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# **Surge of elation on bhoomi pujan eve** CBI probe into

Ayodhya decked up, PM to lay foundation of Ram Mandir at 12.44-12.45 pm

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

The temple town of Ayodhya has been fortified and decked up like never before, painted all over in yellow hue, for the "bhoomi pujan" for the construction of Ram Temple at the Ram Jamabhoomi Complex. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone on Westerschie

nesday. The foundation stone The foundation stone function will start at 12.30 pm function will start at 12.30 pm function will start at 12.30 pm function will start at 12.45 pm after offering prayers to Lord Ganesha, Champan Rai, general secretary of the Ram Janmabhoomi Feerth Kshetr Trust told this reporter.

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Rai said that religious functions like different pujas have started. These include Ramarchan Puja, where prayers are held to imvite all major gods and goddesses who consider Lord Ram as their Ishth (the god of worship). Vedic saints are conducting the prayers facing Ramilala on his temporary seat, Rai said.

A total of 21 priests from Varanasi, Ayodhya, and Prayagraj started the ritual of Bhoomi Pujan by organising Gauri Ganesh Puja at the Bhoomi Pujan site on the Ram Jammabhoomi premises. Priests are also performing puja at the Hanumangaprii and Ram ki chavni temples and aarti at the Saryu ghat in the evening.

On Tuesday morning, Ramacharya puja along with dhawaj and Nisan puja of Lord Hanuman were performed at the Hanumangarhi temple. Except for the priests of the temples, none was allowed to attend these pujas due to Covid pandemic.

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Pandit Kalikram handed over a green colour dress along with a religious flag to the head priest of the Ram Lalla temple Acharya Satendra Das, which Ram Lalla will wear on Wednesday. Ram Lalla will wear a yellow dress on Thursday

Pandit Kalikaram has been presenting the dresses for the

Pandit Kalikaram has been presenting the dresses for the idols for the last two years. He will also light diyas at almost all the temples of Ayodhya in the evening of August 5.

The city has been turned into a fortress with barricades put up across the main thoroughfare of Ayodhya - particularly those lanes which connect the city to Ram Janmabhoomi Complex. The jawans of the paramilitary force jawans of the paramilitary force are deployed around the city. The shops are closed. The road side eateries have downed their shutters, but the local resi-

stace ateries have cowhect their shutters, but the local residents are not complaining. "Our movements have been restricted for two days but we are not complaining. This is an indicator of good things to come. We will have our own Ram Temple after almost five centuries. And for that why will one complain," Dilp Maurya, who owns Maurya Tea Stall near Ghantaghar, said.

There is an air of festivity around Ayodhya, Religious songs or the chanting of Sunderkand wafts through the air as one drives through the empty roads of Ayodhya.



votees light lamps on Deepotsav at Ramghat on the eve of bhoomi pujan of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya on Tuesday

SIDELIGHTS | Iqbal Ansari, a litigant in the temple-mosque dispute, wa first person to be invited P UP CM Yogi Aditynath's official residence fully illuminated on Tuesday illuminated on Tuesday
 Sliver coin as 'prasad' for every guest in Ayodhya

- 1,000 men deployed in Ayodhya to shoo away monkeys at temple site
- - I feel humbled that during the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, destiny made me perform a pivotal duty in the form of the Ram Rath Yatra from Somnath to Ayodhya in 1990, which helped galvanise the aspirations, energies and passions of its countless participants **LK ADVANI**

Modi to stay for 3 hours, to pray at Ram Lalla temple

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Ayodhya for over 3 hours on Wednesday, and for the first time offer prayers at the Ram Lalla temple and Hanumangarhi after becoming the PM of the country in 2014.

Though Modi had visited established a staylor of the country in 2014.

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Adityanath Government, he never went to these temples to avoid any controversy.

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Modi will also be the first
Prime Minister to visit Ram
Janmabhoomi Complex.
Earlier, Jawaharlal Nehru and

Indira Gandhi had come to Faizabad but did not offer prayers at RJB Complex. The PM will fly from New Delhi at 0935 hours on Wednesday morning by a special IAF aircraft and will reach Lucknow at 1035 hrs.

#### Sushant death, proposes Bihar PTI PATNA/MUMBAI **Aaditya slams**

The Bihar Government on

The Bihar Government on Tuesday recommended a CBI enquiry into actor Sushant Singh Raiput's death case, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said, a move contested by Rhea Chakraborty's lawyer, who insisted the State had no jurisdiction to make such a recommendation.

As Patna and Mumbai Police were locked in a bitter urf war over who had the mandate of law to investigate the sensational death of Raiput, Nitish earlier said his Government will recommend handing over the case to the central probe agency after the actor's father gave his consent.

KK Singh, Rajput's father,

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KK Singh, Raiput's father,
had on July 25 lodged a police
complaint against Chakraborty,
a budding actor and his sons
rumoured girlfriend, of abetting his suicide, keeping him in
wrongful confinement and
defrauding him of crores of
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"The actor's father spoke to the DGP and gave his consent for a CBI probe. Since he had lodged an FIR with Bihar police, we could not have recommended a CBI enquiry. Now that he has consented, I have asked the DGP to complete all formalities today and the Government will send its recommendation today itself," Nitish had told journalists.

Rhea Chakraborty's lawyer Satishamae Shinde, meanwhile,

Satishmane Shinde, me Satishmane Shinde, meanwhile, called into question the Bihar government's decision. "There cannot be transfer of a case which had no legal basis to begin with for the Bihar police to get involved," he said. 'dirty politics', says he has no role in case

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

A mid indirect insinuations being made at him by the BIP-led Opposition on issues relating to actor Sushant Singh Raiput's alleged suicide, Maharashtra's influential Minister Aaditya Thackeray on Tuesday slammed opponents for indulging in "dirty politics" and "maligning" him and his family, and categorically said he has nothing to do with Sushant's suicide. Aaditya's attatement came on a day when Maharashtra's former Chief Minister and BJP's Raiya Sabha member Narayan Rane alleged that the actor and his ex-manager Disha Salian were "murdered". So much so that Rane claimed that Disha was "raped" and "murdered". He also alleged both the incidents were linked.

linked.

Breaking his silence over the allegations linking him to Sushant's suicide made against him over the past several days by the BJP leaders without by the BJP leaders without naming him, 30-year-old Aaditya, who is the son of Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, issued a statement in Marathi on his twitter handle, denying his role in matters relating to the actor's suicide and said his political opponents were des-perately indulging in "dirty politics".

#### Not invited, Advani recalls his role in temple movement

Not invited to attend the Ram Mandir bhoomi pujan ceremony in Ayodhya on Wednesday, the architect of the Wednesday, the architect of the Ram temple movement and veteran BJP leader LK Advani on Tuesday reminisced his role in "galvanise the aspirations, energies and passions of its countless participants of the movement." Claiming that it was a his-toric and emotional day for him and for all Indians, Advani recalled the "pivotal duty" he

performed in carrying out the Ram Rath Yatra from Somnath to Ayodhya in 1990. A day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays

Minister Narendra Modi lays
the foundation stone for a
Ram temple in Ayodhya,
Advani said in a statement it is
his belief that the Ram Mandir
will represent India as a strong,
prosperous, peaceful
and harmonious nation with
justice for all and exclusion of
none to truly usher in "Ram
Rajya, the epitome of good governance".

#### in 1989; on August 5 just construction will start: VHP

**Foundation stone was laid** 

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) president Alok Kuran has claimed the foundation stone for the construction of a grand Ram Temple at the birthplace of Lord Shri Ram was laid way back in 1989, and on August 5 just the construction work will start.

Without taking any names, he said the construction of the temple was embroiled in the

hurdles created by various Governments, the manipula-

hurdles created by various Governments, the manipula-tions by political forces and the long delays in the courts. "It is after about 31 years that the construction of the temple shall now begin in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 5: We hope that in about three years' time, the devotees may be able to worship Ramlala in the sanctum sanctorum of the erand temple." Kumar said in grand temple," Kumar said in a statement issued here.

#### **CAPSULE** PAK INCLUDES J&K IN NEW POLITICAL MAP

Islamabad: On the eve of the first anniversary of the revocation of the contentious Article 370 and Article 35A, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan unveiled a new political map which includes the UT of J&K as part of Pakistan on Tuesday. Khan has decided to present the new political map at the United Nations as well. The Imran Khan cabinet approved the new man in which the

illiari Niari cabinie approved the new map in which the complete Jammu & Kashmir, is shown integrated with Pakistan. The illegal map shows J&K as "Indian illegally occupied J&K—disputed territory—final status to be decided in line with relevant UNSC resolutions." Thereby cocking a snook at the Govt of India.

COURT DISMISSES BAIL IN IB OFFICER MURDER CASE

New Delhi: A Delhi court Tuesday dismissed the bail plea of a man arrested in the case of of a man arrested in the case of 1B official Ankti Sharma's murder during the northeast Delhi riots in February, saying he and others had been allegedly "instigated on communal lines" by suspended AAP Councillor Tahir Hussain due to which they were "lying charged to attack all and sundry from the other community."

#### Trump bans hiring of H1B visa holders, blow to Indians

In another huge blow to Indian IT professionals eyeing the US job market, President Donald Trump has signed an executive order asking federal agencies to hire Americans and preventing them from contracting or subcontracting foreign workers, mainly those with H 1B visas. The more came over a

contracting foreign Workers, mainly those with H-1B visas. The move came over a month after the Trump administration on June 23 suspended the H-1B visas along with other types of foreign work visas until the end of 2020 to protect American workers in a crucial election year.

The H-1B visa, most sought-after among Indian IT professionals, is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. The technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each, year employees each year from countries like India and



executive order to ensure that the federal government lives by a very simple rule, hire American," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office of the White House on Monday before signing the order against hiring H-18 visa holders for federal contracts.
Trump told reporters that his administration will not tolerate firing of hardworking Americans in the pursuit of chap foreign labour.

"As we speak, we're finalising the H-1B regulation so that no American workers are replaced ever again. H-1B should be used for top highly paid talent to create American

jobs, not as inexpensive labour programmes and destroy American jobs," said Trump, who was surrounded across the Cabinet Room table with individuals campaigning against job outsourcing.

Prominent among them were Sara Blackwell, founder and president of Florida-based Protect US Workers organisarion; Jonathan Hicks, as offware engineer in the Tennessee Valley Authority; and Kevin Lynn, founder of Pennsylvania-based US Tech Workers.

The H-1B visa has an annual numerical limit cap of 65,000 visas each fiscal year as mandated by the Congress.

#### CM, family found Covid-19 -ve for 2nd time 18 prisoners test positive

Chief Minister Hemant Soren and his spouse Kalpana Soren tested negative for Covid-19 for the second time on Tuesday, health offi-cials said

ime on Tuesday, health offi-cials said.

Swab samples of Soren and his family members were col-lected on Tuesday morning after at least 19 staff at the chief minister and from the control of the cont

contact tracing of a cabinet minister and a Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) MLA led to the chief minister.





Meanwhile, at least 18 prisoners, including two former MLAs, at Birsa Munda Jail tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday, taking the total count of Covid-infected immates in Jarkhands largest jail to 30, prison officials said.

While jail authorities have informed the Ranchi district administration about the development, they have been directed to keep the infected prisoners in isolation inside the jail premises itself.

"All the infected prisoners have been put in isolation in the jail premises eitself. There was no immediate need to

hospitalise them as all of them

hospitalise them as all of them are asymptomatic," said jail superintendent Hamid Akhtar. The Covid tests, Akhtar said, were carried out on the basis of contact tracing of the prisoners who were found infected earlier. As per the protocol, authorities cannot disclose identity of Covid patients However, officials said that both the VIP prisoners, who tested positive for the virus on Tuesday, are former MLAs and have held important positions in political parties.

reached 14070 on Tuesday as

reached 14070 on Tuesday as 398 fresh cases of infection surfaced, government data stated. A bulletin released by the National Health Mission (NHM) stated that the Covid toll in state jumped to 129 on Tuesday as one patient died during treatment.

As many as 383 patients recovered from the infection in 24 hours, the NHM bulletin in 24 hours, the NHM bulletin thighlighted. As per government data, the Covid recovery rate in state was 36.95 per cent while the mortality rate was 0.93 per cent on Tuesday.

## State students shine in UPSC Civil Services examination

Ravi Jain from Deoghar ranks 9

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Proving their mettle yet again, civil service aspirants from Jharkhand have cleared the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) with flying colours. The UPSC Civil Services Examination 2019 results were declared online on August 4. According to the commission 829 candi-

dates have passed the exam this

dates have passed the exam this year.

Ravi Jain from Deoghar has secured the 9th rank, whereas Dipankar Chpudhary from Hazaribagh has got the 42nd rank. Priyank Kishore from Jamshedpur has secured the 61st position. Last year too, Kishore had cracked the coveted exam and secured the 274th rank and decided to appear for it again. Priyank studied at Little Flower School till class 9 and went to Jawahar Vidya Mandir, Shyamali at Ranchi to complete his plus two education. After this he left

for Delhi and completed his post-graduation from Delhi School of Economics. His father Kamal Kishore served as officer in charge at various police stations in Jamshedpur.At present he is DSP Hazarihagh Sadar.

Mumul Raipurohit, daughter of a forest department officer has also proved her talent in the exam by scoring 173rd rank. Originally from Jodhpur her parents stay at Circuit House in Jamshedpur. "There was so much cooperation from all the members of the family. My father and mother were



UPSC and this was the reason









Gudiya have got the 306th, 430th, 467th, 597th ranks respectively.

Bokaro students Divya Shakti ranked 79th and Abhishek Kumar Garg 456th respectively. Dhanbad girl Harsha Priyamwada has also

exams were conducted in August 2019 and the results were declared yesterday.

As per the official figures 180 seats are for administrative services. For police services 150 seats have been reserved while 24 have been marked for foreign services.

The results declared are based on the written part conducted by the UPSC in 2019 while the interviews for personality test were held from February to August 2020.

The results can be seen on the official website www.upscgovin.

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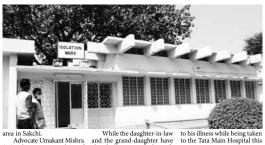
## Suspected Covid death of Chamber VP spreads panic

president also

succumbs to Covid 19 PNS III JAMSHEDPUR

COVID-19 death cases in the East Singhbhum dis-trict took a jump with four more persons, including two prominent personalities, who died at the Tata Main Hospital

died at the Tata Main Hospital during the past 24 hours here. Those who died of sus-pected Coronavirus were Seraikela Bar Association pres-ident Umakant Mishra and Singhbhum Chamber of Commerce & Industries' vice-president Dinesh Chaudhury. The third Covid death was that of a 48-year-old woman who was a resident of Kadma Farm was a resident of Kadma Farm area and the fourth death was that of a 74-year-old man who was a resident of Water Works'



area in Sakchi.
Advocate Umakant Mishra
(75) who was a resident of
Seraikela was admitted at the
Tata Main Hospital on July 19,
along with his wife, son,
daughter-in-law and a 10-yearold grand-daughter.

While the daughter-in-law white the daughter have already been cured, the wife and son are still struggling for their lives at the Tata Main Hospital.
The other deceased Dinesh

accountant by profession was a resident of Kagal Nagar in Sonari. He has been suffering from fever and cold and cough Chaudhury (40) succumbed

since the past four days. After his condition deteriorated fur-ther due to difficulty in taking breath, the family members took him to Tata Main breath, the family members took him to Tata Main Hospital, but as he was getting admitted and was being taken inside the hospital on a wheel-chair, he collapsed at the After Chaudhury died, his

After Chaudhury died, his body has been kept at the hospital morgue and has been subject to a test for confirmation whether he was COVID. Though Chaudhury had all the symptoms of coronavirus, family members and friends claimed that he was not infected with the coronavirus.

claimed that he was not infect-ed with the coronavirus. The district health offi-cials said Chaudhury's report confirming whether he was infected or not will come in late on Tuesday night. The final report is awaited.

On an average everyday one person is dying in the city. With alarming figures, administration is focussing on fresh instructions on maintaining social distancing. The Kolhan Division which was under green zone, came under coronavirus map with two persons testing positive at Chakulia, under East Singhbhum district on May 12. Several other persons tested positive have trict on May 12. Several other persons tested positive have travel history from Maharashtra, Delhi, Gurugram and Chennai. Meanwhile, the district administration has chalked out

plans to carry out special clean-liness and sanitation drives in all markets on weekends when all shops will be shut to contain the spread of COVID-19. The the spread of COVID-19. The plan is to keep markets shut in phase-wise manner and launch such drives.

#### Bokaro soon to get RT-PCR machine

Bokaro: In a major step towards curtailing the spread of Coronavirus infection the Bokaro district administration and Bokaro district administration and Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) management signed an MoU to install first of its kind high-end reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) machines in the district for covering of COVID-19 at the control of quick detection of COVID-19 at Bokaro General Hospital (BGH). On behalf of district admin-

istration Civil Surgeon Dr Ashok Kumar Pathak and Dr A Ashok Kumar Pathak and Dr A K Snigh Director of BGH signed the MoU in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Bokaro Rajesh Singh on Tuesday. After installing this RT-PCT machine BGH's capacity to test the Sars-CoV-2 virus nucle-ic material, which causes Covid-

Presently two Truenat machines are installed in the district one is at Sadar Hospital Bokaro and another is at BGH.

another is at BGH.

Currently, the tests are being carried out using TrueNat and rapid antigen testing kits at Bokaro and for advance screening the district health depart-

ing the district health department used to send its samples to PMCH Dhanbad, Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Ranchi and Jamshedpur. Until now, RT-PCR tests facilities are available at RIMS and Itak in Ranchi, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College and Hospital (McSMM-CH) in Jamshedpur and Patiputra Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) in Dhanbad Hospital (PMCH) in Dhanbad and Hazaribag Medical College and Hospital (HMCH). PNS

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औद्योगिक एवं छन्न क्षेत्रों में कार्यव्यक्तों के क्ष्मान मजदूरों के बीच पर्याप्त दूरी शिष्टों के बीच पर्याप्त व्यवस्ता कार्योग्न के मोजनावकाश के अतम-अलग समय आदि द्वारा सोशत किरदेशिंग सुनिश्चित करेंगे। लिखे क्षेत्र में कार्य करने वाले सची अमिकों /कार्मिकों को "Arogya setu app" से सत्प्रतिशत करेंगे। अपनी कि साम प्रकार के प्रमार्थ की होगी। सभी के साम प्रकार को निर्देशित किया जाता है कि पत्ति जमा /निकारी के संत्रम प्रकारों में एक निश्चित दूरी बनाये रक्ता मुनिश्चित करेंगे तथा स्टाफ एवं ग्राहक के मध्य 06 फीट की दूरी, मालहाइक वाहनों के आवागमन सुमास रूप से जारी रहेंगे। साम प्रकार कार्या के साम प्रकार के स्वाप्त करेंगे तथा स्टाफ एवं ग्राहक के मध्य 06 फीट की दूरी, मालहाइक वाहनों के आवागमन सुमास रूप से जारी रहेंगे। साम प्रकार कार्या के साम प्रकार के स्वाप्त के साम प्रकार के साम प्रवास के संकारण होने की आशंका प्रदीत होती है अपनी में दिनों तक अनिवार्य के साम कि प्रकार के साम प्रवास के साम प्रविक्त को Covid-19 पॉजीटिव पाए जाने या संदेह के कारण मेडिकल सलाइ के तहत् (Institutional Quarantine Facility में प्रवास माम हिम्सी के प्रवास के साम प्रवास के साम प्रवास के साम प्रवास के साम व्यवस्त के साम कि साम प्रवास के साम अपनित्र के प्रवास के साम के साम अपनित्र के साम अपनी के साम अपनी के साम अपनी में किसी प्रवास के था।

उत्पन्न नहीं करेंगे। चास्थ्य अधिकारियों के द्वारा Covid-19 के संबंध में दिए जाने वाले सलाह एवं निर्देशों का अक्षरश

अनुमालन करेंगे। वर्षमान करेंगे। वर्षमान करेंगे। वर्षमान में राज्य से बाहर आनेवाले मजदूरों एंव छात्रों को जिन्हें स्वास्थ्य विमाग / प्रशासन द्वारा Home Quarantine हेतु निर्देश दिया गया है, उत्तका सस्त अनुमालन करेंगे तथा कोई भी व्यक्ति आ रहे मजदूरों के गींव में प्रवेश हेतु अनावश्यक अवरोध उत्पन्न नहीं करेंगे। ऐसा करना दण्डनीय अगरचा होगा। कोई भी व्यक्ति Covid-19 से संबंधित किसी तरह का अफवाह नहीं फेलायेंगे और नहीं ही अफवाह फेलाने के तिरए किसी को प्रोत्साहित करेंगे। कोई भी व्यक्ति दिए किसी को प्रात्साहित करेंगे। कोई भी व्यक्ति या संस्था सक्षम पदाधिकारी के बिना लिखित अनुमति के Covid-19 के संबंध में Unverified/Unauthenticated सूचना का प्रिंट या इलेक्ट्रोनिक/सोशल मीडिया के माध्यम स्वाय-स्वार नहीं करेंगे।

Unvertified करी। से प्रयाद-प्रमात करीं। शक्यात्रा /अंत्येष्टि /अंतिम संस्कार के दौरान Social Distancing का अनुपालन करते हुए 20 से अधिक व्यक्तियों की उपस्थिति प्रतिबंधित रहेगी एवं सबों के लिए फेस कबर मास्क लगाना अनिवार्य

