FOR DEAD COMES ALIVE

Amroha: An Amroha woman whose relatives were arrested for honour killing after she was declared dead by police over eight months ago has turned up alive. Police have reopened the case and the officer who had investigated the matter has been suspended, a senior officer said Her father had lodged a complaint on February 6 2019 that his daughter had gone

Rhea, father, brother grilled for 8 hrs in money laundering probe

PNS NEW DELHI

 $T_{\text{Directorate (ED)}}^{\text{he}} \ \ \text{Enforcement}$ Enforcement Monday questioned actress Rhea Chakraborty, her brother Showik, their father Indrajit for the second time in a money laundering probe relating to the allegations of abetment of suicide of film star Sushant Singh Rajput.

The trio appeared at the ED's Mumbai office at 11 am as per the second summons issued by the agency against them, officials said, adding that their questioning continued till late in the evening.

Later, Shruti Modi, busi

ness manager of Rhea and Rajput, also joined the probe. All the four accused were also questioned by the ED on Friday.

In the second half, Rajput's friend and roommate Siddharth Pithani also arrived at the ED office for recording his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Pithani's statement was earlier recorded by the Mumbai Police as part of their accidental death case probe under CrPC in the alleged suicide case.

The ED confronted the accused with one another as also with discrepancies in their statements relating to Rhea's income and investments along with their banking transactions and IT returns.

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Bollywood actress Rhea Chakraborty and her brother Showik leave after a fresh round of questioning by ED in Mumbai on Monday

Sushant death case blown out of proportion as elections are due in Bihar, Rhea tells SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

ctress Rhea Chakraborty Actress Rhea Chakraborty
On Monday told the
Supreme Court the Sushant Singh Rajput death case has been blown out of proportion as elections are due in Bihar and claimed she was being subjected to media trial due to "constant sensationalisation" causing her "extreme trauma".

Chakraborty, 28, also submitted in an additional affidavit filed in the SC she should not be made "scapegoat of political agendas" in the case, and alleged that Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is "reported" to be responsible for registration of the FIR in Patna against her. There was no immediate reaction from the Bihar Government. She said the "constant sen-

sationalisation" was causing extreme trauma and infringement of privacy of her rights came a day ahead of the next hearing of her plea for transfer of the Bihar police FIR against her from Patna to Mumbai.

Faesal quits politics; speculation rife about 2nd innings as IAS babu

His resignation in Jan 2019 has not been accepted vet

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Former IAS officer Shah Faesal, who had launched Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Movement (JKPM) in March 2019, stepped down from the post of the party president on Monday claiming he was not in a position to "continue with political activities".

Shah Faesal was detained in the second week of August 2019 at the IGI Airport in Delhi and was later sent back to the

Valley. Thereafter, he was detained under the Public Safety Act, which was revoked in the first week of June 2020. Since then he has remained confined to his home amid speculation that he may resume

his resignation has not been accepted so far. Faesal had resigned in January 2019 to protest unabated killings in Kashmir and marginalisation of Indian

Muslims. The official website of the Jammu & Kashmir General Administration Department



his bureaucratic career soon as

says, "The officer has submit-



ed or not. According to the statement issued by the JKPM, "The State Executive Committee of J&K Peoples Movement (JKPM) in an online meeting today discussed the ongoing political develop-ments in the State. In the said meeting, the request of Dr Shah Faesal to spare him from

the organisational responsibilities was discussed. Continued on Page 6

ted his resignation which has been for-

warded to the DOPT,

GOI for acceptance".

There is no mention

whether his resigna-

tion has been accept-

Rafale jets start practice sorties at LAC

PNS NEW DELHI

The first five Rafale jets, which came to India last month, have started practice sorties to familiarise themselves with conditions in Himachal Pradesh, which shares the Line of Actual control (LAC) with China. After a few weeks, these jets are likely to fly in Ladakh where the standoff is on for the last three months between the Armies of India and China.

Based at the Ambala airbase after arriving from France on July 29, the five Rafales are going through their paces with intense flying day and night.

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NIA team in UAE to probe ₹14.82 cr Kerala gold smuggling

PNS NEW DELHI

two-member National Atwo-member National Investigation Agency (NIA) team has gone to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to probe the Kerala gold smuggling case.
The NIA team reached

Dubai on Sunday night to investigate the sensational gold smuggling case and is expect-ing the UAE authorities to share more evidence on the involvement of Kerala officials in the scam, many of whom are suspected to have visited that country.

The collection of evidence

from that country will include Sarith PS, Swapna further help in unravelling the larger racket involving Kerala officials.

"The NIA will interrogate one of the key accused in the case — Fazil Fareed — and a couple of more accused who have been taken into custody by the UAE authorities," agency officials said here.

The NIA took over probe into the case on July 10 in which the accused have been booked under stringent provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and other offences under the IPC.

The key accused in the case

Prabha Suresh, Fazil Fareed and Sandeep Nair and others in connection with the seizure of 30 kg of 24 carat gold worth ₹14.82 crore at Trivandrum International Airport on July 5 by the Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Cochin.

The said consignment was found camouflaged in diplomatic baggage from UAE that is exempted from inspection as per the Vienna Convention. The consignment was to be received by accused Sarith PS who had worked in the UAE Consulate earlier as Public Relations Officer.

Initial investigation by Customs Department has revealed that Sarith PS had received multiple such consignments earlier as well.

As the case pertains to smuggling of large quantities of gold into India from offshore locations threatening the economic stability and national security of the country, it amounts to a terrorist act as stated in section 15 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

Initial enquiries revealed that the proceeds of smuggled gold could be used for financing of terrorism in India.



Yogi stresses on quality medicare at Covid hosp

Stressing on quality health care in Covid hospitals across the state, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that additional doctors be deputed if required and also suggested appointment of special secretary-rank officers in districts where the number of coronavirus positive cases had spiked recently.

"Increase the number of beds in Level-2 and Level-3 Covid hospitals and, if required, increase ICU beds in hospitals as well," Yogi said while chairing a review meeting at his official residence here on Monday.

The chief minister directed the Medical Education department to appoint controlling officers in every private medical college where Covid hospitals had been set up. "Post two special secretaries each in Kanpur Nagar and Lucknow to assist the respective district magistrates in

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... launches worm eradication campaign

Lucknow (PNS): Stressing on the importance of good health during childhood, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that a child with good health developed into a healthy man who in turn contributed in the development of society and the country.

"It is the responsibility of all citizens of the country to ensure good health of their own children as well as the children of their locality so that we can have a healthy nation," the chief minister said while kicking off the National Worm Eradication Campaign here on Monday.
Yogi also administered Vitamin A dose to some children. He said Prime

National Health Mission under which he had taken up the cudgel to protect the lives of children. "The government has initiated its programme and now people should take it up. The schemes regarding the welfare of infants, children and youth should be adopted by the local NGOs so that people get the benefit of these programmes," he said.

The National Worm Eradication pro-

gramme was launched in 11 districts under which children in the age group of 1 to 9 years were given medicines to treat worms. The programme was launched in Amethi, Amroha, Banda, Chitrakoot,

Shahjahanpur and Sonbhadra. The total number of children who will be given this medicine is 99.28 lakh.

The chief minister said that the first phase would run for four months, from August to November, during which children would be given chewable tablets of Albendazole. He also launched the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) programme which helps in treating pneumonia and meningitis. "To start with this, vaccine will be administered to children in eight districts. This will in turn help in reducing the mortality rate," the

over 600 cases daily followed by Kanpur Nagar, where the average daily cases in last week have been 250. Similar spike has been witnessed in Varanasi and Prayagraj.

The chief minister further asked officers to continue making efforts to control the coronavirus menace.

"Awareness campaigns be continued with the same urgency along with sensitising people about protection. Various publicity modes like TV, newspapers, banners and posters be used to underline the importance of social distancing and masks," he said. Yogi also reminded officials that fire safety norms should be in place in all hospitals and facilities there should be as per norms. He asked officials to provide all help to flood victims and make sufficient number of shelters in the affected areas. He also directed officials to ensure availability of fertilisers in the

CM Yogi seeks for flood relief

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide financial assistance to Uttar Pradesh for

the flood situation with chief ministers of flood-affected states through video conferenc-

The prime minister assured the UP government of full assistance in combating floods and for the relief and rehabilitation of people affected by the calamity.

State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and 17

He said the NDRF had organised a mock

The chief minister said that so far, 88 flood for 2020-21 fiscal.

He said all necessary repair and strengthening of flood protection embankments was

He also said that in all flood-affected districts, flood protection outposts, wireless centres and flood control rooms were oper-

protection embankments was reported from Mau, Azamgarh and Gonda and they were

a little over one lakh families or 5.75 lakh people were affected by the floods.

Kharif crop on 38,248 hectares land was ravaged and so far, 13 people had died due to

The flood-affected districts in UP include

Yogi also informed the prime minister that

Central assistance

relief and rehabilitation of the flood-affected The request was made during a video-conferencing. On Monday, the prime minister reviewed

ing, in which he was apprised of relief measures being implemented by different states.

Yogi Adityanath informed the prime minister that 15 teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and nine teams of flood companies of the Provincial Armed Constabulary were deployed for relief and rescue operations in flood-affected districts

drill while preparing for relief operations on July 1. He also informed the prime minister that flood helpline 1070 was also being operated by the relief commissioner of UP

protection projects with an outlay of Rs 856 crore had been completed and Rs 318 crore was released so far by the state government

done before the coronavirus pandemic.

Yogi further said that breaches in flood

He said that in 20 flood-affected districts,

The chief minister said that standing

Ambedkarnagar, Ayodhya, Azamgarh, Bahraich, Ballia, Balrampur, Barabanki, Basti, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Kushinagar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Mau, Siddharthnagar, Maharajganj, Deoria, Sant Kabir Nagar, Pilibhit , Pratapgarh

over 90,000 food packets and food grain kits containing 17 items were distributed among affected people, 178 cattle camps were set up and over six lakh cattle head were vaccinat-

controlling the infection and improving medical care. Similarly, one officer each Gorakhpur, Bareilly and Bahraich," he in coronavirus positive cases in the last **Brahmins, Parashuram suddenly become favourites for opposition**UP targeting to double MSME exports in 3 yrs

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 $B^{\text{rahmins, especially Lord}}_{\text{Parashuram, have suddenly}}$ emerged as the politically most sought after block. Eyeing the Brahmin vote bank, Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party had earlier engaged in a game of one-upmanship. Not to be left behind others in the bid to woo the Brahmin votes, a senior Congress leader demanded restoration of holiday on Parashuram Jayanti.

On Monday, former Union minister and Congress leader Jitin Prasada wrote to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, demanding that the holiday announced on Parashuram Jayanti by the erstwhile Samajwadi Party regime, which was nullified by the present regime, be restored. Prasada, who runs Brahmin

Chetna Parishad, said that Lord Parashuram was the sixth avtar (incarnation) of Lord Vishnu and was a revered figure for the He said the scrapping of the Parashuram Jayanti holiday by

the Yogi government had annoyed A holiday on Parashuram ayanti was notified by the Samajwadi Party government in 2017 but after the BJP came to

power it was done away with.

Opposition parties are trying to fuel a Brahmin-Kshatriya tussle ahead of the 2022 Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh.

The politics over Brahmins was thoughtfully pitch-forked by some parties soon after notorious gangster Vikas Dubey was killed in an encounter with the police in Kanpur on July 10.

Kanpur on July 10.

A week before being gunned down in the encounter, Dubey along with his gunmen had ambushed a raiding police team at Bikru village in Chaubepur and snuffed out eight men in uniform, including a deputy superintendent of police and two inspectors

But the opposition parties tried to corner the Yogi Adityanath government by claiming that the Brahmin community was being subjected to increasing atrocities in the present political dispensa-First it was Congress leader Jitin Prasada who launched a

atrocities on Brahmins, under the banner of Brahmin Chetna Prasada was soon followed by Samajwadi Party which announced its plan to install a 108ft tall statue of Lord Parashuram

in Lucknow to show respect

towards the Brahmin icon. The

campaign against the alleged

task was assigned to SP's Brahmin leader and former UP minister

On Sunday, the BSP too jumped in the bandwagon with party chief Mayawati announcing to construct high-tech hospitals after Lord Parashuram once her party came to power in the state.

Meanwhile, UP Congress spokesperson Anshu Awasthi slammed both SP and BSP, asking them to spare Brahmins from

"Lord Parashuram is an icon of Brahmins and all who follow Sanatan religion. Nearly 700 Brahmins have been killed in the last three years of Yogi raj in UP. Can it be possible without government protection? Families were burnt alive. Where were BSP and Samajwadi Party then?" he

"Today, the SP is remembering Lord Parashuram but no one can forget how Brahmins were subjected to atrocities during its regime. In both the SP and BJP regimes, Brahmins have suffered. The Congress has always respected all religions and caste/classes and given six Brahmin chief ministers in UP. Today, when the Congress is fighting over killing of Brahmins on the streets, other parties are doing a formality," he

goods from China. We will incorporate their suggestions in our new export promotion policy to make it more contemporary and competitive," he said. RLD demands relief for flood-hit people

wide lockdown and now the partial unlocking has made huge impact on

the economy, the Uttar Pradesh government is targeting to double the

export by the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector in

the next three years to Rs 2.40 lakh crore. During 2018-19 and 2019-20

financial years, the MSME exports from UP stood at nearly Rs 1.14 lakh

crore and Rs 1.20 lakh crore, respectively. "We have set the target of dou-

bling our exports in the coming three years to touch Rs 2.40 lakh crore," Additional Chief Secretary (MSME and Export Promotion) Navneet Sehgal

said here. He said a new export promotion policy was on the anvil to augment shipments from the state in the coming years.

tive global textile supply chain by providing a competitive avenue to inter-

national buyers, who are currently procuring textile and fabrics from China.
"We are holding discussions with UP-based units with regards to pro-

viding an alternative vendors' base in UP to international buyers sourcing

Besides, the Yogi Adityanath government is looking to tap the lucra-

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Hitting out at the Bharatiya Janata Party government for the statements by ministers that there was nothing to worry about the situation in the flood-hit areas in UP, Rashtriya Lok Dal national spokesman Anil Dubey said several villages and hundreds of acres of agricultural land in Barabanki, Gonda, Bahraich, Shrawasti, Balrampur, Gorakhpur, Deoria, Azamgarh, Ballia Kushinagar, Mau, Sitapur and Lakhimpur Kheri were submerged in flood water.

"People in these districts have

been rendered homeless after their houses submerged in water. They along with their children are spending days and nights in the open under polythene sheet cover or tarpaulin. They have no food to eat and the government has failed to provide them even biscuits and bread," Dubey pointed out.

He said it was surprising that two ministers visited the flood-hit area and stated in their report that there was no worrying situation. Dubey demanded that the state government announce flood in UP as a disaster and provide immediate relief to the affected people.

PGV targets **UP** govt over unemployment

ongress general secretary Privanka Gandhi Vadra once again highlighted the unemployment problem in UP and dared the state government to give details of how many youths were given jobs.

"MoUs are signed every year during Investors' Summit, spending crores of rupees for organising these summits. But this is aimed at publicity only. There is severe unemployment in UP and people are committing suicide due to financial distress. The government should tell how many of these MoUs actually took shape on ground and how many youths got employment?' tweeted Priyanka on Monday.

Meanwhile, Congress MLA Aditi Singh termed Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath as her political 'guru.' Singh recently got a relief when the notice of her disqualification from Assembly moved by Congress for favouring the ruling party violating her party's whip was turned down by Speaker Hriday Narayan Dikshit.

After Rae Bareli district administration issued a notice to remove street vendors from the property of Kamla Nehru Education Society at Civil Lines crossing on a court's order, Sadar MLA Aditi Singh said, "The credit for the shops which are still there goes to my political guru and honourable Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath because of whom we are fighting this battle."

Singh further said, "The matter came into my knowledge and I will get the issue probed so that justice is done." The legislator also claimed that by allowing vendors to remain there, the government had proved that her appeal for not dislodging them was right.

Targeting Congress, Singh also asked when did Kamla Nehru Trust come into existence? She claimed that the Trust was wrongfully free-hold-

ing the property cognisance was taken by the High The MLA said, "You people should know that there

will be no persecution of anyone in the Yogi governordered by the SP. The report is to be

Denied sexual gratification, cop jails woman's brothers

lecherous police inspector added Alecherous ponce impression the another indelible spot on the khaki by framing two innocent youths in a case and sending them to jail after their sister refused to satisfy his lust for their release in Mirzapur.

Later, the victim complained to senior officers after which a probe was

As per reports, a woman of Koraon area came to her parents' house on Raksha Bandhan, where her two brothers had an argument over felling a sheesham tree with some neighbours on August 3. The police later detained her six brothers at the police station. While four of them were set free, two were held back.

The next morning when the woman approached the SHO and requested him to release her brothers, he offered the bizarre condition of sleeping with him for their freedom. The cop also threatened that if she did not comply with his diktat, he would send both to jail in a theft case.

When she refused to give in to his immoral demand, her brothers were sent to jail on the charge of stealing their own motorcycle.

The upset woman later complained to the circle officer of Lalganj who apprised the Superintendent of Police of Mirzapur, Sanjay Kumar, of the grave incident.

charges were found to be true. Meanwhile in Jaunpur, SHO of Madiyahun police station, Treveni Lal Sen, was suspended for not taking he rape and murder of a 11-year-old

stern action would be initiated if the

tabled in three days.

Dalit girl seriously. The victim was raped and hacked and her body was recovered from a corn field in Shreepalpur on Thursday evening. The girl had gone missing a day earlier. The local police sent the body for autopsy but took no steps to

identify and arrest the accused. On Sunday, the autopsy confirmed that the victim was raped

before being killed. Interestingly on Sunday evening, the Chandauli police learnt about the incident and arrested the accused, identified as Govind of Pawara hamlet of Sakildeeh in Chandauli. After they intimated Jaunpur SP Ashok Kumar about the incident, the SHO was suspended for taking no action despite the victim's father suspecting

Meanwhile in Mainpuri, a jilted lover, Nand Kishore, barged into the house of a girl in Ghirore area and brutally stabbed her with a knife late Sunday night.

the role of the arrested youth.

When her mother tried to rescue the girl, she too was not spared.

The miscreant was later nabbed Subsequently, a probe was by the neighbours and handed over

Seven end lives across state in last 24 hours

Lucknow (PNS): Three youths ended their lives in septhemselves in Shahjahanpur, a youth committed suicide in Maharajganj while a convict ended his life inside Rampur district jail. In Etawah, a 32-year-old man working at a motorcycle manufacturing unit in Haryana returned to his native Kumaira hamlet of Pachaygaon on Sunday evening. On Monday morning, his body was found hanging from a tree outside his village.

Similarly a 35-year-old hailing from Chakarnagar and a 20-year-old youth of Bakewar also ended their lives. The bodies were sent for autopsy and efforts were on to confirm the motives. In Rampur, Bhimsen of Atwa hamlet of Sambhal was undergoing life term at Rampur district jail for the last years for a murder committed in Civil Lines area of Rampur in 2010. He was a cancer patient and was undergoing treatment in KGMU Lucknow.

Probably fed up with the advanced stage of his cancer, the convict hanged himself inside a barrack late Sunday night. In Maharajganj, Monu (25) of Hamidnagar hanged himself from the ceiling of his room on Sunday night while his wife was found hanging on Monday morning. The couple got married three years back.

For tiding over financial crunch, Monu had got a tempo financed by a finance company. But he faced severe crisis after lockdown was enforced in March. About a fortnight back, the finance company had seized his tempo after which he slipped into depression and he ended his life.

In Shahjahanpur, a middle-aged couple ended their lives after facing opposition from respective families as they belonged to different religions.

Diwakar Mishra (50) used to reside in Debsthan area of Khuthar while Khalilan (40) hailed from Kharreta in Mailani area. They fell in love despite being married and having children. Owing to family objection, the couple eloped some months back. On Monday morning, their bodies were found hanging from a tree in Haraipur of Khuthar. A case was registered and the bodies were sent Mr. Nand Kishore Rastogi Síol Late Hari Shyam Rastogi Río C-403, Indra Prastha Estate, Faizabad Road, Opp. I.T. College, New Hyderabad, Lucknow - 226007 is main applicant in the Piot No. A-170, DLF Garden City, Raibarelli Road, Lucknow along with his son Mr. Dipanshu Rastogi Sío Mr. Nand Kishore Rastogi Río C-403, Indra Prastha Estate, Faizabad Road, Opp. I.T. College, New Hyderabad, Lucknow - 226007 as Co-applicant. On 24/11/2014 Mr. Nand Kishore Rastogi passed away and after his death Mr. Nand Kishore Rastogi will be the Main/Single Applicant in the above-mentioned property as he is the legal heir of Mr. Nand Kishore Rastogi. If someone has any objection please contact within 21 days from today. Mr. Dipanshu Rastogi S/o Mr. Nand Kishore Rastogi R/o C-403, Indra Prastha Estate, Faizabad Road, Opp. 1. T. College, New Hyderabad, Lucknow-226007, Ph. 9565244313

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The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) organised a virtual conference on 'Credit Facilities for MSMEs and Start- ups during COVID-19'. The objective was to focus on promoting and boosting investment in MSME sector. The interactive webinar was also aimed at discussing the guidelines and procedure for financing facilities available for MSME and to facilitate networking of MSME with banks, other financial agencies and institutions. Chairman of UP State Chapter Manoj Gaur said that banks are considered as

the prime source of finance for MSME sector. He said MSME sector plays an important role in sustaining economic growth of the country and the same can be seen in the Rs 20 crore 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' package announced by the government. He suggested that during this pandemic, if MSME sector was supported by source of financing, it would be of great help for country's socio-economic develop-

FACE MASKS

has been started at the central workshop

of UPSRTC in Lucknow and at Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Workshop in Kanpur. The masks are available at the Covid help desks and inquiry counters at all the major bus stations for the passengers and the price of each mask is Rs UPSRTC managing director Raj Shekhar also distributed face masks to bus passengers at Awadh bus station. He said that 10,000 masks were sold by all main bus stations.

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Avushi Shukla, a student of City Production of washable face mask Montessori School, Rajajipuram Campus I, has secured selection in

Indian School of Business Finance (ISBF), New Delhi, affiliated with University of London. ISBF is an LSE-approved and authorised institution in

India, which in association with the London School of Economics. Ayushi got this success owing to her merit and academic excellence. She says it was possible only because of her talented teachers and robust academic atmosphere of CMS.

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Over 90% population covered under Rly contractor staged surveillance, contact tracing: CMO

Over 90 per cent of the population of Lucknow has been covered under surveillance and contact tracing aimed at containing the spread of coronavirus, Chief Medical Officer Dr Rajendra Prasad Singh said on Monday. He said they were working on the same plan of testing and tracking and expecting the cases to come down in few days.

'Though the number of coronavirus cases is at 600-700 per day for some time now, we have attained a stationary level and it may decline in the coming days. Also, these high figures are because of the increased levels of testing being carried out in the district," the CMO said.

He said death toll was rising because people were hiding the problem and not getting the elders tested but were giving them medicines prescribed by nearby doctors. "Covid-19 patients have to be necessarily taken to hospital at the earliest," he said. However, he added that the death rate in the district was less than the national average.

On Monday, five patients died at KGMU on Monday. Spokesperson Dr Sudhir Singh said that a 65-year-old woman from Chiragpur in Betiya, who was admitted on August 3, died on Monday. She was suffering from extrapulmonary tuberculosis. A 57-year-old man from Deoria also died on Monday. He suffered cardio-



A bylane in Harinagar area of Balagani sealed after detection of coronavirus positive case

pulmonary arrest and brain hemorrhage. The third victim was a 60-year-old woman from Shahgani and she died of sep-

A 30-year-old woman from Saadatgani, who was admitted on August 6, also died on Monday due to acute respiratory distress while a 43-yearold woman from Kamtaganj (Sultanpur), who was admitted on August 9, died on Monday. She was suffering from diabetes and hypothyroidism.

Meanwhile, head of Transfusion Division (KGMU) Dr Tulika Chandra said their stock of blood was depleting with no blood camps being held due to Covid-19.

The blood we are giving to the Covid-19 patients is not being replaced as the number of patients is increasing. People are scared to donate blood because of the picture of community transmission which is emerging, which is also affecting our stock," she said. She further said that among the efforts which they were making was that they were asking blood donors to come and individu-

ally give blood. She said the patients who had recovered from coronavirus were also apprehensive of donating blood.

Meanwhile, incharge of ICU-1 (SGPGI) Dr Zia Hashim, while sharing the success stories of Covid patients in their ward, said: "There was one male patient who was admitted 15 days back. We started his medication immediately and then put him on non-invasive ventilation. He was on ventilation for five days and then he was shifted to the

successively reduced the oxygen. Now, we have shifted him from ICU to the pulmonary ward and he will soon be discharged. The challenging part was that he was on the verge of intubation but because he got immediate therapies within 48 hours, his requirement of oxygen reduced considerably. The success part was that we were able to prevent him from going on ventilation."

Regarding the youngest patient that they treated was a 23-year-old girl, who was on mechanical ventilation but was successfully retrieved. She also had some kidney problem," he

He added that there were 22 patients in the ICU unit and four patients are were on highflow oxygen. "Till now, plasma has been given to six people in the ward and four have survived," he pointed out.

Meanwhile, spokesperson of RML Hospital Dr Srikesh Singh said they have had 18 deliveries of Covid-19 patients in the last two weeks, with 13 being normal deliveries and the rest being C-section.

He said some of these were patients who had tested positive at their own hospital while others were those who had been referred by the Integrated Control and Command Centre.

There are three hospitals working as referral centres for pregnant women, including KGMU, Lok Bandhu and RML

attack on himself

With the arrest of four gunslingers, the Alambagh police claimed to have unravelled the mystery behind the attack on railway contractor Surendra Kaliya on Monday.

Kaliya's cavalcade was attacked in the evening on July 13 and his private gunner Ramroop Yadav of Etah had suffered injuries. Kaliya had later lodged a case against jailed mafia-turned-politician Dhananjay Singh.

In his initial statement, Kaliya had told the police that he got the track doubling work between Shahganj and Jafrabad

threatened to let go of the contract. The police crosschecked Kaliya's claim and found it untrue. The needle of suspicion then turned towards Kaliya and the police suspected that staged the attack on himself to frame some of his rivals. The police got a lead and they later laid their hands on the suspects involved in the

A team of police on Monday nabbed four persons, identified as Yashvendra Singh, Sachin Shukla and Sultan Ali (trio of Alambagh) and Ashish Kumar Dwivedi of Rae Bareli. The accused owned up their crime during interrogation.

country-made pistols, 18 live cartridges and an SUV which they used as a getaway vehicle after executing the crime.

A police spokesman said the accused disclosed the name of one of their aides as Sumit Singh of Kailashpuri in Alambagh. Sumit was with the arrested persons in the SUV at the time of attack while two of the accused were still unidentified. "The unidentified accused had fled the scene on a bike and the police are working further on the case," he said. He added that the complainant, Surendra Kaliya, was absconding and the police were hunt-



Tipsy tenant attacks friends of landlord's son | 22-year-old girl found hanging

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Atenant attacked two of the friends of his landlord's son at their house in Gomti Nagar Extension on Sunday night. He also thrashed the landlord's wife. Those injured were identified as Lalji and Shyamu (both of Chinhat), who were admitted to hospital. The police said they were hunting for the accused, identified as Subhash Rai, who lives in the house of Kishan Pal Tiwari of Lokpriya

As per reports, Subhash reached the house in a drunken state around 10 pm on

Sunday and started mouthing expletives. When landlord's wife Ashok Kumari confronted him, Subhash indulged into a verbal spat with her. As she called her son Shakti, the latter informed his friends Lalji and Shyamu. However, the issue subsided after a while and Ashok Kumari did not report the matter to

"Subhash reached my room and started abusing me. He caught me by my hand and twisted it. Lalii and Shvamu rushed to my rescue but Subhash attacked them with a knife," Ashok Kumari told the were arrested for bludgeoning to death their rival over a land dispute in Gosainganj on Sunday night. The deceased was identified as Bhai Lal (30) of Rakibabad locality in the area. Those arrested were identified as Phoolchand, his sons Nanhku, Sanjay & Santosh, and his brother-inlaw Vishal. Bhai Lal is the nephew of Phoolchand.

As per reports, Bhai Lal had a dispute with Phoolchand over a piece of land which is located opposite their houses as both used to their houses as both used to stake their claim on it. Around 9 pm on Sunday, Bhai Lal's

wife Nisha called her parents complaining that Phoolchand and his family were abusing her and her husband. On the information, her father Buddhu, along with his wife Nirmala and their daughter Ranjana, reached the village. They demanded an explanation from Phoolchand and it snowballed into a brawl, during which Bhai Lal suffered head injuries. He was rushed to hospital where he was declared brought dead.

tigation was underway. He

Inspector, Gosainganj, DK Kushwaha said a case was registered and further inves-

said the police arrested all the

NSA slapped in Dr Ayub

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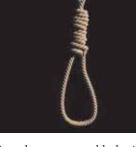
The Lucknow police slapped ■ National Security Act (NSA) on Peace Party's chairman and former MLA Dr Ayub, who is lodged in jail for getting an objectionable advertisement published in a newspaper. He was arrested from Gorakhpur a couple of days back by a police team of Hazratganj.

A spokesman said the police slapped NSA on Dr Ayub on the recommendation of the District Magistrate. "Ayub had got an advertisement published in an Urdu newspaper recently. The content of the advertisement was inflammatory and against the law of the country," he

Police said they recovered a

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22-year-old girl ended Aher life after locking herself in a room at her house in Gudamba on Monday afternoon. As per reports, Kavya Verma of Chuiyapurwa locality was found hanging from the ceiling with a dupatta tied around her neck around Monday afternoon. When the doors were broken, the family found the music system on and a song was being played at high volume. Her father Rameshwar, who is a carpenter, told the police that Kavva went to the room around 11 am and bolted the oor from inside



ing dance as would do in leisure. When she did not open the doors for over an hour and the music system was still on, we became apprehensive.

"Her mother gave her s but she did n switched on the music system. It was hard to find what We thought she was practisexactly happened to her, so we

suicide note in which she had written that nobody should be held responsible for her extreme step

broke open the doors, only to find her hanging from the ceiling," Rameshwar said. The police said they recovered a suicide note in which she had written that nobody should be held responsible for

members, a youth attempted suicide by jumping into the river under Gomti Nagar police station area on Monday afternoon. However, police personnel present there pressed divers into action and the youth was rescued.

As per reports, the 25-year-old resident of Hussainganj reached the riverfront around 2 pm and jumped into the river after parking his scooty on the roadside. Divers pulled out the youth from the river and rushed him to hospital. He was later discharged from the hospital. Gomti Nagar SHO DK Singh said the youth was unhappy with his family over Meanwhile, upset over a some issue and took the step verbal spat with his family due to the same reason.

New KGMU VC takes charge



Lt Gen Dr Vipin Puri took Lcharge as new Vice-Chancellor of King George's Medical University on Monday. He held a meeting with Covid task force soon after taking charge where he gathered information on the facilities

available for Covid-19 patients and took stock of the current situation. Throwing light on the coordination of various committees, he said that collective efforts should be made in these times and responsibilities be discharged in a skilled manner.

"Looking into the medical aspect, the priority of KGMU

will be to give high-quality treatment," he said. The Vice-Chancellor will formally talk to mediapersons on Wednesday.

Earlier, soon after his appointment on August 1 by Governor Anandiben Patel, he had stated that his primary goal would be to make KGMU a centre of excellence.

Ramayana Rangshala webinar organised

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The Ramayana Rangshala webinar, organised by Ayodhya Shodh Sansthan of Culture department and Ramayana Centre (Bhopal), was attended by actors who had played a role in Ramayana, including Vindu Dara Singh who has played the role of Hanuman in many TV shows.

The webinar was chaired by joint director, Culture, Yogendra Pratap Singh. He proposed that a script of Ramlila should be prepared that impresses people of all age groups. Director of Ramayana Centre (Bhopal) Rajesh Srivastava said the centre is collecting all the old films based

THE WEBINAR WAS CHAIRED BY JOINT DIRECTOR, CULTURE, YOGENDRA PRATAP SINGH, WHO PROPOSED THAT A SCRIPT OF RAMLILA SHOULD BE PREPARED THAT **IMPRESSES PEOPLE** OF ALL AGE GROUPS

on Shodhmitra Ramayana of Bhopal, which is important for the encyclopedia being documented by the Culture department. He also discussed the script of Ramayana in films. Actor Raghuveer Yadav



said he listened to Ramayana as a child and its impact was great. He gave example of how the *chaupai* of Ramayana is sung on different occasions.

Raghuveer Yadav has sung songs of Ramayana in many

Vindu Dara Singh was present as special guest.

About Ramanand Sagar's creation of Ramayana, he said when Ramanand Sagar told his children that the Ramayana for TV was to be made, his children started laughing. Aslam Khan, who played various characters in Ramanand Sagarproduced Ramayana, said competitions should be organised to develop interest among children. He also narrated the dialogue of his character Samudra Devta, played in the Ramayana. Ramlila's young artiste Rajeshwar Sitohal in Mauritius discussed the status of Ramayana in Mauritius that introduced her to acting.



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SI.	Name & Address of the Borrower/Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E- Auction	Reserve Price/EMD/ Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	Agarwal S/o Sri	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of H. No D 2-4/32 Sector O, Mansarovar Yojana, Kanpur Road, Lucknow in Ward- Vidhyavati Devi Nagar within the Registration Sub-District Lucknow and District Lucknow, Bounded: North: 12mt Wide Road, South: Plot No 4/89, East: Plot No 4/33, West: Plot No 4/31	Rs. 37,50,465/- + Interest + other charges	16.09.2020 01:00 PM to 2:00 PM	70,52,000/- 7,05,200/- 10,000/- (Bid Increase Amount)	Constructive	11.08.2020 to 11.09.2020 between to 10:00 PM to 4:00 PM
2.	Borrower- Mrs Jarin Khan w/o Mohd Ahtram Khan and Mr Ahtram Khan S/o Wasiuz Zaman	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No- 106, First Floor, BCC Gravity Apartment Situated at CP- 14/CP/105, Avas evam Vikas Parishad, Rajajipuram, Near Tikait Rai Talab, Lucknow. Total Area 1000 Sq Ft. Bounded: North: Common Passage, South: Open to Sky, East: Flat No 105, West: Flat No 107	Rs. 3336150/- + Interest + other charges	16.09.2020 01:00 PM to 2:00 PM	31,50,000/- 3,15,000/- 10,000/- (Bid Increase Amount)	Constructive	11.08.202 to 11.09.202 between to 10:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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161 COVID-19 patients found | 233 test positive in Prayagraj

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

As many as 161 COVID-19 patients have been detected here on Monday. With this, the total number of cases has reached 4,716. Besides, the district also saw four more deaths increasing the toll to 85. During the day, the follow-up negative reports included 131 patients recovered from home isolation and the total number of patients cured at home has increased to 1,443 while 44 recovered from the hospitals. With this, the total number of patients discharged from the hospitals has reached 1,487, while the total number of cured patients is 2,930 leaving 1,701 active patients.

According to the Chief and the results of 7,875 exclud-Medical Officer (CMO) Dr ing 690 RTPCR samples col-VB Singh, in the first report received by 11 am during the day, as many as 78 new corona patients were found out of 481 reports received from ples collected was 66,802. A Microbiology department of Banaras Hindu University (BHU). Till then, the total test reports received were 58,237



Hotspot in Sonarpura (Bhelupura) area in Varanasi on Monday

lected a day ago are awaited. Out of these, 53,604 were negative reports while 4,633 positive. The total number of sam-

woman aged 65 from Sarai

Nandan, Khojwa (Bhelupur)

died during her treatment at Sir

Sundarlal Hospital (SSH) in

BHU. Earlier, the two deaths reported in the district included 56 years old male from Nai Sadak and 32 years old female from Chirahupur (Sarnath) died at SSH BHU. The said young woman was an old patient of tuberculosis. With the addition of 28 red zones, the total number of hotspots has increased to 1,095 includ-

ing 404 red zones. Two green zones have been converted into red zones again. Besides, there are 691 green zones including 13 new ones.

Earlier, this region of Purvanchal (eastern UP) comprising 10 districts of three divisions continued finding a large number of corona patients when 608 cases were detected on Sunday.

The maximum number of

294 cases was found in Varanasi (4,555), followed by 68 in Jaunpur (2,750), 56 in Ghazipur (1,690), 51 in Sonbhadra (867), 46 in Ballia (2,327) 35 in Mirropur (1,006) (2,327), 35 in Mirzapur (1,096), 27 in Azamgarh (1,649), 18 in Mau (708), 13 in Bhadohi (773) and no patient in Chandauli (1,115).

Out of total 17,532 corona positive cases, 10,486 have been cured either at home isolation or discharged from hospitals and the recovery rate has increased to 59.81 per cent. With the increase in death toll to 231, the mortality rate has slightly declined to 1.31 per

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Despite all the government's arrangements and guidelines for rescue, the number of corona patients in Prayagraj is constantly increasing. From Sunday morning till late night, 233 new positive cases were found. This brings the total figure of corona patients to 4,034.

At the same time, the death toll due to corona has also gone to 75. Three more infected patients died at L1 Swaroop Rani Nehru Covid Hospital.

As of August 3, there were only 2,822 patients of corona, but in six days more than one thousand corona patients were found in the city. Although corona patients are increasing, the recovery of already admitted patients has also increased. So far 1,864 patients have been fully recovered.

There are 1,700 active cases being treated in Covid Hospital and Home Isolation. On Sunday, the report of 1,749 samples has come negative and samples of 1,116 patients have been taken which are yet to be examined.

The three corona patients who died at Swaroop Rani Covid Hospital were suffering from different diseases. According to Dr. Sujit Kumar Verma, the nodal officer for SRN Covid Hospital, a 74year-old patient was admitted to SRN Hospital on August 1. saved. Newly infected: 233, total deaths occurred: 03, Total infected: 4,034, cured: 1,864, Active Case: 1,700, Total Death:

On Sunday, 233 new corona patients were found, including officers, health workers and police personnel. Village Development Officer posted in Meja, similarly resident of Prayagraj city and a doctor posted in Fatehpur, a doctor of Kaudihar Community Health Centre, six staff of Daraganj police station have come under

the grip of corona. Of them, five police personnel and a computer operator were also

The report of two constable posted at Civil Lines police station, Koraon BDO had also tested positive. Similarly, the report of two people living in other areas including Telierganj, Myor Road, Badshahi Mandi, Stanley Road and two each in Sai Nagar Colony Churchlane, two in Transport Nagar were also



Policemen stop a motorcyclist for driving two people on a bike in Prayagraj. It may be said here that only one person is allowed on a two-wheeler.

Channelise youth energy towards creative activities: Kalraj

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra said that it is essential to channelise the enormous energy of youth towards such creative activities endowed with human values. 'It is the duty of the alumni of the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) to work as per the philosophy of Malviyaji and this will be their true homage to him,' he said while inaugurating the launch of the Emergency Response Teams of Mahamana Malviya Mission (Rural Unit), Varanasi for carrying out work in UP and Uttrakhand on Monday through webinar.

Complimenting the mission team, Mishra suggested creating an even bigger network of institutions, students and alumni to combat against any emergent situation such as flood, earthquake etc. in addition to COVID-19. He said that he is happy to note the efforts put in by the mission in collaboration of various organisations such as Roti Bank, Sanjivani Team (ERT) has been initiated



Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra addressing a webinar of BHU in Varanasi on Monday

Entrepreneurship (MCIIE), Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU) in creation of entrepreneurship in the region and directed to work for Atmanirbhar Bharat through creation of small skill and entrepreneurship centres at village level, blessing the team for this novel initiative.

Welfare Society, MÉCHI at Kota to combat COVID-19 He also hailed the efforts of ni. The core team of ERT con-Malviya Centre for Innovation, sists of Dr Munish Bindal, Rajasthan whereas, in Varanasi

Venketshwar and Prof. PK Mishra, MCIIE coordinator. The concept is to connect haves with have-nots through a robust team of dedicated youngsters.

The students of Kota Technical University were trained in the first phase and they created a good database for Kota city to intervene in this pandemic and later on the same can help in any kind of emergency. The MECHI tion was the main col laborator of Malviya Mission in

Malviya Mission has been assisted by All India Roti Bank Trust led by Kishor Kant Tiwari, Sanjivani Welfare Society led by Dr Vidya Sagar Pandey and Kashi Katha led by Dr Awdhesh Dixit. Dr Manu Tandon, an alumnus of IIT-BHU donated an automatic Roti-making machine to Roti Bank to fight against hunger. Malviya Mission at Dehradun is also initiating this pro-Prof. SN Upadhyay, presi-

dent of the mission introduced the subject and welcomed the chief guest, while Hari Shankar Singh, general secretary of the national unit briefed about the activities of the mission at the national level.

Dr Munish Bindal conducted the programme at Kota studio and presentation of certificates was done after his deliberations.

Prof PK Mishra, general secretary of Varanasi unit, discussed the concept of ERT and briefed about the activities taken to combat COVID-19. Prof Devendra Bhasin disthe Uttra gramme. Dr Vidya Sagar proposed the vote of thanks.

NCR corona warriors working tirelessly to ensure transport of goods & passengers

Efforts made by NCR's BDUs

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Approximately 60,000 coronal warriors of North Central Railway are working tirelessly to ensure uninterrupted transport of goods and passengers across the length and breadth of the country. Besides maintaining essential transport services, NCR has also taken a series of steps for augmenting medical infra-structure and resources to fight COVID-19 pandemic in an effective manner.

Moving ahead from face cover and sanitiser production, NCR has already prepared approximately 10,000 coveralls through in house efforts. As on August 8, total 550 formal and informal training programmes on sanitisation and information, education and communication (IEC) have been organised on NCR to equip its medical professionals and other front-line staff with requisite knowledge on novel disease. Screening of Railway employees, their family members and other beneficiaries of Railway medical services have been intensified; and more than 10,600 persons have been examined in five separate clinics being run to examine persons with fever and symptoms

He was also suffering from

blood pressure. He could not

survive even after the treatment

lasted for eight days. A patient

living in Ashok Nagar was 52

years old. He too could not be

saved. He was prone to COPD

and hypertension. A woman

has also died, who was a resi-

dent of Dhumangani area. She

was admitted on August 7.

Her condition was critical. She

had blood pressure and sugar disease. She was undergoing

treatment after being put on

ventilator but could not be

patients is being done regularly in 100 beds level one facilities at Central Hospital Prayagraj and Divisional Railway hospital Jhansi. In the Level one Covid care facility at Central Hospital Prayagraj 144 Covid positive patients have been admitted so far of which 12 have been referred to other hospitals and 92 persons have been discharged after successful treatment. Similarly, at COVID-19 level one facility at Railway hospital Jhansi admissions so far are 85 of which 13 have been referred to other hospitals and 72 persons have been discharged after treatment. Combined admissions stands at 229 patients of which 164 have been discharged after treatment, 25 have been referred to other hospitals and 40 patients are currently under

Antigen test of COVID-19 a faster and approved method to detect certain proteins that are part of COVID-19 virus. Using a nasal or throat swab to get sample fluid, antigen test can produce results in minutes. NCR's Central Hospital at Prayagraj has also started rapid antigen test for COVID-19 and as on August 8 as many as 399 tests have already been done.

start bearing fruits ACS for effective contact tracing

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) and district Nodal Officer of COVID-19 Devesh Chaturvedi has instructed the administration to ensure effective contact tracing in the district. He was holding a meeting with officers of district administration, health and other departments here on Sunday. He said that all the persons who came into the contact of positive corona patients should be traced within 24

The envoy of the Chief Minister has asked the officers that arrangements should be made for immediate sampling by marking them all on the portal. 'This is the only way to reduce the increasing number of corona patients, said the Medical Association (IMA) in (DDU) Hospital to ensure and ACNOs.

ACS, directing that the number of rapid response teams and data operators should be Earlier, District Magistrate

(DM) Kaushal Raj Sharma also held a meeting to review the progress made in prevention of COVID-19. Taking the matter of negligence seriously in connection with timely contact tracing and data feeding, he has issued show-cause notices to two medical officer incharges of Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs) posted at Koniya and Bajardiha Dr Renu Sinha and Dr. Archana Singh respectively. He directed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and ACMO (RCH) to ensure getting the list of member physicians and MBBS doctors of private hospitals from Indian

connection with their honorarium temporarily appointment as per the decision taken by District Health Committee recently so that they can be invited for walk-in-interview soon. The IMA president and secretary in their recent letter had proposed that on proper remuneration etc., the IMA members can serve the corona patients. The DM also asked the officers to ensure taking the community service of those final year students who are studying in Nursing, ANM, Lab Technician and Lab Assistant courses in various Nursing and Paramedical Colleges being run in the district. Sharma has also directed Medical Chief Superintendent (CMS) of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay

starting of treatment of corona patients within 15-20 minutes after their arrival in ambulances there. He asked the CMS for an early repair of water purifiers installed in the hospital. He said that the concerned agency (C&DS) should be asked to make the newlyinstalled fire fighting system functional soon. He also instructed the Health department officers to speed up the sampling work of COVID-19 at UPHCs including Chowkaghat, Madhopur, Cantonment, Benia Bagh, Bajardiha and Manduadih by ensuring deployment of five lab technicians at each centre. The meeting was also attended by CMO, ADM (Finance and Revenue), SIC SSPG Hospital, CMS DDU Hospital, SDMs

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Efforts made by Business Development Units to increase freight loading volume have started bearing fruits over North Central Railway. For the first time 2,464 tonnes of maize was loaded by Prayagraj division for export to Bangladesh generating freight revenue of ₹ 55 lakh. Similarly on Jhansi division De Oil Cake (DOC) was loaded from Rayaru station to Rohanpur in Bangladesh on August 9 generating freight revenue of ₹ 54

North Central Railway has taken series of steps like formation of BDUs; short-term and long-term improvements in loading infrastructure and user amenities in 17 goods sheds; bringing efficiency in freight train operation and implementing various incentives in freight loading.

To provide further impetus to freight loading, station to station (STS) concessional freight transportation rate has been finalised with ITC Limited for loading of foodgrains from Dabra and Datia stations to ITC's plant in Bhopal. STS scheme provide concession upto 30 per cent in freight transportation charges for incremental and new traffic against a set bench mark loading of specified commodity between specific originating and destination stations.

North Central Railway is working on Station to Station (STS) proposals for different major freight customers including ITC for incremental and new traffic stream from Etah,

Kherali, Kabrai, Rayaru, Lalitpur, Hathras Fort and Mathura stations of North

Central Railway. For fast, safe and efficient transportation of perishables and non bulk commodities; first Kisan Rail a multi commodity train between Devlali-Danapur to carry fruits and vegetables has been given scheduled stoppage at Manikpur and Prayagraj Chheoki stations and eight special parcel trains between Okha- Guwahati, Guwahati-New Delhi, Howrah- Amritsar and Jodhpur-Guwahati have been given scheduled stoppages at Tundla, Kanpur Central and Prayagraj Jn sta-

CHATURVEDI TAKES OVER COMMAND:
Brigadier AK Chaturvedi took

over the command of 508 Army Base Workshop Chheoki Prayagraj from Brigadier VK Sharma. Brigadier AK Chaturvedi took over the command as Commandant and MD while Brigadier VK Sharma is proceeding on posting to New Delhi. Addressing the fraternity of the workshop Brigadier VK Sharma conveyed his best wishes and felicitations for their valued contribution in achieving the commitments and maintaining cordial industrial relations. He applauded the production achievements and the welfare measures instituted during his tenure and requested all ranks and civilians to render their full co-operation to Brig AK Chaturvedi towards achieving the milestones in the coming

OPD reopens at SSH BHU

patients will be booked by

teleconsultancy. It will be

mandatory for the patients and

their attendants to wear masks

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

After several months of suspension of its health services due to worldwide coronavirus pandemic, the OPD at Sir Sundarlal Hospital (SSH), Banaras Hindu University (BHU) has reopened here on Monday but with several restrictions. It is one of the biggest hospitals of the region where the patients of several adjoining states apart from Purvanchal (eastern UP) come for treatment and due to the closure, they were facing a lot of inconveniences. During this period, the hospital was providing only telemedicine facilities to the patients.

Though the OPD has been reopened with several restrictions and guidelines, a good number of patients thronged



tory to follow the rule of social to be looked after daily. Out of distancing of two yards. them, 25 patients will be those who get their registration online and the remaining 25

As per the guidelines, online registration for BHU staff (academic / non-academic), students and pensioners will also be mandatory. Only one attendant / partner will be allowed along with a patient to covering noses and mouths enter the OPD. All the serious

patients will be treated only in the Emergency OPD. The online registration can be availed through downloaded Aarogya Setu App. All the OPD schedule facilities are available on IMS-SSH, BHU website. Booking can be done on IMS-SSH at http://dexpertsystems.com/bhu by visiting BHU website (www.bhu.ac.in). Booking can also be done by downloading the SSH app from the Play Store from next week. The Institute of Medical

Sciences (IMS), BHU Administration has appealed to the common people to follow the guidelines in this context and cooperate in defeating corona. In this regard, an official notification has been issued by the medical superintendent (MS) of SSH BHU highlighting all the guidelines.

Man beats wife to death

ALLAHABAD (PNS): In a sensational incident, a man killed his 32-year-old wife by beating her brutally with lathi in an inebriated state late on Sunday night at Chipodha Majra in Deora village under the Kaundhiara police station in the Prayagraj district. The accused, however managed to escape after committing the crime but the cops acting swiftly nabbed the accused after registering a case on the basis of the written complaint from the deceased's parents' side.

Rajkumari, a resident of Chipodha village under the Kaundhiara police station, was married to Shamsher Bahadur Chaudhary about 12 years ago. Shamsher arrived home under the influence of liquor on Sunday night. The couple got into a late night dispute over trivial issues. It is alleged that other hand, people of the

the matter took an ugly turn and Shamsher took up lathi and beat Rajkumari to death. Shamsher escaped leaving Rajkumari dead. On the other hand, hearing the screams of Rajkumari, people living in the vicinity reached the spot and immediately informed the police. Umesh Kumar Singh, the station incharge of Kaundhiara, reached the spot with the force. The severely injured Rajkumari was taken to the hospital in an unconscious state. She breathed her last on the way. The police took the body into custody and sent it to a mortuary for postmortem examination. At the same time, during investigation and questioning family members and villagers the cops gathered several information about the drunkard husband. On the

woman's in-laws' members also came to know about the death and they reached the spot. Police registered an FIR against husband Shamsher Bahadur Chowdhury on the written complaint of Rajkumari's brother Rajkumar, and arrested absconding accused husband Shamsher Bahadur Chaudhary. Rajkumari's in laws house is situated in Chakia, Ghurpur. Her father had already died. Brother Rajkumar told the police that Shamsher used to quarrel with his wife while drunk. Rajkumari's daughter Lakshmi is 5 and Bitani is 1 year old. According to Rajkumar, his sister was 6 months pregnant.

Meanwhile, a woman from Dhumanganj police station area alleged that her daughter had been abducted. When she reached Lucknow in search of

quences. She has filed a kidnapping case against several people by giving a complaint to the Dhumanganj police. The woman said that on August 4, her daughter was going to the market to buy goods. On the way, the accused Mayur Sahu, Arpit Sahu resident of near Naka Hindola Temple, pulled her daughter in the car and took her to Lucknow. When she came to know, she reached Lucknow the next day and met Mayur and Arpit there. The duo said that their daughter was kidnapped. They allegedly asked her to go back to Prayagraj if she wanted safety for her daughter. Horrified woman returned home. Police have registered a kidnapping case against Mayur, Arpit and others on woman's complaint.

her daughter, the accused

threatened her for dire conse-





Deputy Chief Minister, Keshav Prasad Maurya addressing a meeting at Circuit House on Monday

The layouts of 154 indus-

With the help of GIS map-

UPSIDA Chief Executive

said information about the

vacant industrial plots, their sale and allotment would be

made available online within

ments were made in view of

COVID-19 pandemic as the

aspiring entrepreneurs found it

difficult to personally visit the

spot to purchase an industrial

has been deputed on the job to

ensure online display of vacant industrial plots within a month.

Apart from collecting online information about the

area, rate and other terms and

conditions for purchasing a plot, entrepreneurs would also

be able to know the status of

industrial units situated and

running in different industri-

They were, hitherto, required to visit UPSIDA office

several times to purchase a plot

and collect other related infor-

would facilitate them a lot and

save them from wasting their

Farmer

electrocuted

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE KANPUR

A farmer was electrocuted to death in Magrasa Raha

village in Vidhnu police station area late Sunday night.

Police sent the body for

Due to heavy downpour, a

at the rooftop came down to his

room late Sunday night. When

he was plugging the fan to the

switch board of his newly-

constructed house, he sudden-

ly came in contact with live

wire and was electrocuted to

when his younger son Piyush

went to the room, he found

Dilip lying unconscious. He

was immediately taken to

Vidhnu community health cen-

tre where the doctors pro-

KANPUR (PNS): Kanpur

Nagar reported 240 new cases of coronavirus infection on

Anil K Mishra said that 240 more people tested positive

for coronavirus infection

between Sunday evening and

Monday evening, taking the

patients being discharged from

hospitals, 2,636 infected per-

sons had been cured and there

were 4,692 active cases in the

city. The CMO said with 8

more COVID-19 deaths in the

city, the death toll stood at 284

on Monday. He said 2637 sam-

He said it had been decid-

test) and it would give direction

for treating the case and the

results would be much

improved.

ples were taken for testing.

He said with 56 COVID-19

Chief Medical Officer Dr

nounced him dead.

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tally to 8,676.

On Monday morning,

The online arrangements

UPSIDA's technical team

He said the new arrange-

Maurya expresses concern over fleecing of COVID-19 patients

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE KANPUR

Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya expressed concern over the fleecing of COVID-19 patients in private hospitals and said standards should be set up immediately and in case of violation, stern action should be taken against the private hos-

Addressing a meeting at the Circuit House here on Monday, the deputy chief minister directed the health officials to provided every detail of the infrastructure available in private hospitals.

He said there was need to create awareness among the masses that a cured COVID-19 patient was not a source of further infection. He asked the

district, health and police officials to work in coordination to fight the coronavirus pan-

Maurya said in view of the massive increase in coronavirus positive cases and the rise in number of COVID-19 deaths every day, the govern-ment had decided to provide 200 extra ventilators.

He said people would have to understand that social distancing was the most potent weapon to fight coro-

The deputy chief minister directed officials to launch a cleanliness drive exactly on the pattern of Quit India Movement on priority.

Maurya warned hospital authorities against delay in giving the test results. He said in case a person tested posi-

tive, treatment should be started immediately.

He said the government was making every effort to control the spread of coron-avirus and save lives and thus it was the duty of every person, including health and district officials, to lend support to this so that infection may not spread.

Pointing out that a large number of deaths were reported from LLR Hospital in Kanpur Nagar, the deputy chief minister asked the hospital officials to take effective step to curb the death rate.

He said infrastructure should be improved to handle the increase of OVID-19 patients. He said unless the health, district and police officials worked in tandem, the efforts would not be that

Maurya said that mask was mandatory and people need to constantly wash their hands. He said cleanliness drive should be carried out in rural areas as well.