आवक व्यान्तच्या का उपारच्यात आवाधात रहणा (च तत्त्र्या का कर्त्र फल्त कवर मान्यक लगाना आनाव्य होगा। विवाह समागोहों में सर्वों के लिए फेस कवर मान्यक लगाना अनिवार्य होगा तथा Social Distancing का अनुपालन करते हुए वर—वधु पक्ष मिलाकर 50 से अधिक मेहमानों की उपस्थिति अनुमान्य नहीं होगी।

का अनुपालन करते हुए वर-जयु पक्ष मिलांकर 50 से अधिक मेहमानों की उपरिवर्धित अनुमान्य नहीं होंगे।

35. स्वतंत्रता दिवस का आयोजन सामाजिक दूरी के अनुपालना एवं Face Cover Mask के साथ तथा गृह मंत्रात्वय भारत सरकार के पत्र संख्या—2/5/2020 दिनांक—21.07.2020 द्वारा निर्मत निदेशे का अनुपालन करते हुए किया जा सकता है।

36. सभी Incident Commander को निदेशित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त आदेश का अक्षरणः अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करवंगे तथा आदेशांक्लंगन होने पर विशि सम्मत करवाई करेंगे।

उपरोक्त निर्माणी के उत्तरंत्रन करने बाते व्यार्थित भूतिकाना मात्रीत्व यन्त्र साहेता, 1880 की धारा—188, धारा—288, धारा—270, धारा—271 एवं Disaster Management Act.—2005 की धारा 51—60 के तहत् दण्डनिश होंगे।

यह आदेश कार्यांचिध के दौरान 05 (पाँच) या उससे अधिक सरकारी सेवक/ विकित्सा कर्मियाँ या मिक्रियालमी (क्षेग) पर नाही होगा।

यह आदेश तिमान -01.08.2020 के पूर्वांहन से दिनांक—31.08.2020 के अपराहन तक प्रमावी रहेगा।
आपात परिस्थिति को दृष्टिगत रखते हुए एक पत्नीय आदेश को भेर हस्ताकर एवं मुक्त एक साथ आव दिनांक—01.02.2020 को पूर्वांन में विद्यांत्र नाही होगा।

विज्ञान—10.08.2020 को पूर्वांहन में जाति किया जा रहा है तथा यह आदेश MHA मारत सरकार एवं आरव्यास्त सरकार हारा जाती कियी आदेश से प्रमावी होगा।

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#### NPU toys with 'Phone A Teacher' | FIRs against 23 named, 6000 for syllabus progress: VC

morning.
Chaudhury, a chartered accountant by profession was a

I cellor of the Nilamber Pitamber uni-versity R L Singh here is toying with. Singh said, "Phone A Teacher is a con-nect between the teacher and the students. Some students told me that their teachers do not take their calls. I now make sincere appeal to all our learned teachers to take calls of the students so that they may come to know of the students' academic problems or so."

so."
The VC said that a student can easily call a teacher on the phone for any doubt/ confusion if he finds his subjects.
Singh said, "I understand 30 per cent of our enrolled students of this university have

our enrolled students of this unwersity have no smart phones or access to it and as such their digital connectivity for academic pur-suits is a real difficult task here."

The VC said the UGC has given crys-tal clear instructions for e – content of teach-ing but it is everyone's knowledge such e con-

tent is less pursued and is more a rhetoric On progress made in the context of syl labi of various subjects by the teachers con cerned VC said the common refrain of th teachers is that they have 'completed' the syl-labi which the VC said students contest much saying the reverse of what the teach-

much sing the reverse of what the teachers claim.

The VC agreed the online attendance of students too is left much to be desired here. Sources said Phone A Teacher helps a student to know the mode of question, how important or relevant the question is and big of all how to prepare notes in reference to that question.

Sources said Phone A Teacher helps a student about referential books and its availability either in the market or online.

Om Praksah Gupta a resident said "I have seen students bringing in things like socks, pull over, masks, cell phones, headphone etc from reputed online companies like amazon, fligheat but never I have seen them getting books from online companies."

## unnamed accused in Hazaribag

Hazaribag: Police have lodged FIRs against 23 named and about 6000 against 23 named and about 6000 unnamed accused in the communal tension case that took place on August 1 between Baha and Khapriyanva villagers on the issue of cow killing and created tension. The police administration has lodged FIRs from both communities in Katkamdag police station of the district.

trict. The first FIR (90/20) was lodged under section 188, 341, 353, 504. In this FIR 6 thousand unnamed persons became accused. In the second FIR (91/20) under section 148,149, 323, 333, 331, 335, and 379 was lodged. In this case 23 persons were named accused. The members of one community were pelting the stones on a temple. Immediately the district police along with DySP and sadar SDO had reached there and tried to control the

situation. Police also used two rounds of fire in the air to control the mob. The villagers of Khapariyawa said to the police that they saw blood in the drain and tried to know the reason. Meanwhile, other community mem-bers came there and started to beat them. "We rushed near the temple. They started petting stones on the temple and burnt a motorcycle there," said a village.

used two rounds of Ire in the ar-Some villagers were injured due to pelting the stones. DySP Kamal Kishore has formed a special team to arrest the accused of FIR. He said that they are committed to maintaining peace in the affected areas. The police are still camping in the area. PNS

#### अनुमंडल दण्डाधिकारी का कार्यालय गिरिडीह।

विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन के द्वारा दिसम्बर-2018 में कोरोना वायरस (COVID-19) के संक्रमण को एक

सभी दुकारी, व्यवसायिक प्रतिष्ठान, कार्यालय, फेक्ट्री, गोदाम, साणाठिक हाट-बाजार आदि सम्पूर्ण गतिविधियों तरकाल प्रभाव से बर हेशेगी स्ती विधियों तरकाल प्रभाव से बर हेशेगी स्ती विधियों तरकाल प्रभाव से स्विगित रहेते। सभी धार्मिक स्वार तरकाल प्रभाव से स्विगित रहेते। सभी धार्मिक स्वार दर्शनार्थियों के लिए पूर्णंद वर होंगे। सभी धार्मिक स्वार तरकाल प्रभाव यो कोई COVID-19 से पीड़ित के संपर्क में आया हो या वैसे व्यक्ति का कोरोना वायरस (COVID-19) से प्रभावित देशों के प्रथान से विकार के से प्रथान के स्वार यो का कोई दे प्रभाव का स्वार के स्वार के स्वार के स्वार के स्वार के स्वार को स्वार वायर प्रभावित देशों के प्रवार से विकार के संवर के स्वार को की द्वारा प्रथार की प्रशाव के स्वार के स्वार की स्वार के स्वार की स्वार के स्वार की स्वार की स्वार की स्वार की स्वार की स्वार की प्रथान की स्वार की स्वार की स्वार की स्वार की स्वार की स्वार की प्रथान की स्वार की स्वार की स्वार के स्वार की स्वार के स्वार की स्वार के स्वार की स्वार के स्वार की स्वार करने की स्वार के स्वार की स्वर की स्वार की स

जा सकता है। प्रसाण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी/अंचल अधिकारी, सेंगाबाद एवं थाना प्रमारी, सेंगाबाद यह सुनिश्चित करेंगे कि जारी गिषेधावा का उल्लंधन नहीं हो और यदि किसी व्यक्ति, 'संगठन के द्वारा उत्तरा आदेश का उल्लंधन किया जाता है तो उनके किस्बद C.P.C को घारा 133 एवं IPC की धारा 168, 269, 270, 271 एवं अन्य सुसंगत धाराओं के तहत् कार्रवाई करना सुनिश्चित करेंगें। स्त्रीमान में उपरोक्त वार्षित Containment जोन में कमर्यू आदेश दिनांक 31.07.2020 के अपराहन से अगते आदेश तक प्रमारी रहेगा।

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#### 3 policemen suspended after brawl at PMCH

Dhanbad senior superintendent of police (SSP) AB Varrier suspended three police personnel including two subordinate officers and a constable for manhandling a senior doctor and two paramedical staff of Patliputra Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) following an inquiry based on CCTV footage conducted by a deputy superintendent of police.

The incident took place late

The incident took place late on Monday night when the police personnel of Bawaadda police station reached PMCH police station reached PMCH and started creating pressure on the paramedical staff of collecting swab samples of theirs out of turn. The suspension was ordered late night on Monday by the SSP.

While the paramedical staff on duty for collecting swab for Corona test refused to entertain them and asked to come in queue one of the subordinate officers. Sub-inspector (SI) Sweat Kumari slapped the staff.

officers Sub-inspector (SI) ing and collection remained Sweta Kumari slapped the staff. stalled for three hours but now While the PMCH staff all operations are normal.

protestes another subordinate officer ASI Sushil Kumar and constable also slapped the PMCH staff. Seeing the incident a senior doctor on duty tried to interview by too was mishan. a senior doctor on duty tried to intervene he too was mishan-dled by the police personnel. As the news spread the staff of PMCH went on flash strike on Monday night demanding action.

The SSP said, "A clear message to society has been given by suspension of cops. The action is based on an inquiry conducted by DSP Law and Order, Mukesh Kumar, Doctors and paramedical staff are under pressure owing Corona thus misbehaviour with them would not be tolerated."

ated."
PMCH superintendent Dr
AK Choudhary said, DSP
Mukesh Kumar went through
the CCTV footage of the incident and prepared a report. He
said, soon after suspension of
cops was ordered the staff
withdrew the strike. The testing and collection remains.

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#### More teeth to Covid task force after docs complain of overburden

#### Trauma centre, dentistry staff roped in

SALIBAV BOY - BANCHI

The administration at Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) has retained the existing team of Covid task force, but allowed involvement of manpower from other departments in a bid to ease the pressure on task force members – a development that comes close on the heels of the task force's pleas exeking relief from their responsibilities citing overburden and stress.

involve staff of trauma centre and dentistry department for different works of the Covid ward," said coordinator of Covid task force, Dr. Prabhat kumar. "Staff from dentistry wing will be involved in supervision works related to Covid care now," he added. Kumar had shot a letter to RIMS acting director Dr. Manju Cari on Sunday seeking a break for the members of the task force, who were allegedly

a break for the members of the task force, who were allegedly overburdened with work and under stress due to tight shifts and pressure of dealing with the rapidly rising number of patients.

patients.

In the letter, Kumar had stated that the team be relieved of its responsibilities as the members were facing "stress



and strain". However, on Tuesday, Kumar said that the task force members were satisfied with RIMS administration's decision of allowing involvement of more hands in dealing with Covid cases.

"The team will remain the same. But we will get help from staff in other departments. All the task force members have also been given set responsi-bilities, which will ensure accountability and not put added pressure on any one member," he said.

Members of the task force said that they did not face any difficulty in treating patients till end of June. However, cases started soaring in July and managing the Covid ward became a challenging task. "We needed additional man-

power. The team that dealt with 30 cases a day cannot deal with 150 cases a day without rein-forcement," Kumar said. All the 100 beds at RIMS

All the 100 beds at RIMS
Covid ward were occupied on
Tuesday, while several patients
were sent to other Covid care
centres due to shortage of beds
at RIMS, doctors said.
A 10-member Covid-19
task force at RIMS was constituted to manage the Covid
ward of the premiere state-run
hospital back in March. The
idea behind constituting this
team was to have a group of
expert doctors who could not
only treat patients but also
ensure safety standards in
Covid wards. The task force has
remained unchanged since its
formation.

CBI LAUNCHES CREDIT PROCESSING CENTRE



Centralized Small Micro Enterprises Credit Processing Centre was launched by the Central Bank of India at the Regional Office Complex Krishna Arrade, Deepstoli. The centre was inaugurated by Ajay Kuma-Slingh, Senior Regional Manager, Ranchi region. Speaking on the occasion. Singh said that this centre has been launched by the bank to meet the convenience and business needs of customers in a fast and easy mamer. On this occasion, Anli Kumar Suman, Chief Manager, Regional Office, Ranchi said that our main objective is to provide best service to our customers. It is to be known that this centre will look into the needs of customers related to small and neirro category loans related to the entire region. Vigilance Officer Sanjit Kumar, Chief Manager Avinash Kumar and Subir Kumar also expressed their views on this occasion. A large number of customers and staff members participated on the occasion.

#### 8 PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM PARAS HEC



as HEC Hospital, Dhurwa, Ranchi has released after treatment nt patients who had earlier tested positive for corona virus. The eight patients who had earlier tested positive for corona virus. They were released after their final corona test report was negative. There were three women among the eight persons who got the better of the dreaded pandemic. Giving this information, Unit Head Dr Notesh Kumar said, "We are working with the district administration to defeat corona. We are also working together with the district administration on treating the patients on the one hand, and keeping the hospital premises clean and disinfected and safe, on the other."

#### BOKARO TARGETS RECORD 3600 UNITS OF BLOOD

The Bokaro district administration plans to register the name of Bokaro district in the Guinness Book of World record by collecting more than 3600 units of blood donation camp on September 05, 2020 to break the Guinness Book of World record of Blood Donation. This team is headed by DC Bokaro Rajesh Singh with DDC Jd Kishore Prasad and Additional Municipal Commissioner Shashi Prakash Jha In this, four camps will be set up in all blocks, Chas Municipal Corporation, Phusro Municipal Council and five camps in Bokaro urban area, in which there will be 120 camps, keeping in mind the SOP of Covid-19, in which health staff of other district Cooperation will be taken. The Bokaro Blood Donor Ass by 60 medical teams and 120 volunteers.

#### ICFAI SIGNS MOU WITH NICR

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Today, ICFAI University, Jharkhand signed an MOU of collaboration
with NODEX Institute of
Commodities Markets
and Research (NICR) to
build deep knowledge
and hands-on skills in the
students of the University
Derivative Trading, a fast
growing market in India.
After signing the MOU, ICFAI University, Jharkhand and NICR, jointly
conducted a Virtual Papel Discussion on "Commodifie Markets in

Aller signing the Mour, CAN University, Alarkhalia data Wick, John Conducted a Virtual Panel Discussion on "Commodity Markets in India — Trends and Career Opportunities", which was attended by students, faculty members and industry professional from all over India. Industry experts for the panel discussion were Aleen Mukherjee, Chief Operating Officer, Neeraf, Shukka AVP and Senior Economist— Market Intelligence and Ram Gopal Yadav, Dy Manager, Knowledge Management, all from NICR.

#### ANOTHER 2 POLICE STATIONS SEALED

ANOTHER 2 FULLES SHITIONS SCALED Two police stations were sealed in Dhanbad on Tuesday after recovery of Corona positive police personnel in a late Monday medical report. The police stations include Jharia where six personnel were found positive and Jorapokhar where two personnel were found positive. Jharia circle officer (¿OR Pajesh Kumar who is also notified incident commander for Jharia on Tuesday visited the cantonment areas along with health staff and sealed both the police stations. The police stations would remain sealed for next three days from Tuesday, said Kumar to media persons. The remaining staff, who have not got their lest conducted would have to get it done, he said. This is third police station that has been sealed in Dhanbad.

#### 113 NEW CASES IN HAZARIRAG

11.3 NEW CASES IN HAZARIBAG
SA many as 113 new cases came to the light on Tuesday in Hazaribag. The number of active cases reached to 616, 315 patients have been discharged by the hospital and 15 have lost their lives till date. HMCH Superintendent Sanjay, Sinha said that as per the report received from RIMS Ranchi 90 persons resulted as positive. In the list of 113 nersons. There from RSF.

received from RIMS Ranchi 90 persons resured as pusanteen and 113 persons, three from BSF, on each from Indiak and Choparan, 16 from Barkagaon, 9 persons from Barhi police station, 3 each from CCR and JAP-7, 6 from Padma, 45 persons are under the treatment in Anogyam Covid-19 hospital, 2 persons from town area and other person are getting the treatment in the private nursing homes in Ranchi.

#### RAILWAYS DISCOUNT IN FLY ASH TRANSPORTATION

has been relaxed. Traders will get a concession of 5 per cent in the haulage charge of loaded containers from 04.08.2020 to 30.04.2021.

#### NAVNEET LAUNCHES NEW PRODUCTS Navneet Education Limited is all set to launch three

Navneet Education Limited is all set to launch three new products exclusively during the Amazon Prime Day sale. The products include – Youva Combo to Create-1, Youva My Graft Kit and HO Gnyx Notebook. Youva's Combo to Create-1 is a coloring book-based activity that will unlock the creater dimensions of your titled ones. The kit comprises a Coloring Book, Pack of 12 Bold Wax Crayon and 5 Drawing Posters. My Craft Kit from Youva is a value packed kit for the craft enthusiasts.

craft enthusiasts. The let includes Craft Paper, Glue Stick & Kids Scissors. The new notebook comes with the 'Exposed Spine' feature, which means that it is englineered in a way that there is no covering on the binding area of the book. With this feature one can open the book flat 180 degrees without any resistance.

#### BJP, Cong to celebrate 'Bhumi Pujan' by lighting lamps State soon to get 380 medical officers

The Congress is unwilling to allow the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to solely take credit for the Ram Temple construction in Ayodhya. Though none of the Congress leaders from across the Country have been invited to be witness of this historic event, the Congress is now claiming Lord Rama legacy. The State Congress unit has now decided to celebrate the blumin pujan.

The State Congress unit today issued a press statement

the bhumi pujan.

The State Congress unit today issued a press statement on behalf of State Congress working president Keshaw Mahto stating the Congress is going to celebrate the bhumi pujan by lighting lamps outside the party office.

State Congress president Rameshwar Oraon will be at the party office in the evening at around 6.30 pm to light lamps. The party will also distribute candles on the occasion. The press statement also states that it was former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi government that ordered the locks on the Babri Masjid gates to reopen allowing saints to worship. Mahto claimed that the bhumi pujan of Ram temple has already been done. State Congress decision has been done that the bhumi pujan of Ram temple when Mahdya Prad esh former chief minister and senior from the congress of the state Congress decision.

Congress leader Kamal Nath has welcomed the Ram temple construction and hosted a 'Hanuman Chalisa' recital at his



Ranchi MP Sanjay Seth and Deputy Mayor Sanjiv Vijayvergia preparing laddo (sweets) on the eve of foundation laying ceremony of the Ram Temple in Ayodhaya, at his residence in Ranchi on Tuesday

residence and announced send-ing 11 silver bricks for the con-struction of a Ram temple in

struction of a Ram temple in Ayodhya.
Former MLA and party spokesperson Kunal Sarangi has urged the state government to reopen the temples on August 5. Sarangi said, "Due to corona pandemic all religious structures such as temples are closed. This will dampen the celebrations and enthusiasm of lakhs of Hindus who had waited for Ram temple in Ayodhya. So, I urge the state government So, I urge the state government to allow reopening of all tem-ples on August 5, so that devotes can perform puja and recital of Hanuman Chalisa and

Sundar Kand can be per-formed."

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Meanwhile, the BJP and other Saffron organizations such as Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Mahavir Mandal has appealed to the people to hold Diwali like celebrations on August 5 in State to mark the bhumi pujan of Lord Ram temple construction in Avodhva.

dhya. BJP Ranchi MP Sanjay BJP Ranchi MP Sanjay Seth to mark the day has decid-ed to distribute ladoos among Ram bhakts and people from six assembly constituencies falling under his parliamentary seat. The ladoos will be dis-tributed to people at Ranchi, Hatia, Kanke, Khijri, Silli and

Hatia, Kanke, Knijii, Jim audichagarh.
Seth is going to distribute one lakh ladoos among people and the process of preparing ladoos started at his residence. Seth before kick starting the ladoos distribution carried out

ladoos distribution carried out puja at Tapovan temple. Seth said, 'August 5 is a historic day as after the Prime Minister is going to lay the foundation stone of grand Ram temple at Ayodhya. A new Ram Rajva will begin from August 5 atte the bhumi pujan. I call upon all the party workers to celebrate this occasion as a festival and light Diyas, recite Hanuman Chalisa and Sunderkand."

to fight Covid-19

Jharkhand battling to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus amid lack of sufficient medical facilities including doctors can hope for the better result as Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) has expedited the process of recruitment of as many as 380 medical officers.

This has come at a time when not only members of the Covid-19 task force of Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences but also doctors involved in the

Covid-19 task torce of Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences but also doctors involved in the treatment of Covid-19 patients have said that they are unable to bear mental and physical stress now.

The commission on Monday started document verification cum interview process of provisionally selected candidates, which will continue till August 24.

The result of the selected candidates is expected to be released by September, after which they will be appointed at various health centers and hospital across districts of Jharkhand.

A total of 1165 candidates

rkhand. A total of 1165 candidates were provisionally shortlisted against sanctioned 380 posts out of which 161 is unreserved posts followed by ST (124), SC (16), OBC (42), EVS (37),

PVTG (2), women (19), sports quota (8) and divyang (15).
A total of 1490 candidates had applied but the application of 1325 candidates was rejected on technical ground.
MBBS is the minimum qualification and the minimum age is 23 years.
Finally selected candidates will have to undergo two years of probation period after which their service will be confirmed.
The government floated advertisement during first week of April and applications were accepted from 9 April till 5 June and written examination carrying 400 marks.
In the wake of the document verification the government has relaxed the rule of mandatory 14 days of home quarantine period for candidates who are coming for the interview from other states as there are a good number of candidates who are from other states.
But other rules of Disaster

Management Act related to pandemic will be applicable on

pandemic will be applicable on the candidates. "Social distancing, face mask and use of hand-glove are must for candidates during document verification and interview," said an official of JPSC.