Those present in the meeting included Industrial Development Minister Satish Mahana, Minister of State for Higher Education Nilima Katiyar, Mayor Pramila Pandey, MP Devendra Singh Bhole and many political leaders, Kanpur Divisional Commissioner Sudhir M Bobde, Covid Nodal Officer Mayur Maheshwari, District Magistrate BR Tiwari, IG Mohit Agarwal, DIG Pritinder Singh, Kanpur Municipal Commissioner Akshay Tripathi, CMO AK Mishra

SGPGI team recommends 8 more tests for COVID-19 patients

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The two-member special Yogi Adityanath from Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow has recommended eight more tests along with the tests carried out at the LLR Hospital in an effort to check the rising COVID-19 death rate in Kanpur Nagar.

The team said these tests would help doctors understand the degree of infection in a COVID-19 patient and thereby decide the line of treatment.

The team said it appeared prima facie that the prominent and necessary tests on critical

COVID-19 patients were not being carried out and this had casualty to the present 15 plus ry condition. He said IL-6 was deaths every day had become elevated with a variety of conat the LLR Hospital.

GSVM Medical College Principal Dr RB Kamal and LLR Hospital's Chief Medical Superintendent Dr Richa Giri said the UP government had given a green signal to the eight new tests which were being made mandatory for the COVID-19 patients. They said these tests costing between Rs 200 and Rs 1,500 would be performed free of cost.

At present these tests are being carried out at private pathologies but the test kits will soon be rushed to the LLR Hospital to start tests in its lab.

The officials said from one

ernment and thus every effort would be made to bring down the rising death graph.

Dr Kamal said Interleukin-6 (IL-6) was a protein produced by various cells which helped regulate immune responses and this made the IL-6 test potentially useful as a marker immune system activation.

He said IL-6 could be elevated with inflammation, infection, auto immune disorders, cardiovascular diseases, and some cancers and this test measured the amount of IL-6 in blood. He said an elevated IL-6 could mean that the person tested had an inflammatoed in some cases with an increased risk of disease development or worsening prognosis. He said increase in IL-6 may be seen in conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and other auto immune disorders, infections, sepsis, a few cancers, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and stroke. He said the other tests to be carried out now would be serum ferratin, serum lipase, D-Dimer, serum fabrinogen, serum LDH serum amylase and pro calcium test. It may be mentioned

that all these eight tests in any

NABL laboratory would cost

Kanpur units upbeat at ban on import of 101 defence products

With the ban imposed on the import of 101 defence products, city industrialists engaged in production of these items are upbeat. This will also promote the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign of the government.

Chairman of the Industry Committee of Merchants Chamber of Uttar Pradesh and Director of Precitex Equipment Pvt. Ltd., Sunil Sharma, said the Kanpur industrial units were engaged in production of antimine boot, fighter plane equipment, defence jacket, alcogel cooker, defence helmet and other small spare parts of the defence arms.

Sharma said of the 20 industrial units producing defence equipment in the country, seven were in Kanpur Nagar. He said with the assistance of the Indian Institute of Technology and the Indian Institute of Science, local units had continuously been upgrading their production technolo-

various equipment for the engines of Mig, Mirage and Sukhoi fighter planes which included the link synchronising, collar, shock absorber, ring spacer, coupling piece, bolt set, pin locating and tension ring

Similarly, he said, other local units were also engaged in the manufacture and supply of defence equipment.

He said the equipment so far imported from foreign countries had become costly. But with the promotion of Make in India products, the government would be able to save around 60 per cent of its exchequer.

Srivastava, Mayank Managing Director of NCFD Company which is engaged in manufacture and supply of defence boot and bomb disposal kit for the past several vears, said the ban imposed on import of defence equipment would pave the way for setting up new industrial units and open employment avenues to

Mineral Oil Corporation of He said his unit was also the city has developed a engaged in the manufacture of defence cooking stove to pre-

etable even in minus 60 degree centigrade temperature. It is being used by the armymen in Siachen and Ladakh areas and can boil water within 15 min-

City industrialists engaged in manufacture and supply of defence equipment said the MSME was also working in this sector. They said if the government withdrew the condition of submitting bank guarantee, the MSME units could prosper at a rapid pace.

"In fact, their lakhs of rupees are blocked in the shape of bank guarantees as there is rule to deposit 10 per cent of the total order's cost in the shape of bank guarantee. This results in blocking their working capital and they find it difficult to arrange additional money to manufacture the goods," they said.

LOCKDOWN HITS AQUARIUM, PET BUSINESS

The lockdown due to coro navirus pandemic has affected the fish (aquarium) and pet

dealer in Yashodha Nagar, said, "We cannot order fresh fish stock as the fish die when the shop remains closed during lockdown."

Nishad said that earlier he used to buy new fish stocks every week but now he was not able to buy new fish stocks even monthly. He said the government should also focus on the business of small shopkeepers as the middle class was most affected by lockdown.

Meanwhile, noted chest Nikita, an aquarium shop owner in Govind Nagar, said specialist and former head of that there was no sale these respiratory diseases department of Murari Lal Chest days, as people were buying less aquarium. Atindra Ghosh, an Hospital, Prof Sudhir aquarium shop owner at Chaudhary, who is currently Naveen market, said that he heading research work through was not able to order new various case studies, said with the inclusion of more tests stock due to transportation problem. Swapnil, a pet shop there was every possibility that there would be a breakthrough owner in Naveen market, said that the sale of pets had been and COVID-19 deaths would affected to a huge extent during lockdown, He said that be minimised. ed in principle to immediately conduct PCT (pro calcium people were not buying pets

Swapnil said many of his pets like puppies and birds had died in the shop during the

due to the fear of coronavirus.

CDO inspects ongoing works suspicious and the police immediately raided the place.

Chief Development Officer (CDO) Avinash Singh has asked the officials related with the rural development to generate more man-days in villages and benefit more and more persons under welfare schemes. These views were expressed by at Chhanbey block office during inspection. Reviewing the ongoing schemes he took a village development officer (VDO) to task for false reporting. He directed the field staff to engage minimum 60 labourers in each village. He directed the authorities concerned to give priority to women under MNREGA. He instructed the staff to engage migrant labour-ers as a drive and provide them job under MNREGA. Besides, the CDO visited Bhaausingh Ka Poora village and inspected the community toilet which was under construction. He inspected the

the working agency.

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES: ARTO (Administration) Ravi Kant Shukla said that registration of 5,892 private vehicles had been kept as suspended. Giving details about the provision under which the action was taken, he said that a vehicle was registered only for 15 years. The renewal of the registration was a must after that, he added. He said that in case of delay in renewal the owner would be fined ₹5,000 if found a defaulter during checking. The ARTO said that renewal was being done in his office on priority basis and any one could contact

him personally for it.

CAUGHT: The Adalhat police have nabbed two bike thieves and recovered two stolen bikes on Sunday. On being tipped off by an informer that a bike deal was in process near a culvert located at Ranibagh which seemed to be

The suspects there told the police both the motorcycles which they had were stolen from different parts of Varansai. The police lodged an FIR, arrested the duo and took the motorcycles in their custody. The accused were identified as Tilak Sahni and Ankit Sahni, residents of Garhava Ghat, Varanasi. Meanwhile a cattle smuggler carrying a reward of ₹15,000 was nabbed by Kachhawaan police. As per the reports, the police was already active for arresting the wanted smuggler and got inputs about the presence of the accused in the area. Acting on it the police arrested the criminal from Katka village. He was identified as Shakeel, a resident of Moose village under Gopiganj police station in Bhadohi. On the other hand the Halia police have arrested two thieves along with a

Two youths meet tragic end

CORRESPONDENT CHANDAULI

other ongoing works too and

wo youths were killed on I the spot when an uncontrolled Bolero collided with a truck parked on the road near Rema village under the Alinagar police station on the national highway on Sunday. Three people were seriously injured. All of them belonged to an area under the Mohania police station area of Bihar. They were returning home after hospitalising an acquaintance in Varanasi. On getting information police reached the spot and sent the bodies for the post-mortem examination. As the condition of the injured was serious, they were referred to the trauma centre. Reports said that Pradeep Maurya (22), a resident of Maharo village under the Mohania police station area of Bihar, Anuj Jaiswal (32), Dinesh Tiwari (35), Rita Devi (36), residents of Jaipur village and a resident of some other village were returning to Mohania after getting an ailing person admitted in a private hospital in Varanasi. They had reached near Rema village when the

of the national highway. As a result Pradeep Maurya and Anuj Jaiswal died on the spot. Besides the driver, Dinesh Tiwari, Rita Devi and another person were seriously injured. On getting informa-

tion police reached the spot and sent all the injured to the district hospital for treatment from where the doctors referred them the trauma centre in view of their critical condition, last reports received here said. On the other hand the Alinagar police sent the bodies of both the deceased to the district hospital for the post-mortem examination. In this regard Alinagar police station incharge inspector Brajesh Chandra Tiwari said that the

district hospital. Besides their families had been informed about the matter.

pumpset recently.

In another incident Saroj Yadav (22) was seriously injured when she hit by a speeding motorbike near Kanjehra village on the Syedraja-Zamania national highway around 8 pm on Saturday. Her family members admitted her to a private hospital at the district headquar-ters in a critical condition for treatment. However, the motorbike rider managed to escape from the spot after the incident. Reports said that Saroj, wife of Gautam Yadav, a resident of Kanjehra village, had gone to the western side of the village on Syedraja-Zamania Road for easing herself around 8 pm when the speeding bike rider who came from Kandwa side pushed her from behind. As a result she fell on the road and was seriously injured. When the other women who were with her raised an alarm the villagers reached the spot and informed her husband, Gautam, about the matter. Her family members then rushed her to a private hospital at the district headquarters where she was undergoing treatment.

SHO's appeal to people

CORRESPONDENT MIRZAPUR

Bolero went out of control and

collided with with a ballast-

laden truck parked on the side

Janmashtami a peace committee meeting was held at Lalganj police station on Sunday in which eminent people of the society took part. Station House Officer Mahendra Kumar Saroj appealed to people to celebrate the festival while following the Covid-19 protocol. He urged those present in the meeting that without the cooperation of people could not be won so they tion on Sunday. should convince the people to

bodies had been sent for the

post-mortem examination and

the injured had been referred

fight against the pandemic



prayers while following the social distancing guidelines. A peace committee meeting was also held at Adahlat police sta-

LUNCH PACKETS DIS-In view of the forthcoming avoid gatherings and perform TRIBUTED: Extending a helpkotwali police distributed lunch packets among them on Sunday. For noble cause the police selected the slum locality, temples and district hospital premises. Station House Officer (SHO) Ravindra Pratap Yadav distributed them among the needy. He assured the people of such localities that police was with them and they should feel free to call him any time in

Two apprehended

CORRESPONDENT ■ JALAUN

The police arrested two

I youths who had recently fled with the purse of a woman, Vinita Rathore, wife of Sudeep, a resident of Jawahar Nagar, which was kept on a motorcycle near the petrol pump on Ait Road in Konch city. At a press conference held on Sunday, CO Rahul Pandey said that the Kotwali police under the direction of SP Yashveer Singh and the guidance of ASP Dr Avadhesh Singh and under his leadership had been engaged for arresting the criminals. On being tipped off by an informer about the presence of criminals involved in the above incident near the railway crossing on Ghudia Road on Sunday the inspector incharge, Imran Khan, and Sagar police outpost incharge Sanjeev Katiyar along with constables Vivek Kumar, Ashish Tiwari and Kamlesh reached the spot and caught Labrej, son of Afzal, a resident of Lajpat Nagar, and Rajkumar, son of Rajaram, a resident of



Nagar, escaped from the spot. Police have recovered a pistol of 315 bore and three cartridges from the possession of Labrej along with a Deluxe motorcy cle without a registration number. The police also recovered ₹1,300 in cash and a mobile phone. The police have sent both of them to jail under relevant sections of law and intensified a search for their absconding accomplice, Rahul, in this connection.

Meanwhile on the instructions of SP Yashveer Singh to check criminals Mandi outpost incharge S-I Ramveer Singh apprehended a motorcycle thief recently. The accused identified as Ashish Dwivedi alias Ashish Pandit belonged to Indira Nagar in Orai, was caught from Rath Road. Three stolen motorcycles were also recovered from his possession.

Woman dies in road mishap

35-year-old woman was Adied on the spot when a

injured in the incident had been admitted to the district hospital. The police impounded the dumper. Meanwhile a case was registered against the dumper driver in this connection following a complaint made by Asharam Rajput father-in-law of the deceased.

3 criminals held **CORRESPONDENT** ■ LAKHIMPUR

The Kotwali Sadar Police L during checking arrested three miscreants recently. Inspector incharge Ajay Prakash Mishra said that he along with SSI Shiv Prakash Pandey were checking vehicles near Lalpur barrier. When they got information that three suspicious people were coming to Lakhimpur on a bus. At this the police arrested Mohammad Aslam, Chand Babu and Noor Mohammad, residents of Karanpur Nibha under Phardhan police station. Police was looking for them in connection with cases registered against them under the Gangster Act at Phardhan police station. The SP had declared a reward of Rs 15,000 on the head of Mohammad Aslam, Rs 10,000 each on the heads of Noor Mohammad and Chand Babu. Inspector incharge said that all three were vicious criminals. Criminal cases were registered against them at the several police stations of the district. TWO DROWN: Two

cousins, Tejpal Gautam (22), son of Mishrilal, and Indresh (18), son of Sobran Gautam, belonged to Chaura village who had gone to graze their animals in an area under the Isanagar police station drowned in a drain recently. On getting information about the matter their family members rushed to the spot along with villagers and recovered both the bodies. The police sent the bodies for the post-mortem

resident of the village, who too **CORRESPONDENT** ■ MAHOBA

Mahantnagar, while their

accomplice, Rahul Yadav, son

of Badelala, a resident of Tilak

dumper hit a motorcycle from behind on the Charkhari bypass road on Sunday morning. The deceased was identified as Rajkumari, resident of Kirari village. Pushpendra, a

BJP leader shot at by terrorists, succumbs in J&K

bdul Hamid Najar, the Abdul Flamiu Ivajai, Bharatiya Janta Party leader who was critically injured after being shot at by unidentified terrorists on Sunday in Ompora area of central Kashmir's Budgam district, succumbed to his injuries

early Monday morning. Najar had received at least four bullet injuries. According to official sources, "his liver was punctured". He was operated upon by the doctors but he could not survive and breathed his last early Monday morning.

treated at the SMHS hospital in

Najar was the district president of Budgam BJP Other Backward Class (OBC)

He was targeted by the unidentified terrorists when he was out on a morning walk in the area.

His last rites were performed by the family members in the afternoon. Around one dozen BJP workers across Kashmir valley have so far tendered their resignations fearing for their lives.

The death toll in Friday morning's devas-Lating landslide at Rajamala near Munnar in Kerala reached 49 by Monday evening as search and rescue team of the NDRF retrieved six more bodies from the debris in the region. The fate of 22 more persons who went missing remains unresolved even as rescue workers were going ahead with their mission as this report is filed.

Frequent downpour and mist have made rescue operation difficult but efforts were on to locate the missing persons, all workers in tea plantation owned by the Kannan Devan Company of the Tatas.

A new controversy has erupted over the discrimination shown by the Kerala Government towards the deceased in the landslide. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced a solatium of ₹2 lakh to the families of each of those who lost their lives. Vijavan had announced cash relief f₹10 lakh to the families of each of those who died in Friday's Air India air crash at Kozhikode Airport. Those injured were give ₹2 lakh and those who suffered minor injuries were

IDUKKI LANDSLIDE

allocated ₹50,000.

"This is not fair and the Kerala Government should accord the victims of Rajamala landslide the same importance and recognition they gave to those who died and injured in the air crash. The Chief Minister should understand that human lives are the same whether they die in air crash or landslide," said V Muraleedharan, Minister of state for external affairs who visited the landslide

Things took an ugly turn when volunteers of Seva Bharati were refused entry to Rajamala for retrieving the dead bodies and help the relations of the victims in performing the last rites. The LDF Convenor A Vijayaraghavan alleged that the Seva Bharati workers have come to propagate Hinduism | by the NIA that the bail application and not for helping the people in distress.

Local residents said the Sb activists were the first to reach Rajamala with provisions and life saving materials like blankets and | the sleuths of NIA from Bangalore medicine for those who survived the nature's

Death toll climbs to 49 Swapna Suresh's bail plea rejected

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The NIA Court in Kochi on ■ Monday rejected the bail application moved by Swapna Suresh, the kingpin in the Gold Smuggling Scam busted by the Customs.

Judge Krishnakumar also upheld the decision of the NIA to slap Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) against Swapna which would make it difficult for her to come out on bail in the near future.

The Judge said there were sufficient grounds that prima facie prove that the gold smuggling operation undertaken by Swapna was linked to terrorism. "It is based on the case diary as well as other documentary evidences submitted is being rejected," said the verdict.

Swapna Suresh and her partner-in-crime Sarith were arrested by where they have gone in hiding after the Customs officials of the inter-

Thiruvananthapuram busted the gold smuggling which was hap-pening through diplomatic channel.

The probe by the Customs and NIA took the investigation to M Sivsankar, the then principal secretary of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and minister for higher education KT Jaleel, former SIMI leader.

Sivsankar was questioned by the NIA and the Customs offcials for almost 24 hours in connection with the case while there are strong reports that Jaleel may be grilled by the agencies for his associatio0n with the UAE Consul General and attaché based at the capital city. The customs and NIA have arrested ten persons in connection with the gold

The NIA believes that the money generated through the smuggling is being diverted to fund terrorist activities and anti-India programmes.

56 prisoners in Bareilly test +ve

Bareilly: As many as 56 inmates of two prisons in Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh have tested positive for coronavirus, officials said on Monday.

District Surveillance Officer Ashok Kumar said 51 inmates of the central jail and five inmates of the district jail tested positive for Covid-19. The jail inmates were tested after an inmate of the central jail died due to Covid-19, Kumar added.

The district has so far reported 3,773 coronavirus cases with 98 deaths. Meanwhile, according to a report from Banda, a journalist died due to Covid-19 on Sunday.

Anjani Nigam ,52, was admitted to the Banda Medical College and later referred to the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow on Saturday when his condition deteriorated. IANS



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Dy CM Sushil Kumar Modi planting a tree as part of closing ceremony of Mission 2.51 trees on the occassion of Bihar Earth Day in Patna on Sunday. As part of the drive by Bihar Enviornment Department, 3.47

Kolkata: Fire breaks out at building on Pollock Street

Kolkata: People had a narrow escape when fire broke out at a commercial high-rise in busy Pollock Street area of north central Kolkata.

The fire broke out in a building that houses several corporate offices and banks late in the afternoon however was arrested with the help of 10 fire engines and a hydraulic ladder which was further used to rescue people trapped on the first floor, State Minister Firhad Hakimsaid.

The immediate reason of the fire was not known he said adding investigations would be carried out after the flames were completely doused. PNS od, people of Jamaat were

Sri Lankan Jamaatis trapped in violation of visa rules PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH quarantined all over the country amidst the noise of spread- ${
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released after fines and short punishments. However, the allegation of violation of visa rules has become an impediment in the bail of two Sri Lankan Jamaatis

caught in Aligarh. Therefore, their release was not possible and their bail got dismissed from the sessions court today. After this, efforts have started in the High Court for their bail and for this, the Sri Lankan Embassy has

UP and Delhi have been

appointed a lawyer. During the early period of the coronavirus infection peri-

Kasimpur, 9 in Junglegarhi, involved in the Tabligi Jamat of were caught.

Action was also taken against them in the Lockdown Violation, Pandemic Act. During this action, two Jamaatians of Sri Lankan origin caught in the city are badly

They are accused for violation of Indian visa rules. Due to this, the issue of their return to their country is stuck.

According to the government data and Aligarh police records, there were 72 Jamatis came in the district at that time. In the Dharpakad campaign, 13 in Rangrejan, 12 in Atiyaan, 10 in Govind Nagar, 102 in

16 in Pilauna and the rest Jamati in Faiz Mosque area Out of these, 13 people

stayed in the Rangrejan Mosque area. Among them were two Sri Lankans named Mohammad Murshidurrahman and MJ Hippalur Rahman. Their investigation and passport verification revealed that both of them visited India for 90 days in February on a tourist visa. According to the rules, during this time they should not have participated in any religious

procession here. Therefore, they were accused of lockdown violation, epidemic act, disaster act, visa rule violation. Their pass-

ports were confiscated and they were sent to jail.

According to Advocate Aale Navi, who is representing them in Aligarh, their bail application was granted in the Sessions Court. But otherwise, the plea was rejected in visa violation rule.

Now the senior advocate of the High Court will advocate the matter as the Sri Lankan Embassy has taken the process forward by taking interest in the matter. The Embassy has appointed advocates. This is important to mention that foreign Jamatis who were caught in Delhi, Saharanpur, Baghpat etc. in the country, were all released. Jamati of other states of the country were also

114 die, 5,914 test +ve in Tamil Nadu **KUMAR CHELLAPPAN** ■ CHENNAl account of coronavirus.

14 deaths and 5, 914 new Covid-19 patients by Monday evening. This is the information furnished by the Government of Tamil Nadu on Monday about the situation in the State on

<u>उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रान्सिमशन</u> कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई—निविदा **आमंत्रण सूचना** प्रतिष्ठित

एवं ई–निविदा हेतु पंजीकृत नेर्माताओं या उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि / आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से पारेषण दक्षिण–पूर्व क्षेत्र, गराज के अन्तर्गत निम्न सामग्री की आपर्ति हेत निविदायें दो भागों में उनके सम्मुख अंकित तिथि एवं समय तक आमंत्रित की जाती है निविदा के भाग प्रथम एवं भाग द्वितीय निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय तक उ०प्र० सरकार ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सिस्टम के अन्तर्गत देवसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड किये जा सकेंगे। निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि आरटीजीएस / एनईएफटी के माध्यम से जमा करायी जायेगी। निविदा खुलने की निधारित तिथि एवं समय (यदि अवकाश हो तो अगले कार्यदिवस में) पर खोली जायेगी। निविदा की वैधता खुलने की तिथि से 06 माह होनी चाहिए। सशर्त निविदायें किसी भी दशा में स्वीकार्य नहीं होगी। ई–निविदा सं०-०५ / मु०अ०(पा०द०पू०) / २०२०—२१, पारेषण क्षेत्र दक्षिण – पूर्व, प्रयागराज के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न उपकेन्द्र हेतु 110V/48V Battery Set की आपूर्ति। निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 14.09.2020 समय 17:00 बजे। निविदा खुलने की तिथि 15.09.2020 समय 15:00 बजे। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क (जी०एस०टी० सहित) रु० ४.720 / –(रु० चार हजार सात सौ बीस मात्र) धरोहर राशि रू० 44000 / (रु० चौवालिस हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र की हार्ड कॉपी डाक द्वारा अथवा व्यक्तिगत सम्वाहक के माध्यम से किसी भी दशा स्वीकार नहीं किये जायेंगे। निविदाओं सम्बंधित विवरण / डाउनलोड / संशोधन / विस्तारीकरण हेतु निविदा खुलने की दिनांक तक वेबसाइट <u>www.etender.up.nic.in</u> पर देखी जा सकती है। निविदाओं को बिना कार बताये अस्वीकृत / विभाजित करने का अधिकार मुख्य अभियन्ता (पा०द०पू०), प्रयागराज के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। **अधिशासी अभियन्ता (सं०), कृते** मुख्य अभियन्ता (पा०द०पू०), प्रयागराज पत्रांक— 1172 दिनांक 10.08.2020 "राष्ट्र हित

As on Monday evening,

there were 53,099 active Covid-19 cases in the State, lesser than the 53, 336 persons with the pandemic as on Sunday evening. Though the numbers were outwardly smaller compared to Sunday, the ground reality is that Tamil Nadu remains critical with the pandemic refusing to show any sign of subsiding.

Chennai had 976 Covid-19 patients on Monday. But engalpet diagnosed persons while Kancheepuram (310) and Thiruvallur (399) continued with unabated pandemic.

There were 15 districts other than Chennai, VChengalpet, Kancheepuram and Thiruvallur with high number of Covid patients while others showed less than

Why deprive farmers of PM-Kisan scheme: Bengal Guv to Mamata Samman Nidhi," adding "while

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Days after alleging that the State Government was withholding information from him on vital issues Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday shot off a letter to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee requesting her to allow the State farmers to avail of the benefit of pro-farmer Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme which was being blocked by her Government.

Urging the Chief Minister to undo the injustice being meted out to the tillers he wrot was distressed at the how the 70 lakh odd farmers of the State were being deprived of the central scheme. Claiming that the farmers of Bengal has already lost the total benefit amounting to about ₹8,400 crore "which was their due and right," Dhankhar wrote "it is distressing to note that

70 lakh farmers continue to be

denied the benefits of PM-Kisan

background of 1,184 new per-

each farmer all over the country has so far received ₹12, 00 our farmers have been denied of this legitimate right on account of insensitivity and confrontational stance of the State Government. He said that the farmers of other States had received ₹92,000 crores thanks to the PM Kisan scheme whereas "no amount has come to our State." This, he said required

diate amends," he said. Dhankhar further wrote that Central Govt been running from 2018 with 100% funding from Govt of India adding "The amount is directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries."

some "soul-searching and imme-

As there was no middlemen or commission, the amount directly went into the farmers' accounts he said, wondering "why this is not been done by the State Govt. This unfortunate

lapse, is painfully harmful to the interests of the farmers. This cruel joke' and historic injustice on the farmers should make me realise that governance has to be for the benefit of the people at large," and urging the Chief Minister to "take steps to undo this injustice to our fanners."

The Governor who has no love lost with the Trinamool Congress Government, had last week alleged that the State Government departments were not only not sharing information with him but also not respond-Information. Responding to the Governor's remarks and the letter senior TMC leader Tapas Roy said that "he is the only Governor in India who pinpricks his own government through twitter...It seems that being a senior advocate he is holding the BJP's brief and acting accordingly in Bengal," ever since he came in this State

Faesal quits politics

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ment read further.

Rhea, father, brother grilled for 8 hrs in money laundering probe

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Rhea (28), the prime accused in the case, was questioned for about eight hours on Friday. The ED also had earlier questioned Rhea's chartered accountant (CA) Ritesh Shah.

Apart from her business dealings and investments in conjunction with the late actor, the ED has so far grilled the actress on her income, investments, business and professional deals. During the quesmatch between her income, expenditure and investments was prominently emphasised, sources said.

A property located at Khar area in Mumbai and another in Navi Mumbai, both linked to Rhea, are being probed for the source of funds and ownership patterns, officials said. Confronting Rhea with her

two fiscals showing an annual income in the range of about Rs 14-18 lakh, the officials sought answers on the source of funds for acquiring the properties that are much higher in value. Rhea told the agency that

she had made the property investments from her income, savings and bank loans.

The ED, during the questioning sessions, is learnt to have confronted Rhea, Showik statements that purportedly show transfer of small amounts into Showik's accounts from those of Rajput and the accused actress. Rajput's father Krishna Kumar Singh had on July 25 filed a complaint with the Patna police against Rhea, her parents (including mother Sandhya Chakraborty), Showik, Rajput's manager

Samuel Miranda, Shruti Modi and unknown persons accusing them of cheating and abetting his son's suicide.

The CBI had re-registered the Patna police FIR as a fresh case on Thursday and named as accused the same six persons named in the original case.

The late actor's father also alleged financial irregularities in bank accounts of his son. In the complaint, Singh alleged that an amount of Rs 15 crore was siphoned off from Rajput bank account in one year to accounts of persons not known

or related to the late actor. The ED is also probing two companies linked to Rajput and some financial deals involving Rhea, her father and Showik, who are said to be directors in these firms and their questioning revolved around these aspects, the sources added.

As cases spike, Kerala Govt ropes in police to fight pandemic

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

 A^{s} the number of Covid-19 patients showing no possibility of coming down, Kerala has sought the assistance of the State's Police force to combat the pandemic fighting mechanism, according to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Addressing the media in his daily press briefing, Vijayan said he has appointed Harshita Attaluri, inspector general of police as the nodal officer in charge of hiruvananthapuram rural district and S Sreejith, IG, as the officer in charge of coastal region.

The decision is in the

sons testing positive for Covid-19 in the last 24 hours ending Monday evening 6 pm. "Seven persons succumbed to Covid-19 during the last 24 hours. What is concern is the number of persons getting infected through social transmission. On Monday, 956 persons out of the 1,184 tested positive contracted the pandemic through social transmission. 114 persons could not explain how and where they contracted the pandemic. We diagnosed 106 expatriates and 73 persons from other parts of the country on Monday with the pandemic," said Vijayan. Hew

ers too tested positive for the pandemic. "The task of controlling the spread of the pandemic has been handed over to Neighbourhood Watch System and the Janamythri Police. We are afraid that the local community clusters are almost sure to become Large Community Clusters," said Vijayan. The testing of samples in the State continued to hover in the 20,000 to 21,000 range "During the last 24 hours we tested 20,583 samples. Regarding the district-wise testing, Malappuram topped the table on Monday with 255 positive cases.

also said that 41 health work-

Dr Shah Faesal had

informed State Executive Members that he is not in a position to continue with political activities and wants to be freed from the responsibilities of the organisation, said the statement.

It was decided to accept his request so that he can better continue with his life and contribute whichever way he chooses, added the statement.

Feroze Peerzada, currently holding the post of party vice president was appointed as president of the party till formal elections can be held for the post of president," the state-

Rafale jets start practice sorties at LAC

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make the versatile planes operationally ready, sources said here on Monday.

Though the jets will be formally inducted into the "Golden Arrow" squadron later this month, planners are keen to expose the jets to all kinds of Indian conditions and therefore a batch of at least 12 pilots are engaged in intense flying, they said.

Given the volatile situation at the border in Eastern Ladakh, the IAF has already mobilised most of its other frontline fighter jets, including SU-30, Jaguars and MIG-29, to forward bases all along the 4,000 km long LAC stretching from Ladakh to Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand and Arunachal Pradesh.

In fact, the newly inducted Apache attack helicopters are flying regular operational sorties near the LAC in Ladakh and Chinook heavy-lift helicopters practicing runs to ferry troops and equipment in the region. This deployment is to boost the Indian Army which has bolstered its troop strength besides bringing forward heavy guns and tanks. This measure was undertaken at the Chinese scaled up their strength at all

four "friction points." Realising the sensitive nature of the LAC at present, the planes are not flying very close to the LAC in Himachal Pradesh and will follow the same routine in Ladakh, sources said. India and China have an agreement about "no-

fly" zone where in fighter jets of two sides have to conduct sorties at least 15 km from the LAC in their respective regions.

The ongoing intensive practice sorties are also testing Indian specifications fitted into the Rafales. The 13 India Specific Enhancements (ISE) are part of the Rs 60,000 crore deal for 36 Rafale jets.

The ISE include Israeli helmet-mounted displays, radar warning receivers, low-band jammers, infra-red search, and tracking systems among others. In addition, the Rafale is armed with the Meteor missile considered a game-changer in the region with a range of over 150 km, SCALP long-range standoff attack, air-to-ground missile, and MICA multi-mission air-to-air missiles.

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Sachin Pilot's ghar wapsi

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Sources said that no action will be taken against rebel MLAs. It has also been promised that the rebel Ministers of the Pilot camp will again be given the ranks of Ministers. Even if not immediately, Cabinet expansion will be done

Sources said Pilot during the last few days had made back channel attempts through senior leaders of the party to have a word with the Congress' first family which he ignored despite several attempts made by the party leadership to pacify him.

Late Monday night when eports began to trickle in that dissidents staying at a hotel in Gurugram have started returning to

Jaipur, Priyanka reached at party troubleshooter Ahmed Patel's residence to deliberate further on Pilot's future.

Congress organisation general secretary KC Venugopal had visited Gehlot and his MLAs in Jaisalmer on Saturday and informed them about a possible end to the month-long stalemate. Venugopal urged the CM to not give any fresh statement against Pilot.

"This time the party was quick to respond as Jyotiraditya Scindia exited and joined BJP after blaming the same leadership for not giving him a personal audience for over a year. Yes, we can say the party this time was sensitive in handling the internal affairs as Scindia case could be an eye opener for them,"

said a senior party leader.

The move ahead of the Assembly session on Friday where the Congress is likely to go for a trust motion is significant as this is being seen as a step forward in breaking the deadlock in Rajasthan where Pilot along with 17 MLAs raised a banner of revolt against Gehlot.

Another party leader said that the meeting of Pilot with Gandhis was a "positive development" but speculated that Pilot must have put certain conditions agreeable to Gandhis after so much mudslinging in recent days.

"Much has changed over the last one month. Pilot has been removed as both Deputy Chief Minister and State unit chief of the

party. Any negotiation will happen only when both sides take a clear stand on who is willing to walk how many steps. We have to also keep in mind that right now the talks are limited to Delhi and the views of Rajasthan's top leadership will also be crucial," said the party leader.

Sources said that Pilot has assured Congress high command that he will end his rebellion and there will likely be no action against rebel Pilot lovalists.

Pilot is unlikely to get any role in Rajasthan Congress or Gehlot Government for now but he might be roped in for key responsibilities in AICC. The month long battle started by Pilot witnessed allegations against Union Minister Gajendra Singh for toppling the

Government and the matter reached the Rashtrapati Bhawan as well as Prime Minister Narendra Modi in form of a serious charge by Gehlot. Source mentioned that disci-

plinary action initiated against Pilot loyalists Vishvendra Singh Ramesh Meena and Bhanwarlal Sharma may be dropped for now as Sharma already met Gehlot ending his rebellion. Singh and Meena, who were dropped from the Gehlot Cabinet along with Pilot last month, may get back their portfolios.

Gehlot on his part immediatecalled a meeting with the Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee (RPCC) president Govind Dotasra in Jaipur to discuss handling of the day's development.

Health officials fear Covid spike in festive season



ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

With no let-up in the covid-19 cases which crossed the 22-lakh mark on Monday, health officials are now keeping their fingers crossed in view of the upcoming string of festivals like Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratras, Dussehra, Diwali and Chatth in the coming months.

spike in cases during the people's participation in these fes-

For the last five days, in fact number of new cases every day

after Raksha Bandhan, a Hindu festival, which was on August 3, India has been reporting more novel Coronavirus infections than any other country in the world. On Saturday, India's over 64,000 new infections comprised more than 22 per cent of all the cases detected globally, said an official from

the Union Health Ministry. He pointed out that while The officials fear a further the United States and Brazil which have greater number of people infected by the virus till now, have been finding fewer



during this period, while India's case numbers have been increasing steadily, with more than 60,000 new cases for the last three days.

Many Northern States like the Uttar Pradesh had allowed opening of sweet shops and those selling rakhis on Sunday in view of the Raksha Bandhan festival on Monday. Soon after, various parts of the Uttar Pradesh like Lucknow reported huge surge in the Covid-19

Now, with a series of festivals coming up in the next few

an easy task.

The project also had to overcome challenges such as

high waves, storms and mon-

soons and the tough times

owing to Corona Pandemic.

Telecom Minister Ravi

Shankar Prasad also attended

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and all the benefits of Digital

India, especially in improving

online education, tele-medi-

cine, banking system, online trading and in boosting

tourism," said Prime Minister.

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project in speedy manner.

months, which are celebrated across the country, we fear more cases on anvil, said the official. "Though State

Governments have been urging people to not to congregate at public places, but being major festivals many times citizens fail to adhere the norms of social distancing and visit the markets to purchase sweets and other items for prayers.

"We have also observed that people tend to visit their relatives during festival times as a ritual and do not follow mask wearing norms, thus leaving India's fatality rate falls amid rise in cases

The Ministry said the fatality rate is at its lowest and India is among the countries with lowest fatalities.

"Early identification of cases has also led to steep fall in percentage of active cases,"

Early identification helps to ensure timely and prompt isolation of mild and moderate cases and hospitalisation of severe and critical cases, thereby leading to effective management of cases, the Ministry

increase in cases in these States after these festivals cannot be ruled out, said the official.

Maharasthra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Telangana, Karnataka and Bihar

The Ministry data further mentions that India's COVID-19 recoveries have crossed the historic peak of 15 lakh on Monday, more than twice the

active cases while recovery of

15,35,743 patients, it said, has been made possible because of

the policy of aggressive testing,

comprehensive tracking and efficient treatment. Better ambulance services, focus on standard of care and use of non-invasive oxygen

had given the desired results,

accounted for about 82 per cent of all the cases in the country, both in terms of total caseload, as well as new cases so

The number in India reached 22 lakh on Monday, and at this rate, India is poised

gle-day recoveries of 54,859 patients in the last 24 hours, the recovery rate had scaled another high of almost 70 per

The record recoveries ensured that the actual caseload of the country, namely the active cases, has reduced and currently comprises only 28.66 per cent of the total positive

India has posted more than 9 lakh recoveries compared with active cases (6.34.945).

to overtake Brazil within a month's time. In the last three days, Brazil has been adding more than 50,000 new cases daily, but in India, everyday around 60,000 cases are being added up to the total tally, pointed out the official.

Modi reviews flood situation with CMs of 6 States

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged the flood affected States for extensive use of innovative technologies and local investments for the development of forecast and early warning systems. PM was reviewing the flood situation in six States with Chief Ministers of Assam, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala. The States complimented central agencies including NDRF for prompt co-ordination and timely deployment of rescue

Chief Ministers Sarbanada Sonowal, Nitish Kumar, Yogi Adityanath, Uddhav Thackeray and Pinarayi Vijayan appraised the flood situation in their States. Karnataka was represented by Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan and Ministers of State Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy and Nityanand Rai also participated in the review meet.

Modi emphasised on better coordination between all central and state agencies to have a perfloods and extensive use of innovative technologies for improving forecast and warning system. Prime Minister said that over the past few years, our forecasting agencies like India Meteorological Department and Central Water Commission have been making concerted efforts to make better and more usable flood forecasts. They are trying to provide not only rainfall and river level forecast but also location specific forecast of inundation. There are pilot efforts underway to also use innovative technologies such as artificial

PM dedicates Chennai-Andaman & Nicobar submarine optical fibre cable link

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday dedicat-ed to the nation, 2,300 km submarine optical cable connecting Andaman and Nicobar Islands to Chennai, which is set to be a big a leap in the communication technology. Modi congratulated the engineering team which finished this prestigious project in 18 months. The foundation stone for this project was laid by the PM on December 30, 2018 at

Addressing the function thru video conferring, Prime Minister said this great leap in communication technology will boost the development of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Modi admired the laying of cables for about 2,300 kilometers under the sea as surveying in the deep sea, maintaining the quality of the cable and laying of the cable with specialised vessels is not

intelligence to improve locations specific forecast, for which States should provide necessary information to these agencies and timely disseminate the warnings to local communities," said PMO a statement.

Prime Minister mentioned that investment should be increased in localised early warning system so that people in a particular area can be provided with timely warning in such as breach of river embankment, inundation level, lightning etc. "Prime Minister also emphasised that in view of COVID situation, while undertaking rescue efforts, States must ensure that people follow all health precautions such as wearing of face mask, hand sanitisation and maintain adequate physical distance and relief materials must include provision for hand washing/ sanitizing and

face masks for the affected people. In this regard, special provisions should be made for elderly people, pregnant women and people with co-morbidity.

EIA 2020 criticism is premature as draft is not final: Javadekar

As the total coronavirus patients across the country

crossed the 22-lakh mark,

India's fatality rate dropped to

its lowest two per cent in the

last 24 hours whereas the

recoveries reached a new peak

The latest data shared by

the Union Health shows that

the current Case Fatality Rate

(CFR) is two per cent and is

steadily declining even as the

country tested a record over

1,000 deaths in a single day,

themselves vulnerable to the dis-

Chaturthi is major festival in

Maharasthra, Chatth Puja is

celebrated with great fervour in

Bihar. Similarly, Navratras is

important fest in Gujarat. Hence,

For instance, if Ganesh

ease," said the official.

of over 15 lakh so far.



PNS NEW DELHI

 $U_{\text{Minister}}^{\text{nion}}{}^{\text{E}}$ Environment Prakash Javedekar on Monday termed 'immature' the criticism of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), 2020 from green activists and political parties including the Congress, and said that all suggestions will be considered before the draft is finalised.

"The criticism of the EIA, 2020, was "premature", as the document is merely a draft at this stage. As per rules, only 60 days notice is to be given, but owing to Covid-19, we extended it up to 150 days," Javadekar said on the sidelines of the ministry's World Elephant Day celebrations.

'Thousands have sent their views, but some are protesting. People jumping at the draft [EIA] is not a fair practice. It is just a draft right now, we will take a call on these views and then it will be finalised."

The Minister also

slammed the Congress, alleging that its erstwhile government did not consult people

on such decisions. The erstwhile United Progressive Alliance-led gov-ernment did not consult the people on key environmental decisions. I have mentioned this in my letter and reply to [Congress leader] Jairam Ramesh," he said. "This is all unnecessary and premature."

Javadekar also objected Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's comments earlier in the day. Gandhi called the draft a "disaster" and urged people to protest against it. Those who want to now protest, during their regime took many of the big decisions without consultations," Javadekar said.

On Sunday, Rahul Gandhi had said the draft (EIA) notification, 2020, is "not only disgraceful, but it is also dan-

"Not only does it have the potential to reverse many of the hard-fought gains that have been won over the years in the battle to protect our environment, but it could also notentially unleash wide environmental destruction and mayhem across India," Gandhi wrote in a post on a social media platform calling youth to protest

The new updates to the

draft 2020 EIA notification prescribe the procedure for industries to assess the ecological and environmental impact of their proposed activity and the mechanism, whereby these would be assessed by expert committees appointed by the environ-

ment ministry. Several environmentalists and organisations have alleged that the draft notification does away with the requirement for public consultation for a number of projects that could create an adverse ecological impact.

Ramesh had said last month the draft notification reduces public participation in all steps of the environmental clearance process by "lessening the notice period for public hearings and doing away with them for a large category of projects".

On August 5, the Karnataka High Court directed the Ministry of Environment to not publish the final draft notification until September 7 as it noted that it was published on March 23, two days before the imposition of the nationwide lockdown to control the coronavirus, people had not been able to file objections to the document. It also criticised the publication of the document only in Hindi and English.

Elephant conservation is vital as it balances ecosystem: Minister

PNS NEW DELHI

Every-year, at least 500 people are killed by jumbos and 100 elephants lose their lives as they come into conflict with humans in search of food and migration from one habitat to another in the country.

This is a matter of concern, said Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar at an event here after release of a document on best practices of conflict management and launch of the national portal of project elephant which will have all the data and details of

"We do not kill animals. Animals are revered in India. We have to devise good conflict management practices. We have also started a fodder and water augmentation programme in elephants' habitat and corridor," Javadekar said on World Elephant Day on Monday. As per the last census conducted in 2017, India is home to 30,000 elephants while over 2,700 are in the captivity.

Addressing the event, Javadekar said elephant conservation is vital as it balances the ecosystem. Elephants have to be kept in forests for which fodder and water augmentation programme has been initiated, the minister said, adding that by next year results will start

showing.
"The Government has taken initiative of fodder and water augmentation in forest areas so that animals will get food and water in forest area and will not come outside," he said adding that LiDAR technology is being used for it.

Union Minister of State for Environment Babul Supriyo said, it is a moment of pride that India is having 60 percent of Global population of Asian Elephants.

Giving out the figures of deaths due to human-elephant conflict, Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife) Soumitra Dasgupta said hundreds of elephants migrate and come in contact with human

beings.
"More than 500 human and 100 elephant deaths take place each year due to the conflict. In last five years, the ministry has unleashed a series of activities for the conservation of elephants. More elephant corridors have been identified, budget has been increased by 30 per cent and several committees have also been formed," said Dasgupta.

"New elephant reserves have been declared and elephant corridors have also been identified in the past five years to address the problem. Elephants have also been included in appendix 1 of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals to ensure better conservation

Sanjay Kumar, directorgeneral of forests, said the population and distribution of elephants in the country have been on the rise. They have migrating from Jharkhand to Chhattisgarh to Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra.

"New interactions are leading to more conflict. They are migrating to newer areas. We are trying to identify research methodologies to understand how the population can remain stable in new areas," he said.

Army starts enquiry after families allege 'ultras' killed in Shopian were labourers

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Mystery behind disappearance of three labourers hailing from Rajouri on Monday deepened further after social media reports claimed the three "suspected terrorists 'killed in Amshipora Shopian 'encounter' on 18 July 2020, have been reportedly identified as the missing labourers of Rajouri on basis of photographs shared by the families.

As the news spread like wildfire on various other social media platforms, disgruntled politicians in Kashmir valley issued lengthy statements demanding a probe into disappearance of three labourers from Rajouri in south Kashmir district of Shopian.

Reacting to these social media posts, Srinagar based Defence Spokesman, Col Rajesh Kalia issued a statement which read, "we have noted social media inputs linked to the operation at Shopian on July 18, 2020. The three terrorists killed during the operation have not been identified and the bodies were buried based on established protocols.Army is investigating the

It is leart the family members of three labourers from Rajouri have registered a missing report in police station

Before going off the radar the three labourers had reportedly informed their family members on July 17 that they had reached Shopian and had taken a room on rent. Since then the family members have not heard anything from them.

Iltija Mufti, daughter of PDP Chief and former Chief Minister Mehnbooba Mufti, currently operating the Twitter account of her mother posted a tweet which read "Shocked to hear about reports of 3 missing labourers reportedly killed in a staged encounter at Shopian. Armed forces have a free hand to operate with impunity. Explains why bodies are allowed to decompose at unknown locations. Probes into recent encounters must be ordered".

Jammu & Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Monday sought an impartial and time bound probe to unearth the mystery behind the disappearance of three poor labourers of Rajouri dis-

Assam Police chief tests corona +ve

IANS GUWAHATI

Assam's Director General of Police Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday and has gone in for home isolation, ficials said.

According to a senior Assam Police official, health workers have begun tracing the people who have come in contact with Mahanta. Despite many attempts, Mahanta himself was not

"Since March, around 30 eople directly and indirectassociated with the Assam Police Headquarters have tested positive. The infected include senior officials like the Inspector General of Police, Law and Order, and the Deputy Inspector General, Administration," said the official, who did not want to be

A total of 2,259 Assam Police personnel have tested positive for the Covid-19, but ,734 have already recovered. However, six personnel succumbed to the disease.

Assam, till Monday afternoon, reported a total of 58,837 coronavirus cases, with 16,364 active cases.

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu speaks after virtually laying the foundation stone for a housing complex for Rajya Sabha employees in New Delhi on Monday

Work for installation of smog tower in Delhi has started: Centre to SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre Monday told the Supreme Court that work for installation of smog tower at Anand Vihar in east Delhi has started and soil samples have been taken for examining the structural sta-

Smog tower is a structure designed as large-scale air purifier to reduce air pollu-

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra that an memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed for the project of installation of smog tower and IIT Bombay and Tata Projects Limited are in touch with University of Minnesota for transfer of technology.

The bench, also comprising Justices B R Gavai and Krishna Murari, was informed by Mehta that as on August 8, site survey has been done and soil samples have been taken and are being examined.

Further hearing needed in 2009 contempt case against Bhushan, Tejpal, says SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said further hearing was required in the 2009 criminal contempt case against activist-lawver

Prashant Bhushan and journalist Tarun Tejpal to examine whether comments on corruption against judges per se

amounted to contempt or not. A bench headed by Justice tempt notice to Bhushan and Arun Mishra and comprising

justices B R Gavai and Krishna Murari posted the matter for hearing on August 17.

The top court had in November 2009 issued con-

Maha deaths drop to 293, cases dip to 9,181

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In a marked drop in the number of Covid-19 infections and fatalities, Maharashtra on Monday witnessed 293 deaths taking the total pandemic toll in the State to 18,050, while a relatively low 9,181 people tested positive for Coronavirus.

After the disturbing weekend that saw the pandemic claim 665 lives (275 on Saturday and 390 on Sunday) and leave an alarming 24,070 others (12,822 on Saturday and 12,248 on Sunday) infected, Coronavirus appeared to have become less ferocious on the first day of the week, going by the death and infection tallies. Of the 290 total deaths reported on Monday, Mumbai accounted for accounted for 46 deaths, while there were 43 deaths in Pune and 42 in Thane.

As the fatality figure dropped below 50 mark for the second consecutive day, the total Covid-19 toll Mumbai with 46 fresh deaths --rose from 6,799 to 6,845, while the infected cases increased by 925 to touch a total of 1,24,307.

Apart from 46, 43 and 42 deaths reported from Mumbai, Pune and Thane respectively, there were 22 deaths in Raigad, 21 in Nagpur, 16 in Sangli, 12 in Kolhapur, 9 in Jalna, 8 in Ratnagiri, 7 each in Ahmednagar, Solapur, Aurangabad and Nanded, 6 each in Palghar and Latur, 5 each in Jalgaon and Beed, 4 each in Nashik, Satara and Amravati, 3 each in Nandurbar and Osmanabad and one each in Dhule, Hingoli, Akola, Yavatmal, Buldhana and Chandrapur. In a related development,

as many as 6711 patients were discharged from hospitals in the state after full recovery, taking the total number of patients discharged from various hospitals after full recovery since the second week of March this year to 3,58,421. The recovery rate went up to 68.33 per cent. The mortality rate in the state is 3.44 per cent. The state health authorities pegged the number of "active cases" in the state at 1,47,735. Pune, which has emerged as the second worstaffected district in terms of spread of the pandemic, has recorded 1,14,703 infections and 2771 deaths till now.

With 105904 infected cases and 3008 deaths, Thane continued to be the thirdworst hit district in Maharashtra.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Needed, full-time chief The Congress needs to conduct inner party elections and

get a president though it has saved Rajasthan



If indeed Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi, who met rebel Congress leader Sachin Pilot, have worked out a rapprochement in the troubled Rajasthan Congress, then it is their first decisive move, indicating a generational shift. Their efforts have at least built a tenuous bridge between the old guard and the younger breed. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot climbed down, as he was told sternly that Pilot needs to be reinstated and given space. This is a high stake game for Rahul if he sees himself as reclaiming the Congress fortunes with his peers, who are getting disgruntled, impatient and sometimes even impervious to the need for accommodating experience.

But then he has to play the part proactively and wisely, not from the shadows as mother Sonia Gandhi will continue to remain interim president for a little longer. He has to have a strategy, rather than running a lone warrior race on social media. Sure the seniors have fattened up their turfs and positions while letting the Gandhis take the credit or blame publicly as the case may have been, but in securing their interests, they have respectively developed the party's matrix creditably and have a depth of experience in political manoeuvering. But they are status quoist, preferring continuity into their sunset years in ways that they understand, choosing fiefdoms over the larger national revival of the party. The fact is the Congress has lost the hunger to be a national alternative in the changed political template of the times that is disruptive, dynamic, performance-driven, result-oriented and avowedly authoritarian. The party looks rudderless and hopeless in comparison. The younger breed, Rahul included, now want to leave their mark, and reclaim some respectability for the party and as Jyotiraditya Scindia and Sachin Pilot have shown, can live down their entitlements, work the ground and deliver results. Ambition is not a bad thing and maybe the propeller the Congress needs, provided it creates a *margdarshak*-like structure for the old hawks the way BJP has. Besides, the elders forget that they were mavericks once and should let the fresh winds blow in, failed as they have in arresting the party's erosion.

But as mentioned before, the party first needs a strategy. And must speak in a united voice. To give the elders their due, they are right in suggesting that Rahul stop the personal attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is understandable why Rahul, the nation's butt of ridicule courtesy the BJP's online army, and the recipient of digs about his family legacy, is tempted to make it personal. But he is ending up making Modi look like a victim of dynastic snobbery, something that cost the Congress the Lok Sabha election last year. Despite India's unwieldy pandemic and the mishandling of the Chinese incursion in Ladakh, Modi's personality cult remains unaffected. Attacking him is proving counter-productive for Rahul. The Congress needs to work on issue-based campaigns at a pan-India level, be it of economic slowdown, joblessness or the youth. Only when issues are made bigger than the personality will the Congress be able to force a serious discourse beyond the muscularity of Modi or the triumphalism of religiosity. Let's face it, Rahul cannot win a personality war but can present a cogent alternative plan that may yet find takers. Instead of interviewing experts and luminaries, he should get their inputs to prepare this agenda. Besides, while team Rahul is brimming with ideas, they are not tested in the crucible of the political laboratory and they would need seniors in scripting party responses rather than running down past UPA Governments. Rahul should at least insist upon a disciplined public posturing. While he did try to appear responsible and principled by withdrawing from public life after the Lok Sabha rout, the fact is this move made him look like an escapist. If the high command thought this would lead to a yearning among partymen to get him back, that's not the case. Perceiving the party as a rudderless ship, many grassroots workers and members have just migrated to other parties, be it the BJP or federal outfits, to barter their worth. If he was really keen on a rebuild, he should have stuck through the worst. Something that sister Privanka at least attempted in Uttar Pradesh. Most importantly, if he really wants to be a reformist and take everybody along, he should usher in democracy within by calling for the Congress Working Committee elections at the earliest. There should be a permanent president and not a stopgap one as MP Shashi Tharoor has indicated. Rahul's problem is that he knows that the chair is his; every Congressman would acquiesce to Sonia's wishes on this matter, even his peers. That probably fuels his complacency or stubbornness, depending on which side of the prism you want to look from. But the Bihar and the Assembly elections aren't too far away. So the Congress needs campaign planks than ego wars. And Rahul must engage with other federal front leaders on his own steam than leave that to his mother. The Congress has already frittered away too much time and talk. Now it is action or perish. And the baba log, too, are greying.

Atmanirbhar raksha

Shooting from the hip or shooting oneself in the foot? Is a ban on defence items enough to make India self-reliant?



ndia is one of the world's largest buyers of defence equipment. It is also unique among big nations with large armed forces to have an abysmally small domestic arms industry. The country imports everything from frontline fighter aircraft to clothing equipment and bulletproof vests worn by frontline infantrymen. It is a trade that has made many people in Delhi very rich and led to a completely corrupt military decision-making process, both from the political front as well as inside the forces. Therefore, should the announcement by the Raksha Mantri, Rajnath Singh, to gradually move a hundred items from the import list to beef up domestic pro-

duction be seen as a positive? Frankly, yes and also no. Yes because there is a desperate need for India to build up a military-industrial complex of companies, both public and private, that can supply our defence needs in a hurry. To give an example, the speed with which Boeing delivered the last batch of Apache attack and Chinook transport helicopters after the events of June 15 shows just how agile and efficient American military suppliers are. Nobody is saying that India can reach this efficiency, from both a scientific or production standpoint, but the knee-jerk reaction with which our country buys arms from abroad at any sign of trouble has to change. With some notable exceptions such as Larsen & Toubro and various Tata Sons companies, the private sector's involvement in defence production has been abysmal. Mainly because of the Government's reluctance to involve them, thanks to strong Defence Public Sector Unit (DPSU) lobbies among politicians and bureaucrats. Various research institutions, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), too, must chip in to develop technologies and boost in-house capabilities. Even in an area where India is fairly self-reliant — building surface warships — we barely produce one large capital ship annually. Yet China is churning out destroyers and frigates by the dozen every couple of years. If we are to bridge this gap, Indian industry must be encouraged.