# JAP 1 ground to host Independence Day main function

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The Ranchi district administration on Tuesday held a meeting at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University Auditorium, Morhabadi for preparations of Independence Day celebrations. The meeting, which was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Chbayi Chairman (DC) Chair

pass general or VIP will be issued. Also, entry of common people will be banned at the

venûe. Last Saturday, Deputy

Commissioner Ranchi along with Ranchi Senior Superintendent of Police Surendra Kumar Jha and other officers visited JAP-1 ground at Doranda and Birsa Football Stadium at Morhabadi for selection of venue for Independence Day celebrations. The senior officials to prepare a report related to oth the grounds, based on which JAP-1 ground was selected for celebration.

At JAP 1 ground, sheds are built on both sides (left and right sides) of the main stage of the Independence Day celebrations. On each side, a waterproof pandal will be made. As the state is fighting corona pandemic with corona cases reaching 15500 the Ranchi district administration has decided to welcome those who have won the battle against corona.



Department to make arrangements for drinking water supply, toilet at the venue. Apart from this, the building division na infection.

In the meeting, the Deput
Commissioner directed the
executive engineer, Drinking
Water and Sanitation between the required work on the flag-

addition, it has been directed to ensure the completion of the stage from where the Chief Guest will give salute to the national flag. Superintendent of Police

has been directed to ensure the nas been directed to ensure that provision of parking of vehicles in JAP-1 ground, deployment of traffic policemen on routes and publication of traffic routes in the newspapers. The District Nazarat Deputy Collector was directed

Deputy Collector was directed to ensure preparations related to minute-to-minute programs, seating arrangements for guests, cadets participating in parade rehearsals, etc. Necessary instructions were also given to other officers along with the arrangement of medical camp to the civil surgeon and to the district fire officer.

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The municipal officer has The municipal officer has been directed to ensure clean-liness around the venue JAP-1 ground and the grounds. All the district level officials including SSP Ranchi, Sub-Divisional Officer Ranchi Sadar, City SP, ADM Law and Order and other concerned police-administrative officers were present in the meeting.



But Party legislators leader Rabulal Marandi alongwith Mayor Asha Lakra hand over the sacred soil of various religious places to Sarna Samiti member for the Bloomi Pujari to be performed at the site of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, in Ranchi on Iluesday

#### RU Covid- 19 cell decides to declare results PNS RANCHI

At the meeting of the Covid-19 cell of Ranchi University (RU) on August 4 it was decid-ed to declare the examination results as per decision of the Covid- 19 cell of University Grants Commission. The meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of RU Vice Chancellor Dr Ramesh Kumar Pandey on Tuesday at the var-sity premises in the State cap-ital.

Pro Vice Chancellor

. Pro Vice Chancellor rfessor Kamini Kumar, DSW Professor Kamini Kumar, DSW Dr PK Verma, Registrar Dr Amar Kumar Choudhary Examination Controller Dr Rajesh Kumar, Dean Science Professor Jyoti Kumar, Dean Social Science Professor PK Singh, CCDC Dr Lal Girja Shankarnath Shahdeo, Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav College Principal Dr Manoj Kumar Singh, Nirmala College



Principal Dr Sister Jyoti, Director Multi- purpose Examination Hall Dr Ashok In the meeting it was also

constituent and affiliated colleges to work as per the notifications issued for the session 2020-23. The admission will be done through the Chancellor portal. All the departments at the various and universities were

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## **Crisis in Punjab Cong after MP, Raj**

Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar has written to party president Sonia Gandhi seeking action against 2 RS members for flaving State Govt over hooch tragedy



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dent.

Both Bajwa and Dullo have petitioned the Punjab Governor demanding a CBI and ED probe into the hooch tragedy and directly blamed

tragedy and directly blamed Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh for turning a blind eye to the alert they had sounded earlier.

Jakhar described the attack of the two MPs on their own government as a 'copy-past piob' of what happened in Rajasthan in January when in the wake of 107 infant deaths there, Sachin Pilot had flayed his own government that added

to his rift with Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. "Had action been taken

Ashok Gehlot.

"Had action been taken against Pilot then itself, what is happening today in Rajasthan could have been avoided," Jakhar said.

Pointing out that Bajwa and Dullo had been engaging in anti-party activities and were in touch with BJP for quite some time by talking against their own party and targeting the Amarinder Singh government, Jakhar said their attacks had increased after the Chief Minister announced his decision to contest the 2022 elections.

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"It is time to stem the rot and save the Congress from the petty machinations of the likes of Bajwa and Dullo, who have no shame in biting the hand that feeds them," Jakhar said.

the hand that feeds them," Jakhar sind, lis letter to Sonia sought strict action against the two MPs who were "disgrace-fully exploiting" a tragedy to further their own political ambitions and interests. Asserting that the actions of the duo could not be tolerated any longer, the Punjab Congress

#### Talks option open if Pilot camp leaves Khattar's hospitality, says Congress

With the Rajasthan Assembly session scheduled next week, the Congress is making attempts to hold talks with the rebel MLAs of the Sachin Pilot camp on the condition that they leave the hospitality of Manohar Lal Khattar-led BJP Government in Havyana

hospitality of Manohar Lal Khattar-led BJP Government in Haryana.
Congress' chief spokesman Kandeep Surjewala on Tuesday maintained that the only condition for talks with the dissident Rajasthan MLAs is that they leave the BJPs "suraksha chakra" (protection). "Innocent kids are being killed, gang rapes are taking place, people are being beaten up in Gurugram. There is no police available for them, but 1,000 policemen are deployed for the security of 19 upset MLAs. The legislators should first give up the Haryana police's security, and friendship and hospitality of the BJP, return home and only then will the dialogue take place, said Surjewala on the sideline.

chief said men like these, who did not have even the courage to face elections, were no asset to the party.

"Such back-stabbing mem-bers should be shown the door

of party briefing.
The Congress has accused the BIP of making attempts to topple the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in Rajasthan by luring Pilot and a few dissidents MLAs who have been camping at a hotel in Haryana arranged by the BIP.

. Rajasthan chief minister Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot, who earlier used harsh words against his former Deputy CM, struck a softer note saying he would welcome his deputy back and other dissident MLAs as well

wencome ins ucputy acks and other dissident MLAs as well if the party's high command forgave them.

"If the high command for gives them (dissident MLAs), I will hug them. I have no preside point," Gehlot said while talking to the media outside a Jaisalmer hotel, where the MLAs loyal to him were shifted ahead of the assembly sees so in from August 14.

Gehlot has also rejected the claim of dissident Congress MLAs that their work was not being done.

work was not being done.

The rift in the State
Congress came to the fore before they can cause any seri-ous damage. Enough is enough now and he has demanded serious action against them from the party president," Jakhar said.

when Pilot and 18 other MLAs rebelled against the Gehlot government a month earlier. Gehlot has accused Pilot of General to topple the Government and in between Gehlot had to do the rounds of Governor, Prime Minister and even wrote to President of

Amid internal rift at its Amid internal rift at its peak for two weeks last month, senior Congress leaders including Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi tried their best to ask Pilot not to aggravate the crisis and get back to the party fold.

Other leaders who reached out to Pilot then were former Union Minister P Chidambaram and powerful party functionary Ahmed Patel.

"None, perhaps in the his-

Patel.
"None, perhaps in the his-tory of Congress might have received so much of pampers as Sachin Pilot received in terms of about 20 senior leadterms of about 20 senior lead-ers including Rahul and Priyanka asking him to paci-fy. We will try again ahead of the Assembly session," Surjewala said.

Jakhar described the action of the two MPs to approach the Governor as a manifestation of their desperate desire to grab the high seat of power by hook or by crook.

## ₹455 crore loan for JNU infra development

Giving a big boost to its infrastructure development, the Centre has disbursed to the Jawaharla Nehru University (INU) a loan of ¥455 crore from the Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA) for construction of new academic buildings, hostels, research centres and installation of an integrated and unified Enterprise Resource Planning System.

JNU Vice Chancellor Jagadesh Kumar Mamidala said that funds allotted will be used for the construction of a yeast

jagacesn kumar Mamidala said that funds allotted will be used for the construction of a vast range of infrastructure-related projects on campus.

"The funds allotted by HEFA shall be utilised for the construction of hostels for students and researchers of School of Engineering and Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management Vajpayee School of Management & Entrepreneurship, Trans-Disciplinary Academic Research, Advanced Animal Research Facility. "Mamidala said in a University Press statement.

He further said that the Advanced Instrumentation Research Facility, incubation centre for start-up companies, special care centre for E-learning and a lecture hall complex will be set up, among other work.

The statement further

ork. The statement further planning system will help in ensuring that all academic and administrative processor and added that the unified and inte

JNU has over 8K students who are accommodated in 18 hostels with one even for married students

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grated manner. Additionally, the University

Additionally, the University also mentioned that the Special Centre for E-learning would benefit approximately 1.1 lakh candidates on an average who fail to secure admission at the central varsity every year.

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with one even for married students.
Despite the students' unrest, the University received a record 1,35,462 applications, which is 22% higher than last year, for admission to various courses this year. In 2019, the university had received 1,08,982 applications for admissions to several undergraduate, postgraduate, MPhil and PhD courses.

#### Patnitop land grab case: CBI searches at 11 locations in J&K PNS III NEW DELHI

The CBI on Tuesday conducted searches at 11 locations including Jammu, Udhampur and Kathua Districts of Jammu and Kashmir at the offices and residential premises of public servants including three former CEOCOF of Partin CEOs of Patnitop Development Authority (PDA) in an ongoing investigation of a case, regis-tered on the allegations of large

scale unite alegacions of ange-scale unite alegacionstruction/encroachment of land in the tourist location of Patnitop area of Udhampur District.

In its case, the CBI has accused 74 persons including eight public servants and 66 proprietors of hotels, resorts and guest houses. Earlier, a Preliminary Enquiry was con-ducted by the CBI on the directions of the High Court of J&K in the matter.

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"It was alleged that the public servants having domin-inon/jurisdiction over land in Patnitop, in conspiracy with the Owners/Proprietors of the Hotels/Guest Houses/Resorts, etc. had allowed illegal construction/illegal use of the said land in violation of law, leading to loss to the Government, the CBI said in a statement. It was further alleged that many Hotels/Guest Houses were constructed without any permission and were not reg-

many Hotels/Guest Houses were constructed without any permission and were not registered with PDA. It was also alleged that officials did not take any action despite being aware of such encroachment. In some cases, no compounding fee was allegedly deposited by the Hotels, the agency alleged in the FIR.

The searches were conducted at the offices and residential premises of the three former CEOs of PDA and officers of the Transport Department and Sales Tax Department which led to the recovery of incriminating documents, huge investment in Fixed Deposits and immovable properties among others, officials said, adding further investigation is continuing.

They said accused will soon be summoned for questioning and separate disproportionate cases will be registered after verification of the seized documents relating to assets.

The three former CEOs of

is. The three former CFOs of The three former CEOs of PDA accused in the case are SM Sahni, KK Gupta and Dr MM Malik, Additional Transport Commissioner of Jammu Rakesh Kumar Srangal, Joint Transport Commissioner Raman Kumar Kesar, Deputy Commissioner of Sales Tax Recovery Rajinder Singh and Linspectors Amresh Jasrotia and Zaheer Abbas.

#### Bihar polls: EC seeks parties' opinion by Aug 11

NIRVACHAN SADAN भारत निर्वाचन आयोग LECTION COMMISSIO META

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Despite a growing demand to postpone the upcoming Assembly polls in Bihar due to the coronavirus pandemic and floods, the Election Commission (EC) has asked national and regional political parties to suggest their inputs by August 11 on how to conduct election campaigns and public meetings in the State in view of the crisis.

In a letter addressed to presidents and general secretaries of recognised political parties — both state and national— the EC stated "response from many parties is still awaited." Amid the ongoing pandemic situation, "the Commission has directed that some more time may be given

ing pandemic situation, the Commission has directed that some more time may be given to the political parties who have not sent their suggestions? Earlier, the poll body had sought their views and suggestions by July 31.

The term of the current assembly ends on November 29 and a new assembly has to be constituted before that. Presently, 13 districts are recling under severe floods while the pandemic is expected to peak by October and November.

Several parties of Bihar have demanded that the polls be deferred.

## Army to start process of screening women | Singhvi favours comprehensive, officers for Permanent Commission soon

#### Application invited by Aug 31

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The Army will soon start the process of screening women officers for giving them Permanent Commission(PC). It will convene a special Selection Board for this purpose and athe women officers wanting to opt for PC will have to submit relevant documents August 31. Towards this end, detailed

Towards this end, detailed administrative instructions have been issued to all affected women officers for submission of applications for consideration by the board, the Army said in a statement on Tuesday.

Affiny Satus ... -Tuesday. Women officers who have joined the Indian Army through the Women Special Entry Scheme (WSES) and Short Service Commission Women



(SSCW) are being considered and all of them have been instructed to submit their application forms, option certificate and other related documents to Army headquarters not later than August 31, it stated. Specimen formats and detailed checklists have been included in the administrative instructions in order to facilitate correct documentation, the Army said adding the selection board will be scheduled immediately after receipt and verification of applications.

On July 23, the Defence Ministry issued the Government Sanction Letter specifying grant of PC to women officers in all streams in which they presently serve

Army Air Defence (AAD), Signals, Engineers, Army Aviation, Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME), Army Service Corps (ASC), Army Grove Corps (ASC), The Corps (ASC

# aggressive policy against China

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In the backdrop of confrontation at the Line of Actual Control(LAC) in Ladakh, India has to go in for a comprehensive and aggressive policy on China. Congress leader Abhishek Singhiy has said. He also advocated a three-pronged shift in the strategy to deal with the eastern neighbour.

Airing these views in a seminar recently, Singhiy was in favour of the three-pronged strategy including New Delhi investing in building military capability, increasing diplomatic heft by aligning with like minded groupings such as Quad and inflincting economic injury to China.

At a webinar organised by Law and Society Alliannee, a Delhi-based think-tank, and Defenec Capital, a national security and strategic affairs.

Defence.Capital, a national security and strategic affairs platform here, Singhvi said India and its polity has to grow

beyond local party politics to usher in single-minded, focused, and unified response to the China challenge. He also called for a change in the mindset of the Indian bureaucracy and diplomats in providing strong, deft and resolute handling of the Chinese challenge on all fronts, be it geopolitical, economic or military. "India and China are two swords in one scabbard called Asia. There has to be forced respectability between the two. In the real world, both respect and outward likeability are consequences of fear. The need is to generate fear about India in China. Only this is going to set the equilibrium between the two giants," the Congress leader said.

Strongly proposing that India should work towards leveraging its ties with Tibet and Taiwan, he said the drivinity and glory of His Holiness

Sharp spike in Covid-19 cases likely in coming days

the Dalai Lama needs to be given the right place that he deserves in India, and New Delhi must unhesitatingly enhance diplomatic relations

Delhi must unhesistatingly einhance diplomatic relations with Taiwan. World Uyghur Congress director for China Affairs Ilshat H. Kokbore, in his presentation, highlighted the alleged human rights abuses by China on the minority Uighur community in East Turkestan. He said in 2014, Tibetans organised an event on persecuted communities of China. "Out of many leaders, only I was able to attend while all others were not allowed." he added. Recalling the intolerable human rights violations on him and his family. Ilshat said because he was outspoken against the Communist regime in China, bits family is shart is of the control of the co

regime in China, his family was broken, his brother killed in 2004, his sister arrested in 2014 and his father died of shock.

#### Amity researchers develop prototype of cost-effective, multi-mode portable ventilator for Covid-19 patients

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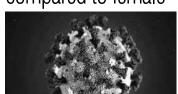
Ateam of Research Scholars & Scientists from Amity University's ASET Design Centre has developed the prototype of a cost-effective, multi-mode portable ventilator specifically designed for Covid-19 patients.

Some of the salient features of this smart ventilator are volume and pressure control in accordance with the age of the patient: The ventilator offers a feature to adjust the breath volume supply to the patient according to their age.

On the advice of the medical experts, the operator just needs to select the required age and the ventilator will supply the necessary volume and pressure of the breathing air automatically to the patient, the University said in a statement.

Also, the ventilator can be applyed to any location as the majority of the parts can be 3D printed and assembled locally. It is priced at under ₹10,000.

## Covid-19 virus more virulent to males compared to female



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The Covid-19 virus seems to be more virulent to males when compared to their female counterparts. Sample this: About 68 per cent of deaths due to virus is reported among male patients and 32 per cent among female patients in India, saisd the Union Health Ministry while sharing the details of the profile of the Covid-19 patients. Also, 50 per cent of the total Covid-19 daths reported in India so far are among people aged above 60, said Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan at a press briefing here.

"About 37 per cent of

COVID-19 deaths in India took place in the age group of 45 to 60 years, while 11 per cent of deaths were recorded in the age group of 26 to 44 years," he said.

According to a study involving thousands of patients from Europe, men have higher concentrations of an giotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2), an enzyme that enables the SARS-COV virus infect healthy cells in their blood, than women and this may probably help explain why men are more vulnerable to Covid-19 than women.

women.

The study has been published in the European Heart Journal.

A mid increasing efforts for ramping up the Covid-19 test capacity across the courty, the Government on Tuesday indicated a further sharp surge in the infection in the coming days with caseloads already set to cross the 19-lakh mark on Tuesday. Almost 50,000 Covid-19 cases are being reported daily over the past few days. However, the cases are all set to be on the higher side as more tests means detection of more cases, indicated Union health secretary Rajesh Busshan while addressing a press briefing.

Bhushan while addressing a press briefing.

He said that presently 28 states and UTs are performing more than 140 Covid-19 tests per day per million population as per the paraeter defined by the WHO.

However, as the remaining seven States are yet to improve their testing capacity, the officials do not rule out more cases once they too enhance their test rate.

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"A total of 28 states and UTs are conducting more than 140 COVID-19 tests per day per million population. India is conducting 479 tests per day per million population for the detection of the disease," Bhushan said.

He said 28 states and UTs

have a Covid-19 positivity rate of less than 10 per cent, while India's positivity rate as on date is 8.89 per cent. Many states have increased their testing capacity, both RT - PCR & Rapid Antigen tests, Goa, Delhi, Tripura, and Tamil Nadu have increased their testing capacity, said Bhushan.

More than 2 crore Covid.

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More than 2 crore Covid19 tests have been conducted,
including more than 6.6 lakh
tests in the last 24 hours.
Recovered cases are now double of the active cases.
In fact, Soumya
Swaminathan, WHO's chief
scientist at a video conference
at Geneva too expressed concerns that India has a low testing rate when compared to
some of the countries that are
successfully trying to curb it.
"In India as a whole, the

"In India as a whole, the testing rates are much lower compared to some of the countries, who have done well like Germany, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan.

Even the United States is testing a huge number of people.

"So we need to have some benchmark and every public health department needs to have benchmark and every public health department needs to have benchmarks on what is the rate of testing per lakh or per million, what is the test positivity rate," she said in an interactive session through video conference.

## More than 18K desi ventilators supplied within 2 months

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Imported till May, ventilators
manufactured within the
country are now meeting the
domestic demand with the
Union Health Ministry stating
that in less than 2 months more
than 18,000 Make-in India ventilators have been supplied to the
States/UTIs /Central Govt
Hospitals/DRDO facility.
Union Health Secretary
Rajesh Bhushan on Tuesday
also said that funds from PM
Cares fund were utilised to procure about 50,000 ventilators
worth ₹2,000 crore.
An order for 30,000 ventilators has been placed with
Bharat Electronics Limited
(BEL), Bhushan said adding
that Scanray provides tech support to BEL. Further orders of
13,500 ventilators from Andhra
Pradesh MedTech Zone
(AMTZ) and 10,000 ventilators
from AgVa have been placed by
the Union Health Ministry,
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**Bhushan said** that only 0.27 per cent of total active cases in India are on ventilator

lators in question were donated to BMC-run hospitals and other healthcare facilities in Maharashtra by an NGO.

support across

Stating that export of ventilators will not impact the domestic supply, Busham said that only 0.27 per cent of total active cases in India are on ventilator support across the country. "About 18,000 ventilators have reached states," he said. In response to a question about the rejection of AvGa ventilators, Bhushan clarified that these devices of a different make were rejected in Mumbai. He further clarified that the "ventilators in question were donated to BMC-run hospitals and other healthcare facilities in Maharashtra by an NGO."



#### RAM TEMPLE BHOOMI PUJAN =

## **Corona test certificate mandatory for invitees**

Lucknow: All invitees to the August 5 foundation stone-lay-ing function for the new Ram temple in Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh will have to carry a mandatory coronavirus-nega-tive certificate, one of the organ-isers said on Tuesday. Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Teartha Kebata Trust General

Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Ksheta Trust General Secretary Champar Rai said that the step was taken as a precautionary measure due to the coronavirus situation in the country. "Only those who have a medical certificate that says that they have tested negative for coronavirus will be allowed entry for the 'bhumi pujan' on Wednesday,' he said.

Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Maurya, who is among the invitees, said on Tuesday that he would get his corona test

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he would get his corona test done as required.
Health officials, meanwhile, said that they were fully prepared to test VVIPs scheduled to halt briefly in state capital Lucknow while en route to Ayodhya for the religious ceremony. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat is in Lucknow for a few hours and is scheduled to proceed to Ayodhya in the evening. Bhagwat is staying at the Saraswati Shishu Mandir where a posse of police has been deployed.

#### Silver coin for every guest

Every guest who is invited for the 'bhumi pujan' ceremony for the grand Ram temple in Ayodhya on Wednesday, will be gifted a silver coin as 'prasad'.

The silver coin, on one side, has the image of Ram Darbar which includes Lord Ram, Sita, Laxman and Hanuman and on the other side is the insignia of trust.

The guests will also be

A total of 175 people habeen invited to the Sri Ra Temple Trust for bhumi pui

given a box of 'laddoos' and a photograph of Ram Darbar. According to sources, over 1.25 lakh laddoos, called 'Raghupati laddoos' will be distributed to guests, resi-dents of Ayodhya and others on August 5. Temple Trust for bhumi pujan, including about 135 saints who will come from different parts of the country. There is a code on every invitation card, which is designed for All the guests who are coming from other districts or state, have been asked to reach Ayodhya by Tuesday evening because the borders of the district will be sealed in the evening.

card, which is designed.

Security.

Former deputy Prime
Minister L.K. Advani, Dr
Murali Manohar Joshi and
former Uttar Pradesh Chief
Minister Kalyan Singh will not
be attending the ceremony.

#### Allow followers to celebrate on bhoomi pujan day: BJP to TMC

Even as Bengal Government changed its bi-weekly lock-down dates beginning Wednesday which coincides with the ground-breaking cer-emony at Ram Janmabhoomi ste in Ayodhya, State BJP pres-ident Dilip Ghosh on Tuesday warned the Mamata Banerjee Government against commit-

warned the Mamata Banerjee Government against commit-ting excesses on the followers of Lord Ram who would cel-ebrate it in their own manner. "Though the BIP has not kept its own programme on Wednesday we have reports that many followers of Lord Rama would celebrate the day that is coming after 500 years

any hindrance to those who will celebrate this ceremony,"

will celebrate this ceremony," Ghosh said.

On reports that the bill-loads in favour of the celebrations were being torn down by the police at Kharagpur town Ghosh said "any excess perpertated on the Ram Bhakts (followers of Lord Rama) will be clealt with accordingly," wondering "why the Government does not take cognizance of lockdown violations in areas dominated by certain communities and why it clamps down heavily on the Hindus when they celebrate their festivals."

He said "the police were

put up by the followers of Lord Rama in Kharagpur. This is an atrocity committed on the Hindus who want to celebrate the occasion peacefully. The people are watching and they will take appropriate decision at an appropriate time if the Government tries to play mis-

Government tries to play mischief here."

Warning that the Trinamool Congress will have to bear heavy prices for its misadventures on Wednesday he invoked an oft repeated slogan in the Hindi heartland saying, "Jo humse takrayega chur chur ho jayega (anyone who confronts tas will be blown into smithereens)."

#### J&K mainstream parties face difficulty in branding image post Art 370 abrogation

MOHIT KANDHARI . JAMMU

Post Abrogation of Article 370 and reorganisation of he erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir into two Union Territories the majority of Kashmir based mainstream political leaders, belonging to the National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the Congress party are still struggling to resurrect their image in the eyes of their supporters.

Though some of them

supporters.

Though some of them including PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti are still under detention but all those who are out are 'purportedly avoiding attending political functions attending political functions due to growing 'mistrust' between them and their followers. So far only Omar Abdullah has gone public with his political statements triggering a divide within his own party.

Majority of these leaders

continue to remain in a 'state of shock' and find it difficult to stomach the fact that the ruling dispensation in New Delhi has 'dumped' them and stopped paying attention to their brand of politics'. Ironically, the vacuum created by these mainstream player is yet to be filled by any significant player in the kashmir valley.

Former Ministers and a couple of ex-legislators had joined hands together and founded Jammu and Kashmir Apni party under the leadership of Syed Altaf Bukhari but even they have failed to establish their foothold in the valley in the absence of any mass contact programme. They have only restricted their activity to meeting central BJP leaders and tact programme. They have only restricted their activity to meeting central BJP leaders and Union Ministers and addressing a press conference to highlight their grievances. They are yet to hold a public convention to demonstrate their

strength to their political adverstrength to their political adversaries. These events could not be held due to Covid-19 pandemic. In Jammu region, instead of consolidating its base the Bharatiya Janta Party is also facing resistance for failing to come up to the expectations of the people in the last one year.

one year.

On the other hand the common masses, in both the regions, are yet to come out of the hangover of experiencing a 'roller coaster' ride.

roller coaster ride.

On its part, the Union
Territory administration is
claiming they are working
round the clock to bring back
the derailed political process on
track and embark on the road
to prosperity

track and embark on the road to prosperity. In the absence of the elect-ed government in office the 'trimmed' down government machinery is working 'effec-tively' and 'efficiently' to ensure timely completion of flagship developmental projects on

ground zero.

On the security front the joint teams of security forces have been tracking down hiding terrorists and neutralising them to create a conducive atmosphere for initiating the stalled political process in the region.

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Under the leadership of Lt-Governor Girish Chandra Murmu, "the period was utilised by the top bureaucrats to formulate structured policies utilised by the top bureaucrats to formulate structured policies for different sectors to ensure case of business." To promote e-governance the entire government machinery has been augmented to reach out to the masses. At present at least 27 different services have been extended to speed up public delivery mechanisms .

Speaking to The Pioneer, a senior IAS officer, Rohit Kansal currently holding the charge of Power Development Department and Spokesman of Jammu and Kashmir govern-

ment said, "in the last one year several flagship projects have been completed and work is going on a large number of languishing projects to ensure their timely completion".

He said, "506 languishing projects costing Rs. 665 crores stand completed while 963 projects costing Rs. 2256 crores are scheduled for completion by March, 2021".

According to official sources, the pace of work on different projects sanctioned under the Prime Ministers Development Package has been expedited.

Till June 2018 before the BJP-PDP alliance govt collapsed only 26 percent of the total fund was utilised. At present around 49 percent ie Rs 28,768 crore has been utilised.

The total package was worth 80,000 crores

Rs 58,627 crore was allocated for the Union Territory of JRK. "A total of 63 infrastruc-

ture development projects were to be built up in Jammu and Kashmir under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP). Between November 2015 and October 2019, only 18 projects were completed.

In the last one year the government also fulfilled its commitment of issuing Domicile certificates to West Pakistani refugees, Valmiki Community, Gorkhas, earlier considered as non state subjects and were deprived of their citizenship rights.

During the period the government also approved reservation benefits to people living

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along the international border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir. The Social Welfare Department had recently noti-fied reservation rules for peo-ple residing within 0 to 6 km of International Border (IB), after amending Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act-2005.

The government made the amendments in Jammu and amendments in Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, providing reservation to the people residing in 508 villages along the IB, in direct recruit-ments, professional institutions and post-graduate

along the 1s, in direct recruir-ments, professional institutions and post-graduate courses. Another senior IAS officer, currently holding the charge of Agriculture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry depart-ment, Navin Choudhary told The Pioneer. "while preparing for the Investors' meet we finalised sector wise policy framework of different depart-ments to attract investment in Jammu and Kashmir. He said, in the wake of Covid-19 pan-demic the investors meet could not be organised but the polinot be organised but the poli-cy environment shortages were addressed

addressed.

He said, "we had no tourism policy, Horticulture policy and now we have policy documents of 22 sectors in place". He said all this hap-

pened due to the lean structure of the government. "Compared to the previous set up the decision making has been little faster in the new dispensation". Sharing a report card of his own department Navin Choudhary said, "around 10:50 lakh farmers have been enrolled for Kisan Credit Card scheme in Jammu and Kashmir". Out of this 4 lakh cards were distributed during special drives in the recent weeks. He said, due to prevalling circumstances centering around Covid-19 pandemic, we are focusing on strengthening he primary sector in Jammu and Kashmir. The manufacturing and the services sector has taken a major hit so in order to protect the economy and small farmers we are extending them financial services and opening the doors for them to sustain themselves instead of getting into the trap of local money lenders.

#### 108 die, 5,603 new cases in TN

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN III CHENNAI

Though Tamil Nadu lost 108 of its citizens to Covid-19 and 5,063 new persons testing positive for the pandemic on Tuesday, the day had some encouraging news too.

Across the State, 6,501 persons were discharged from hospitals and left for their homes getting cured of Covid-19. Till date a total of 2.08 lakh persons have been greated of the pandemic

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While the State had 56, 698 active cases on Monday, the numbers came down to 55, 152 by Tuesday evening, said the bulletin issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The 125 laboratories across the State tested 52,955 persons on Tuesday, establishing Tamil Nadus lead over all other States in testing maximum number of persons.

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The situation in Chennai showed some improvement as the number of persons tested positive for the pandemic came down to 1,023. There is a strong feeling that situation in Chennai is gradually improving. But the same could not be said about the three neighboring districts of the Metropolis. Chengalpet (245), Kancheepuram (220) and Thiruvallur (358) remained areas of concern similar to Virudhunagar in south (424).

#### Gold smuggling: NIA takes 2 more persons in custody

A source in the National Investigation Agency (NIA) probing the gold smuggling scam in Kerala told *The Pioneer* that investigation is moving in the right direction and speed and more powerful people would be taken into custody soon. It is a slow process but that is how probes into cases like this take place. Whatever information we have collected is capable to take us to the doorsteps of the powerful and mighty," said the officia. The NIA on Tuesday took into custody two more persons from

The NIA on Tuesday took into custody two more persons from Malappuram district who are involved in distributing the smuggled gold to the end users and diverting the money to terrorist organizations. Shafeeq and Sharagfuddeen were arrested based on the details furnished by T K Rameez who has been arrested earlier by the NIA.

Meanwhile, the agency handed over the case diary and other docu-

ments related to the arrest of Swapna Suresh and Sandeep Nair, the kingpins of the smuggling operation, to the spicial court hearing their ball application. "The court has asked us to ensure that there are sufficient proof so that we could slap the UAPA charge against the accused. We handed over the materials for the consideration of the court and there are sufficient grounds." materials for the consideration of the court and there are sufficient grounds under which we could bring them under the UAPA (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act)," said Jaishankar V Nair, lawyer representing the agency in this case.

his case. Interestingly, the Kerala Police Interestingly, the Kerala Police does not figure anywhere in this investigation. The general feeling is that the State's police force is under orders from its top bosses not to help the NIA but even to derail the probe. The allegation that Swapna Suresh and Sarith could escape from Kerala to Bangalore (from where the NIA arrested them) only because of the tacit support of the Kerala Policies.

## **UPSC** results: Pradeep Singh tops exam

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A lready in the Indian Revenue Service, Pradeep Singh from Haryana has topped the 2019 UPSC Civil Services Examination while Pratibha Verma from Uttar Pradesh made it to the top among the women candidates. There are a total of 19 women candidates in the first 50 rankers.

rankers. The Union Public Service Commission on Tuesday declared the results of the Civil Services Examination 2019 Services Examination 2019 which includes for the first time a 10 percent quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) as one of the various categories like General and other reserved categories. Of the total of 927 vacancies, 78 candidates have made it under

EWS.

According to the results declared by UPSC this year, 829 candidates have been selected for the various services, including 66 who have been provisionally recommended. The

results of 11 candidates have been withheld. The results are on the basis

The results are on the basis of the written examination held in September 2019 and the interviews for a personality test held between February and August 2020 and in between suspended during the Corona related country wide lockdown.

The 10% EWS was implemented for the first time this year, with 78 candidates selected under that category.

Apart from 304 successful andidates in the general category, there were 251 from Other Backward Classe, 129 from Scheduled Castes and 67 from Scheduled Tribes.

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The successful candidates will join the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Foreign Service, Indian Police Service and Central Services Group A and B, in accordance with their merit list. There were a total of 927 vacancies reported by the government in these services, says a UPSC statement.

#### 1,083 infected in Kerala

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Msons tested positive for Covid-19 in Kerala on Tuesday. A release by the Government of Kerala said the State saw 1,083 new persons getting diagnosed with Covid-19 on Tuesday. Out of this, 902 persons contracted the pandemic through local transmission.

transmission
Though 1,021 persons were
cured of the pandemic and left
the hospitals for home, things
are becoming worse in the State.
All 14 districts saw more persons
getting afflicted with the coronavirus through local transmission. There were 71 persons who
could not pinpoint the source
from where they got infected.
Three persons lost their lives

during the last 24 hours.

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Thiruvananthapuram had 242 new patients, 237 of them were contracted through local transmission. Similarly, in Ernakulam mission. Similarly, in Ernakulam where 135 persons were diagnosed with the disease, 122 were affected because of local transmission.

were affected because of local transmission.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan called off his media interaction in the last minute though it was announced that he would be briefing the media about the Covid update.

Those who infected with the virus on Tuesday include 16 health workers and 35 jawans of the ITBP station at Alappuzha.

The day also saw the hospii ization of 1,241 patients. Th are 509 hotspots in the State

General public is hereby informed that one male namely Deepak

that one male namely Deepak Kumar Sharma, S/o: Kailash Sharma, R/o T-113/3991, 1st Floor, Baljeet Nagar, Delhi, Age: 23 years, Height: 5's", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Medium, wearing

Face: Long, Built: Medium, wearing Dark Blue colour Capri and Maroor colour T-Shirt and Sleeper in feet, has

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#### Varisha murder case: Girl who was deemed dead and family buried her, comes alive

PRADEEP SAXENA III ALIGARH

A new twist has emerged in Afthe Varisha murder case. Recently, after identifying the dead body found in a trolley bag in Ghaziabad as family prefer-ence, it was buried by the fam-ily members and her in-laws were sent to jail for murder. But, now Varisha has returned alive

were sent to Jain to mudel: Join, sow Varisha has returned alive. She herself reached Aligarh's Gandhi Park station and told about the whole episode. Bulandshahr police has taken her from Aligarh police in their custody.

A woman arrived at Gandhi Park police station in Aligarh district on Monday evening. She told the police that she was married to a young man Aamir, resident of Upar kot area of ??Bulandshahr on June 1. On July 1, a month after her marriage, she came to her maternal home in Aligarh. After which, on July 17, she reached back to her in-laws.

It is alleged that upon arriv-

to film 17, 5 are Leader dock to her in-laws house, the accused in-laws house, the accused in-laws snatched her jewelery and accused her maternal side of stealing the jewelry. On opposing she was beaten up by her husband on July 22. Due to this, she left her in-laws house in the afternoon of 23 July. However, she did not go to her maternal home and went to

the Bhanbel police station in Noida, where she worked before marriage. When she came to know that her maternal side had identified the body of a wrong woman as her body and cremated her, she reached the police station and told the whole truth.

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After which the Aligarh Police informed the Bulandshahr Police about the Bulandshahr Police asses After which there was a stir in Bulandshahar and Ghaziabad police. Bulandshahar police reached Aligarh and the Aligarh police handed over the victim to Bulandshahr police. Now she will be presented in court on Tuesday. Also, the police has taken her mother from Aligarh as well.

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On June I, Varisha's was
married to Aamir Khan, a resident of Mohalla Uparkot in
Nagar Kotwali area of
??Bulandshahar district. But,
on July 23, after about 53 days
of marriage, Varisha went misnig under suspicious circumstances. In the case, her husband
had reported missing in Nagar
Kotwali.
On July 27, four days after

On July 27, four days after On July 27, four days after Varisha's disappearance, the body of an unknown woman was found in a trolley bag in New Hindon area of ?Sahibabad police station area of ??Ghaziabad.

#### 2 girls among 16 from J&K, Ladakh crack UPSC exam

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Sixteen candidates including two girls, belonging to the remotest and border areas of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Tuesday cracked the presti-gious Civil services examina-tion-2019 with flying colors. Topping the charts from Jammu region, Abhishek Augustya, secured AIR 38. He comes from the family

Jammu region, Adnishek Augustya, secured AIR 38.

He comes from the family of POIK refugees currently settled in the border belt of RS Pura.

Abhishek is currently sundergoing training at the Shimla based National Academy of Audit and Accounts. He had secured AIR 268 in UPSC 2018.

Three other candidates from Jammu, Sunny Gupta secured AIR (148), Dev Ahuti (177) and Parth Gupta 240.

Speaking to The Pioneer over the telephone from Shimla, Abhishek Augustya credited his success to the overall support extended by his family and close friends who motivated him throughout the long journey Abhisheks father is lecturer in government higher secondary school in Sai close to Indo-Pak border and his mother is a teacher in a private school. His sister is pursuing PG in surgery from GMC Jammu. An alumni of National Institute of Technology, Srinagar, Abhishek completed his schooling from DAV school

RS Pura and Higher secondary RS Pura and Higher secondary from Govt Boys school, RS Pura. After completing his Computer engineering he went to New Delhi to prepare for UPSC examinations. After failing in the first three attempts he cracked the exam last year securing 268 th rank and this year he improved his ranking and made it to the top 50. Two other candidates who made it to the list Dr. Asrar Ahmad Kitchloo (248) and Asif Yosust Tantray (328), come from dis-

the 185 703 SHA Tulmady Kitchloo (248) and Asif Yousuf Tantray (328), come from distant areas of Bhaderwah and Kulgan.

Asrar, son of a doctor cracked the prestigious exam in his third attempt. He considered Shah Faesal, topper from Kashmir valley, as his first role model along with other successful candidates from the erstwhile Doda district namely Dr Schrish Asgar, Vimarsh Aryan and Abhishek Sharma Sharing mantra of his success, De Scarar Kitchloo add, to crack UPPC. examination the aspiring candidates should log out of the social media platforms and maintain consistency in their studies.

maintain consistency in tneu studies. Several other successful candidates hailed from remote areas and made it to the final list of successful candidates by sheer dint of hard work. Instead of attending coaching classes of established institutes, the majority of these students preferred self study and focused on their goal from the very beginning.

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been missing from his house since 22.07.2020. In this regard a DD No. 50-A, dated 23.07.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Patel Nagar, New Delhi Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace



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General public is hereby informed that two boys namely (1) Yashpal Singh @ Suraj, S/o: Ajay Kumar, R/o 157C JG-III, Vikas Puri, New Delhi, Age: 19 years, Height: 510°, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Bullt: Strong, and (2) Harsh Kumar, R/o 157 C, JG-III, Vikas Puri, uraj New Delhi, Age: 14 years, Height: 52°, Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Bullt: Fat, both has been missing with Silver colour Honda Access Scooty No. DL45BR7277 since 16.07.2020 from their house. In this regard a FIR No. 538/20 U/S 363 IPC, dated 20.07.2020, has been registered at P.S. Vikas Puri, New Delhi

20.07.2020 U/S 363 IPC, dated 20.07.2020, has been registered at P.S. Vikas Puri, New Delhi Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the boys but no clue has come to light so far. If we have the boys one having any information about the help with the please inform undersigned.

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## **After Ayodhya**

As the foundation stone is laid for the temple, we must not let triumphalism get the better of Lord Ram's dharma



ears of politics and the clash of "isms" have actually overlooked the cultural consciousness and the civilisational ethos that Lord Ram represents Revered variously as Marvada Purushottam Sri Ramchandra Raja of Ayodhya or the *Imam-e-Hind*, he has, beyond being a central figure of the Hindu pantheon, been an anchor of the Indic way of life and the way it should be lived. As Swami Vivekananda said, "he is an embodiment of truth, morality and ideals. The God-king of Ayodhya, who set an example of what social order should be and how it should be conducted, is, therefore, more of a human construct, one we could model ourselves after easily. And he was a selfless leader of people, putting them

first. His wars were on principle of the right over wrong; he could have converted all the rakshasas into his own clan after killing Ravana but he chose not to. Simply because he respected his limits and that of others and believed in upholding the sense of right-eousness. It is this vision that pervades our collective consciousness and regardless of whether a temple at his birthplace was demolished and a mosque built in its place, which in turn was overrun, the fact is Ayodhya is unanimously believed to have been the place where he was born. In that sense, it is our existential fountainhead. He is a belief and emotion so strong that restoring his birthplace is not about historical corrections but a return to the truth as it should be seen and practised. To that extent the *bhoomi pujan*, or the foundation-stone laying ceremony at the site, is not just a milestone, it is an edict on what *dharma* should be. It should not be about Hindu triumphalism but about upholding values exactly the way he would have wanted. Lord Ram was a pluralist, not an isolationist. Celebrating him shouldn't be about symbolism, for majoritarian might is mea-sured by grace, not by muscularity of an imposition. But that is a tall order in today's show and tell politics. What began as a mass movement to reclaim the site, launched by the BJP in 1989 to chart an alternative political path, gained massive traction once the then party supremo LK Advani began a Rathyatra from Gujarat. Although he couldn't complete the yatra, it aroused passions across the country and paved the way for the party's ascendancy to political power. And in the process, religiosity overtook sec ularism as an electoral agenda. Only social justice forces in the shape of VP Singh, Mulayam Singh Yadav and Lalu Prasad Yadav held out. But that led to polarisation and Ram became less of a guiding visionary with his neo-disciples becoming more like avengers of historical insult. Hinduism became Hindutva. In fact, the Congress, too, was taken in by the Hindutva wave with Rajiv Gandhi himself allowing the opening of the Babri Masjid gates and 'shilanyas' prayers to be held inside for fear of losing the Hindu vote. This opened the floodgates for the right-wing fringe like the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and the Bajrang Dal to claim political centrestage. That's when the temple became more than a symbolism, a runaway cause to justify everything from a majoritarian perspective. Rajiv Gandhi had grossly misjudged that the mosque, too, could co-exist. That was not to be. Advani had merely sought a balanced discourse where Hinduism could be defined not by exclusion, revisionism and minority appeasement but as an inclusive philosophy of national life. One that translated into the reasoned prime ministership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Unfortunately, today he and many seniors have been benched, not even consulted or properly invited to temple affairs. Meanwhile, the hardline extremism and otherisation of non-Hindus have become the centrifugal force of the BJP one that has been condoned by a tacit electorate, which returned the Narendra Modi Government with a brute majority. One that has the silent approval of the Opposition, which has fall-

en in line, swept aside by the tide of identity politics.