However, there is a counter-argument. For several items on Singh's list, India simply does not have the capabilities. Consider transport aircraft; Indian companies were unable to upgrade the extensive fleet of Antonov 32 medium aircraft. While the Modi Government ought to be complimented on finishing the long gestation period for the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, its three-decade development story is a joke. We have not built any commercial or military transport aircraft in our history. And even if the proposed measures allow for joint development and Indian fabrication, pretending that we suddenly have the skills to make planes is outright bizarre. The same applies to state-of-the-art radar and sonar systems. If we are to get the best systems, we will have to import them until we are able to reverseengineer or collaborate with the likes of France and Israel to develop our own. Yes, domestic manufacturing is a start and will save considerable resources but it should not come in the way of ensuring that India's frontline warriors have access to the best technology.

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Set new energy goals

Perovskite-based solar cells are a good alternative to silicon-based PV cells. But the problem of degradation due to weather conditions needs to be addressed



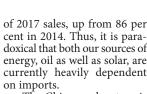
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ecently, the Prime Minister inaugurated the country's largest photovoltaic (PV) cellased solar energy olant at Rewa in Madhya Pradesh While inaugurating this 750 megawatt (MW) plant, he stressed upon the need for atmanirbharta self-reliance). Considering that about 80 per cent of our solar power generation equipment is of Chinese origin, the inauguration of the solar plant was timely. The Prime Minister used the occasion to emphasise this aspect. Said he, "India won't be able to fully use its solar power potential if the country doesn't develop better solar panels, batteries and storage manufacturing capacity." India imported \$2.16 billion worth of solar photovoltaic cells, panels and modules in 2018-19.

India is lucky that sunlight is available in abundance here but the challenge lies in the procurement of the PV cells. This has been one of the major constraining factors in our efforts to realise the full potential of solar energy. According to a report submitted by the parliamentary Standing Committee, in order to achieve the target of 100 GW of solar electricity capacity by 2022, India should have had an installed capacity of 32,000 MW by 2017-18. But as of January 31, 2018, the country only had a capacity of 18,455 MW. As per the standing committee, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has to install the remaining 81,545 MW in just four years — this is over 20,000 MW a year and appears difficult to achieve.

However, despite the constraints, the price of solar energy has come down to ₹2-2.50 per unit from ₹7-8 per unit in 2014. A serious lacuna in this entire exercise of achieving the solar power target continues to be our poor record of indigenous manufacturing of solar panels and our near-complete dependency on

Today, China is the only country that caters to most of the global PV cell demands. It produces the cheapest solar panels. It is difficult for any country to match such low prices. This has led to a situation where China has a virtual monopoly and this may not be desirable in the long run. Our own imports, mostly from China, accounted for 90 per cent



The Chinese advantage is based on low cost of manufacturing despite the process being highly power consumptive and polluting. In the present scenario, particularly in the wake of the Galwan incident, imports of solar technology from China have been banned as it would not have been logical on our part to continue to nourish their economy.

In the absence of cheap imports, the current situation may, perhaps, appear to be disappointing but there are alternatives which must be fully exploited. First, the solar thermal route for harnessing solar energy has found limited application so far. As of now, there are only six functional solar thermal plants, which amount requirement.

Understandably, this technology has its own advantages but is somewhat more expensive than the PV cell route. This is why it has not gathered much acceptance. More research in this area can ensure that costs are further cut down leading to profitability.

An alternative to silicon-



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based PV cells, which is the speciality of China, has since been found in the form of Perovskite solar cells. This is also a tried and tested method. According to the work done at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, the efficiency of the Perovskite cells, which was about three per cent in 2006, showed a marked improvement. It has now been determined to be at about 22 per cent, which makes it quite

Perovskite is a crystalline form of the chemical called calcium titanate. It may sound formidable but fortunately, all the raw materials used to manufacture it are indigenously available. The process, too, is much simpler, less polluting and consumes less power than the production of silicon chips. Perovskite is the product of

limestone, which is abundantly available in the country, and titanium oxide, which is ing ilmenite, an ore of titanium. Ilmenite, too, is available in abundance as we have reserves of several million tonnes of this ore in the sands along the shores of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and

The present usage of titanium oxide is confined to the paints and pigment industry as

well as in the manufacture of cosmetics and sunscreens as it offers good protection against UV rays.

The absence of Chinese products from now onwards needs to be considered as an opportunity for accelerated research so as to put this technology to commercial use at the earliest. Perovskite-based solar cells have performed exceedingly well in controlled conditions but the problem of degradation due to weather conditions needs to be addressed. The silicon-based PV cells are almost weather proof, so the durability of Perovskite has to be brought up to that level.

Perovskite technology has the potential of being a game changer in our quest for harnessing solar energy with less polluting and low cost solutions. The renewable energy firm, ReNew Power Pvt Ltd, has already announced that it States to set up a ₹1,500-2,000 crore facility to make solar cells and modules. The need is for close monitoring and allocation of sufficient funds for research. India can't afford to lose the new solar race.

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allow water to collect on the

runway? Given that the pilot had

already aborted an attempt to

land sensing the condition, why

wasn't the aircraft diverted to a

nearby airport? Although a

few recommendations of the

aviation safety report submitted

to the Ministry of Civil Aviation

in 2011 were implemented, laps-

es remain. Instead of jumping to

conclusions, we must wait for

reports to emerge. Hereon, sug-

gestions of the audit report

must be implemented without

V Nagendra Kumar

Hyderabad

UNDBITE

It is true, how many times did Sushant go to Patna to meet his father? I have sympathy for his father but there are many things that will surface.

Shiv Sena leader



You have an audience that is exposed to so much content from across the world which is why you really have to push the envelope to grab

-Kunal Kapoor



It is a disastrous situation for people living without access to safe water and safely managed sanitation. The chronic underinvestment has left billions vulnerable

UN-Water Chair -Gilbert F Hounabo



Economic slowdown in the country is a humanitarian crisis. The Government's shock and awe approach to the lockdown has caused tremendous pain to people

Former PM



LETTERS

Lessons from a series of tragedies

Humanity exists

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Tragedy in Kozhikode" (August 10). Credit must be given to the local residents, who rushed to the aid of those on-board the ill-fated flight. However, many people forgot to follow COVID-19 protocols, the downpour and even the possible danger of a fire. It must be noted that the airport area has been listed as a pandemic containment zone. Their help in spotting passengers and later disseminating information using social media were outstanding gestures. There were large queues of blood donors at hospitals even at midnight, proving that humanity, humaneness and hope are still alive.

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Avoidable crash

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Tragedy in Kozhikode" (August 10). The Kozhikode plane crash incident is a reminder that the findings of

his refers to the editorial, "Tragedy in Kozhikode" (August 10). Tragedy after tragedy seems to be unfolding even as the COVID-19 pandemic shows

no signs of slowing down. The hooch tragedy in Punjab, fire accidents in Ahmedabad and Vijayawada, landslides in Idukki and the plane crash in Kozhikode have all occurred in quick succession. The hooch tragedy in Punjab claimed 113 lives and highlighted how bootlegging and consumption of spurious brew continue in times of crisis. The incessant rain caused a landslide in Idukki, Kerala, which flattened a row of 20 houses of tea estate workers. More than 40 people died. The estate workers were not evacuated in time to escape the nature's fury. Every year, the living quarters of these workers become precarious during the rainy season, a fact that underlines the vulnerability of labourers to natural disasters. The workers must be provided with safe accommodation. The Kozhikode plane crash turned the homecom-

ing of Indian repatriates into a tragedy. Poor meteorological conditions, low visibility and the less-thanadequate length of the "table-top" runways are said to have led to the crash. The exact cause will be known in the coming days. Local residents and security personnel braved unfavourable weather conditions to rescue the passengers trapped in the debris. Then, the fire that broke out at an Ahmedabad hos-



pital snuffed out the lives of eight COVID patients. It was attributed to short-circuit in a life-support system. The fire at a hotel-turned-COVID facility in Vijayawada claimed the lives of 11 people. This happened due to the Government's callousness and the management's negligence. The fire tragedies in Ahmedabad and Vijayawada were very much avoidable. All such incidents should be a wake-up call for the Government to ensure that health facilities are well-equipped and fire-proof. Flying protocols, too. need revision. Indian aviation deserves better.

> **G** David Milton Maruthancode

Focus on safety

any delay.

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Tragedy in Kozhikode" (August 10). The Karipur airport is in a hilly area and has a tabletop runway. This has been a matter of concern since long as four major incidents have taken place in the past. Authorities need to focus on improving safety levels.

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seriously. In a similar incident in 2010, a Boeing 737 aircraft had overshot the tabletop runthe safety audits were not taken way at the Mangalore airport, crash has proved no lessons top? Why did the operators

killing 158 passengers and crew. Experts had warned of a repeat but all in vain. The present

were learnt by the authorities Why was such a big aircraft allowed to operate from a table-

analysis

FIRSTCOLUMN

State laws don't hold water

India needs a comprehensive national water law, which should be a collection of rules and principles to address all related issues in the country



RATNESH KUSHWAHA

ater is a unique substance as it is one of the few materials on Earth that exists naturally as a solid, liquid and a gas. There is an estimated over one billion cubic kilometre of water on our planet, which covers nearly three-fourth of the Earth's surface. Though this seems an inordinately huge amount, less than one per cent of it is fresh and usable and is found in lakes, ponds, rivers and groundwater. Though it is not possible for life on the planet to exist without it, about 97 per cent of the water covering the Earth's surface is salty ocean and not suitable for drinking without desalination. So, here's how the Earth's freshwater is spread around the globe: A whopping 70 per cent of freshwater is locked in ice caps; less than one per cent of the freshwater is readily accessible; Brazil, Russia, Canada, Indonesia, China and Colombia have 50 per cent of the world's freshwater reserves. Sadly, about one-third of the world's population lives in "water-stressed" countries, defined as a nation's ratio of water consumption to water availability. Countries labelled as moderate to high stress consume 20 per cent more water than their available supply.

India is home to nearly 17 per cent of the world's population and is bestowed with just four per cent of the total water resources. In our country, 50 per cent of the annual rainfall is received in approximately one month, resulting in non-optimal utilisation due to our limited water-harvesting capacity. We optimally utilise only 36 per cent of the total rainfall that translates into about 252 billion cubic metres of water getting harvested against a total rainfall of 690 billion cubic metre. India is still coping with issues like water pollution, water purity and a worsening potability factor. All these may lead to scarcity in the coming years. That, too, in most parts of our country. Despite this, water laws in India are largely a State-based subject. These have been crafted from various formal and informal laws, various kinds of rules and principles which evolved over the years in a parochial and casual manner.

The Indian Constitution has empowered the States to legislate in this area. Therefore, they have exclusive powers regarding framing of rules and guidelines on all water-related issues like irrigation, canals, water management, embankments and so on. Though the Indian Parliament adopted the Water Act in 1974 but the objective of the Act was skewed towards prevention, control of water pollution and the maintenance/restoration of the wholesomeness of water. This implies that it was designed to assess pollution levels and to penalise the polluters. In the present situation, where India's population is ascending at a rapid pace and water resources are limited, various challenges are emerging, like indiscriminate usage of groundwater, encroachment of water bodies and water pollution, to name a few. There are also various related issues like rejuvenation of moribund rivers, interlinking of rivers, riparian rights and negotiations with neighbouring countries on sharing resources which traverse both the nations.

Apart from these challenges, if we analyse water resources from a development perspective, there is a need to do a lot in the field of inland waterways in the country, interlinking of rivers and water management for better irrigation plans or promoting waterbased economical projects like fisheries and developing fox nut (makhana) clusters.

The existing legal framework concerning water in India is mostly complemented by human rights dimensions. The overall picre is that there is multiplicity of principles and rules in the water sector and a lack of an overall framework. This is largely the legacy of the colonial Government, which was more focussed on irrigation work. As a result of this, basic principles of water laws applied in India are derived from these irrigation Acts, like the Northern India Canal and Drainage Act, 1873. Thereafter, Acts like the Madhya Pradesh Irrigation Act. 1931, the Regulation of Water Act. 1941 and the very recent Bihar Irrigation Act, 1997 came into existence. in which it was provided that all the rights on surface water shall rest with the State Government.

One trend which should be followed and must be highlighted is the gradual formalisation of national water laws by taking into confidence all the stakeholders. This should ultimately and amicably replace the existing local laws, incorporate every part of water resource and its components and address all water-related issue comprehensively. Any law is a collection of rules prescribed under the authority of the State or nation so as to manage, preserve and ensure proper use of our water resources. India needs a comprehensive national water law, which should be a collection of rules and principles to address all kinds of issues which the country is encountering or may encounter in the foreseeable

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SYED ABDUL MALIK WAS A POET, WHO WAS INDULGING IN INTELLECTUAL JIHAD IN THE COUNTRY. —BJP LEGISLATOR FROM HOJAI **SHILADITYA DEB**



THE COMMENTS MADE BY DEB ARE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND EXPOSE HIS LOW MENTALITY AND LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

—LOP IN ASSAM ASSEMBLY

Bailout or blowout?

When the wheels of the economy on ground zero are stuck and there is little demand for credit, lowering of interest rates will not help in any way



UTTAM GUPTA

nollowing marathon deliberations of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) over three days, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Governor, Shaktikanta Das, made four important announcements under the central bank's bimonthly monetary policy review on August 6. First, Das warned that India's real Gross

Domestic Product (GDP) growth is set to contract in 2020-21 but did not give a specific forecast. He also cautioned that "while an early containment of the COVID-19 pandemic may impart an upside to the outlook, a more protracted spread of the to the outlook, a more protracted spread of the pandemic, deviations from the forecast of a normal monsoon and global financial market volatility are key downside risks." Furthermore, the MPC sees "upside risks to food prices and elevated headline inflation during the second quarter of the current financial year (July-September), which would ease in the second half."

Second, "in respect of MSME (micro, small and medium enterprise) borrowers facing stress on account of the economic fallout of the pandem-

on account of the economic fallout of the pandemic, lending institutions may restructure the debt under the existing framework, provided the borrower's account was classified as standard with the lender as on March 1, 2020; this restructuring will have to be implemented by March 31, 2021." The banks will have to make an additional provision of five per cent on restructured loans.

Third, large companies will also be eligible for one-time restructuring without declaring it as a non-performing asset (NPA) or requiring a change in the promoter/s. The borrower account has to be standard as on March 1. The decision on the restructuring scheme has to be taken by December 31 and restructuring must be implemented within six months. An additional provision of 10 per cent on the restructured loans should be made. Ån expert committee under KV Kamath will recommend to the RBI the required financial parameters, along with the sector-specific bench-

marks for this special window.

Fourth, the policy repo rate — the interest rate charged by the RBI on loans it gives to banks remains unchanged at four per cent. The reverse repo rate or the interest rate the banks get on their surplus funds parked with the RBI also remains unchanged at 3.35 per cent. Further, the RBI will continue with the "accommodative" stance of the monetary policy as long as necessary to revive growth and mitigate the impact of COVID-19, while ensuring that inflation remains within the

target.
The first announcement is on expected lines even as intermittent lockdowns by States and associated disruptions in both supply and demand have dashed all hopes of a V-shaped recovery in economic growth (as alluded to by the Chief Economic Advisor, KV Subramanian during the initial stages of the pandemic). Several agencies, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), have projected a significant deceleration in growth.

As regards the second, this is an extension of the existing scheme of one-time restructuring introduced last year. That was applicable to restructuring plans implemented by March 31, (over 5,00,000 MSMEs had benefitted from it). Following a commitment given by the Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, in the Budget for 2020-21, the scheme was extended to December 31 this year. For a borrower to be eligible, his/her aggregate exposure, including non fund-based



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facilities, of banks and NBFCs (nonbanking financial companies) should not be beyond ₹25 crore as on January 1. Further, the borrower's account was in default but was a "standard asset" as on January 1 and continues to be classified as a "standard asset" till the date of implementation of the restructuring (according to an RBI notification in February). In addition, the borrowing entity is GST (Goods and Services Tax) — registered on the date of implementation of the plan except those that are exempt from GSTregistration. The RBI has now further extended this to restructuring plans implemented till March 31, 2021 with some relaxation in the conditions.

The exposure limit, including non fund-based facilities of banks and NBFCs to the borrower, should not exceed ₹25 crore as on March 1. Further, the account should be standard as on March 1 (against January 1 earlier).

RBI has extended huge relief to large corporates, too. Unlike the existing arrangement under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), wherein the loan account gets a NPA tag and the promoter stands no chance of retaining the firm, the proposed one-time restructuring treats the account as standard and there is no change in the promoter/s. This special dispensation is meant only for "COVID-19 related stress" and the Kamath committee will have to ensure that the facility is not misused. In other words, all stressed accounts prior to March 1, as well as those which were unaffected during the pandemic, must be excluded.

With the introduction of the above one-time restructuring for MSMEs and corporates, the need for extending the moratorium on servicing of loans (this was initially allowed by the RBI for three months from March 1-May 31 and for a further three months ending August 31) automatically becomes redundant. While the latter was merely a deferment

of the payment liability, the former offers concrete relief by extending the period repayment, relief in interest and so on. The Governor sees the scheme as a

win-win for both, the lenders and borrowers. According to him, while this will enable the latter to sail through the crisis period without getting permanently impaired, the former's balance sheet will look healthier (as this will put a lid on the NPAs) and they will be able to expand credit for supporting revival of growth. Hopefully, things pan out as per his wish. If not, the banks could be in for bigger trouble even as borrowers come up with more demand for restructuring.

Coming to the fourth announcement, Das has done the right thing by applying the pause button on the repo rate. Ever since he took charge (December 2018), the RBI has handed out a cumulative reduction in reporate of 2.5 per cent, of which a 1.35 per cent cut was prior to the outbreak of COVID-19. Despite this, during 2019-20, growth in the GDP hit a low of 4.2 per cent.

This was because other factors such as compression in demand (due to massive loss of jobs and decline in incomes) and increasing risk-aversion of banks to lending (during 2019-20, bank credit grew by 6.1 per cent, down from the 13.4 per cent growth during 2018-19) were at work.

Apart from these factors coming in the way of spurring growth, even the cut in the repo rate was not fully transmitted (according to Das, reduction in lending rate was just about 0.6 per cent), thanks to the high cost of the banks' funds (an overwhelming share of these comes from public deposits of varying maturity) on the one hand and high NPAs on the other.

Both these factors make the lending rate downward inflexible. After the COVID-19 crisis, the RBI has reduced the rate by 1.15 per cent (0.75 per cent on March 27 and 0.4 per cent on May 22) thereby bringing the rate down to a record low of four per cent. And this has come at a time when the intermittent lockdowns are simply not allowing economic activities to get into full swing. When the wheels of the economy on ground zero are stuck and there is little demand for credit, how will lowering of its cost (interest rate) help?

At this juncture, therefore, it makes no sense to keep lowering the policy rate. It sounds like the driver is merely pressing the accelerator while the car is in the neutral gear. He will only end up burning fuel without any outcome. Far from any help in giving a boost to growth (as the real bottlenecks lie elsewhere), this will do collateral damage. For instance, each time the RBI cuts the policy rate, it expects banks to follow suit. This will propel the latter to pay less to depositors on fresh deposits or when the old ones come up for renewal.

The RBI may have paused now but icy stance, it has kept the door open for a rate cut in the future. This should be avoided. Instead, it needs to work on other fronts such as credible measures to reduce NPAs, goading banks to be proactive in looking for viable projects for funding (money is not a constraint as the measures announced by the RBI on March 27/April 17 have made available plenty of liquidity to the tune of ₹5,00,000 crore), step up investment by the Government, especially in infrastructure and so on.

By propelling demand — both investment and consumption - and helping businesses run, this will also help reduce the cost of "one-time" restructuring and bring about a real improvement in the banks' balance sheet in the near term. Meanwhile, all-out efforts should be made for early resumption of economic activity even while strictly complying with Coronavirus-related protocols and guidelines.

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New performance measure metrics needed

With students crossing the virtual threshold, everyone is trying to decode employability skills in educational institutions and workplaces



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ell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." This quote by one of America's founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin, encapsulates the challenges and possible solutions to the new-age education in India and across the globe in today's pandemic-afflicted world. With millions of students crossing the virtual threshold and Work From Home becoming the new normal, everyone is trying to decode employability skills, performance metrics in educational institutions and workplaces. Amid the uneasy and unpredictable change, one thing is certain: The human spirit won't change —and that's our biggest solution.

Now let's step into a more famil-

iar past of conventional classrooms. Here, body language, facial expressions, physical projects and practical experiments were integral to learning, besides theory and concepts. Learning outcomes took into account personality traits, cognitive skills, life skills, critical thinking and more, for creative and conventional courses. But the digital world has turned these features into

challenges. Or, not. For instance, for fashion design studies, real-world scenarios and industry-live projects that hinged mainly on sensory and cognitive skills, put a big question mark on virtual teaching of concepts and practical training. The challenge was how to keep students engaged and achieve the desired outcomes? Teaching from books was fine but what about practical learning? The answer to this was, by understanding the process backwards. For example, construction stream students were asked to take apart a stitched garment at home and understand the process, in reverse. They were asked to raise open-ended and close-ended questions and prioritise them. For styling, students used

their mobile phones and narrated stories with the limited resources available while they were at home. In the textile stream, students developed interesting and innovative prints using

Similarly, the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun, decided to take the Coronavirus challenge head-on by developing AeroOpt, an airport management tool to improve efficiency at counters, staff requirements for boarding gates and immigration security with social distancing norms. Both these instances highlight how criticalthinking, innovation, creativity and adaptability were channeled as everyone struggled with the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. And this is exactly what is needed now: A design-thinking approach, with problem-solving skills, critical thinking, risk-management and most importantly adaptability.

With these developments, one aspect is clear: To shape and mentor this kind of an approach, boxed methodologies cannot be a point of reference. Instead, we need to look at

alternative approaches to teaching, experimentation with available resources, providing critical feedback and delivering learning assessment outcomes. This means re-structuring pedagogies and adapting courses to the online mode with necessary tweaks and improvisations. Learning assessment is a fundamental feedback mechanism in education, allowing all stakeholders of the learning process to understand what is being learned and where learning resources need to be focussed. The wheels are moving now. But is India prepared to handle these on a larger scale for the next phase? Yes, because we have tremendous technology expertise and political will to tide through. Besides the Digital India initiative, strong indicators come from the recent move by our Government to encourage more Foreign Direct Investment in education, provide ₹3,000 crore for skill development and recognise foreign online degrees for Indian students. At present, the Centre and States are collaborating with broadcasting services to deliver education through television and radio. But for these media to suc-

talent and skills. These can be done via projects, classroom discussions, encouraging feedback and curiosity. In my estimation, these key metrics will define the future:

Critical thinking: This is a key skill that equally defines both educational and professional spheres. With the pandemic-induced restrictions, how do teachers enhance critical thinking? The answer is, by asking for real-time projects drawn from the students' immediate environment and asking for solutions from different perspectives. How can things be made better? Is there a new way of looking at a situation? How will more people benefit from a solution? Is this safe and has every loophole been plugged? These are some indicators for enhancing crit-

ical thinking.

Adaptability and innovation: In a 2018 Barclays Life Skills Report in the UK, 60 per cent of the employers have clearly stated that adaptability has become more important now than during the previous decade. Therefore, how do you respond to a situation and how quickly do you adapt to change?

ceed, it is important to operationalise Are you able to control your thoughts, emotions and behaviour under pressure or in certain situations? Adaptive students are certain to be a professional success, wherever they go. Some of the world's best innovations have debuted in the worst situations. Are you willing to experiment, take risks and create something new? An innovator will always be valued in every sit-

Empathy and collaboration: How do you respond to your peers? Are you supportive, understanding and display compassion? Are you a team player and do you believe in taking individual credit? Do you believe in "We" over I"? These values are critical to the future. The pandemic has eroded everything that we took for granted in workplaces, businesses, economies and even our education systems. This sudden pause from the physical world is significant to herald change. And remember, as Greek philosopher Socrates said, "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fight-

ing the old, but on building the new." (The writer is CEO Asia Pacific Region, Global University Systems)





IN CROSSHAIR Wildlife conservation is

costly and reliant on philanthropy and Western visitors as well as far-sighted policy-makers. While the environmental benefits of a permanent reduction in long-distance air travel are indisputable, it also threatens the viability of wildlife tourism. While COVID-19 doesn't affect animals and ecosystems in the way it affects humans, it is putting them at risk. (The Guardian editorial)

Sensex rises for 3rd day, gains 142 pts

L&T SPURTS OVER 4 PC

The BSE Sensex notched up gains for the third straight session on Monday, bouyed by engineering, finance and pharma stocks amid positive cues from global markets.

After rallying 390.12 points during the day, the 30-share BSE benchmark pared some gains to end 141.51 points or 0.37 per cent higher at 38,182.08. Similarly, the NSE Nifty climbed 56.10 points or 0.50 per cent to close at 11,270.15.L&T was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 4.81 per cent, followed by M&M, Sun Pharma, Tech Mahindra, NTPC, SBI, ICICI

Bank and Titan. On the other hand, Reliance Industries, Asian Paints, Maruti, Bajaj Finserv, UltraTech Cement and Bajaj Finance were among the lagcent.According to traders, market sentiment was positive amid firm cues from global indices and consistent foreign

Global markets rose following positive factory output data from China, though escalating US-China tensions capped the gains. Bourses in Shanghai and Seoul ended on a positive note, while Hong Kong settled in the red. Markets in Tokyo were closed for a holiday.Stock exchanges in Europe were also trading with gains in early deals. "Today's trade was characterised by heightened activity in defence and pharmaceutical stocks, the former due to the proposed changes being implemented favoring domestic producers

"On the broader market too, we witnessed investor interest across stocks in the sugar sector as large integrated sugar complexes have demonstrated success in their distillery operations," said S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP Securities.

and the latter due to earnings..

Defence stocks in limelight; zoom up to 9 per cent

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Defence stocks on Monday jumped up to 9 per cent after the announcement that India will stop the import of 101 weapons and military platforms like transport aircraft, light combat helicopters under a staggered timeline till 2024, in a mega push to boost domestic production.

Shares of Bharat Electronics Limited zoomed 9.17 per cent, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd 8.

74 per cent, Astra Microwave Products 5.48 per cent, Bharat Dynamics 4.16 per cent, BEML jumped 3.95 per cent and Apollo Micro Systems 3.63 per cent on the BSE. "Government's action to boost domestic defence productions helped gains in

defence stocks," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. In a mega push to boost domestic defence production, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday announced that India will stop the import of 101 weapons and military platforms like transport aircraft, light combat helicopters, conventional submarines, cruise missiles and sonar systems under a staggered timeline till 2024 Making the announcement on Twitter, the defence minister estimated that the domestic defence industry would receive contracts worth almost ₹4 lakh crore within the next five to seven years as a result of the decision to prune the import list of defence platforms and equip-

Sebi amends rules for filling of executive director posts

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Markets regulator Sebi has made changes pertaining to the proportion of executive director posts to be filled up through different modes and composition of selection committee.

Besides, Sebi said an employee, who has put in at least seven vears as junior accounts assistant and junior engineer and have requisite qualifications, can be considered for the post of 'Grade A' officer at the regulator.

With regard to the position of executive director (other than law), Sebi said two-thirds of the total posts will be filled up from internal candidates and the remaining one-third to be filled up by deputation or contract basis.

In case of non-availability in any category - internal and deputation or contract - the post may be filled from other categories, the regulator said in a notification dated August 5.

Earlier, 50 per cent of the total post of executive directors were required to be filled in from internal candidates and the remaining 50 per cent were to be recruited by deputation/ contract and/or direct recruitment.