So what after Ayodhya? Is it the culmination of temple politics or will it be milked further electorally? Or will it spur a demand for more reclamations at Kashi and Mathura? At one time, hardliners would have been enthusiastic but the BJP's ideological anchor, the RSS, is itself cautious about continuing the temple issue beyond the Ram ianmabhoomi. In fact, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has categorically said that there are no plans for either Kashi or Mathura, that the RSS does not get into agitations and that the Ram temple was an exception. Having won a massive mandate, the BJP had to address its core constituency and has delivered a promise made many years ago and which at one time seemed just manifesto material. But both the RSS and the BJP are also realist about consolidating power. While the nation heaved a collective sigh of relief at the resolution of the Ayodhya dispute, there is undoubtedly a sense of fatigue about continuing politics in the name of Ram. There are much bigger concerns in the post-pandemic world to tackle, the bleak economy and restarting the nation once again. Even Ayodhya wants to get back to normal, hoping the temple will accelerate the local economy. Besides, the BJP's image has already taken a beating courtesy hate crimes, cow vigilantism and the anti-citizenship law protests and it wouldn't want to create new faultlines or give ammunition to others to do so. Ram rajya may be ideal but the BJP has got to get real

#### Forlorn hopes

Wholesale dispatches for the auto industry are climbing back to 2019 levels. Is this a good sign or a false dawn?



Then reports from the automotive industry came early in August, they were reassuringly positive. The country's largest carmaker, Maruti-Suzuki, said that wholesale dispatches to dealers were up by one per cent from July 2019. The country's second-largest carmaker, Hyundai Motor India, registered a decline of two per cent for domestic dispatches. While both carmakers have showed a considerable decline in exports, other producers, too, displayed a relatively healthy number of wholesale dispatches for July 2020 compared to July 2019. Even two-wheeler companies, Hero Motocorp, Honda and

TVS, showed considerable numbers in July 2020, almost matching July 2019 numbers and importantly climbing significantly over sales in June 2020. And in a sign that the rural economy is picking up, tractor sales for July 2020 continued to surpass expectations, showing double-digit growth for all leading manufacturers.

However, there are some signs that things have not all returned to normal. Commercia vehicle sales are still muted, with transporters still having excess capacity. With educational institutions and public transportation services limited, there has been almost no offtake of buses in the past four months. One must draw attention to the difference between wholesale and actual retail sales; the latter are yet to recover. While most manufacturers have managed to get their production in order, thanks to special permissions even in lockdown zones, retail sales have been hit as dealerships have had to stay closed on days when cities, districts and even whole States endured lockdowns. What must also be remembered is that the entire automotive industry was suffering in 2019. Sales had been muted as the economy was still sputtering. In fact, last year, sales were down sharply from 2018. One should wait and watch to see how actual retail sales in the months of August and September pan out. These are historically weak months leading up to the bonanza of the last three months of the year, the so-called "festive season." And while it is encouraging to see that auto manufacturers have managed to get their houses back in order, much more needs to be done for the entire economy to get back on track after the Wuhan virus derailed all hopes of growth. These might be green shoots but they may not be enough to ensure that the plant called the economy grows big and strong

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# Turning liability to asset

Merely privatising the PSBs will get us nowhere. Along with this move, the Government must bring sector-specific reforms. And they must come quick



GOURAV VALLABH

he Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its Financial Stability Report released on July 24 warned that the Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio of Scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) could rise up to 14.7 per cent by March 2021 from the current 8.5 per cent in March 2021 from the current 8.5 per cent in March 2021 from the current 8.5 per cent in March 2020 This piece of news was followed up by former RBI Governor Urjit Patel's shocking revelation that the central bank wanted to be tough against the loan defaulters but the Government wanted him to "go soft", which eventually forced him to resign. A series of happenings in the banking sector in recent times has made everyone doubt the character and intentions of the current Government to recapitalise public sector banks (PSBs).

Recently, the All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA), too, released a list of 2,426 borrower accounts that have been categorised as "wilful defaulters" with dues amounting to \$1,47,350 crore to the banking system. It also mentioned that such huge amounts are being technically written off by the NDA Government. Moreover, recently, the Union Government announced that only five PSBs would continue to exist and that the rest of the unmerged banks would be sold off to private bidders in the ame of recapitalisation. Only last year, the Government had merged 10 State-owned banks into four, creating a handful of larger banks in the process.

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On the one hand, the Government is trying to infuse private capital into the PSBs and on the other, it is forcing both the State Bank of India (SBI) and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) to bail out failed private sector banks such as Yes Bank. The statements and actions of the Government appear to contradict each other. A comparison of the BSE PSU bank index vis-a-vis BSE Sensex from 2014 to 2020 reveals that the former has seen no growth in the last six years while the latter has seen a steady rise. The BSE PSU bank index has instead fallen by 2.63 per cent, while the overall index has grown approximately by 11 per cent on a CAGR basis. This clearly reflects that investors are not happy with the way the PSBs have been functioning.

On the one hand, the Government is pushing for a technical write-off of bad loans, on the

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other, it has hailed to investigate or punish the willful defaulters. This is evident from the fact that SBI has been recovering less than one per cent of its write-offse each year. As per reports, SBI's technical write-off of bad loans in the last eight years amounted to ₹1.23 lakh crore, while recovery from bad debts during the same period was less than 93,000 crore, which is less than 05,000 crore, which is less than 06,000 crore, which is less than 06,00



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ECONOMISTS, FORMER FINANCE MINISTERS AND RBI GOVERNORS. THE WHITE PAPER SHOULD INCLUDE DIVESTMENT PLANS FOR PSBs. A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THE DIVESTMENT PROCESS, TOO,

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it has become a handy tool to address the problem of finan-

address the problem of financial exclusion.

In the latest report of its Internal Working Group to review agricultural credit, the IRBI said that the impact of the institutional framework put in place has largely leveraged formal credit to the agricultura Sector. From ₹37.71 billion in 1981 (approximately 16 per cent of the agricultural GDP in 1980-81), the SCBs outstanding advances to agricultural GDP in gadvances to agricultural CDP.

cent of the agricultural GDP in 1980-81), the SCBs outstanding advances to agriculture and allied activities have grown significantly to ₹13,694.56 billion in 2017-18, which formed approximately 16 per cent of total bank credit ie, ₹86,254.25 billion and approximately 15 per cent of agriculture and allied GVA at current prices. Merely privatising the PSBs will get us nowhere. Along with this move, the need is for sector-specific reforms. In his book, What the Economy Needs Now, Rajan has suggested that privatisation be just one element of the overall reform process. It should not become the foremost plank in banking sector reform and is fraught with newerse consequences.

with adverse consequences.

To put it simply, Rajan is of
the view that "simple"
solutions like privatising PSBs
may be no panacea.
Consolidation and privatisation of PSBs can have little to do with setting Indian banking

right as these actions may be necessary but will not be sufficient by a long chalk.

The Government should clarify its approach to steer the PSBs out of the crisis. It should come up with a white paper that must be prepared in consultation with top economists, former Finance Ministers and RBI Governors among others. The white paper should include divestment plans for PSBs. A thorough investigation into the divestment process, too, is a must. Further, steps must be taken to ensure utmost transparency in the valuation of brand, network and the value for the number of accounts created over the last 51 years through significant brand-building.

The Government also needs to clarify the future of bank employees. The challenge is also for it to continue providing cheap agricultural credit to the farmers once the entire banking sector becomes driven by the private sector. No doubt, estate of the PSBs has been of great concern to a common citizen of our country. The country needs them to perform better. Delayed recognition of the inevitable has haunted India's financial sector. Reforms must come quick.

(The writer is professor of finance and national spokesperson of the Congress. Views expressed are personal)

#### SOUNDBITE

In this profession (cinema) you are only as good as your last project. Some films don't turn out the way you expect them to.

**Actor** —Sharman Joshi





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Former RSS ideologu
—KN Govindacharva



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#### Better late than never

Sir — PV Narasimha Rao should be remembered for being a tactful Prime Minister, who handled a peculiar situation that developed in the country when an uncontrolled gathering pulled down the disputed structure at Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, paving the way for the ultimate loundation stone-laying ceremony for a grand Ram temple today. He will also be remembered for successfully running a minority Government for a full five-year term and paving the way for a new era of economic reforms. It is indeed greattable that like many other Congress veterans, he was not only sidelined by his own party but even insulted after his death. The Congress still refuses to look beyond the Gandhis.

Though a bit late, the present ruling Government has done well to honour forgotten national heroes such as Rao and sardar Vallabbhahi a Patel. The

#### **COVID-19 fallout on children**

ata collated so far show that children are less affected clinically by COVID-19 than adults; they are not completely improve the complete Daffected clinically by COVID-19 than adults; they are not completely immune to SAR-60V-2: are only less susceptible to contracting the virus and developing severe disease from it; and they can be carriers but are far less likely to spread the contagion than adults. However, the Conoraivus pandemics affects children less in terms of health but its impact on their lives and growth is incalculably immense. It has turned their world upside down; has exacerbated the problems already faced by them due to poverty, malnutrition, regressive cultural values and practices, poor parenting and physical abuse.

The pandemic has caused a decline in economic activity, fall in household income and has forced millions of families to subsist one reduced daily intake

millions of families to subsist on reduced daily intake of food. Deprived of adequate nourishment, children suffer stunted physical and cognitive growth. Governments must arrange to provide food to chil-dren who used to get mid-day meals in schools. Children are creative, inquisitive and agile; they need classrooms and playgrounds to grow up and blos



som. They are at an impressionable age; they are pro foundly affected by what happens to them and around them. The pandemic makes it a ceaseless struggle en their resilience and vulnerability to cope its impact. It is important to ensure that children don't wilt and come to think of themselves as the "lost generation." Their protection, health and well-being must be the world's priority.

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#### Change for good

Sir — Once again, the Prime Minister's Office intervened at

the right time to help the common man. This time, it has brought an end to the practice of eateries charging exorbitant prices for snacks and beverages at the Kochi airport. The snacks and beverages sold at food outlets at the airport burnt a hole in the passengers' pocket as a

heavy amount was charged.
The PMO's intervention has brought the prices down to tea and snacks being sold at ₹15 and coffee at ₹20. Earlier, people had to shell out ₹100 for a cup of tea and a minimum of ₹200 for snacks. Other airports across the country must take cue and slash

prices of refreshments.

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#### **Trust Govt hospitals**

Sir — With the Coronavirus having breached the 1.8 million mark, it has spared none. Even Bollywood celebrities, as well as many of our leaders, have been hit by the virus. Union Home Minister Amit Shah is the latest one to have contracted the disease and has been hospitalised in one of the best and costliest private hospitals in the country. Several other Ministers at the Centre as well as in States have contracted the virus. Shockingly, most of them were treated and continue to be admitted in private hospitals. The contractive of the contrary, when an average person falls sick, he/she prefers reaching out to a Government hospital as private ones are unaffordable. Our administrators must start trusting the Government facilities. Rishi

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# analysis

#### FIRSTCOLUMN

#### The Congress must decide

The party needs leadership direction revival a new narrative and unity. Maybe even a non-Gandhi at the helm, soon



KAIYANI SHANKAR

or the first time since Sonia Gandhi took over as the Congres president after the resignation of Rahul Gandhi last August, the rift between the "old guard" loyal to Sonia and Team Rahul has come out in the open. The reason for this is simple. Both the senior and younger leaders are frustrated with the status quo in senior and younger leaders are frustrated with the status quo in the party when it sorely needs to review, with a strong leadership at the helm. However, this "old guard" versus "young Turks" fight in the Congress is not new. It was there even during India Candris' days when she split the party in 1969, pushing out the syndicate led by the then Congress president K Kamarai, The syndicate thought that they could manipulate India but she proved to be a shrewd politician and emerged stronger despite the split. After she won the Bangladesh war, politically she reached her zeinth. Later, when the Congress party split in 1978, Congress (Indira) emerged as the real Congress.

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When Rajiv Gandhi succeeded Indira in 1984 after her assassination, he was surrounded by his own coterie. But he also kept some of the senior leaders close to him. Since Rajiv was a politically strong leader with over 400 Congress MPs backing him, the feut between the seniors and younger leaders was muted. Later, after Rajiv's sassassiantion, a section of the old guad brought Sonia into the party in 1988. They were loyal to her while she also depended on them for support and guidance as she was a political greenhorn. It was a big task to guide such an old party as the Congress. Things went smoothly for years and over time Sonia tightened her grip on the party.

However, the fight between the old guard and the young leaders began when she promoted her son. While the senior leaders were apprehensive about their future, Raiful's beam was getting impatient to get metalier roles within the party and in Congress-ruled States. The politically-sawy old guard managed to block all attempts being a non-foandhi to the helm of the party and front pack Sonia when Rahul resigned last August. Rahul himself criticised the old guard in the May 25 Congress Working Committee meeting.

Now, with the departure of Jyoticadiya Scinda in March and rebellion by Sachin Pilot — two of the closest aides of the Gandhi scion — Team Rahul is further agitated. The fact that the newly-elected MP Rajiv Satav, said to be close to Rahul, was bold enough to be critical of the old guard and the UPA-2, says a lot about the divide within the party, it was only after senior leaders like Anand Sharma, Manish Tivari, Milliod Deora and so on retorted strong-ly that Satav withdrew his remarks about UPA-2.

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Younge leaders from Team Rahul like Milind Deora and Jithi Phasada are likely to leave soon. The immediate urgency in the party is the leadership vacuum. If Rahul wants to come back as the party chief, he should do so at the earliest. The "Bing Rahul" charth has already begun. Fortunately for the Gandhis there is no challenge to Rahul. However, if he does not want to come back, Rahul's hould make it clear now. Dissent in the Congress is also not new as it functioned as an umbrella party providing space for alkinds of opinions. But discussing differences within the party forum and publicly airing grievance are two different things. The generational divide in the Congress goes much beyond and if no corrective measures are taken, it will affect the revival of the party.

Can this issue be resolve? It is indeed tricky, as both camps are not willing to wart. With both Sonia and Rahul helplessly watching the fight and with a leadership crisis plaquing the party, they need some quick and out-of-the-box thinking. As the old guard says, now is the time for introspection and correction. The party should have a conclave like it did in Pachmarhi and Shimia.

Former Minister Salman Khursheed has put the present crisis in perspective. In an article, he sums up. The loss of promising young leaders, irrespective of the reason, is indeed unfortunate and sad. But the young, who feel we, the older generation, are not giving want to leave and those who are determined not to abandon the ship in stormy weather.'

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The erosion has begun in the party like it happened before Sonia took over in 1998. The Gandhis should realise that 2020 is not 1998. Also, the family has proved that they are not vote catchers now. The party needs leadership, direction, revival, a new narrative and unity. Maybe even a non-Gandhi at the helm, soon. But it needs to decide fast as time and tide wait for none.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

IT IS A BIG TRAGEDY. IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POLICE. THAT IS WHY NO ACTION IS BEING TAKEN. -CONGRESS RAJYA SABHA MP





I ASSURE YOU AS THE CHIEF MINISTER THAT NO ONE WILL BE SPARED AND THE GUILTY WILL BE PUNISHED TO ENSURE JUSTICE.

-PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER

# Miles to go in J&K

Politically, the revocation of Articles 35A and 370 marks the fulfilment of the BJP's poll promise but emotional integration may take more time and requires imaginative handling by all stakeholders



PRAMOD JAIN

uring the last on year, Jammu and Kashmir (18K) has seen many far-reaching changes. On August 5, 2019, the Parliament revoked Articles 35A and 370 of the Indian Constitution and reorganised J&K through an Act of Parliament, carpig &K as well as Ladakh as Union Territories (UTs) out of the erstwhile State. The J&K Constitution became infructuous, all Central laws now extend to J&K and many State laws are inoperative. The bicameral legislature and its replacement by a uni-cameral arrangement and reduction in the life of the Assembly from six to five years. There is now only one flag in J&K i.e. the Ticolour-Though politically, the revocation of Articles 35A and 370 marks fulfillment of the JBP's long-held election promise, emotional integration may take more time and requires imaginative and sustained handling by various primary and secondary stakeholders.

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Institution-building for good governance:
Good governance is predicated upon a reasonably tobust institutional framework in terms of both structure and agency. While a lot has been done in terms of the structure, the agency needs due attention, keeping the long-term horizons in view.

J&K never had direct British rule or the Indian Civil Service (ICS). The All India Services (AIS) were extended to it as late as the 1960s and have not yet bloomed in the real sense. Till recently 50 per cent local induction — especially when the State services are themselves recruited on a very narrow, limit-clt-ol/BKD sess — was a regressive policy that has been done away with. For administrative integration and for higher standards of public administration, the UT should have 100 per cent direct recruit AIS officers. Potturately, the IAS, IPS and IPS cadres have been reviewed and are being expanded shortly. There are quite a few bright wo/men in the State services; they need encouragement, exposure and arimine. Post-Police manased to set

Also interes. Fortunately, the IAS, IPS and IPS cadres have been reviewed and are being expanded shortly. There are quite a few bright wo/men in the Slate services; they need encouragement, exposure and training. Post-1990, the IBK Police managed to get enormous authority, manpower, infrastructure and funds. But they need to adequately attend to maintaining law and order, crime management and normal policing. This must be done in a manner that is transparent and ensures public access as well as accountability at various levels of the civil set-up. Civic engagement: To build a progressive and modern UT, the focus must be on strengthening, even re-doing, from the perspective of the user-citizens, the institutions of governance so that they speedly and professionally respond to public issues, people's problems and local needs. Civic engagement and public outreach programmes like Back to Villages', devolution of more powers including control over staff, functions and funds to the elected municipal and panchayat bodies, block development councils (BDCs) of a fare indeed welcome steps. Giving good monthly honoraria to all, having life insurance and providing the protocol equivalence of District Magistrate to all the BDC Chairmen will boost their morale and motivate others to join public life, thereby strengthening the local democratic institutions. However, the new initiatives must be supplemented by a TSAc to Basics Programme in every department, both in the UT secretariat and in the field, so as to attend to the basic trops and the proposal propos



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People as stakeholders: Inclusive development based on civic engagement has to be a genuinely participatory exercise, in which all deligated responsibility is discharged by the elected representatives; all decision-making has to be theirs. The traditional, bureaucratic and technocratic approach, jokingly called you participate, I decide, has to be replaced by a pro-people orientation in the Government machinery, especially in the State Rural Development and panchayati Rai Department and in the Urban Development Department, besides others having a significant public contact.

The newly-empowered Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and municipal bodies must not be seen as the Governments.

Raj Institutions (PRIS) and municipal bodies must not be seen as the Government's departmental appendages or field units, as the officers tend to be seen, but as some area lost of power. Better functioning bodies must be given additional responsibilities and funds so as to build their stake in local area development. A new after warpned grievance redress mechanism (complaints registering methodology) needs to be put in place so that people can raise their voice about all that is unwanted or unacceptable. The old practice of officers holding regular camps in villages and at the telrish feadquarters needs to be strengthened and institutionalised. All vacant seats in panchaysta, BDCs and other bodies must be filled up through any decination. Now that the 73 and 74th constitutional amendments have been extended to J&K, Urniging about positive extended to J&K, Urniging about positive constitutional alinentalisms have been extended to J&K, bringing about positive changes is both imperative and logical. The statutory post of the ombudsman for the PRIs also needs to be filled up early.

Restoring basic services: Connected with the above is the task of restoring basic services like 4G, which will go a long way to assuage the grievances of the younger generation and help businesses. Essential services like high-speed internet, power and water supply must keep pace with the citizens' expectations. While there is a marked improvement in the supply of quality electricity in the twin capitals and major towns, similar improvement is yet to be registered with regard to rural areas. People often complain that every wind and rainstorm leads to a power breakdown. Better power and water supply and other managerial issues must be tackled with the people's participation, taking PRIs on board, with the Drissional Commissioners and District Development Commissioners and District Development Commissioners and participation, the properties of the

playing the key role of coordination and monitoring.

Strengthening the rule of law: The rule of law: a basic ingredient of a democratic system, free society and a market-led economy. It postulates that all citizens are equal before law, none is above the law, none can be condemmed unheard, none can be a judge in his own cause; there would be no arbitrariness in decisions taken by public authorities. The celebrated historian and author, Niall Ferguson, awers that the decline in the rule of law is a major factor contributing to the degena major factor contributing to the deger

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In almost every Asembly session in ISRK, there have been acrimonious debates, inter alia, on the alleged backdoor appointments, political bigwigs being asked to recommend names for selection of candidates, appointments through relaxation of rules and so on. In this backdrop, the rule of law needs to be strengthened and re-established, wherever required, in the day-to-day working of the administration at various levels, and it needs to be visible. The task may require training aft extraining the decision-makers, their intensive monitoring and introduction of checks and balances as well as giving punishments for wrongdoing. It is indeed diferation of nations.

ficult, though not impossible.

Political party devlopment: Though the timing of the electional event is the sole discretion of the Election Commission of India, election to the State Assembly is the logical next sey. Since political parties are a necessary part of the electional parties are a necessary part of the electional parties are a necessary part of the electional hierantion. All parties need also to seriously go in for 'political party develous hierantion. All parties need also to seriously go in for 'political party develous proment.' They should groom ideologues with a gip over the political economy and public policy issues, those who can link up the macro and minican, and devise vision, mission, strategy and plan of action to establish a bottom-up interface with the voters, especially the younger ones.

All parties perhaps need a new pedagogy and communication approach, through social media platforms, emails and text messages. They also need to strengthen the governance institutions because peoples political behaviour is always influenced by the institutions, policial and administrative. Collectively all of them have a responsibility to ensure that democracy delivers, and delivers to the satisfaction of the electroate at large.

Limitation of stereotypes: It has been seen that J&K-related stereotypes don't generally capture the essence of all that is good, bad and ugly, and only tempflent the archetypal discourse fixated on the romantic-emotive. The need of the hour is a broad spectrum of new, bold, long-term and sustainable political parties to resume political activity sooner than later. He is already consolidating on the work done by the Union Ministries and the UT administration but the efforts need to be speeded up and expanded as early as possible. There cannot be a trust deficit for long.

(The writer is a retired IAS officer of the leff Kadar)

# The kingmaker with the heart of a king

Now that Amar Singh is no longer with us, I am sure he will be remembered by the ordinary people as long as they live for his kindness



SANTANU GANGULY

t was August 2018 and I was curating a Bengali Film Festival in Delhi. National Award-winning actress Rituparna Sengupta was one of the guests at the festival. While heading towards her hotel from the airport, she told me, "I have invited Amar Singh for the opening ceremony."

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So I conveyed the message to the organisers. But to my surprise, they informed me that the Samajwadi Party leader and Rajaya Sabha member could not be accommodated as the festival got support from the Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal. The Chief Minister's Office had clearly mentioned that as per established protocol, no other political control of the protocol of the prot

ical persona from any other political party could be present at the function. It was a very peculiar situation and the organisers were very tense as they did not want to offend the Chief Minister.

did not want to offend the Chief Minister.

So, the moment Amar Singh arrived, I took him to the conference room, since the opening ceremony was yet to begin. I made him comfortable, gaw him a cup of tea and set up an interview with Doordarshan My intention was to let the Chief Minister arrive and take his seat on the stage before seating Amar Singh in the front row among the audience. Those moments spent with Amar Singh, while waiting for Arvind Kejirwal to arrive, turned out to be very memorable. I got the opportunity to talk to the vetera poplitican, industrialist, the close friend of Indian politics over tea for about half an hour. I call him kingmaker, because of the way he saved the Manmohan Singh Government in a floor test in Parliament. Even his



harshest critics will have to agree that he had been blessed with exceptionne nad been blessed with exceptional floor management skills in Parliament.

Parliament.
During our chat, I was amazed to hear him speak fluent Bengali. Then he claimed himself to be a Bengali at heart and began talking about his school and college days in Kolkata, the time, the memories, the culture, the people and, of course, the politics

It was then that I reminded him of his great contribution to the Cinefan: Asian Film Festival, 2003.

This was before Cinefan was merged with Osian's. Aruna Vasudev had a hard time organising the festival as she got very nominal Government and corporate support. So she had approached Amar Singh on the recommendation of Vasant Sathe. At that time, Amar Singh gave us the ₹1 lakh we needed as the cash award for the Best Film voted by the audience. That was received by veteran film-maker Goutam Ghose, for his Beagil film Abar Aranye (In the forest, again). As Amar Singh was very busy with some political engagement, he requested Vasant Sathe to present the award.

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After listening to my tale, Amar Singh just smiled and said, "You know the ordinary people and the poor people always gratefully remem-ber whatever little I have done for them. It has happened many times that during my visit to my constituen-cy, many people come along with their children and ask them to touch my feet. They tell their children that The is your grandfather. He did our Kanyadaan. Without his help our

marriage would not have been possible. Frankly speaking I don't even remember the occasion or I personally don't recall all the people, but they remember my help. I think my purpose in life is solved." After a small pause, he continued, "But whatever I have done for rich people... no one ever thinks about those efforts." I could see the sadness on Amar Singh's face when he said that.

During the course of our conversation, I discovered that he was an avid reader and had an amazing collection of books in his personal library. After learning this fact, I requested him to visit the book store next door before going to the auditorium. He readily agreed and chose a good amount of books, mostly on history and politics. The store employees panicked as they did not have the facility to take payments through a credit or debit card and the bill was a whopping '20,000. Unfazed by this, Amar Singh just murmured 'Oh! That's not a big amount,' and dook out the money from the pocket of his kurta and gave it to them.

Meanwhile, Kejriwal arrived and the opening ceremony of the film festival began. So we proceeded inside the auditorium. Amar Singh got his designated seat and everything went smoothly.

After the ceremony, when Kejriwal got off the stage to leave, Amar Singh just got up and with folded hands said to him in Hindi, "Kyun, nehi pehchane ji? (Didn't you recognise me?)" Kejriwal, with his popular and charming smile, quickly held Amar Singh's hands and exchanged greetings very cordially.

Anyway, at the end of the day, all of us were discussing Amar Singh's sad acknowledgement of the fact that the ordinary people remembered

sad acknowledgement of the fact that the ordinary people remembered his good deeds but the rich never remembered his kindness. Somehow, to this day, I can't forget the sad, hurt face of Amar Singh. Now that he is no longer with us, I am sure he will be remembered by the ordinary people as long as they live.

(The author is a Delhi-based film festival curator, director, producer and freelance writer)





GIVING WINGS TO CREATIVITY

The Coronavirus pandemic has reconfigured the home as a site of creativity, one glimpsed through webcams and headphones. The format will surely vanish when arts venues reopen around the world. But for some women musicians this year, before and during the lockdown, the domestic space has offered artistic liberation at odds with the home's reputation as a place of constraint for women.

(The Guardian editorial)

**AFGHAN PRISON ATTACK -**

## **Kerala doctor among ISIS suicide bombers**

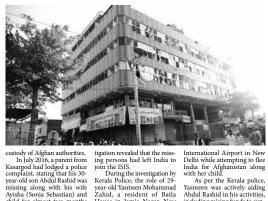
Kabul/New Delhi: Of the 11 ISIS suicide bombers involved in the Afghanistan prison break terror attack that left 39 people dead on Monday, one was a doctor from Kerala. Official sources told IANS that the ISIS suicide bomber has been identified as

that the ISIS suicide bomber has been identified as Kallukettipa Purayil IJas, a physician and resident of Kasargod in Kerala.

On Sunday evening as per official sources in Kabul, 11 ISIS terrorists stormed the Jalalabad prison to break free their cadres, killing 39 people. In a fierce gun-battle which lasted for almost 24 hours, the Afghan security forces killed all the 11 attackers.

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Aggnan security orces kined an in the 11 attackers. I also, a ccording to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) which has been investigating his case, went to Afghanistan to join the Islamic State's Khorasan Province branch of Daesh, the global Islamist terror group, in 2016. As per the NIA chargesheet in the case, Jias had gone to Afghanistan along with his pregnant wife Reffeala. While Jias at the time was 33 years old, his wife was 26. Sources said Reffeala and their child are in the



custody of Afghan authorities. In July 2016, a parent from Kasargod had lodged a police complaint, stating that his 30- year-old son Abdul Rashid was missing along with his wife Ayisha (Sonia Sebastian) and child for almost two months after they had gone to Mumbai. Around the same time, 14 other cases of missing people, including Jias, were registered by their parents and relatives in the police station of the same area. Preliminary inves-

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tigation revealed that the missing persons had left India to join the ISIS.

During the investigation by Kerala Police, the role of 29-year-old Yasmeen Mohammad Zahid, a resident of Batla House in Jamia Nagar, New Delhi, but originally from Sitamarhi district in Bihar, as a co-conspirator of Abdul Rashid was revealed.

She was arrested on August

Abdul Rashid in his activities, including raising funds to support the ISIS. The case was handed over to the NIA after she was arrested.

The NIA investigation revealed that Yasmeen "was highly influenced and radicalised with the pro-jihadi was revealed.

She was arrested on August
1, 2016, after she got intercepted at the Indira Gandhi

ideology" and recruited the main accused Abdul Rashid, the "compelled her husband to divorce her and upon her compulsion, her husband prevonunced third talaq in the month of Ramadan, 2015. Immediately after the third talaq, she had left her place of work at Kollam and gone the house of liga at Kasargod for attending the secret, prostilist classes conducted by Abdul Rashid," the NIA Largesheet said.

The NIA investigation revealed that Abdul Rashid, "Asmeen and others were involved in activities to further the objectives of the ISIS in Kerala and other places of India, Fifteen people, including lash afted from Kerala to join the terror group in Nangarhar, Town, and the province in Afghantsan. Though the NATO and Afghan forces claim to have killed most in the terror group in Nangarhar, sources said many escaped from the area unscathed. In the Largesheet, the NIA listed light, a training the section of the province in Afghantsan. Though the NATO and Afghan forces claim to have killed most to the city is the province in Afghantsan. Though the NATO and Afghan forces claim to have killed most to the city is the province in the province in

#### UK lawmakers urge sanctions over Hong Kong police violence



"clearly a systematic and quite deliberate" change that aligned more with policing in mainland China.

#### Lankans to vote in parliamentary election today

Colombo: Sri Lankans will vote in the twice-postponed parlia-mentary election on Wednesday with the powerful Rajapaksa

with the powerful Rajapaksá family-run party expected to gain control of the assembly that could allow them to amend the Constitution to restore presidential powers.

Over 16 million people are eligible to vote to elect 196 out of a total of 225 lawmakers for the next five years. Twenty-nine others will be named from a national list according to the number of votes received by each party.

deliberate" change that aligned more with policing in mainfand China.

The report's authors said they drew their conclusions after receiving over 1,000 pieces of written evidence and hearing many firsthand experiences from witnesses.

It called for Britain to urgently impose sanctions on Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam and the city's police commissioner.

The semi-autonomous city has seen its most violent antigovernment protests in the past year, as demonstrations against a proposed law that would allow suspects to be extradited to China grew into a much wider protest movement.

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#### China accuses US of 'outright bullying' over Tiktok

Beijing: China accused the United States on Tuesday of bullying" over popular video app TikTok, after President Donald Trump ramped up pressure for its US operations to be sold to an American com-

to be sold to an American company.

In the latest diplomatic spat between the world's two biggest economies. Beijing hit back after Trump gave Tik Tok six weeks to arrange a sale of its US operations — and said that his government wanted a financial benefit from the deal. This goes against the principles of the market economy and the (World Trade Organizations) principles of openness, transparency and

openness, transparency and non-discrimination," said foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin.

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The app has been under formal investigation on US national security grounds, and Trump said that Microsoft was

in talks to buy TikTok. He has given ByteDance until mid-September to strike a deal, a tactic that is almost unheard of.

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"It's got to be an American company... it's got to be owned here," Trump said on Monday. "We don't want to have any problem with security."

The US and China have clashed over various fronts recently, essentially barring Chinese telecoms company Huawel from the US market and waging a global campaign to isolate the company over national security concerns.

Beijing slammed the latest move as "political manipulation." Wang told a regular pressore priefing Tuesday: "The US, without providing any evidence, has been using an abused concept of national security... unjustifiably suppressing certain non-US companies."

#### Malaysia police raid Al Jazeera's office. seize 2 computers

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News broadcaster Al Jazeera said Malaysian police raided its Kuala Lumpur office Tuesday, calling it a "trou-bling escalation" in a govern-ment crackdown on media

Police opened an investi Police opened an investi-gation last month into an Al Jazeera documentary on the treatment of undocumented migrants after officials com-plained it was inaccurate and biased. Seven Al Jazeera staff

bained. Seven Al Jazeera staff members have been grilled by police as part of the probe for alleged sedition, defamation and violating the Communications and Multimedia Act. Al Jazeera, a Qatari-state owned broadcaster, said in a statement that police seized two computers during Tuesday's raid, which it called "an attack on press freedom as a whole." It urged Malaysian authorities to cease the crim-inal investigation.

#### Pak court appoints 3 senior lawyers as amici curiae in Jadhav's case

Islamabad: A top Pakistani court has named three senior

Islambad: A top Pakistani court has named three senior lawyers as amici curiae in the case of Kulbhushan Jadhaw as it ordered the Pakistan government to give "another chance" to India to appoint a counsel for the death rown prisoner.

Jadhaw, the 50-year-old retired Indian Navy officer, was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on charges of espionage and terrorism in April 2017.

India approached the International Court of Justice against Pakistan for denial of consular access to Jadhaw and challenging the death sentence.

The Hague-based ICI ruled in July 2019 that Pakistan must undertake an "effective review and reconsideration" of the conviction and sentence of Jadhaw and also to grant consular access to India without further delay.

A two-member bench of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) comprising Chief Justice

Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb appointed the three lawyers on Monday as it held a hearing of the petition filed by the Pakistan government to appoint a lawyer for Jadhav.

Amicus Curiae is a lawyer appointed by a court to assist in any matter or case.

The court also ordered a larger bench to be set up for the case. It also directed the registrar of the court to fix the proceedings at 2 pm on September.

trar of the court to fix the pro-ceedings at 2 pm on September 3 before a larger bench. "We appoint Mr Abid Hassan Manto, Mr Hamid Khan, Senior Advocates of the Supreme Court and former presidents of the Supreme Court Bar Association, and Mr Presidents of the Supreme Court
Bar Association, and Mr
Makhdoom Ali Khan, Senior
Advocate Supreme Court and
former Attorney General of
Pakistan, as amici curiae for our Pakistan, as amici curiae for our legal assistance in general and, in particular, to ensure that the judgement of the International Court is effectively implement-

ed," the court said in its order.

The Pakistan government in its petition has claimed that Jadhav refused to file a review petition or an application to reconsider the verdict against him by the military court.

"We feel that in order to ensure the effectiveness of the

"We feel that in order to ensure the effectiveness of the review and reconsideration of the conviction and sentence of Commander Jadhav, a reason-able opportunity ought to be extended to the latter and the Government of India to arrange legal representation and to file a petition.

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"We, therefore, at this stage restrain ourselves from appointing a counsel on behalf of Commander Jadhav and advise the Government of Pakistan to extend an opportunity to Jadhav and the Government of India for arranging legal representation in terms of Article 32(1)(c) of the Convention and in accorthe Convention and in accordance with the applicable laws," the court order said.

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#### UK suspends digital visa processing tool amid allegations of racism

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London: The UK government
on Tuesdays and that it will be
suspending the use of a digital
tool to process visas amid a legal
challenge that claimed it
amounted to "racism" as the
computer algorithm discriminated against applicants on the
basis of nationality by design.

The Joint Council for the
Welfare of Immigrants (CWI)
and digital rights group
Foxglove, which had initiated
the Judicial Review challenge
against the system in the High
Court in London in June, celberated the suspension of the
artificial intelligence (Al) based
Streaming Tool, which will
take effect from Friday.

"We have been reviewing
how the visa application
streaming tool operates and
will be redesigning our processto make them even more
streamlined and secure," a UK
Home Office sondesperson

"We do not accept the allegations Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants made in their Judicial Review claim and whilst litigation is still ongoing it would not be appropriate for the department to comment any further," the spokesperson said.

From Friday, the current Streaming Tool will no longer be used, with a redesign expected to be in place in a few months' time by autumn.

In the interim period, the Home Office said the streaming or sifting of the "overwhelming or siften of the "overwhelming and pirity" of visa applications will take place by reference to person-centric attributes, such as evidence of previous travel, and nationality will not be taken into account.

The Streaming Tool is said to have used a traffic-light system to grade every eighty system

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#### Netanyahu warns Hezbollah after Israeli strike in Syria

Israeli strike in Syria

Jerusalem: Israeli Prime
Minister Benjamin Netanyahu
on Tuesday warned the
Lehanese militart Hezbollah
group and others after Israeli
torces said they thwarted an
infiltration attempt from Syria
by suspected militants.

The Israeli military
announced late Monday that:
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after the militants tried to
plant explosives in the Israelicontrolled Golan Heights.

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Man beaten with bats over face mask dispute in Paris suburb

A resident of a Paris suburb says he was beaten with baseball bats because he asked a fellow laundromat patron to wear a face mask – a requirement in all indoor public places in France to fight resurgent coronavirus infections.

Surveillance video of the attack published Tuesday b Le Parisien newspaper shows two people with bats and two others attacking a masked man inside the laundry facility then fleeing, leaving him face down on the floor.

The victim, identified only

on the floor.

The victim, identified only as Augustin, told BFM television that he was beaten because he had asked one of the attackers to don a mask when he entered the laundromat in the town of Soisy-sous-Montmorency north of Paris.

#### Virus created largest disruption of education in history, affecting 1.6 bn students, says Guterres

United Nations: The COVID-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption of education in history, affecting nearly 1.6 billion students in all countries and continents and an addiand continents and an addi-tional 23.8 million children and youth could drop out or not have access to school next year due to the pandemic's economic impact alone, the UN Secretary General's poli-cy brief on education said. "Education is the last to

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"Education is the key to
personal development and the
future of societies. It unlocks
opportunities and narrows
inequalities. It is the bedrock
of informed, tolerant sociof informed, tolerant societies, and a primary driver of sustainable development. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the largest disruption of education ever," Secretary General Antonio Guterres said

his policy brief on 'Education and COVID19' on Tuesday. He said that in mid-luys schools were closed in more than 160 countries, affecting over 1 billion students and at least 40 million children worldwide have missed out on education in their critical preschool year.

The policy brief said that the pandemic has exacerbated education disparities and learning losses due to prolonged school closures threaten to erase progress made in recent decades, not least for girls and young women.

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Beijing: China and the World Health Organisation are discussing plans to trace the origin of the coronavirus outbreak of lolwing a visit to the country by two experts from the UN Agency, the foreign ministry said on Tuesday.

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## **Sensex snaps 4-day losing** streak with 748-point leap

#### RIL. HDFC BANK LEAD CHARGE

Equity benchmarks made an Equity benchmarks made an emphatic comeback on Tuesday after four straight sessions of losses as market heavy-weights Reliance Industries and HIDFC Bank saw robust buying amid firm global cues. The BSE Sensex soared 748.31 points or 2.03 per cent to close at 37.687.91, while the NSE Nifty rallied 203.65 points or 1.87 per cent to 11,095.25. Reliance Industries was the top gainer in the Sensex pack,

top gainer in the Sensex pack, surging 7.10 per cent, after reports said the company was close to inking a deal to acquire the retail assets of Future

Group.

HDFC Bank jumped 3.94
per cent after the RBI approved
the appointment of insider
Sashidhar Jagdishan as the next

MD and CEO of the bank. He will take over from Aditya Puri in October this year.
Maruti, Axis Bank, HDFC, ICICI Bank and Baja Jinance also finished with gains.
On the other hand, Tech
Mahindra, Indusind Bank,
HCI. Tech, Ultra Tech Cement and Infosys were among the laggards, shedding up to 2.75 per cent.

per cent.

According to traders, stock-specific action in indexheavyweights drove the markets higher.

Further, strong foreign fund inflows and positive cues from global markets cheered investors.

Exchange data showed that foreign institutional investors purchased acceptance. foreign institutional investors purchased equities worth ₹ 7,818.49 crore on a net basis on Monday. "Reliance led the day's show for the bulls and we saw support in late afternoon trade from key pivotals like HDFC Bank and Maruti as Mcap to GDP rose to around 78 per cent.

"Key highlight of today's "Key highlight of todays' trade was good participation in the broader market with smart money finding its way into select midcaps across sectors," said S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP Securities.

Research at LKP Securities.

BSE energy, finance, realty, bankex, auto, healthcare
and metal indices rallied up to
5.60 per cent, while IT and teck
ended in the red.
Broader BSE mid-cap and
small-cap indices jumped up to
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small-cap indices jumped up to 1.23 per cent. Asian markets closed higher, tracking gains in Wall street following better US man-ufacturing data. Stock exchanges in Europe were also trading on a positi note in early deals as investo shrugged off escalating U China tensions and rising cor

rus cases. Global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 1.61 per cent lower at USD 43.44 per barrel.

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# rising risk for Indian ABS, says Moody's

The fallout of the coron-avirus pandemic is raising risks for Indian asset-backed securities, rating agency Moody's Investors Service said on Tuesday. However, the agency said that recent struc-tural changes and the credit enhancement build-up has par-tially offset the growing credit challenges. The high take-up of coro-navirus-related payment mora-

"The high take-up of coro-navirus-related payment mora-toriums and the economic downturn triggered by the pandemic are disrupting the cash flow of ABS transactions and as a result, are raising liq-uidity risks," Dipanshu Rustagi, a Moody's Assistant Vice President and Analyst, said in a statement.