Besides, the regulator said chairman, two other members of the board and two external experts, to be nominated by the chairman, will constitute the selection committee for executive director position.

In June, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) had invited applications to recruit two executive directors. Currently, Sebi has eight executive directors.

Further, Sebi said, "An employee working as junior secretarial assistant, junior accounts assistant, junior

neer, who has completed minimum seven years of service and possesses the requisite qualifications for officer Grade Â..., may be considered for switch over to Grade A in the officer cadre against the vacan-

This will be within the overall 10 per cent vacancies arising in a calendar year or as notified by Competent Authority.

The switch over to grade A officer is subject to such employees qualifying in the departmental test and interviews conducted by the competent authority or by an outside agency engaged by Sebi.

To give effect to these, Sebi has amended employees service regulations. The regulator is in the process of hiring 147 officers in Grade A -- general, legal, information technology, engineering, research and official language streams

Bank of Baroda posts Q1 net loss of ₹864 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned Bank of Baroda on Monday reported a standalone net loss of ₹864 crore during the quarter ended June of the current fiscal year, due to higher provisions and contingencies.

The bank had posted a net profit of ₹710 crore in the same quarter a year ago."On account of provisioning on standard accounts of ₹1,811 crore, bank reported a (standalone) net loss of ₹864 crore in Q1 FY21 and consolidated net loss stood at ₹679 crore," Bank of Baroda said in a regulatory filing.Interest income of the lender during the April-June quarter of 2020-21 was down by 2.38 per cent to ₹18,494 crore as against ₹18,944 crore in the year-ago quarter.

Covid-19 likely to alter consumer behaviour permanently: Survey consumers are making lasting

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survey has said that the A Covid-19 pandemic is likely to alter the consumer behaviour permanently and cause lasting structural changes to the consumer goods and retail

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The demand for local goods and brands is growing as consumers are hesitant to step out of their safety zones to

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BAIFINANCE

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RBLBANK

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Consumer Pulse Research report. The survey polled 2,500 consumers in India among 45,000 respondents globally, between March and June, it said.

vey found that 90 per cent of

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GAIL

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MEGH

CANBK

CHOLAFIN

PFIZER

COLPAL

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changes to how they live, work and shop, and there is no going back to the pre-pandemic world for consumer brands," the report said.

The survey found that the pandemic is causing more peo-

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ple to shop for groceries online. The demand for local

products, digital commerce and omnichannel services such a home delivery, chat features and virtual consultations is surging, and is likely to

said. Consumers are now focused on their most basic needs while cutting back on nonessentials, the report said.

"They are more mindful of what they are buying, striving to limit food waste, shopping endure beyond this crisis, it more cost consciously and are

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making healthier and environmentally sustainable choices," it said.

As many as 85 per cent of the consumers in India said that they are shopping more health-consciously and are focusing more on limiting food

waste. While, 75 per cent of consumers said they are being ore cost-conscious when shopping for products and 71 per cent feel that quality, safety and trust are the most considered brand attributes in purchase decisions.

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High

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1125.05

565.05

640.55

108.10

11270.25	11337.30	11238.00	11270.15	56.10
760.00	814.50	751.35	797.70	69.05
605.00	640.80	605.00	629.90	29.45
925.00	970.00	925.00	959.95	44.30
119.95	124.70	119.70	123.35	4.25
526.00	550.80	526.00	544.10	18.15
86.80	88.70	86.15	88.70	2.90
668.00	687.35	662.70	684.00	21.55
483.85	496.50	478.45	493.75	13.45
4605.00	4758.60	4605.00	4691.65	118.15
241.00	246.35	238.55	246.00	5.80
22200.00	22550.00	21939.55	22330.00	419.90
194.00	198.15	191.90	196.30	3.70
359.50	364.95	357.35	364.20	6.25
196.40	199.65	196.40	199.45	3.40
191.85	195.50	191.70	193.75	3.10
405.75	411.55	399.60	409.80	5.75
329.00	333.95	325.70	331.25	4.60
1349.00	1380.00	1346.20	1361.00	18.50
1093.00	1114.60	1084.00	1103.20	12.15
1794.00	1811.00	1789.30	1796.60	18.90
176.85	178.80	176.25	177.75	1.80
150.60	154.00	149.00	151.60	1.50
86.60	87.70	86.20	87.20	0.80
1044.00	1064.00	1043.80	1052.00	8.15
79.50	79.75	78.90	79.15	0.50
176.90	179.00	174.40	178.60	1.00
616.00	617.95	607.00	609.65	2.70
694.95	694.95	685.10	693.25	2.95
97.25	97.90	96.30	97.10	0.20
512.00	517.55	506.55	509.80	0.80
2718.00	2718.00	2674.15	2708.90	2.70
3959.95	4005.00	3929.00	3937.00	2.20
948.90	956.80	945.30	950.55	-0.35
280.00	281.20	276.60	277.15	-0.25
564.30	565.00	554.80	559.80	-1.00
130.30	131.15	129.00	129.50	-0.25
2218.00	2226.75	2198.80	2205.00	-5.55
434.00	437.00	429.30	431.80	-1.50
3001.70	3025.00	2971.00	2989.85	-11.85
2318.00	2325.00	2276.05	2283.00	-12.35
640.00	643.35	627.70	632.15	-4.40
16789.95	16859.95	16640.00	16650.00	-138.60
4048.00	4048.00	3961.00	3969.50	-34.75
3494.00	3556.85	3413.20	3434.05	-30.25
6509.95	6570.00	6367.00	6404.00	-63.15
2159.10	2165.00	2108.10	2121.60	-24.85
421.00	424.40	413.50	414.85	-4.90
6690.00	6728.70	6576.00	6599.00	-80.00
1810.00	1824.30	1777.00	1784.00	-22.25

NIFTY NEXT 50								
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NIFTY NEXT 50	27406.90	27610.25	27369.70	27526.05	395.60			
DIVISLAB	3063.30	3293.00	3063.30	3120.75	335.90			
LUPIN	886.90	999.40	886.05	953.10	73.25			
GICRE	141.95	152.00	141.15	150.90	10.00			
NAUKRI	3320.00	3584.40	3320.00	3542.00	229.10			
AUROPHARMA	913.00	967.50	913.00	953.60	47.15			
ABBOTINDIA	17198.00	17350.00	16900.00	16995.00	796.00			
MOTHERSUMI	99.90	108.25	99.55	104.50	4.70			
PFC	87.85	89.95	86.75	89.40	3.95			
DLF	142.50	150.30	142.40	148.30	6.45			
CADILAHC	393.20	409.80	392.15	405.15	14.25			
BIOCON	402.20	414.50	400.70	413.75	14.30			
NMDC	89.75	92.30	88.40	92.25	3.15			
ICICIPRULI	473.00	486.15	470.60	482.50	12.10			
ICICIGI	1370.65	1424.00	1365.00	1388.85	32.50			
TORNTPHARM	2949.80	3030.00	2945.00	3009.90	68.85			
ADANITRANS	254.95	261.95	250.10	255.00	5.30			
PIDILITIND	1384.90	1408.90	1358.10	1400.50	22.20			
OFSS	2950.00	3010.00	2942.15	2974.00	44.30			
PETRONET	245.50	249.00	243.30	248.00	3.50			
MCDOWELL-N	590.90	598.80	588.00	595.30	8.40			
AMBUJACEM	221.00	223.50	219.55	222.50	2.95			
INDIGO	949.95	957.00	931.20	951.20	11.95			
BANKBARODA	48.95	49.25	47.90	48.90	0.55			
HINDPETRO	215.80	217.90	213.65	215.50	1.90			
MARICO	370.00	375.80	367.20	373.15	3.15			
PEL	1483.00	1512.35	1467.60	1476.15	11.95			
SBICARD	758.55	769.00	755.10	761.00	3.05			
BAJAJHLDNG	2733.00	2762.95	2700.00	2709.95	8.90			
HAVELLS	612.00	620.90	608.20	610.75	1.20			
ACC	1402.10	1408.95	1386.10	1400.00	2.80			
IGL	390.00	392.30	385.45	389.00	0.75			
PNB	33.00	33.30	32.70	32.85	0.05			
UBL	970.00	972.45	961.45	965.90	0.40			
HDFCAMC	2384.00	2395.00	2361.00	2365.00	-4.00			
COLPAL	1462.00	1465.00	1431.85	1454.00	-2.95			
BOSCHLTD	13655.00	13889.80	13503.50	13628.95	-28.70			
NHPC	20.60	20.70	20.35	20.40	-0.05			
SBILIFE	880.00	882.00	861.80	866.00	-2.60			
PGHH	10301.00	10380.00	10175.00	10280.00	-31.40			
SRTRANSFIN	678.00	686.60	670.10	674.00	-2.75			
BERGEPAINT	560.00	564.75	545.00	552.45	-2.70			
DABUR	515.00	528.00	506.35	509.05	-3.25			
GODREJCP	691.20	696.35	680.20	683.90	-5.20			
DMART	2138.40	2145.00	2100.00	2118.80	-19.60			
PAGEIND	19130.00	19190.00	18710.00	18765.00	-246.85			
BANDHANBNK	309.65	311.90	300.00	302.10	-5.40			
SIEMENS	1143.00	1152.00	1120.80	1131.00	-21.35			

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MOTHERSUMI	99.25	108.10	99.25	104.90	ADANIENT
INDUSINDBK	511.20	517.25	506.70	509.35	BAJAJ-AUTO
ITC	196.15	199.60	195.75	198.90	JUBILANT
CONCOR	444.90	444.90	372.20	386.35	FEDERALBNK
PEL	1480.00	1511.30	1468.25	1474.05	CANFINHOME
BATAINDIA	1237.00	1270.00	1220.30	1235.60	CENTURYTEX
GLENMARK	453.50	476.50	453.50	471.15	ALKEM
STAR					DELTACORP*
	520.05	615.95	520.05	609.10	
SUNPHARMA*	527.90	550.70	527.05	543.75	BOMDYEING
HDFC	1789.00	1810.75	1779.25	1798.70	ICICIGI
MARUTI	6671.00	6723.00	6576.40	6607.05	ADANIGAS
BAJAJFINSV	6480.00	6570.00	6368.45	6402.60	TATAELXSI
SRTRANSFIN	677.75	686.00	670.50	673.85	PNB
DRREDDY	4601.00	4754.30	4601.00	4692.55	BLISSGVS
ICICIBANK	359.00	364.95	357.55	363.60	IDFC
BHEL	36.00	37.60	35.85	36.25	BOSCHLTD
HINDUNILVR	2211.25	2226.00	2199.30	2207.05	ICICIPRULI
ZEEL	149.70	153.95	148.90	151.20	ADANIPOWER
JINDALSTEL	199.45	203.90	196.90	201.55	UJJIVAN
l '					SIEMENS
DLF	141.95	150.10	141.95	148.45	
ASHOKLEY	50.60	51.80	50.45	51.40	INFRATEL
UPL	484.35	496.50	478.45	493.70	COROMANDEL
TATASTEEL	404.60	411.45	399.60	410.15	PIIND
TATACONSUM	522.95	525.80	511.05	520.45	NTPC
IPCALAB	1967.10	2175.00	1967.10	2099.60	IGL
VIPIND	260.85	263.25	258.90	259.85	SAIL
IOC	86.50	87.70	86.25	87.10	TATACOFFEE
SRF	4109.00	4275.00	4065.60	4224.75	WABCOINDIA
HCLTECH	697.95	697.95	685.20	692.30	WOCKPHARMA
BHARATFORG	432.05	434.80	419.50	422.75	RAYMOND
BANDHANBNK	311.45	312.00	300.00	301.40	MARICO
MUTHOOTFIN	1220.00	1226.00	1158.10	1173.30	COCHINSHIP
VEDL	122.00	126.20	121.65	125.25	ACC
TITAN	1097.00	1114.35	1084.85	1107.80	NAM-INDIA
BIOCON	403.35	414.25	401.00	412.40	POWERGRID
BPCL	422.80	424.20	413.75	415.05	NIITTECH
CADILAHC	391.00	409.70	391.00	405.00	SBILIFE
MANAPPURAM	162.10	163.00	156.30	158.60	SCI
HINDPETRO	215.20	217.90	213.80	215.20	CEATLTD
GRASIM	637.20	642.80	627.65	633.90	HIMATSEIDE
WIPRO	280.95	281.25	276.75	277.15	BALKRISIND
TCS	2310.00	2324.35	2275.65	2281.60	EQUITAS
EMAMILTD		309.15		307.35	GODREJCP
	263.00		263.00		
GMM	5299.95	6050.00	5249.00		STRTECH*
GRANULES	320.00	335.90	318.70	329.05	WABAG
BRITANNIA	3951.25	4004.35	3922.10	3933.95	COALINDIA
TORNTPHARM	2940.60	3029.15	2940.60	3011.90	INDHOTEL
ASIANPAINT	1815.80	1823.95	1778.20	1782.45	HAVELLS
CAPPL	607.00	622.05	555.35	570.50	IEX
DABUR	515.00	528.00	506.45	508.20	HONAUT
HDFCAMC	2375.25	2395.00	2361.50	2364.30	HAWKINCOOK
BANKBARODA	49.00	49.20	47.90	48.55	AJANTPHARM
JUBLFOOD	1887.75	1916.75	1867.60	1879.50	DCBBANK
DMART	2135.10	2149.00	2098.50	2115.40	ABBOTINDIA
HINDALCO	177.70	179.05	174.35	178.60	DEEPAKFERT
JSWSTEEL	240.00	246.40	238.70	244.95	INDIACEM
PNBHOUSING	220.95	248.70	219.05	238.10	AMBER
				1360.35	RELAXO
KOTAKBANK	1343.00 670.00	1380.00	1343.00	681.35	TATACOMM
TECHM TATA DOWER		687.25	662.65		
TATAPOWER	50.45	51.90	49.85	51.45	ASTRAZEN
APOLLOTYRE	123.60	128.15	122.90		PAGEIND
APOLLOHOSP	1749.00	1798.75	1749.00	1785.40	BERGEPAINT
ESCORTS	1129.00	1137.00	1099.15	1114.60	POLYCAB
IRCTC	1326.05	1335.00	1320.00	1324.15	GODREJPROP
BSOFT	144.80	151.00	140.25	148.05	ADANITRANS
GSPL	207.10	214.70	205.10	211.70	NESTLEIND
PIDILITIND	1392.95	1407.40	1358.90	1398.95	NOCIL
HINDZINC	253.10	257.20	237.55	243.10	BAYERCROP
BDL	454.90	465.10	432.80		VOLTAS
MCX	1675.05	1734.60	1650.20		DIXON
HAL	1075.05	1070.40	1006.45	1034.50	ASHOKA
ADANIPORTS	328.50	333.85	325.70		GODFRYPHLP
					VAIBHAVGBL
BBTC	1361.00	1566.80	1353.95	1530.00	
FRETAIL	112.00	112.50	107.10	107.45	TATACHEM
INDIGO	948.00	956.50	930.80	952.90	DALBHARAT*
EICHERMOT	21793.20			21342.55	FCONSUMER
BALRAMCHIN	131.90	138.00	130.95	136.70	JSWENERGY
NAVINFLUOR	1959.80	2139.55	1897.85	2127.45	SYNGENE
LICHSGFIN	260.00	265.60	260.00	263.00	CYIENT
HEROMOTOCO	2725.00	2725.00	2674.05	2701.85	BAJAJCON
IDFCFIRSTB	28.50	28.80	28.00	28.35	PVR
MGL	967.00	970.00	947.00	967.70	MRF
ADANIGREEN	385.00	388.75	370.60	373.45	SUDARSCHEM
ONGC	79.10	79.70	78.90	79.05	AMBUJACEM
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ASTROLIND	123.00	123.20	121.55	121.95
ORCEMOT	960.00	996.45	914.40	938.35
ARTIIND NGINERSIN	1070.00 67.00	1098.20 68.50	1050.95 66.45	1063.90 67.45
IINDTREE	1152.00	1158.80	1133.45	1142.90
RESTIGE	230.00	249.90	227.35	244.45
FFLE ISTDIAL	1944.00 385.00	2025.95 392.00	1880.00 378.60	2025.95 388.45
NFC	166.00	171.95	166.00	167.70
JNTV	404.50	404.50	392.15	398.05
LHISAR	83.80	92.10	83.80	89.80
AIN ANOFI	101.00 8154.10	101.90 8518.35	99.50 8154.10	100.95 8444.85
MRINFRA	21.15	21.85	21.05	21.35
RLACORPN	635.40	635.40	600.80	603.60
L JZLON	54.90	54.90 4.60	51.20	53.30 4.48
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JJGAS	303.05	311.00	297.35	309.45
OXLEISUR	238.90	238.90	229.60	230.10
ATIONALUM IINDIA	35.25 21650.00	35.25 22460.95	34.65 21637.15	34.80
TYRE	66.20	66.70	65.05	66.00
BI	40.95	41.05	39.70	39.80
LPATHLAB	1903.00	1921.20	1867.75	1882.95
NATSOFTW ETROPOLIS	290.00 1669.25	292.05 1774.35	285.00 1659.55	290.30 1712.85
RNTPOWER	343.80	343.80	332.15	339.05
VANENERGY	150.45	153.55	146.75	148.25
BCC BL	23.30 961.00	23.75	23.05	23.15
MICHEM	289.00	972.00 292.65	961.00 284.55	967.80 285.85
PAPER*	94.40	94.40	92.00	93.60
ENT	580.00	596.85	577.30	581.65
JIVANSFB CAL	29.20 203.95	36.00 207.90	29.20 198.10	35.05 201.10
LLIS	306.90	313.00	306.30	310.05
BL	304.50	315.25	302.80	314.50
CORPLTD	89.75	91.85	89.00	89.90
CRE HOTEL	140.40 69.00	151.65 70.60	140.40 67.50	149.45 68.40
C	30.80	31.10	30.50	30.65
JARIACER	402.00	410.50	398.55	403.30
CAPITAL	60.75	60.85	59.25	59.40
MNAAUTO BB	33.50 897.95	34.55 897.95	31.90 875.05	32.45 891.75
RSISTENT	977.00	1025.00	940.00	986.20
K	79.65	82.40	78.55	79.10
REALEST UTHBANK	54.30 7.02	58.75 7.14	54.05 7.00	57.50 7.01
KE	45.95	52.40	45.70	50.35
TUL	5269.95	5370.70	5110.50	5346.55
CF	51.75	52.35	51.25	51.85
REAVESCOT FSL	83.30 540.05	89.30 541.00	83.30 525.40	86.45 528.70
ISE	210.00	221.90	208.00	217.05
NSAINER	464.00	484.80	457.00	472.20
18BRDCST	34.00	34.25	33.40	33.65
JBANK 10	720.00	720.00	700.80	702.80
IS 'SSRICHAK	536.70 1481.85	553.00 1645.75	526.90 1444.75	539.40 1602.40
FRL	121.70	122.65	118.65	118.95
C	53.60	54.60	53.55	54.20
GHL JAJHLDNG	4690.00 2740.00	4855.00 2744.00	4476.50 2697.90	4508.10 2708.65
CON	2740.00 95.30	2744.00 96.85	2697.90 95.20	2708.65 96.40
TRONET	245.00	248.75	243.40	
DIAMART	3086.40	3119.60	3023.00	3057.50
DIANB	59.00	60.60	59.00	59.75
IDHANI ESC	215.00 597.95	215.00 597.95	211.10 566.55	213.20 570.00
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INTECK	232.00	232.00	225.30	229.10
PHASIS	1169.00	1202.00	1165.15	1180.65
DELWEISS	81.40	82.65	78.85	79.85

	67.45	VGUARD
1133.45	1142.90	ISEC
227.35	244.45	
1880.00	2025.95	TASTYBIT
		CROMPTON
378.60	388.45	KTKBANK
166.00	167.70	BRIGADE
392.15	398.05	IIFL
83.80	89.80	JINDALSAW
99.50	100.95	PNCINFRA
8154.10	8444.85	WESTLIFE
21.05	21.35	ADVENZYMES
600.80	603.60	DISHTV
51.20	53.30	
4.35	4.48	GALAXYSURF
		GLAXO
161.95	163.05	SPICEJET
297.35	309.45	MINDAIND
229.60	230.10	BLUESTARCO
34.65	34.80	AVANTI
1637.15	22151.20	CGCL
65.05	66.00	UCOBANK
39.70	39.80	HUDCO
1867.75	1882.95	GUJALKALI
285.00	290.30	CUB
1659.55	1712.85	FORTIS
332.15	339.05	NESCO
146.75	148.25	UFLEX
23.05	23.15	TVTODAY
961.00	967.80	BANKINDIA
284.55	285.85	KPITTECH
92.00	93.60	HSCL
577.30	581.65	CENTURYPLY
29.20	35.05	GARFIBRES
198.10	201.10	
		OIL
306.30	310.05	CHENNPETRO
302.80	314.50	EIDPARRY
89.00	89.90	GODREJAGRO
140.40	149.45	PARAGMILK
67.50	68.40	ARVINDFASN
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D	374.00	390.00	373.70	386.55	JMFINANCII
EE	24.40	24.75	23.70	24.30	VBL
	1053.20	1105.15	1053.20	1072.30	BAJAJELEC
	189.00	191.95	187.10	187.85	GMDCLTD
	6.95	6.95	6.81	6.84	SKFINDIA
ERT	2895.00 158.00	3005.00 158.00	2895.00 151.60	2977.40 152.00	MAHABANK SUPREMEIN
LIXI	64.40	64.40	62.15	62.30	OMAXE
OIA	890.00	944.00	887.00	925.20	ECLERX
	209.95	212.45	202.70	204.30	FINEORG
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	245.00	257.55	245.00	249.80	SHOPERSTO
	16.95	17.50	16.65	17.35	VTL
	1325.70	1339.95	1286.60	1293.50	CENTRALBK
С	34.95 580.00	35.20 587.00	34.30 570.00	34.45 576.00	INFIBEAM GPPL
C	122.50	124.90	121.15	121.65	RAJESHEXPO
	379.00	382.70	361.20	366.45	GILLETTE
В	142.10	143.40	140.50	140.90	NILKAMAL
S	269.50	274.40	262.80	269.30	GHCL
WR*	230.00	244.40	230.00	243.40	TATAINVEST
	248.95	249.00	245.35	247.85	TEAMLEASE
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AL	1228.70	1263.95	1199.80	1245.00	
	147.75	147.75	144.50	144.85	
EST	784.00	789.00	774.45	776.00	
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	144.45	145.80	143.90	144.20	
ľ	168.30	174.80	168.30	170.15	
LTY	375.90	378.00	367.75	371.10	
IARM	735.00	739.20	732.05	735.20	
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LLO	2168.00	2194.55	2068.10	2128.60	
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CIE	114.00	115.00	109.10	110.95	
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TON	88.50	89.50	87.80	89.00	
ERG	183.40	185.10	181.20	181.40	
ELL	487.80	500.00	487.00	496.20	
OOD	316.00	316.75	307.00	313.15	
	376.00	378.85	368.00	371.30	
	511.65	526.50	508.00	522.75	
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DIA	67.00	67.00	66.00	66.10	
ECH	175.00	177.00	171.55	172.10	
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MLES	214.30	215.40	208.00	208.90	
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ZARDARI IN GRAFT CASE Islamabad: An anti-corruption

court in Pakistan on Monday indicted former President Asif Ali

Zardari through video link in a

of influencing authorities to

graft case where he was accused

release loans to front companies

As Zardari could not appear in

the court due to "illness", the

through video link which was

the first such indictment in the

judicial history of the country.

BALTIMORE HOMES, 1 DEAD

Baltimore: A major explosion

leveled several houses as it tore through a Baltimore

neighborhood on Monday, killing

at least one person and critically

injuring three while at least five

others including children were

trapped, firefighters said. The

Baltimore Sun reported it was a

natural gas explosion, citing fire

officials, but said the exact cause

EXPLOSION FLATTENS

indictment was carried out



Chinese hackers targeting US Prez poll: NSA

They want Trump to lose re-election attempt: O'Brien

Government-linked hackers have been targeting US election infrastructure ahead of the 2020 presidential election, White House National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien said on Sunday, indicating a more active level of alleged Chinese interference.

O'Brien's comments appeared to go beyond a statement released on Friday by the they've engaged in cyberat-Office of the Director of tacks and phishing and that National Intelligence which sort of thing with respect to our

Chinese said China "has been expanding its influence efforts," and that Russia was already trying to undercut Democratic candidate Joe Biden. But did not specifically accuse Beijing of hacking attempts against U.S. election-related systems.

'They'd like to see the President lose," O'Brien said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "China — like Russia, like Iran —

election infrastructure, with respect to websites and that sort

of thing."
China has consistently denied U.S. government claims that it hacks U.S. companies, politicians or government agencies. "The U.S. presidential election is an internal affair, we have no interest in interfering in it," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said in April.

O'Brien said the United States had seen hackers try to

Hong Kong authorities broadened their enforce-

ment of a new national securi-

ty law on Monday, arresting

media tycoon Jimmy Lai,

searching the headquarters of

his Next Digital group and cart-

ing away boxes of what they

arrested prominent pro-democracy activist Agnes

Chow Ting at her home,

In the evening, police also

said was evidence.

around the country, which are responsible for administering elections at the local level, and collecting data on Americans.

"It is a real concern and it's not just Russia," he said. "There will be severe consequences for any country that attempts to interfere in our free and fair elections." The National Security Council did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The ODNI declined to comment or clarify whether O'Brien's com-

Hong Kong newspaper raided,

tycoon detained under new law

Chow's official Facebook page

said police had arrived at her

home and that her lawyers

and Hong Kong officials shrugged off sanctions

imposed on them by the U.S.,

the moves showed China's

determination to enforce the

new law and curb dissent in the

semi-autonomous city after

months of massive pro-democ-

racy demonstrations last year.

of his Next Digital group

Lai's arrest and the search

Two days after Chinese

were rushing to the scene.

The ODNI previously said that "adversaries" seek to compromise the private communications of American political candidates and penetrate U.S. election systems ahead of November's election. And that China would prefer President Donald Trump does not win reelection. Multiple reviews by US intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia acted to

boost Trump's 2016 campaign and undercut his rival Hillary

Clinton's chances in that election.

was used against news media,

stoking fears that authorities

are suppressing press freedom.

Next Digital operates Apple

Daily, a feisty pro-democracy

tabloid that often condemns

China's Communist Party-led

Apple Daily's popularity stems from its celebrity news

and flamboyant stories, but it

is also known for investigative

reporting and breaking news

coverage. It has frequently

urged readers to take part in

pro-democracy protests,

Agencies

China sanctions 11 Americans who 'behaved badly' over HK issue

AFP ■ BEIJING

China on Monday sanctioned 11 Americans, including senators Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz, in retaliation for similar US moves prompted by Beijing's crackdown in Hong Kong. Washington last week

accused 11 officials of suppressing "freedom and democratic processes" in Hong Kong, including city leader Carrie Lam, and announced plans to freeze their US assets.

It was the toughest US action yet in response to Beijing's introduction of a sweeping and controversial new national security law for the territory.

Beijing said the measure was a violation of international law and "grossly interferes in China's internal affairs".

"China has decided to impose sanctions on some people that behaved badly on Hong Kong-related issues," foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said Monday, with

Human Rights Watch director Kenneth Roth and National Endowment for Democracy president Carl Gershman also on the list.

Zhao did not give details of what the sanctions would

Republican senators Rubio and Cruz established themselves as two of the most vocal supporters of Hong Kong's democracy movement last year. when the city was convulsed by huge and sometimes violent

Beijing has accused "external forces" of fomenting unrest and responded to the unrest by imposing the security law in late June, sending a political chill through the semiautonomous finance hub.

Since then, the city's leaders have postponed local elections, citing the coronavirus pandemic.

Authorities have also issued arrest warrants for six exiled pro-democracy activists and launched a crackdown on other activists.

remained unknown. 193 PAK PILOTS GET NOTICE OVER 'FAKE' LICENCE

Islamabad: Pakistan's aviation regulator has issued show-cause notices to 193 pilots suspected of having "dubious" flying licence after completing the scrutiny process of 262 pilots in the wake of a major scandal, according to a media report on Monday. The scandal over pilot licences in Pakistan emerged from an investigation into the crash of a Pakistan International Airlines plane on May 22 in Karachi that killed 97 people. The inquiry determined that nearly one-third of Pakistan's pilots cheated on exams but still received licences from the country's Civil Aviation

TALIBAN READY FOR PEACE TALKS

Authority (CAA).

Kabul: Afghan peace talks are expected to begin within days after authorities announced Monday they would soon start releasing hundreds of Taliban prisoners accused of brutal attacks including on foreigners. The fate of some 400 Taliban prisoners has been a crucial hurdle in launching muchdelayed talks between the Taliban and the Afghan Government, who had committed to completing a prisoner exchange before

negotiations could start. **BELARUS PREZ WINS 6TH** TERM, PROTESTS ERUPT Minsk: Election officials in

Belarus said on Monday that President Alexander Lukashenko has won his sixth consecutive term with over 80 per cent of the vote after facing his strongest challenge in 26 years and protests over his cavalier brushoff of the coronavirus. political repression and the country's deteriorating economy Thousands of people took to the streets in a number of Belarusian cities and towns protesting the

IRAN SHUTS NEWSPAPER FOR COVID DEATH REPORT

Lukashenko's landslide victory

early count that indicated

Tehran: Iran shut down a newspaper after it published remarks by an expert who said the official figures on corona cases and deaths in the country account for only 5% of real toll Mohammad Reza Sadi, editor-inchief of *Jahane Sanat*, said authorities closed his newspaper which began publishing in 2004

-BEIRUT BLAST— **LEBANON GOVT RESIGNS AMID**

PUBLIC FURY

T ebanon's Government resigned on Monday amid widespread public fury at the country's ruling elite over last week's devastating explosion in Beirut. The move risks opening the way to dragged-out negotiations over a new Cabinet amid urgent calls for reform.

Prime Minster Hassan Diab headed to the presidential palace to submit the Cabinet's group resignation, said Health Minister Hamad Hassan. It follows a weekend of anti-government protests in the wake of the Aug. 4 explosion in Beirut's port that caused widestpread destruction, killed at least 160 people and injured about 6,000 others.

The moment typified Lebanon's political dilemma. Since October, there have been mass demonstrations demanding the departure of the entire sectarian-based leadership over entrenched corruption, incompetence and mismanagement.

But the ruling oligarchy has held onto power for so long since the end of the civil war in 1990 — that it is difficult to find a credible political figure not tainted by connections to them.

Although Diab's resignation had appeared inevitable after the catastrophe, he seemed unwilling to leave and only two days ago made a televised speech in which he

Portland (US): Protesters out-

side a Portland police union

building set fires and used a

mortar to launch commercial

grade fireworks at police and

officials said Monday that two

officers were injured and 16

demonstrators were arrested.

managed to get inside the

union building and set a fire,

the protesters on Sunday night

blocked a road and set dump-

ster fires outside it, police said

to clear out the demonstrators

and one of the two officers treated at the scene suffered a

were arrested face misde-

meanor charges of disorderly

conduct or interfering with a

peace officer. Their detentions

came after nine protesters were

arrested Saturday night and 24

tion came after demonstrators

marched to the building from

a nearby park. As police moved

to break up the gathering, the

commercial-grade fireworks

were thrown at officers, police

The department released

Sunday night's demonstra-

The fireworks were launched at police as they tried

The demonstrators who

in a statement.

burn on her neck.

Friday night.

A day after demonstrators

months to allow for various factions to agree on a roadmap for reforms. But the pressure from within his own Cabinet proved to be too much.

Diab's government was formed after his predecessor, Saad Hariri, stepped down in October in response to the demonstrations. It took months of bickering among the leadership factions before they settled on Diab.

EGYPT MOVES 'DANGEROUS MATERIALS' FROM AIRPORTS

Cairo: Egypt's Civil Aviation Ministry said after Lebanon's massive explosion last week it was moving "dangerous materials" held at airports nationwide to more secure locations. The ministry is "taking precautionary measures with regards to dangerous materials, either immediately releasing them or transferring them to safe storage spaces well outside the range of airports and residential areas," it said in a statement Sunday. The statement referred to materials held in "cargo bays and storage warehouses in Cairo's airport and all airports nationwide", without specifying which kind of mate-

rials would be moved. AFP

photos of the officers' injuries,

including a photo of a face cov-

ering that the statement

described as being "partially

have happened nightly for 70

days since George Floyd was

apex when protesters targeted

a federal courthouse last month

that was defended by federal

agents who lobbed tear gas at

The federal agents with-

violent protests have resur-

Three officers were injured

And on Friday night,

faced miles from the court-

in a protest Saturday night,

including two who were treat-

demonstrators defied orders to

disperse and hurled rocks,

frozen or hard-boiled eggs and

commercial-grade fireworks at

with nails and put them on the

age to a patrol vehicle, police

road, causing extensive dam-

Some filled pool noodles

ed at a hospital and released.

killed in Minneapolis.

ly confrontations.

The protests in Portland

The violence reached an

melted" from the fireworks.

Portland protesters set

fires, 2 officers hurt

according to a tweet by fellow activist Nathan Law, who is Trump trails Biden in two key battleground

States: Opinion poll Washington: Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden is leading President Donald Trump by as much as six percentage points in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, two battleground states the Republican leader had won in the last election, according to a new opinion poll on Monday. Voters in these two states think the US is doing poorly and that Biden would do a better job than Trump in handling the coronavirus outbreak, the CBS News reported citing the findings of its poll tracker.

Trump's pandemic relief orders are limited in scope

AP ■ NEW YORK

Dresident Donald Trump's help Americans struggling under the economic recession are far less sweeping than any pandemic relief bill Congress would pass.

Trump acted Saturday after negotiations for a second pandemic relief bill reached

Democrats initially sought a USD 3.4 trillion package, but said they lowered their demand to USD 2 trillion. Republicans had proposed a USD 1 trillion plan. The are questions about

how effective Trump's measures will be.

An order for supplemental unemployment insurance payments relies on state contributions that may not materialise. **AFP** ■ PARIS $F^{\text{ace masks became compulsory in tourist hotspots in}}$ tions like Montmartre, where the

Paris on Monday amid warnings of a resurgence of coronavirus cases, as infections in the world's worst-hit country the United States topped five million. The requirement came as

France along with much of Western Europe sweltered in a heatwave, with temperatures soaring above 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees Fahrenheit). The blistering heat sent

crowds flocking to beaches at the weekend despite health warnings about the risk of infection. In Berlin, thousands of children returned to school on Monday after the summer

break, sporting masks which are compulsory in common areas like school courtyards. Schools in some other German regions also reopened, though with differing rules on masks.

"No child forgot their masks this morning, so we see everything is back to normal," said Domenica Acri, headmistress of the Carl Orff primary school in Berlin.

İn Pakistan, all restaurants and parks were allowed to reopen Monday, as well theatres, cinemas and public transport, after the country saw a drop in new cases for several

"Anything but second lockdown." People in Paris aged 11

and over are now required to wear the masks in crowded areas and tourists hotspots. These include the banks of the Seine River and more than

US HITS 5 MILLION CORONAVIRUS CASES a 100 streets in the French capital, including tourist destina-

PARIS MAKES FACE MASKS MANDATORY

currently in Britain. A post on marked the first time the law

Sacre Coeur basilica is located. Several French towns and cities have already introduced similar measures, as well as parts of Belgium, the Netherlands, Romania and Spain. "All the indicators show that since mid-July the virus is again circulating more actively in the (Paris) region," said a police statement

at the weekend. Paris residents interviewed by AFP generally supported the decision on masks.

"I think it's a very good idea, we should maybe have done it sooner," Bertrand, 28, said in the popular Rue des Martyrs in central Paris.

"Since we don't understand enough about this illness, the best thing is that we protect ourselves.

The masks are "restricting but necessary "if we want to avoid a second wave in Paris," said Marion, 24, wearing a bright green mask. "Anything except a second lockdown? Globally, nearly 20 million cases have been officially registered. The death count is at least 7,31,500 worldwide.

The United States is by far the worst-hit country with nearly 1,63,000 deaths. On Sunday, it reached the extraordinary milestone of five million coronavirus cases, according to according to John Hopkins

President Donald Trump's Democratic opponent in the presidential election, Joe Biden, tweeted that five million coronavirus cases was "a number that boggles the mind and breaks the heart."

"Unworkable, weak" relief

The figures came as Trump was accused of flouting the constitution by unilaterally age. The package — announced by Trump on Saturday after talks between Republican and Democrat lawmakers hit a wall

 was "absurdly unconstitutional," senior Democrat Nancy Pelosi told CNN. Fellow Democrat and

Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer, appearing on ABC, dismissed Trump's unilateral measures as "unworkable, weak and far too narrow."

Grim milestone for Brazil

After the US, Brazil has the most cases, and on Saturday it became the second country to pass 1,00,000 fatalities. President Jair Bolsonaro has played down the coronavirus from the beginning, dismissing it as a "little flu," questioning the lockdowns ordered by some state governors and saying their economic impact could be "more deadly than the virus."

Following the news of the latest milestone, Brazil's most widely viewed Globo criticised Bolsonaro's handling of the crisis, asking "Has the president of the republic done his duty?

Covid seems to lack seasonal pattern: WHO

AP ■ LONDON

The emergencies chief for the **▲** World Health Organization (WHO) said Covid-19 doesn't seem to follow the seasonal patterns that some viruses exĥib-

coronavirus pandemic is accel-

it, making it harder to control. Unlike other respiratory

viruses like influenza that spread mainly in the winter, the

despite earlier predictions from some scientists and politicians it would fade in the heat.

strated no seasonal pattern as such," said Dr Michael Ryan at a press briefing on Monday. "What it has clearly demonstrated is that if you take the pressure off the virus, the virus

bounces back," he said. Ryan said the UN Health

appears to be under control, such as those in Europe, to maintain measures to slow virus spread. He called for countries where transmission remains intense, such as Brazil, to adopt measures so that communities have the necessary support they need to implement strategies like social distancing, wearing masks, and self-isolating if they

erating in the summer. That's

"This virus has demon-

agency continues to advise

countries even where Covid-19 have symptoms.

the attacking demonstrators in two straight weeks of nightdrew more than a week ago amid hopes for calm, but the

guns are loaded.

Transportation

Security There has been a significant increase in loaded guns at checkpoints, said TSA

He said screeners are already working in conditions of heightened risks and that "no one should be introducing new ones." "Even more concerning is that 80 per cent of the firearms coming into the checkpoint are loaded, and it's just an accident waiting to

charges are usually left to local authorities. Last year, 4,432 guns were found in carry-on bags, or about 12.1 per day, and 87 per

faster-screening programs such as TSA PreCheck, but criminal

low gun rules came the same day that it reported screening 831,789 people on Sunday.

point traffic in US airports has topped 800,000 since March 17. That is still down 69 per cent from the comparable

cent were loaded. TSA's public appeal to fol-

countries. Rajapaksa, during whose previous tenures China made billions of dollars of investments in the island nation, enjoys a close rapport with Chinese leaders for consoli-

al assistance and ever-lasting friendship. We have been expanding and deepening our operation across the board".

China greets 'old friend' Mahinda

Significantly Rajapaksa has been greeted by the Central Committee of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) headed by President Xi

The CPC's greetings were conveyed to Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna party (Sri Lanka People's Front) of Rajapaksa which had emerged victorious in the elections.

Conveying the CPC message to Rajapaksa personally, the Charge d'affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Sri Lanka Hu Wei said Rajapaksa is an "old friend" of Xi and has assured him to "have confidence in our support," Sri Lanka news portal Colombo

Page reported. Hu met with Rajapaksa and passed on a congratulatory letter from the CPC, expressing heartfelt congratulations to him for winning the general

exchanged in-depth views on

the key areas of cooperation between the two countries in the next stage, as well as the key projects of China's Belt and Road Initiative in Sri Lanka, such as the port city of Colombo and the comprehendevelopment of

Hambantota, the report said. Rajapaksa has requested that the work on the Port City be expedited and to consider collaborating on drinking water and irrigation projects, the report quoted a statement from the Prime Minister's Media Division.

According to official estimates, Chinese loans and investments in Sri Lanka amounted to over USD eight billion.

The huge loans sparked concerns globally after Sri Lanka handed over its Hambantota port to a state-run Chinese firm in 2017 for a 99years lease as a debt swap amounting to USD 1.2 billion. The Colombo Port City

project also funded by China is currently being built along the city's coastline on 269 hectares of reclaimed land.

Gun seizures up at US airports

Administrator David Pekoske.

Washington (AP): With air traffic nearing a five-month high, airport security is finding guns in passenger carry-on bags at three times the rate recorded before the pandemic. And 80 per cent of the

Officers found 15.3 guns for every million people screened in July, compared with 5.1 per million people in July of last year, the Administration said Monday.

happen," Pekoske said. ing a gun in a carry-on bag, and

It is legal to transport guns in checked bags if they are unloaded and in a locked case. There are federal civil penalties for improperly plac-

violators can lose the use of

It was the first time check-

China, India jointly safeguarding peace at borders, Beijing's priority: Official

China, made new progress in

advancing China-Russia rela-

The spokesman also said

tions under the strategic guidance of the two heads of state and sustained cooperation as the main tone of China-EU relations," he said.

public health governance.

Rajapaksa on his massive win **Beijing (PTI):** China has greeted "old friend" Mahinda Rajapaksa on taking over as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka following a landslide victory

Keqiang has greeted Rajapaksa, saying that the Sri Lankan leader has been long committed to promoting the friendship between the two

dating bilateral ties.

Commenting on Rajapaksa

being sworn in as prime minister, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here on Monday that "China and Sri Lanka enjoy traditional friendship and we have been advancing our strategic cooperative partnership based on sincere mutu-

election, it reported.

The two sides also

the two countries together maintaining sound development of bilateral ties is one of Beijing's future diplomatic priorities, a senior Chinese official said here on Monday. matic priorities in future as the international landscape is

Beijing (PTI): China and India jointly safeguarding peace and security along the borders and Asked about China's diplo-

undergoing changes unseen in

a century due to the COVID-

Lijian outlined Beijing's plans to enhance bilateral ties with the US, Russia, the European Union, Japan and India. Zhao was responding to a question by China's official

ministry spokesman Zhao

Xinhua news agency at a regular foreign ministry briefing. 'We will continue to improve relations with neigh-

bouring countries," he said. "For the China-India relationship, the two sides should 19 pandemic, Chinese foreign jointly safeguard peace and

interests with its neighbours and other developing countries. security in the border areas and

maintain a steady and sound

development of bilateral ties",

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the backdrop of the border row between India and China in eastern Ladakh. He said China will continue to deepen strategic mutual trust and expand shared inter-

Zhao's comments came in

ests with its neighbours and other developing countries. 'We have actively planned and developed our relations with other major countries, responded rationally to the unreasonable pressure the

United States has piled on

that China will also undertake cooperation in drug and vaccine research and development, provide assistance to countries in need to the best of its ability and improve global

and assured him full support, as Beijing looks forward to advancing its strategic cooperative partnership with Colombo. Chinese Premier Li

VitaminQuotient

Researchers have revealed that taking Vitamin D and calcium twice a day may reduce your chances of getting vertigo again — a sudden internal or external spinning sensation, often triggered by moving your head too quickly. Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo happens when a change in head position gives you a sudden spinning sensation. It's one of the most common types of vertigo



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Fight the silent killer

Hepatitis is today's one of the major health concern. According to a study around 290 million people across the world are living with viral Hepatitis unaware. In some cases of Hepatitis symptoms don't occur even for years and in some cases it can even cause liver failure. Liver's proper functioning is necessary

for the better health of even other organs in the body.

Hepatitis B is a type of liver infection. If a person is exposed in adulthood, most are able to clear the virus from their bodies without treatment. For other people, acute hepatitis B leads to life long infection known as changing benefities. to life-long infection known as chronic hepatitis B which can result into liver failure, liver cancer if not treated on time. Basically, this infection spread from infected blood, unsafe sexual practices and from infected mother to child. Prevention is the key and early treatment is the best way to prevent its complications. Never ignore symptoms like:

■Repeated episodes of vomiting

■Loss of appetite and Jaundice

Hepatitis can be asymptomatic even for decades and can convert into chronic liver failure.

Hepatitis B and C: Both Hepatitis B and C are caused majorly by blood contact. In Hepatitis B around 90 per cent cases come out normal while 10 per cent may go on to develop chronic infection. In some of these patients virus remains active causing progressive liver damage and finally resulting in liver cirrhosis, liver failure and liver cancer. While early detection is the key, one major trait of Hepatitis C is that it doesn't

is the key, one major trait of Hepatitis C is that it doesn't show that it doesn't show chronic liver disease. any symptoms even when the symptoms infected water or food. The already damaged to a appetite and vomiting followed great extent. Around by jaundice. In majority of peo-80 per cent cases of ple complete recovery would occur without any permanent into chronic liver mainly symptomatic.

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for decades, and
Hepatitis B and C these are caused by consumption of appear the liver is infected person develops symptoms like fever, loss of Hepatitis C convert damage to liver. Treatment is Prevention: Following

disease steps would help in preventing Hepatitis B & C:

■ Ŝafe blood transfusion.

Blood should be tested to rule out hepatitis B&C before trans-

- Apart from other life threatening infections intravenous drug abusers are at a very high risk of hepatitis virus infections. Avoid such practices. ■ Tattoo lovers should be aware that reuse of same needle used
- on other persons can bring the infection. Ask for fresh needles. ■ People taking salon services like manicure, pedicure, shaving etc should be aware that contamination by blood of these instruments carries the risk of hepatitis infection. Blades, nail cutters etc may accidentally cut the skin get soiled with blood. It is not wise to use same tools on other people
- Avoid unsafe sexual practices. Do not use reusable syringes or needles. Always insist on dis-
- posable syringes and needles. Pregnant mothers with hepatitis B infection should seek prop-
- er medical advice to prevent transmission of infection to the newborn infant. ■ Get yourself vaccinated against hepatitis B
- While Hepatitis A and E can be prevented by:-
- Maintaining basic hygiene
- Consumption of properly cooked food, and clean filtered water. Hepatitis B and C are now very much treatable. Early diagnosis and treatment can save the liver and prevent development of liver failure and liver cancer.

SUMMERCOOLERS

RADICHHIO: Radichhio, also known as red cabbage, is one of the excellent sources of Vitamin K that strengthens the bone and is good for the treatment of Alzheimer's.

The vegetable promotes weight loss due to high fibre content. It makes one feel full and keeps one satiated for longer. Radicchio is also high in antioxidants that boost overall health, wellness and energy. It promotes bile production which improves digestion

and reduces cholesterol. Radicchio contains inulin that naturally helps to regulate blood sugar levels and reduces the risk of strokes and

other heart diseases.

As the vegggie has high fibre content, it helps in colon cleansing. Also radicchio has been used to fight intestinal worms and parasites to great effect. Polyphenols found in radicchio help neutralise free radicals and give a mental sharpness, keen eyesight and lower incidence of stomach

make a paste by soaking fenugreek s e e d s overnight in water, add two ripe bananas and one egg white apply it to the

hair and keep it for an hour. Wash using a mild shampoo.

Mix yoghurt with a teaspoon of honey. Apply it to the scalp and hair once a week as it takes care of dullness. One can soak



of degenerative scoliosis and over 12 lakh across age brackets have some sort of spinal stenosis. DR SK RAJAN tells you the signs to look out for

ur lower back (Lumbar spine) consists of five big bones *aka* vertebrae in the lower part of the spine between the ribs and the pelvis with intervening soft cushion like pads referred to as discs. Each of the bones have a hole in them and these holes align to form a pipe for passage of spinal nerves. Narrowing of this passage is referred to as Lumbar Canal Stenosis (LCS). This stenosis results in compression of the nerves traveling through the lower back into the legs.

While it may affect younger population due to developmental (birth related) causes, it is more often a degenerative (wear and tear) condition that affects people age 50 and older. The discs may become less spongy as you age, resulting in reduced disc height and bulging of the hardened disc into the spinal canal. Currently, it is estimated that over four lakh Indians above the age of 60 vears are suffering from its and over 12-15 lakh across age brackets having some sort of spinal steno-

Depending on the severity of the condition, Lumbar spinal stenosis may or may not produce symptoms. While the narrowing of the spinal canal itself does not produces the symptoms but due to the inflammation of the nerves caused by the increased pressure attributes to the cause. Varying from person to person the various symptoms include:

- Pain, weakness, or numbness in the legs, calves, or buttocks
- Pain may radiate to one or both the legs (resembling a painful condition referred to as Sciatica)
- In rare cases, there is loss of motor functioning in the legs, and loss of bowel control.
- Excruciating pain while walking that may subside while bending for-

ward, sitting or lying down.

Degenerative spondylolisthesis and degenerative scoliosis (curvature of the spine) are two conditions associated with lumbar spinal stenosis. Degenerative spondylolisthesis (slippage of one vertebra over another) is caused by arthritis of the facet joints. Most commonly, it involves the L4 slipping over the L5 vertebra. It usually is treated with the same conservative or surgical methods as lumbar spinal stenosis.

Degenerative scoliosis occurs most frequently in the lower back and more commonly affects people age 65 and older. Back pain associated with degenerative scoliosis usually begins radually and is linked with activity. The curvature of the spine in this form of scoliosis often is relatively minor, so surgery is required when conservative methods fail to alleviate pain associated with the condition. Diagnosis

symptoms, hereditary risk factors, physical examination and diagnostic tests are required to confirm the condition. Radiology tests including Xrays, CT Scan and MRI are helpful in identifying the structure of the vertebrae and outline of the joints. These imaging techniques help the surgeons a detailed view of the spinal canal, its content and the structures around it. 3 D imaging produced through MRI are also helpful in analysing the nerve roots, adjacent areas, any enlargements, degeneration

In specific cases a myelogram may be required, which is a special Xray of the spinal cord that is taken after injecting a contrast material in the surrounding cerebrospinal fluids (CSF). This is helpful in monitoring the pressure on the spinal cord or on the related nerves due to the compres-

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sion, herniated disc, bone spurs or

with activity

While medication and physical therapy remain the first line of treatment module, surgical intervention is only preferred when these fails to provide relief.

Medications & injections: Anti inflammatory medications and analgesics may be helpful in the initial stages to subside pain. But in case is the pain is persistent of worsens with time, the doctor may prescribe other medications or injections. Epidural injections also help in reducing pain and swelling, but is only a temporary relief method followed.

Physical therapy: this along with prescribed exercises may help stabilise your spine, build your endurance and increase your flexibility. Therapy may help you resume your normal

lifestyle and activities.

In those cases where these conservative options fail, surgery may be the only resort. Depending upon age, overall health, associated co-morbidities and pre-existing conditions doctors may consider the type of surgery. Surgical treatment

There are several different surgical procedures that can be utilized, the choice of which is influenced by the severity of your case. In a small percentage of patients, spinal instability may require that spinal fusion be performed — this decision generally is determined prior to surgery. Spinal fusion is an operation that creates a solid union between two or more vertebrae. This procedure may assist in strengthening and stabilising the spine, and may thereby help to alleviate severe and chronic back pain.

Decompressive laminectomy: The most common surgery in the lumbar spine is called decompressive my in which the (roof) of the vertebrae are removed to create more space for the nerves. A neurosurgeon may perform a laminectomy with or without fusing vertebrae or removing part of a disc. A spinal fusion with or without spinal instrumentation may be recommended when spondylolisthesis or scoliosis occurs with spinal stenosis. Various devices (such as screws or rods) may be used to enhance fusion and support unstable areas of

The benefits of surgery should always be weighed carefully against its risks. Although a large percentage of lumbar spinal stenosis patients report significant pain relief after surgery, there is no guarantee that surgery will help every individual. The writer is Head, Spine Surgery,

Agrim institute of Neurosciences, Artemis Hospital, Gurugram

C PLUS



AAYUSH NARANG tells you how Vitamin C serum can work wonders and do the job

There's a reason why Vitamin C serums became so popular. It has an incredible benefits for skin health because of potent antioxidants. It can help you in brightening your skin, healing surface damage, boosting circulation, stimulating collagen production, and even search free radicals to stop the onset of fine lines and wrinkles. The best news is that a lot of dermatologists recommend Vitamin C serum

for all skin types.

Our skin's natural regeneration process gets aided by Vitamin C, which helps our body to heal damaged skin cells. It is touted as one of the best anti-aging ingredients on the market. As consuming antioxidanton the market. As consuming antioxidant-rich foods aids your body in fighting off free radicals, topical antioxidants do an equivalent for your skin by helping to off-set daily aggressors like UV damage and exposure to air pollution. Even if you're probably getting Vitamin C in your diet, there's no guarantee that it's going straight to your skin. Using serums and other topto your skin. Using serums and other topical products is the most direct to gain

these benefits.
Vitamin C's skin-saving benefits aren't restricted to its antioxidant status. It has many other skin-healing assets that make it praiseworthy. For one, because it's highly acidic, when Vitamin C is used topically our skin starts to heal itself by accelerating the assembly of collagen and elastin. Remember: Collagen and elastin are both present protein fibers that help keep skin plump and firm. So, in helping to market collagen production, topical vitamin C can help prevent premature aging of the skin.

Another cool thing about the ingredient is that it contains a property that inhibits your skin's melanin production, which is what causes skin discoloration like dark spots and hyperpigmentation. With continued topical use, Vitamin C can help prevent dark spots from forming within the first place. It's a greater brightening agent that works to fade brown spots without changing normal skin pigmentation.

A serum is that the preferred sor

preferred sort Vitamin C. They generally comprise a perfect delivery system and are considered to be used before moisturiser. While Vitamin C used in the morning or evening, most people prefer to apply it during the day as its antioxidant assets act as a guard to bounce pollution and other environmental attackers. In terms of when you should use it in your routine, a three-step system of cleansing, treating, and moisturising. That second step would be Vitamin C application, followed by moisturiser unless you've got oilier skin and like to use a serum on its own.

If you're new to using the ingredient on your skin, start slowly. It's potent stuff, so you only need a few drops for each application. It's best to start out with a low concentration and work your way up as your skin grows more accustomed to the ingredient.

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DadiKaKehna

Our hair becomes dull and lifeless during monsoon. But there are many ingredients in our kitchen that can help restore the shine and give the bounce. ROSHANI DEVI shares tips that can help

ain brings its share of

it comes to hair care

—be it be dry and frizzy or

oily and sticky. One of the

best remedies to take

care of frizz is to

woes. More so when



Applying coconut oil 15 minutes before you shampoo helps in preconditioning the hair. It makes hair less

greasy.

This is the season for amla. Apply amla pulp mixed with lemon juice. Massage this

in the hair and

leave overnight. Wash off with shampoo in the morning.

Soak methi seeds in water overnight. Strain the water the next day and use this water to wash your hair. This will take care of the dandruff and dryness.

TIPTOP

National Faecal Sludge & Septage Management (NFSSM) Alliance brought together country's leading policy makers and city leaders to deliberate on Opportunities for Co-Treatment of Septage at Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), through a webinar on July 30, 2020. The discussions focused on recognising the potential for cities and towns to convert existing underutilised sewage treatment plants (STPs) to co-treatment facilities to bring down the contamination of water bodies across the country.