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Accordingly, for Indian auto ABS that Moody's rates, and are mostly backed by commercial vehicles, 70-100

currently on payment morato-riums, as are 55-65 per cent of loans in Indian micro, small and midsize enterprise (MSME) loan ABS.

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"Meanwhile, the economic downturn is increasing risks for borrowers and consequently likely to trigger a deterioration in asset quality at least through the remainder of the year," Rustagi said.

Specifically, slowing growth is dampening demand for freight transport for commercial vehicle operators, while also weighing on the earnings and profitability of most MSMEs. As per the statement, a further risk lies in the financial deterioration evident at many Indian financial institutions that sponsor ABS designations that control in the proposed of the proposed o

#### | Coronavirus fallout a | Minimum ₹500 cr net worth must for licence to sell petrol, diesel to retail, bulk users

The Government on Tuesday asid any entity with a net worth of at least \$500 crore is eligible for obtaining the liberalised licence to sell petrol and diesel to retail and bulk consumers.

Clarifying on the November 2019 liberalised fuel November 2019 liberalised fuel licensing regime, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gasaid any entity with a net worth of ₹250 crore can get a licence to retail petrol and diesel to either bulk or retail consumers. For those seeking authorisation for both retail and bulk should have a minimum net worth of ₹500 crore at the time of application, it said in a statement.

Last year, the Government

Last year, the Government Last year, the Government had relaxed norms for retailing of auto fuels, allowing non-oil companies to venture into the business — a move that could help private and foreign firms to enter the world's fastest-growing market.

Prior to that, a company had to invest ₹2,000 crore in

either hydrocarbon exploration and production, refining, pipelines or liquefied natural as (LING) terminals to obtain a fuel retailing licence in India. In the statement, the ministry said the government had on November 8, 2019, notified simplified guidelines for grant of authorisation for bulk and retail marketing of motor spirit (petrol) and high-speed diesel (diesel). "The simplified guidelines aim at increasing private sector participation in the marketing of petrol and diesel," it said. "An entity desirous of seeking

of petrol and diesel; it said. An interior for both retail and petrol and the seeking authorisation for either retail or bulk must have a minimum net worth of ₹250 crore at the time of making an application — ₹500 crore in case of authorisation for both retail and bulk."

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Applications, it said, may
be submitted in the prescribed
form directly to the ministry.
"For retail authorisation,
the entity is required to set up
at least 100 retail outlets," the
statement said adding that the
new policy has opened up the
marketing sector of petroleum

products by removing the strict conditions applicable earlier. The other requirements as per the November 2019 notification include the need for companies to install facilities for marketing of at least one new generation alternative fuel, such as CNG, LNG and biofuels, or electric vehicle charging within three years of the start of operations.

The retailers will necessarily have to set up five per cent of the total outlets in rural areas within five years.

The new policy liberalisses fuel retailing by increasing private sector participation, including foreign players. "It will also encourage dispensing of alternate fuels and augmentation of retail network in remote areas and ensure high-relevels of customer service," the statement added.

The Central Government had last set fuel marketing conditions in 2002 and the November 2019 change was based on the recommendation of a high-level expert committee.

#### GDP seen contracting, NITI Aayog suggests ways to boost demand

With the economy going through a slowdown, the NITI Aayog is of the view that India's GDP may contract around 5.1 per cent in the current fiscal. rent fiscal.

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In a recent presentation to
Prime Minister Narendra Modi
and the Finance Ministry, it has
suggested ways to boost
demand, specifically in the key
sectors of automobiles and real

CIL's fuel allocation

under spot e-auction

CIL's coal allocation under

Spot e-auction scheme registered 7.1 per cent decline to 6.89 million tonne in April-June this fiscal, in the wake of

June this fiscal, in the wake of slump in fuel demand due to Covid-19 induced lockdown. Coal India Ltd (CIL) had allocated 7.42 million tonne (MT) of coal in the year-ago period, according to Government data.

Government data.

However, the coal
allocated by the PSU in June
increased to 3.68
MT, compared to 2.07 MT
in the corresponding month of
2019-20, it said.

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20 al distribution through e-auction was introduced with a view to provide access to coal for such buyers who are not able to source the dry fuel through the available institutional mechanism, as per the information available on CIL website.

The purpose of e-auction is to provide equal opportunity to all intending buyers for purchasing coal through single window service.

Coal India accounts for over 80 per cent of domestic coal output.

spot e-auction scheme had declined to 29.83 MT in 2019-2020, over 34.34 MT allocated in 2018-19.

l output. CIL's coal allocation under

scheme drops by

7% in April-June

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As per NITI Aayog, the long-awaited scrappage policy should be brought in to help the automobile sector. It has also recommended removal of cess on automobiles.

In a bid to revive demand in the really sector, it has suggested reinstatement of the subvention scheme which was disallowed last year.

Further, the think tank has also recommended Government spending as private expenditure and invest-

produces 2.19

Mn tone Iron

Ore 1n July
Hyderabad: NMDC Limited
produced 2.19 Million tonnes
and sold 2.57 million tonnes
inon ore in July. "During this
period, despite the current
uncertain situation due to
Covid-19, NMDC has been
able to achieve excellent physical performance through its
continual push towards higher volumes which saw production of 2.19 MT and sales 2.57
MT that grew by 13 per cent
and 7% over the corresponding
period last year, respectively," a
press release from the country
largest iron ore miner said on
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largest fron ofe miner sau on Tue-Sumit Deb, Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NMDC said the last few months have been quite chal-lenging for the entire industry due to the COVID-19 pan-demic situation impacting the performance of all major pro-ducers. "However this chal-lenge was treated as an oppor-tunity by us to accelerate our efforts towards stabilizing the production and continuously improving our production processes. Going forward NMDC will strive to maximize cost efficiencies to improve its

ore in July

NMDC

ment is likely to take a backseat in the current scenario

ment is likely to take a backseat in the current scenario. NITI Aayog, in its presen-tation, also noted that manu-facturing sector growth and capacity utilisation was severe-ly low even before the nation-wide lockdown was imple-

mented.

Among several other recommendations, the think tank also recently suggested the creation of a Dak Bank -- postal bank -- by merging the regional rural banks, among other

IANS III NEW DELHI

The coronavirus-induced reconomic turbulence has subdued India's Q1FY21 securitisation volumes substantial to 7.500 crore, said domestic credit rating agency ICRA. On a year-on-year basis, the Q1FY21 volumes fell from 750,300 crore in Q1FY 2020. Such a drop in the volumes, is primarily attributable to the disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, said the rating agency.

"The nationwide lockdown severely impacted the income generation capability of large number of borrowers. This made the investors vary of investing in fresh securitisation transactions given the possible deterioration in the loan repaying capability of retail borrowers, ICRA said in a statement. "The RBI's loan moratori-un policy, though provider relief to retail borrowers, which we have the said of the retail or the provider relief to retail borrowers, was detrimental to securitisation market as investors stayed away from pools with irregular cash flows in the initial months."

Furthermore, the rating

It has also suggested easier norms for granting bank

recommendations to the gov-ernment. The NITI Aayog has suggested the over 1.5 lakh post offices in the country should be made outlets for the proposed Dak Bank, sources said. Further, it has also sug-gested easier norms for grant-

ing bank licenses. In anothe ing dank licenses. In another major recommendation, it has suggested privatisation of three banks - Punjab & Sind Bank, UCO Bank and the Bank of Maharashtra, said people in the know.

agency said that funding

requirements for non-banking financial companies' and hous-ing finance companies' also declined during this quarter due to lower demand from the

declined during this quarter due to lower demand from the borrowers and the increased focus of the on collections rather than disbursements. "Though the securitisation volumes were significantly lower during Q1FY2021, the market saw an uptick in volumes in June 2020. More than two-third of the total volumes in Q1FY2021 were completed in June 2020. "Abhishek Dafria, Vice President and Head - Structured Finance Ratings at ICRA said in the statement." We expect the overall volumes in Q1FY2021 were completed in June 2020. "Abhishek Dafria, Vice President and Head - Structured Finance at June 2020. "Abhishek Dafria, Vice President and Head - Structured Finance as all volumes to see further increase in the coming quarters supported by the improvement in collections being seen across asset classes that would restore investor confidence. The traction will also be a upported by NBFCs who have already recommenced disbursements, albeit lower a mounts at present, and would utilize securitisation of their pooled assets as a fundine tool.

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#### Worst seems to be over, farm sector to cushion Covid impact on economy: FinMin report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The worst seems to be over and the agriculture sector will provide a cushion for the coronavirus-hit economy this fiscal as there are prospects of good monsoon, finance min-istry said in a report on Tuesday

Tuesday.
India is well on the path of recovery from a trough in April, ably supported by proactive Government and Central Bank policies, the Macroeconomic Report for July, released by the Economic Affairs Department said

Macroeconomic Report for July, released by the Economic Affairs Department said.

"With India unlocking, the worst seems to be over for the economy as high-frequency indicators recovered in June 2020 from unprecedented troughs in April; however, risks on account of rising COVID-19 cases and intermittent State lockdowns remain," it said.

It further noted that the rise in Covid-19 cases and subsequent intermittent lockdowns make the recovery prospects fragile and called for constant and dynamic monitoring. Pinning hopes on the farm sector, the report said, agriculture is set to cushion the shock of the Covid pandemic on the Indian economy in

agriculture is set to usual in the solic of the Covid pandemic on the Indian economy in 2020-21. "With the forecast of a normal monsoon at 102 per ent of long-period average (LPA), agriculture, which contributes about 15 per cent of total gross value added, is set to cushion the shock of COVID pandemic on the Indian economy in 2020-21," it said.

Timely and proactive exemptions from COVID-induced lockdowns to the sector facilitated uninterrupted harvesting of rabit crops and enhanced sowing of kharif crops, it said, adding, a record procurement of wheat has enabled a flow of around X 55,000 crore to the farmers

sumption in rural areas.
"Since September, 2019,
the terms of trade has moved
in favour of agriculture and has
reinforced rural demand. This has manifested in an increase

has manifested in an increase in rural core inflation between March and June 2020. As a result, the push for growth in coming months appears to be pitched in rural India," it said. Pointing at the recent landmark reforms announced in agricultural sector, it said the deregulated and liberalized the agricultural sector, further, empower the farmers to become a bigger and more stable participant in India's growth journey. Talking about some parameters showing improvement, the report said, contraction in industrial activity, measured by Index of Industrial

tion in industrial activity, measured by Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and eight of May as compared to April. Industrial output increased across all sectors and sub-sectors within IIP in May as against April. Signs of further recovery were witnessed in June with India's Manufacturing PMI improving from 30.8 in May 2020 to 47.2 in June 2020 with output and new orders con-

output and new orders contracting at much softer rates than seen in April and May, it said. Services PMI recovered from 12.6 in May 2020 to 33.7 in June 2020, owing to some in June 2020, owing to some stabilization in output levels with around 59 per cent of firms reporting no change in output, 4 per cent reporting growth and 37 per cent reporting reduction since May, it added. There was also an uptick in infrastructure and construction activities in the unlocking phase, it said, adding, contraction in production of finished domestic steel recovered from 41 per cent in May to 31.1 per cent in cent in May to 31.1 per cent in June 2020.

#### Maruti Suzuki's Nexa 3rd largest retailer of passenger cars

Maruti Suzuki's premium retail brand Nexa has become the third largest retailer of passenger cars in the country and currently has a market share of 11 per cent, according to a senior executive. Nexa contributes more than 20 per cent of Maruti Suzuki's annual volumes, grossing over 30,000 units per month even in this downturn. "Today, Nexa is the third largest retail automobile channel with a market share of 10-11 per cent.

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At present, Nexa con-tributes close to 20 per cent of our overall sales. With Nexa, we are able to attract modern urban consumers, "Maruti Suzuki Executive Director for Marketing and Sales Shashank Srivastava told PTI. Maruti Suzuki has a51 per cent share in the domestic passenger car market. Since the launch with the sole brand S-Cross, Nexa now sells five premium mod-els of Maruti.

Nexa started operations in July 2015.

In October 2016, it rolled in the Baleno, the premium mini SUV, which was followed mini SUV, which was followed by Ignis, a hatchback in January 2017. In April 2017, it launched the premium sedan Ciaz, and in August 2019 the XL6, a crossover MPV, was rolled out.

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At present, there are 370 Nexa showrooms acros 200 cities. "Nexa marks the first initiative by a car maker here to go beyond selling cars by creating a new format of retail experience.

In these five years, Nexa, with its intelligent brand associations and unique customer experiences, has delighted over 1.1 million customers as it completed five years in July," Srivastava said.

In just four years and two months, the brand grossed up m million customers in September 2019 and by July 2020, added 1 lakh more customers to take the total customer family to 1.1 million.

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is here by informed that one person Name: Sunil Chawla, S/o Ram Kishan Chawla, R/o B 272 Majlis Park, Gali No. 3, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi, Age: 42 years, Height 55", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Strong, Wearing: Black T-shirt & Pant has been missing since 27.07.2020.

In this regard a DD No. 105A dated 27.07.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

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#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY**



General public is here by informed that one Boy Name: Monty, S/o: Puran Chand, R/o: E-171, J.J. Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi. Age: 14 years, Height: 3'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long with zigzag teeth, Identification: Tattoo of "Monty" and "E-171 Shakurpur, Delhi" on right hand, **Wearing:**Unknown, has been missing since 02.10.2018 from the area of P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 150/19. U/s 363 IPC dated 14.05.2019 has in this regals a rink to . 156/19, up 35 35 in C dated 14,05,2019 has been lodged at R.S. Subhash Place, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Boy but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this Boy kindly inform

to the following. E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi, P.S. Subhash Place, Jerlin.
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## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 28.07.2020 at Halderpur regard DD No. 11A dated 28.07.2020 has been lodged at Police Station, K.N. Katju

Marg. Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved at BSA Hospital Mortuary, Identification of unidentified dead body of

Name: Unknown, Age: 30-35 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Multi Color Check Shirt, Grey Color Pant.

General public is hereby informed that a Water Treatment Plant, Delhi, In this

If anyone have any information or clue about this m deceased may kindly be inform undersigned

> Police Station, K.N. Katij Mark. Delhi Ph.: 011-27571162, 8750870327

#### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Plank Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Indice.

Alialed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general thas taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of pow her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Elank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Bharat Bhushan Arora/ Hans Bala Arora/ LBDEL00001902250	D-54, Entire First Floor, Saket, New Delhi/ July 29, 2020	November 30, 2019 Rs.37,57,842/-	Delhi/ Nor
2.	Chander Wadhwa/ Vandana Wadhwa/ LBDEL00000796874	Plot No E- 022, Second Floor, Preet Vihar, New Delhi/ July 29, 2020	January 30, 2020 Rs.13,94,722/-	Delhi/ Nor
3.	Om Prakash Kukreja/ Pushpa Rani/ LBFDB00001153128	Shop No. G-19, W-2, Vaishali, Sec-1, Ghaziabad. (Admeasuring An Area of 624 Sq Ft Super Area Enclosed Space Alory With Additional 905 Sq Ft Super Area Open Space Surrounding This Unit./ July 29, 2020	January 30, 2020 Rs.12,24,774/-	Delhi/ Nor
4.	Sandeep Bhatnagar/ Jyoti Bhatnagar/ LBNOD00001930242	"Apartment No. 1903, Tower- 10, "Lotus Boulevard", Situated At Plot No. Gh- 003, Sector 100, Noida"/ July 30, 2020	July 31, 2018 Rs.14,26,141/-	Delhi/ Nor
5.	Mintu Bhalla/ Aarti Bhalla/ LBNOD00001673477	Plot No-26 Block- A Sector-47 Gautarn Budh Nagar Noida Uttar Pradesh/ July 30, 2020	December 31, 2019 Rs,7,84,924/-	Delhi/ Nor
6.	K Sanjeev Kumar/ Sonia John/ LBBBS00004120390	Freehold Built UP Entire Fourth Floor With Roof Rights Of Property No. B-24 With One Car Parking Space On Stift Floor, Bagdolla Dwarka Sector 8, New Delhi/ July 30, 2020	October 31, 2019 Rs.70,93,088/-	Delhi/ Nor

nortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publica royisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

The final dates for the Common Law Admission Test 2020 (CLAT) have been declared and will be conducted on August 22, 2020. The exam is an aptitude-based exam where the intent is to test the student's interest towards law and not their knowledge of law. A degree in law has got huge popularity since many decades, and the reason which makes it a favourable choice for stu-

many decades, and the reason which makes it a favourable choice for students is primarily that the course is neutral to all the streams whether commerce or engineering. Further, it has huge scope in terms of career and respect in the society.

Keeping this intent in mind, the CLAT consortium has come up with a new pattern wherein they also plan to extensively test the student's reading and comprehending skills as they feel that these skills are imperative for the budding law aspirants. Hence, the approach that was best suited for the budding law aspirants. Hence, the approach that was best suited for the budding law aspirants. Hence, the approach that was best suited for the budding law aspirants. Hence, the approach that was best suited for Armonic Market and the state of the same for CLAT 2020.

CLAT comprises five sections, namely English Language, Current Affairs, including General Knowledge, Legal Reasoning, Logical Reasoning and Quantitative Techniques, each section requiring a different approach. However, one thing that stays uniform throughout the five sections is your Reading and Comprehension skills.

Section wise strategy
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It is recommended that one
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Read editorials and newspapers daily
and focus more on burning Socio
Legal issues among other things
from reputed media houses. If that
is something you have not been
doing already, it is recommended to
create a depository of the important
editorial articles from the last one
year and go through them thoroughly. It will definitely help you at
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There'll be a lot of passages this year, (up to 450 words each) so one must develop a habit of sitting, reading and solving problems for more than 2 hours at a stretch. Go through the sample papers and analyse the type of questions that are asked in these exams. Also don't foranalyse the type of questions that are asked in these exams. Also don't forget to go through the previous year papers. Though there is a new pattern this year, the previous years question papers will help you understand the basic concepts and the approach to such an exam. This has also been relietrated by the CLAT consortium their conflications/tweets.

Current affairs: As per the CLAT website, the passages will be derived from news, journalistic sources and other non-fiction writing. The questions may include an examination of knowledge discussed in or related to the passage,



but would not require any additional knowledge of the law beyond the passage. To understand the topics and kinds of questions important for the exams, one should go through the previous year papers. Identify the topics on which questions are asken Read editorials/opinions on burning socio-legal news that took place between May 2019 to present.

■ English language: Practise reading comprehensions on a daily basis and make sure you are used to solving reading comprehension question questions.

and make sure you are used to solving reading comprehension questions at a stretch because you'll have to do the same while appearing for the exam. Practise solving Reading Comprehension on screen to replicate the experience that you'll face in the exam.

Quantitative techniques: As per the official website, "Quantitative Techniques section of the UG-CLAT 2020 will include short sets of facts or propositions, eraphs, or other tex-

or propositions, graphs, or other tex-tual, pictorial or diagrammatic rep-resentations of numerical informa-tion, followed by a series of ques-tions." The best way to solve this sec-

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Tactics, the better you in get.

Logical reasoning: One should expect Verbal Reasoning questions dominating the section. As per the official website there'll be multiple short paragraphs based on which questions would be asked. If you are good at critical reasoning, you'll have a great advantage.

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Legal reasoning: The passages may relate to fact situations or scenarios involving legal matters, public policy questions or moral philosophical enquiries. One will benefit from a general awareness of contemporary legal and moral issues to better apply general principles or propositions to the given fact scenarios.

narios.
The best part is that the preparation for Current Affairs and Legal Reasoning go hand in hand. Read about the socio legal issues prevalent in the country. One should also expect Principle Fact based questions in their CLAT 2020.

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It is clearly mentioned on the official website that through the paragraph, one would have to identify and infer the rules and princi-

ples set out in the passage and apply such rules and principles to various fact situations. So, make sure you are conceptually clear when it comes to Torts, Contract, Criminal Law or

The Indian Constitution.

The ideal way to practice ques-The ideal way to practice ques-tions and assess your preparation is through the help of Mock Tests. Prepare for all these sections and attempt as many mocks as possible. One should analyse their mocks

One should analyse their mocks post their attempt.

One must identify the grey areas as soon as possible. Identify your strong and weak subjects. Don't categorise a subject as your strong or weak based on how much you enjoy studying it, but on the basis of how much you score in them. The sample size should be good to determine this and should not be based on just a mock or two.

this and should not be dear a more to the an anock or two weak areas without totally avoiding your strong sections. Just follow the above mentioned and stay positive. All the best!

The writer is National Product Head Law, Pratham Test Prep Pratham Test Prep I lives in Class XII when regular

#### **C**QUOTE OF THE DA'

Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence.

– Maria Montessori

#### Drug discovery science

PNS NEW DELHI

The University of Sheffield, UK invites applications for MSc Drug Discovery Science course starting in September 2021. The course will help the students to find out how scientists discover chemical candidates for new pharmaceuticals. Students will learn how to meet the pharmaceutical induscals. Students will learn how to meet the pharmaceutical indus-try's increasing demands for drugs that can treat illnesses safely and more effectively, overcome antibiotic resistance, and be produced at a lower financial and environmental

financial and environmema-cost.