The keynote speaker Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Director General of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) said: "Fast but unorganised urbanization has put a load on natural resources. The system has not been able to give as much priority to wastewater management, or any other waste disposal, as compared to services such as provision of drinking water and other infrastructure needs."

Speaking about his experience in Kanpur while working for the Clean Ganga Mission, he highlighted the huge capacity utilisation gap that was observed in the STPs, along with inadequate presence of a sewage network across the city. He further emphasised on the need for cotreatment especially in river cities in order to curb the dumping of septage into river bodies. "There is an essential need to focus on the interests of river cities by merging urban planning with river management," he said.

closely with Ministry of Housing and

SLIMLINE

ntara, a part of the \$3 bln Max Group. Anas announced remote COVID care packages customised for seniors. The comprehensive and contactless COVID Care at Home packages are designed for seniors with mild symptoms to avoid the hassle of hospitalisation. This announcement follows Antara's recent foray into the 'Assisted Care Services' space with the launch of two new lines of business — 'Care Homes' and 'Care

Antara's 15-day Home Isolation Care

The NFSSM Alliance, which works

Urban Affairs, comprises of numerous national and international organisations that are actively working for implementation of sustainable sanitation solutions in the country. The Alliance has been instrumental in the passage of India's first National Policy on FSM in 2017 which cascaded to 19+ states in India.

symptoms recover at home and offers: Comprehensive remote assessment for holistic care: Essential medical kit for health tracking and self-isolation; Daily vital monitoring by nurses, Regular telephonic doctor consults to track progress; Respiratory rehabilitation by experts to aid recovery; Physiological counselling to manage anxiety; a Nutrition plan to boost immunity as well as preventive counselling for non-affected family members.

Package aims to help patients with mild

INBRIEF

The times of the Covid pandemic proved the importance of yoga to bring positivity, health and mindfulness to everyday life. Yoga became a friend to the world to help people heal themselves from trauma, anxiety, stress and even improve upon their immunity.

In a bid to provide a healthy life to his followers, Grand Master Akshar expanded his digital presence during the lockdown phase. His Facebook Page became the go-to guide to embrace a healthy lifestyle for more than 20 million online users. Many people across the world leveraged the quarantine phase to adopt healthy habits and fitness routine. In this regard, The Akshar Yoga Facebook page came to the rescue of many by providing the right guidance.

Akshar Yoga Ashram also organised many ive sessions to address queries of yoga practitioners, Spiritual seekers and Yoga enthusiasts. The sessions were vibrant and full of valuable knowledge. Thousands of people attended these live programs to have their queries answered about various issues such as health, wellness, stress, anxiety, Diabetes, blood pressure and so much more.

The courses that were conducted included weight loss exercises, yoga for beginners, yoga for therapy, daily yoga classes for overall fitness, stress relief, mental balance and more.

Special Himalayan meditation techniques were revealed by Grand Master Akshar, such as Siddho Hum Dhyan, Aarambh Dhyan, Chandra Grahan Meditation and Surva Grahan Meditation. He is dedicated towards the welfare of people and is actively involved in spreading awareness on yoga. He has also launched many books of yoga and its benefits across the levels — beginners, advanced, professional.

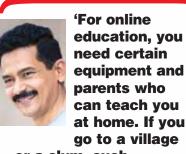




Kangana slams **Ayushmann**

Actor KANGANA RANAUT has slammed Ayushmann Khurrana for allegedly sympathising with Rhea Chakraborty, who has been accused of abetting actor Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide.

In response to a tweet which alleges that Ayushmann has been supporting Rhea and star kids because he wants to survive in Bollywood and is YRF's talent, Kangana's team wrote. "Chaploos outsiders support mafia only for one reason, their mediocrity. Nobody is threatened by them and they take full advantage of conflicts faced by few like Kangana and SSR by openly denying and mocking them.



or a slum, such facilities are not available there. As a result, you will see a huge inequality and disparity in education. The attempt of every government should be to reduce that inequality.'

-Atul Kulkarni

AAMIR KHAN fans will have to wait for yet another year to pass before they can catch their superstar on the screen.

His next release, Laal Singh Chaddha, was set for a Christmas release this year, but the film will now arrive on Christmas 2021, owing to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The film is based on the 1994 Tom Hanks blockbuster Forrest *Gump*. Portions of the film has already been shot in Chandigarh and Kolkata before the nationwide lockdown was imposed. It also features Kareena Kapoor Khan and Mona Singh. It is adapted by Atul Kulkarni and directed by Advait Chandan.

Billie finds social media terrifying

British actor BILLIE PIPER feels social media is terrifying. In an interview, Piper spoke about her fame and how she

> deals with social media. "Let's put it this way, I wouldn't have wanted to be a famous pop star now. The social media element is terrifying because it's continuous, it's in your bed, next to your bedside table every night. In my pop career there were moments that were horrible to experience as a teenager, but they came and

vent. Now it's got

vorse," she said.

Driving with car windows open could mean more foul air for you

Next time when you roll down the car windows for some fresh air, think again. According to researchers, including one of Indian-origin, car users from the world's least affluent cities are exposed to at least 80 per cent more in-car air pollution because they rely heavily on opening their windows for ventilation.

For the study, published in the journal Science of the Total Environment, the research team investigated air pollution exposure levels for commuters in 10 different global cities across the world, including Chennai.
"To be blunt, we need as

many cars as possible off the road, or more green vehicles to reduce air pollution exposure," said study researcher Prashant Kumar from the University of Surrey in the UK.

"Air-conditioned cars are unattainable for many poor and vulnerable commuters across the world, but our data is clear and coherent for all 10 participating cities," Kumar added.

According to the World



Health Organisation (WHO), air pollution kills an estimated seven million people worldwide every year and nine out of 10 people breathe air with high levels of pol-

The research team investigated PM2.5 and PM10 exposure levels inside vehicles during peak hours in the morning and evening, as well as off-peak hours

The scientists measured how exposure levels changed when drivers used recirculation systems, fans and simply opened the win-

The study discovered that ting showed the highest exposure,

drivers in some of the world's poorest cities experienced higher levels of in-car pollution.

Irrespective of the city and car model used, a windows-open setfollowed by fan-on and recircula-

Pollution exposure for windows-open during off-peak hours was 91 per cent and 40 per cent less than morning and evening peak hours, respectively.

The study also found that the windows-open setting exposed car passengers to hotspots of air pollution for up to a third of the total travel length.

The findings also showed that commuters who turn on the recirculation are exposed to around 80 per cent less harmful particles than those who open their car windows.

Car cabin filters were more effective in removing pollution than fine particles, suggesting that if new cars had more efficient filters, it could reduce the overall exposure of car commuters.

'The study has drawn important conclusions that can help commuters make decisions in their day-to-day lives to protect their health," said study researcher Abdus Salam from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh.

"Simple choices, like travelling during off-peak hours, can go a long way in reducing their exposure to air pollution," Salam said.

IS IT A NEW BEGINNING?

With a pandemic at hand, the future of global higher education seems bleak. So what's the way out? Dr MARK C ELLIOTT, Vice Provost for International Affairs at the Harvard University, suggests answers



a long time pointed towards a greater internationalisation of student enrollments, teaching staff, extra-curricular content and research networks. It accelerates the advancement of scholarship in every field and discipline, leading mos veys of higher education to rely on some measure of "globalisation" in determining

tional higher education seems quite bleak. By forcing a halt to nearly all international travel, the pandemic has interrupted the normal movement of people within and between the world's universities, isolating us from one another in unprecedented ways. Even before the emergence of the novel Coronavirus, resurgent nationalism and xenophobia around the world were already leading some to question the value of a globalised system of higher education. Now, the question is — what does the future of internationalisation in higher education look like after the global pandemic? The Association of Indian Universities recently collaborated with the US Embassy in New Delhi to seek the answers through a special lecture series titled — The Future of Higher Education.

The main speaker of the webinar, Dr Mark C Elliott, Vice Provost for International Affairs, Harvard University, said that the American diplomacy and Indian higher education, both remain equally committed to the values of spreading knowledge about educational opportunities in the US and in India. And this series is a wonderful evidence of that. "The promulgation of the new National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) promises a new beginning in education at all levels in the country and lay the foundation for a brighter future for all citizens regardless of birth, religion or socio-economic situations. In the higher education sector, the NEP also points to a future in which Indian higher education is more agile and firmly balanced with that of the rest of the world. It's a good thing and comes at a very great time," said

Given the present moment, it is appro-

THERE IS A BIG **MARKET FOR EDUCATION IN** INDIA. HENCE, **FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES** ARE SETTING UP **CAMPUSES IN THE COUNTRY AND JOINT PROGRAMMES WITH INDIAN INSTITUTIONS ARE ON THE CARDS**

priate to consider this question — what does COVID-19 change? According to Dr Elliott, the answer to this is either the pandemic changes everything or it changes nothing. He said, "In the short-term, it is clear that the pandemic has indeed brought massive changes in the patterns of international higher education. In the longterm, those patterns will be permanently changed, too. But that's not our answer. What I have learnt is that change typicalhappens more slowly than we think."

Îĥe changes that he has seen at Harvard in the last 20 years or so, more or less during his time at the University, suggest a profound transformation in how they recruit students, faculty, scholars and the research pattern. This transformation is

broadly applicable to all American research universities. It is reasonable to expect that these transformations will soon be coming to India.

"The enormous experiment in online education will leave us all permanently changed. We would be far more willing to participate in long-distance educational ventures. The work we have been doing in this area for the last few years would be seen as preparatory to a more widespread turn to online teaching, education and knowledge transfer. Universities will become more involved in this domain than before,"

Excerpts of a conversation between Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General at The Association of Indian Universities, and Dr

□Dr Mittal: As the new National **Education Policy 2020 allows the top 100** foreign universities to set up campuses in India, does Harvard has any plan of establishing itself here?

Dr Elliott: We have no plans to estab-

lish a campus anywhere in the world. It's a question that many institutions have been asking. We have thought about it and the answer so far is that we don't think this would work as the experiences cannot be replicated. For now, the prevailing opinion is that the students want to come to our institution to study. We believe in being global and local at the same time. We are pretty happy with our connections. But I have no doubt that among the 100 institutions, there will be growing opportuni-

□Dr Mittal: What can be the strategy for India to attract international students?

Dr Elliott: This is one of the greatest challenges. Indian students are among the most talented in the world and Harvard and other American universities would be much stronger with the addition of really talented, creative and hardworking scholars and scientists from India. I know from my visits to many campuses that efforts have been underway in some universities. I hope that the NÉP will provide more

room for these universities to grow and to have the kind of autonomy and independence that is vital for success for all institutions of higher education. There is a big market for education in India. Hence, foreign universities are setting up campuses in the country and joint programmes with Indian institutions are on the cards.

□Dr Mittal: Is there any scope of online education for Indian students?

Dr Elliott: Here, I can offer a positive response. It's already in place. The institution has thousands of courses online, that too totally free. There are different ways in which it has been structured. We will be redoubling our efforts in the digital learning space soon.

□Dr Mittal: But the online courses don't provide degrees...

Dr Elliott: Harvard is not a typical American school. We are a pretty conservative institution. We are hesitant for online degrees yet.



ctor Bhumi Pednekar is an environ-Amentally conscious citizen who has taken up climate conservation as a cause to raise awareness among fellow Indians. Bhumi has launched an initiative called *Climate Warrior* through which she is mobilising people to contribute towards the environment. The actor is batting for sustainability and says it's vital for climate protection.

"I believe in repeating clothes. I don't think that people might see me wearing the same clothes because as an actor you

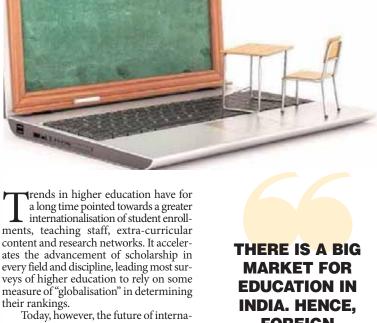


are told to always wear different and new outfits but, honestly, I don't care. There are so many business which I have come across where people are renting clothes.

I love the idea, says Bhumi. She adds, "Even personally, between me and my sister, our wardrobe is pret-ty much one. We share clothes. We keep repeating clothes and we have no problem with that. In the last two years, I have consciously started seeing how climate conscious the brand is before I wear them. Today, we have enough options of

such brands.

Bhumi feels the whole world is shifting towards sustainability in a big way. She says, "And, rightly so. If you have noticed, there is large shift in the way brands are now dealing with sustainability. Most of the high fashion, luxury brands are slowly and steady turning towards sustainability. I really hope that the process happens a lot faster. Unfortunately, with recycled and upcycled fashion, the price difference is a lot and it's not affordable to everybody."



STILL HUNGRY TO PLAY

England pacer Anderson ignores retirement whispers, eager to bounce back



James Anderson celebrates the dismissal of Babar Azam during 2nd day of 1st Test AP

AFP SOUTHAMPTON

one of the ends is named after ames Anderson insisted on Monday he is still "hungry" him, as England went 1-0 up in a three-match series. to play Test cricket after speculation the England great

Anderson recently turned 38, an age where many previous pace bowlers would have long since retired.

was considering retirement.

Given his age, Anderson's meagre match haul of 1/97 durcall on Monday. ing England's three-wicket win in the first Test against Pakistan completed on Saturday inevitably led to speculation about his future.

By his own admission, Anderson, England's all-time leading wicket-taker, "did not bowl very well" at his Old Trafford home ground, where

But the swing specialist, whose 590 wickets are the most taken by any paceman in Test history, said he should not be written off after one poor game.

"I want to play as long as I possibly can," Anderson told reporters during a conference

"If I keep bowling the way I did this week, the opportunity to retire will be taken out of my hands. It will be a selection he added ahead of issue," Thursday's second Test at Southampton.

"I'm still hungry to play the game. I think the frustration for me this week was that, after one bad game....the sort of whispers (about retirement) that go around, I don't think that's real-

EMOTIONAL'

Reflecting on his own performance in the first Test, Anderson said: "It's one of those things, everyone has a bad game,

every now and then.
"I've not bowled very well and felt out of rhythm. For the first time in probably 10 years I got a little bit emotional on the field, got a bit frustrated, let it get to me a little bit.

"It reminded me of when I first started playing, when you get frustrated and a little bit angry you try to bowl quicker and quicker and it doesn't help. Hopefully, I can show people I've still got what it takes to play Test

Anderson, a veteran of 154 Tests, added: "I don't think it's the toughest period of my career. I'm sure I'll have another bad game in my career. I just don't want every time I have a bad game for there to be whispers going round that I'm going to pack in."

Anderson is now in sight of becoming the first pace bowler to take 600 Test wickets and overhauling the England Test appearance record of 161 held by retired former captain Alastair Cook, one of his best friends in cricket.

"I want to be bowling well and contributing to England winning games of cricket," said Anderson. "That's been my focus throughout my career and will continue to be my focus. If I get 600 wickets then great; if I don't, then I'm happy with what I've

As for surpassing opening batsman Cook's cap record, which would be a remarkable achievement for a pace bowler, Anderson said: "154 does sound like quite a lot of games. But I feel like I've still got quite a few more left in me. If I can go past Cooky it will probably be the one thing I've got up on him."

Buttler should always be in Eng Test side: Warne

Tos Buttler is the "whole package" and that is why the wicketkeeper-batsman should be a regular in England's Test side, feels Australian spin great Shane

Buttler was under immense scrutiny due to lapses behind the stumps during the first Test against Pakistan last week. He missed two chances against opener Shan Masood on 45, who went on to score 156, helping Pakistan put up 326 on the board in their first innings.

However, the 29 year-old, who had also been struggling with the bat for some time, played a crucial 75-run knock in the second innings and shared a century stand with Chris Woakes to help England win the first Test by three wickets.

'He should always be in the side. Jos is a very good and reliable keeper but, occasionally, you're going to have a few bad days — it wasn't easy out there, either," Warne told Sky Sports.

"But Jos should always be in your side because of what he's capable of, with the bat especially. And then his keeping, he's a good leader among the team as well — there's a calmness about him — he's the whole package.

"He's always one of the first pencilled in for me," Warne added.

Buttler changed the complexion of the game with his aggressive batting. He struck seven boundaries and a six in his 101 ball-75, helping England, who were reeling at 117 for five, chase



"What really impressed me with Buttler was the way he went about it, he trusted himself, said 'I'm the man, I'm going to get this done."

Warne added that Buttler's positive approach helped his non-striker Woakes, who struck a matchwinning unbeaten 84 after having averaged only 5.22 in his last six Tests.

"He just played beautifully; and that helped Woakes at the other end, who had been struggling for form, but came in and played extremely well I'm very happy for Woakes and, in particular, Buttler. It was a fantastic chase, against a quality attack, on a good pitch," he said.

Pak must move on from Old Trafford defeat: Misbah

dwell on their defeat by England in the first Test at Old Trafford as it would make it tougher for them to respond in the next two matches, coach

Misbah-ul-Haq has said.
"It was a thrilling Test match and full credit must go to England for the way they fought back, came from behind and took the game away from us," Misbah wrote in his column on the Pakistan Cricket Board's

"There is disappointment,

Manchester: Pakistan cannot of course, but we must not keep that feeling in our minds otherwise it will be difficult to come back... the team believes we can fight back.

"Sometimes luck doesn't favour you, sometimes the opposition plays well — that's the beauty of the game."

Misbah praised opener Shan Masood, who scored 156 in the first innings, as well as pacemen Shaheen Afridi and . Naseem Shah who picked up two wickets each.

"It was a brave decision to

bat first against England's bowling attack in those conditions," the 46-year-old said. "Shan Masood batted real-

ly well and... should be given a lot of credit for his innings. He's been working so hard... he's changed a few things in his setup. He's a different bats-

"The bowling was also excellent. It's a young seam attack, apart from Mohammad Abbas, and both Shaheen Afridi and Naseem Shah did really



BCCI receive Govt approvals for IPL in UAE

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The BCCI has received the central Government's formal approval to conduct this year's Indian Premier League in the UAE, IPL Chairman Brijesh

Patel revealed on Monday.

The IPL boss also said that BCCI, in all likelihood, will announce the tournament's new title sponsors by August 18. There will be a seven-day window for interested companies to submit the bid

The Government had last week given an "in principle" go-ahead to the BCCI to shift the marquee league starting from September 19 to November 10 in three UAE cities — Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and Dubai

due to rising cases of Covid-19 in the country. "Yes, we have received all the written approvals," Patel said when asked whether the permission has come in writing from both the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Ministry of External Affairs

When an Indian sports body shifts a domestic tournament abroad, it requires clearance from Home, External and sports ministries respectively.

Once we had the verbal okay from the Government, we had intimated the Emirates Cricket Board. Now we have the papers also, so franchises can be intimated that everything is in order," a veteran BCCI official said.

Most of the franchises will be flying out after August 20 after two mandatory RT-PCR (Covid-19 tests) conducted within 24 hours from their depar-

The Chennai Super Kings players and staff, who are leaving on August 22, will have a small camp at the Chepauk on the insistence of skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

The BCCI is also facing problems on the sponsorship front after calling off the title deal with Chinese mobile phone company Vivo for the current year due to massive public outrage over the Sino-India border stand-off.

It was a ₹440 crore deal and as BCCI looks at potential sponsors, Baba Ramdev's Patanjali has shown interest in becoming the new title sponsor.

Patel, however, expressed confidence that a lot of companies are interested in becoming IPL spon-

"It is not a setback (Vivo pulling out), there is already a lot of interest (for title rights). Whether an Indian company or from anywhere else, whoever bids the most gets the rights. We will finalise the whole process by August 18," Patel said.



2 Atleti players test virus +ve

Correa & Vrsaljko return positive while other remain unaffected as the Spanish giants prepare for Champions League quarters

AFP ■ MADRID

tletico Madrid breathed a Asigh of relief on Monday after further coronavirus tests on their players and staff turned up negative, allowing the team to travel to Portugal on Tuesday for their Champions League quarter-final against Leipzig.

Tests at the weekend had revealed two coronavirus cases at the club, which Atletico confirmed on Monday to be players Angel Correa and Sime Vrsaljko.

Both players are asymptomatic and will remain isolated at home while the rest of the squad will return to training in the Spanish capital on Monday afternoon, before flying to Lisbon on Tuesday for Thursday's game against Leipzig.

'The first team and members of the coaching staff underwent new PCR tests yesterday, the result of which has been negative in all of them, after the appearance of two positive cases in the tests carried out on Saturday," Atletico announced on Monday.

"As a result, 21 first-team footballers plus academy players Alex Dos Santos, Manu Sanchez, Riquelme and Toni Mova will travel to the Portuguese capital tomorrow (Tuesday) to gather for the Champions League quarter-final.

The club said the case of Vrsaljko "is considered resolved by the health authorities as he generated antibodies several months ago".

Atletico added that "tests were also performed on relatives living with the two positive August 2.

cases, all of which were also neg-

The original plan was for Atletico to travel to Portugal on Monday night, with a session scheduled on Tuesday at Benfica's Seixal training ground. The timetable has had to be

adjusted but the team will stay in the same hotel in Lisbon, where all the Champions League's remaining games are taking place in a compressed format without fans.

would have to have a minimum of 13 players available, including one goalkeeper, to fulfill the fixture, amid fears that more positive cases could emerge.

A planned training session on Monday morning had been called off, with all players and staff instructed to stay at home.

scheduled for August 23.

Uefa protocol for the tournament states all clubs must undertake testing between 10 and 14 days before their first game in Portugal, as well as leaving their home country.

Final tests are then completed the day before kick-off, which will be replicated for all further fixtures in the competition.

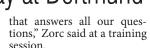
Atletico were keen to reassure Uefa that they have followed a strict protocol since the La Liga season ended on July 19. Weekly tests were carried out by the club on July 26 and

Sancho will stay at Dortmund

England winger Jadon session.
Sancho will stay with Borussia Dortmund for the internal

reported interest from Manchester United, club sporting director 🎒 Michael Zorc said on Monday.

Dortmund ʻplan on having Jadon Sancho in our team this season, the decision is final. I think



The 20-year-old England international, who has a club until 2022, had a stelseason with the Bundesliga runners-up

and has been reportedly targeted by several top clubs, including Manchester United after the club qualified for next season's Champions League.



Championship golf tournament at TPC Harding Park on Sunday

Collin Morikawa holds the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the PGA

Athletics can grow further in post Covid world: Coe

to help local, regional and od. We will be allowing more national health objectives. Research has shown that sport," he added.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

World Athletics President Sebastian Coe on Monday claimed that more people took to running to stay fit during the coronavirusforced lockdown, something his sport can capitalise on once the world is back to being nor-

Coe said athletics can ben-Uefa had stated Atletico efit from the new-found habit of more people taking to walking and running and his sport will try to build on it to broaden its base. "We are uniquely placed

REGULAR TESTING

The 'final eight' format begins with Atalanta against Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday, with the final

another round of tests before

throughout the lockdown, more people are exercising than before. Some research even say there is 80 per cent

increase at the global exercise

pattern," he said at an online

media seminar organised by Asian Athletics Federation. "Athletics is the main beneficiary because people are doing exercise through running or walking. That is a very big asset. We will not take it for granted but will try to build on it in the post pandemic peri-

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He said that athletics is one of the better-placed sports amid the pandemic in terms of communication and engagement among the officials as well as the athletes.

"As we come out of the pandemic, the world will be a complicated place. I believe our sport is stronger, better connected, communicating better, more creative and more ingenious. We will come out stronger and with more fortitude than ever before."

Mandeep latest hockey player to catch corona



PTI NEW DELHI

Indian hockey team forward **■**Mandeep Singh has tested positive for Covid-19, becoming the sixth national player to contract the dreaded infection, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) said on Monday.

The 25-year-old from Jalandhar is asymptomatic and is being treated along with the other five players by doctors in Bengaluru, where the national camp is due to start on August 20 at the SAI centre.

"Mandeep Singh, a member of the Indian Men's Hockey team, who was given the Covid test (RT PCR) along with 20 other players at the National Camp at ŚAI's National Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru, has tested Covid positive, but is asymptomatic," the SAI said in a statement.

"He is being administered treatment by doctors, along with the other five players who have tested positive.



Fiona Ferro, right, and Anett Kontaveit pose with the trophy after final WTA/Twitte

Ferro upsets Kontaveit to win Palermo Open

to coronavirus.

Unseeded French player Fiona Ferro beat No 4 seed Anett Kontaveit 6-2, 7-5 in the final to win the 31st Palermo Ladies Open, the tournament marking the return of tennis after a five-month shutdown due

Ferro needed one hour and 43 minutes to seal the straightsets victory. Her solid serving saw Ferro deliver four aces in the match helped her ease to a 6-2 win in the first set. However, Kontaveit who

had ousted top seed Petra Martic in the semi-finals started to come into her own at the end of the first set.

The gain in momentum

early to get into a 2-0 lead but Ferro upped her game to break straight back.

The Frenchwoman won

three games on the bounce to make it fives apiece before a service winner saw her through. It was Ferro's second WTA title win as she maintained fine

form since the coronavirus lock-

down when she had gone

unbeaten in two exhibition tour-

naments before the Palermo She won the first WTA event after the pandemic drop-

ping just one set. This title means a lot, espe cially after five tough months of practice," Ferro said after the

Willian poses with Premier League trophy

AFP ■ LONDON

Willian says he is leaving Chelsea with "his head held high" ending a seven year spell with the Premier League club he told fans in an open letter on Sunday.

Willian confirms Chelsea exit

The Brazilian who spent seven years at the club won two Premier League titles, an FA Cup, a League Cup and the Europa League at Stamford Bridge

The 32-year-old Brazil winger has been linked with a move to Arsenal after he failed to agree a new contract

Willian rejected Tottenham Hotspur to join Chelsea from Russian outfit Anzhi Makhachkala for £30 million (\$39 million) in 2013. He scored 63 goals in 339 appear-

ances and won five trophies, two

Premier League titles, an FA Cup, a League Cup and the Europa League. However, an ankle injury prevented him playing in the FA Cup final loss to Arsenal and Saturday's Champions League last 16 second leg thumping by

'The time has now come to move

After five wonderful years my stage at Chelsea FC comes to an end. Thanks a lot to the club's board, to the coaches and teammates I've had, and of course to the fans: thank you for the experience of being a member of your big family. I've been very happy here, you've made me feel like home.

It's been a pleasure and an honour to play for this club and win the Premier League, FA Cup and Europa League Itites, as well as competing in one of the world's best footbal leagues. It made the right choice, I take with me wonderful and

say farewell very pleased with this stage of my areer, and I'm also very excited with the next to segin. Thanks and good luck for the future.

team-mates," he said "I will miss all the staff at the club who've always treated me like a son and

on. I am certainly going to miss my

I will miss the fans. "I leave with my head held high,

safe in the knowledge that I won things here and always did my best in a Chelsea shirt."

Willian — a member of the Brazil squads at the 2014 and 2018 World Cup finals — said he had never regretted his preferring Chelsea to London rivals Spurs.

"They were seven wonderful years. In August 2013 when I received the offer from Chelsea, I was convinced that this was where I had to play," he

'Today I am certain that it was the best of decisions. There were so many happy times, some sad, there were trophies and it was always very intense. There was also criticism, which is normal, what is important though is that both the affection and criticism drove me to always give my all in every training session, every game, to be constantly improving until my very last minute in a Chelsea shirt.

Willian leaves along with fellow veteran Spain winger Pedro, who is joining AS Roma on a free transfer.

The 33-year-old European championships and World Cup winner also issued a heartfelt farewell message as he brought the curtain down on his half a decade spell at the club.

"After five wonderful years my stage at Chelsea FC comes to an end, he wrote on *Instagram*.

"It's been a pleasure and an honour to play for this club and win the Premier League, FA Cup and Europa League titles, as well as competing in one of the world's best football leagues.

"I made the right choice, I take with me wonderful and unforgettable