This course covers the drug discovery and design tech-niques used in the pharma-ceutical industry. Students will learn study topics such as phar-macology, toxicology and genomics as they learn how drug-like molecules to treat

specific diseases are identified, characterised and optimised for potential clinical trials. Students training will cover the fundamental chemistry and biology of protein interactions, their role in disease and how drugs affect the human body. **Duration**: One year full-time

Duration: One year full-time

Eligibility: A 2:1 honours
degree, or equivalent in chem-istry, biology, pharmacy or
another relevant subject.
Applicants with relevant work
experience and good acade-mic potential are also encour-aged to apply.

Overall IELTS score of
6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in
each component, or equiva-lent.

How to apply: Log on to
https://www.sheffled.ac.uk/pos

https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/cours-es/2020/drug-discovery-sci-ence-msc.

#### Free online crash course

PNS NEW DELHI

Edvizo, an IIT alumnus start Lup, has initiated a free online crash course in an attempt to serve more students amid the lockdown and ease them to deliver a final touch to their preparations for the forthcoming IEE-Advanced 2020. IIT-IEE Top rankers intend to utilize their best time by helping out the budding aspirants to crack the entrance exams for 40 days long. The last date to apply for this opportunity is August 6, 2020. up, has initiated a free online

classes and coaching initia-tives usually cater to these aspirations being put off due to the lockdown.This will help mitigate the impact that insti-tute closures may have on etc. mitigate the impact that insti-tute closures may have on stu-dents & learning process. This will also ensure that students can study from the safety of their own homes, and there is a continuity in their study schedule at the last moment." The registered students will get 125 hours of training, spanning all the four key sub-jects — physics, chemistry and mathematics. The classes will be held from 5 pm to 9 pm

be held from 5 pm to 9 pm every day except Sunday. Students will be provided recordings of all classes for bet-ter revision.

## A different approach to education

In these unprecedented time, technology and digitisation will play an enormous role in making learning for the differently-abled more accessible and inclusive, says PRASHANT AGARWAL

While the world has been speaking of the sudden break and the challenges that COVID-19 has put forth for various sectors, one can sense a major impact of this on the education and skilling sector which had most of its functionalities congregating with face-to-face interactions. Touching is ablaint when the second process the second process of the sec

tionalities congregating with taccto-face interactions. Touching is
believing, what was once a necessity has slowly shifted to strictly
being driven by Digitisation in the
ducation sector.

Career choices and opportunities are now integrated through
online platforms where one such
not supply in the platforms where one such
example is virtual trianings and
internships which are being implemented by leading companies
across the globe. However, while
many institutions and organisations have developed and intergrated technology in their regular
functionalities, what do we see as
a scope for the differently abled
and how do they fift the bill in
these challenging times within the
mainstream career opportunities.

Before COVID-19 where the

instream career opportunities Before COVID-19 where the Before COVID-19 where the ofocus to impart education for the differently abled was through art and therapy, a lot has changed since then. There has been a massive shift where the differently abled were first considered to be a considered with the jobs they were the considered to be a considered with the jobs they were the considered to be a considered with the jobs they were the considered to be a considered with the jobs they were the considered to be a considered with the jobs they were the considered to be a considere abled were first considered to be restricted with the jobs they were recruited in and the career opportunities were also limited. However, with technology in place and post COVID-19 massive changes in the entire foundation



of functionality newer opportunities have been cropping up the differently abled to explo

Adaptive technologies that would help the differently abled in all senses have been implemented by multiple organisations such as On-screen boards, text-to-speech synthesizers, magnification speech synthesizers, magnification applications, screen readers, electronic pointing devices, alternative keyboards, computers with visual output and voice output and many more. The Government also has laid various training and skilling programs exploring also has laid various training and skilling programs exploring Digital Literacy for the different-ly abled under the PMKVY Scheme by introducing Skill Council for Persons with Disability (SCPWD). The organi-sation was incepted with a National Vision of skilling Persons with Disability and offering them meaningful industry relevant skill

meaningful industry relevant skill based training.

EdTech applications: Content accessibility plays an important role in imparting knowledge and skilling the differently abled. Content that is easily accessible through applications that are developed to be user friendly have proven to be great sources of education. Institutions both in urban and rural areas can utilise the bandwidth connectivity and impart skill trainings through the bandwidth connectivity and impart skill trainings through online platforms and content that can be easily delivered through videos, online lectures and various applications. E-libraries: While most of the content that is available online

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curriculum that is up-to date as
per industry standards is a must.
E-libraries and their access with
added text to speech technology
can help the differently abled students to access their curriculum
from anywhere.
Knowledge mobility: While
many companies have been adopting ways through which they can
contribute to the social cause of
imparting education to the differently abled, it is suggested that
they must offer affordable smartphones to students studying in
rural areas. This would accelerate
affordable smartphone ownership, and strengthening supply of
contextualised and engaging content directly to students.

In these umprecedented times,
technology and digitisation will
play an enormous role in making
learning for the differently abled
more accessible and inclusive.
However, technology can alone
not achieve these aspects unless
there is a positive participation
and communication across all
stakeholders to equally contribute
for making learning more accessible through effective and effi-

stakeholders to equally contribute for making learning more accessible through effective and efficient delivery channels. With strong emphasis on technical education, the National Education Policy also suggested that the new school curriculum should involve vocational and technical education from class VI.

The writer is President of Nazyan Sea

#### CHANGE IS CONSTANT

Organisations that will embrace the digital transformation quickly and more comprehensively are more likely to survive as compared to those who are resistant, says DR NARENDRA SHYAMSUKHA

The COVID-19 pandemic has turned Tout to be the most significant disruptive event witnessed by this generation. From mainstreaming remote working, cutting global travel to a comprehensive digital shift, the outbreak has changed the way businesses are executed. This transformational effect is not momentary; it is significant and is here to stay.

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One of the most notable elements of this transformation is the way organisations have been forced to embrace digital marketing to be able to survive the crisis. As traditional marketing strategies stand curtailed due to the pandemic, businesses have moved quickly to embrace digital marketing and transform the way they attract and engage customers and clients.

As people stay indoors, malls and roads stand deserted there has been a shift to a space where businesses and customers interact less physically and more through the online route. Digital services providers will tell you how there has been a surge in organisations seeking to create new websites or update existing ones, creating elaborate social medic acmpaigns and launching new ecommerce channels. Truth be told, organisations that embrace this transformation quickly and more comprehensively are the ones that are more likely to survive as compared to those who are resistant to change.

Here are some more changing phases of entrepreneurship that are adjusting to the new normal:

The age of webinars: As live conferences and face to face engagement activities take a backset, organisations are working out new ways to engage with customers. Webinars have emerged



as a very popular way of achieving digital thought leadership and getting quality leads. At the same time, cusmer engagement is also taking place with these digital discussions. That's why here is a sea of webniars everywhere to spread the message. Even when the crisis ebbs, people are likely to continue to conduct a part of their thought-lead-ership events through webniars as more and more people realise that they serve the same purpose at a fraction of the cost. Webniars that have now filled he gap of traditional conferences are likely to become a mainstream marketing strategy in the new normal.

Increased usage of data analytics and adjust large data analytics as organisations increase their digital presence, the importance of creating useful databases has only increased. With more people spending longer time on social media, their chances of serve

useful databases has only increased. With more people spending longer time on social media, their chances of seeing ads on such platforms or coming in touch with content marketing blogs are

analyse them and use this information intelligently to reach out to the target audience. Tracking pattern of consumer behavior, tracking online traffic patterns, analysing which content retains the customer, and getting a break up of which products are enticing what type of customers are essential elements of data analytics that organisations need to use more to boost their sations need to use more to boost their

online sales.

Content is the king: Businesses must focus on expanding social media presence by creating intelligent and attractive content. With the shift from outbound marketing to inbound mar keting, it becomes essential to engage consumers in subjects they might find interesting. However, it is important to understand that content distributed on social media should not be totally promotional in nature as it kills consumer motional in nature as it kills consumer interest. Your content must be knowledge and awareness-based. It must engage consumers emotionally rather than blatantly promoting your product.

The writer is Founder & Chairma.

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#### AAP all set to launch job portal

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Delhi minister Gopal Rai on Osunday said the AAP Government will launch a special programme to generate more employment opportunities in the city, a move aimed at reviving the Capital's economy, which was affected due to the lockdown. The labour and employment minister told PTI that as part of the special programme, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will launch a job portal in the next few days, where the companies looking to hire and job seekers can register themselves.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

Government will soon come out with a slew of reforms to revive the national Capital's economy, which has been adversely affected due to the Coronavirus-induced lock-down, he said, adding that many migrant workers have moved out of Delhi and several people have lost their jobs due to the shutdown. "We have decided to aggressively run a special programme to generate more employment opportunities.

tunities. After the launch of the portal in the next few days, where companies looking to hire job seekers can register themets. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rai said.

#### Scindia School signs MoU with NYIF

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The Scindia School and the New York
Institute of Finance (NYIF), a global
leader in professional training for financial
services and related industries, have entered
into an agreement.

As per the agreement NYIF will annually allocate two full scholarships of 100 per
cent tuition fee waiver for their G2020. &
Young Finance Scholar Programmes (one
for a high school student and the other for
a middle school student). NYIF will also
deliver in-demand skills-based training, and
organise relevant webinars for students
and teachers.

Commenting on the same, Dr Madhav
Deo Saraswat, Principal, Scindia School,

said: "We are delighted to be collaborating with NYIF to launch innovative and industry-relevant, programmes. The NYIF program, is more future-focused with a flexible curriculum, teaching leadership skills in the latest emerging and disruptive technologies. In my view, this is the first unique programme for school education and it offers all our students the opportunity to develop both the technological skill sets and business mind-set they will need to thrive in tomorrow's workplace."

NYIF is 100 years old international professional training company dedicated to financial and business education. They provide the highest standards of training, certificates, and cross-border learning programs to individuals and enterprise clients

neration scholars and leaders globally. The 2020 and Young Finance Scholar pro-ammes aim to nurture emerging and

G2020 and Young Finance Scholar programmes aim to nutrure emerging and future change-makers globally to address, identify, and implement innovative solutions for business, financial, and sustainable development challenges.

The 'G2020 Young Finance Scholar (YFS)' International Programme is a tailormade academic enrichment and long-term leadership-training programme for talented 15-18 year olds (senior school) and YFS middle school for talented 11-14-year-old young scholars. The fees being waived for the programme — middle school: \$1850 & senior school: \$2100.

#### Meritnation students shine

PNS NEW DELHI

 $W_{\cdots}^{\mathrm{ith}}$ of CBSE Class X and XII results 2020 last week, a whopping 300 per cent students enrolled with Indian enrolled with Indian Eddech major Meritnation, a part of Aakash Edutech Pvt Ltd, have recorded an impressive percentage of over 90 per cent in their respective examinations. The students are enrolled in premium courses.

According to Class XII CBSE results, 54 per cent students secured over 95 per cent marks in Maths. 60 per cent students scored more students scored more than 95 in Physics and than 95 in Physics and these numbers were 67 per cent and 66 per cent for Chemistry and Biology respec-tively.

While for the

While for the Class X results, 68 per cent of students have scored over 95 per cent in Mathematics and so on.

The demand for data science experts continues to grow and employers are investing time and money in them. Becoming one is worth the effort opening lucrative options, savs PANKAJ MUTHE



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An enormous explosion of data has been generated and the state of the property of the state of t

horizon.

The COVID-19 outbreak is further driving an intelligent use of data that can help businesses find better solutions across sectors be it better solutions across sectors be it healthcare, logistics, or banking— to fight the on-going pandem-ic-With this, the value of the data sci-entist will increase as they will be the ones turning this dormant data into meaningful insights.

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Data scientists can also be Portered to as modern-day superheros, but most are still unaware of their value in an organisation. In one of the surveys last year, it was revealed that around 97,000 data analytics job posts are unoccupied analytics job posts are unoccupied in India due to a lack of skilled pro-fessionals

The use of data analytics in almost every industry has con-

tributed to a sharp increase of 45 per cent in the total jobs related to data science. Selecting data science as a career option has a lot of scope and will remain so in the near future. Besides retail, data science has made extensive impacts on other fields like healthcare as well. Take the case where new druss are dis-

made extensive impacts on other fields like healthcare as well. Take the case where new drugs are dis-covered constantly and there is an opportunity to ensure better care for patients too. All these are made pos-sible by churning out huge volumes of data through electronic medical records, billing, clinical systems, data from wearables and drawing actionable insights from aggregat-ed patients' data.

Another field that can truly benefit from data science is educa-tion. With technology like smart-phones and laptops becoming an integral part of the education sys-tem, data science can help create better opportunities to help students learn and enhance their knowledge in a constructive manner.

to generate information about risk modeling, fraud detection, cus-tomer life-time value, customer segmentation and real-time pre-dictive analysis, among other things. Since data science is helping meet the trials and tribulations of

meet the trials and tribulations of the increasing demand and sus-tainable future, the opportunities for data scientists to come up with a wide range of solutions for meeting the challenges across multiple sec-

#### SKILLS & ROLE

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There are different roles for a
Data Scientist this includes Data
Researcher, Data Developers,
Susiness Analyst, BI Analyst,
System Administrator, Data
Modeler and Data Architect. To
qualify for these roles, the skills and
education required are largely universal.

A master's degree in computer
studies, economics, finance, business studies statistics, and matheinsess studies statistics.

studies, economics, finance, busi-ness studies, statistics, and mathe-matics is certainly an advantage. However, new-age employers are eager to integrate such requirements with relevant skills and real-world

So, those who are considering

a career as data science must be pro-ficient in excel and have a good practical knowledge of statistics, mathematics, data mining, correlation and predictive analysis. They should also have basic knowledge of scripting languages like SQI, Python, Jawa, R and the confidence of working with BI tools. However, if a data scientis is familiar with other the database systems like MySQL and Hive, it can be an additional advantage.

In India, since the demand for data science expertise continues to grow and employers are investing significant time and money in data scientists, becoming one is worth every effort one makes. That said, the most important thing will be to start focusing on acquiring the right stillsets and taking into consideration the specifics of the data science landscape in India.

The writer is APAC Academic Program.

## 'Innovations can help businesses'

Technology is a vast area and if used efficiently it can be lucrative and help in achieving the set business goals, savs SANJEEV JAIN

Says SANJEEV JAI

In today's time, technology is an sesential life hack for every business, big or small. Technology has become an integral part of every business, and the evolution of technology significantly impacts every sector. It makes life easier and faster, the daily tasks can be accomplished in a lesser time. One of the greatest opportunities for all entrepreneurs, innovators, start-up owners, IT sectors professionals, is digital transformation. It helps in using technology to transform every aspect of your business, and this further helps in the growth of the business. Technology is a vast area and if urther helps in the growth of warding the section of the most interest of a business where technology plays a vital role.

Moderates Time: One of the most important benefits of using technology is that it can reduce the time consumption for a specific task. When used efficiently, technology can simplify the complicated, abundant, and difficult work and organise the outcome effectively. In order to run smooth business operations technology plays a vital role, it can reduce the burden of an employee by contributing to petty things like setting reminders or calculations etc. This not only saves time but frees people to spend time on more creative aspects of business like strategy, product development, collaboration, marketing and sales.

Income and turnover: Technology has the ability to build and sustain

opment, collaboration, marketing and sales.

Income and turnover: Technology has the ability to build and sustain engagement for any brand which can help in business growth by attracting the right customer base. It helps in reaching millions of people within a few seconds something that was never possible before. Technology can assist in multiplying the growth and turnover of the business by creating a platforms through which businesses can help customers with their problems. It helps in creating new opportunities by allowing businesses to use unique ideas to add value and set a benchmark in the competitive market.



Sanjeev Jain Founder-MD, Technology Never Sleeps Networking Solutions Pvt Ltd

Output: With the help of technology, productivity surges and helps in getting good outcomes for business. Technology increases the productivity of a business, no matter the size. Technology helps in getting more work done without increasing manpower providing scalability. Also, technology is helpful in generating mor queries for any business and thereby helping business generate more revenue.

Efficiency: Technology can be relied upon to complete the work which otherwise requires accuracy, It essess various tasks like manufacturing, marketing and finance and helps in preventing errors. Important data/information can have ease of remote access.

Insights: Technology helps in creating precise and significant insights for business. It helps in storing and calculating large amount of data which collates all the information in one place. Technology, also helps people to upgrade their skills and knowledge which can be used to enhance their performance at work. It helps in gathering important insights which add value to the business. Output: With the help of technol-

learn and enhance their knowledge in a constructive manner. Banking and finance is another sector that needs data science to improve their financial products and make themselves relevant to more customers. The industry leverages data science applications

With technology becoming an integral part of the education system, data science can help

help students learn and enhance their knowledge in a constructive

create better

opportunities to

REMUNERATION

A data scientist role is definitely lucrative in India. Glassdoor had listed the average data scientist salary between ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh annually. nually.
In India, since the demand for

demic Program Manager, Qlik

oday's age is one of cut-throat ocays age is one of cut-throat competition and challenges lurking around every corner. In such a demanding environment, the old-school model of rote-learning that results in negligible ability to implement knowledge is widely becoming inadequate to prepare students for a 21st-century world of complex enigmas.

enigmas.

When it comes to creating a generation that is adaptive, innovative and future-ready, education is the primary driver. Technology i disrupting and transforming both professional and personal landscape at an unprecedented pace. Herein, the responsibility of equipping students with the tools to deal with these developments lands on the shoulders of instructors across the

educational paradigm.

Contrary to the conventional methods of teaching, project-based learning (PBL) is a collaborative and application-driven approach. It uses real-world situations as wehicles to facilitate enhanced learning and a spirit of inquiry, while also integrating academic subjects across the curriculum. These projects are different from the regular, short-term projects that are undertaken after a course ends, for instance, as a tool to revise the course components. On the contrary, these projects drive the

On the contrary, these projects drive the primary framework of curriculum and course

on. hin PRI : as this approach is ofter referred to, students can further use any medium viable for their research - field trips,

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presentations, exploring various materials, creating 3D models, experiments, and many

Students engage in such a project for an extended period, depending on their coursework - ranging up to an entire semester - working on finding innovative solutions to a complex question around a real-world problem. Ultimately, they demonstrate the skill learning through a report, a presentation or an actual product at the end of the project cycle. Not only does this model inculcate deep knowledge about the subject in the students,

but it also unleashes a hoard of soft skills like communication, team-building, collaboration and creativity in them. There have been numerous researches over the years on the impact of project-based learning approach on the learning outcomes, students' and teachers' motivation, skill-building and general attitude towards learning (Strobel & van Barneveld, 2009). The PBL encourages students to become independent workers, critical thinkers and problem-solvers. It urges students to form questions of their own, developing a sense of ownership of their learning process and

outcome. Teachers, in this ecosystem, function as facilitators rather than

function as facilitators rather than instructors, moving away from the overworked chalk and talk pedagogy. Connecting real-world situations to academics is perhaps one of the biggest benefits of project-based learning, pushing students to learn from trial and error and succeed based on their interpretations and logical deductions. This equips them for the professional world since these techniques are what will eventually be used by them at their workshapes. workplaces.

workplaces.

Also since such projects are often large and complex, students are forced to work in groups, encouraging even the most silent of the lot to speak up and work collectively with conflicting personalities to find mutual

accord, learning how to defuse tensions in a diverse team. This not only has a high impact on their interpersonal skills, but it also introduces them to specialisation, optimal allocation of resources and delegation. Concepts prominent in the material world.

The market need for skilled workers in the sharp of the s

The writer is Dr Jitin Chadha, Director of Indian Institute of Art and Design



The new University of Adelaide Higher Education Scholarship (International) is now available on offer and provides a reduction of 25 per cent of the tuition fee. The studentships are open to citizens of any country (except Australia and New Zealand)

Eligibility: Must: Either Eligibility: Must: Extner be an alumni (graduate) of an AQF-recognised Australian Higher Education institution or (b) have recently successfully completed an AQF-recognised Higher Education institution Higher Education institution prior to commencing your degree at the University of Adelaide; Have a University of Adelaide offer of admission (full offer or conditional offer) as a full-fee-paying international student; Complete the accentance impress as withined

as a tim-tee-paying interna-tional student; Complete the acceptance process as outlined in your offer of admission. The university's preferred accredited English language tests are: IELTS, TOEFL, Pearson Test of English. Students without the required level of English will need to sat-isfactorily complete an intensive programme of English lan-guage before being admitted. The university can arrange an appropriate English language programme, Academic English (PEP Pathway).

P Pathway).

How to apply: Those eting the criteria will auto-

degree programme at the uni-versity will be automatically

considered.

Application deadline: It is
October 31, 2020.

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT LOTSA BUSINESS SOLUTION Location: Lucknow Stipend: \*8,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/4685793 Application deadline: August 10, 2020

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TEACHING (ROBOTICS) AT KIDI ROBOTICS Location: Ranchi, Dhanbad, Kolkata Stipend: ₹8,000-₹15,000 per

Link: internshala.com/i/4685795 Application deadline: August 15, 2020

#### AUTOCAD DESIGNING AT INVENT GRID INDIA

Location: Bhubaneswar Stipend: ₹5,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/4685796 Application deadline: August 9, 2020

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Location: Work From Home Stipend: ₹8,000-₹12,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/4685782 Deadline: August 12, 2020

# held in conjunction with other University of Essex scholarships including the Alumni Loyalty Discount. Must accept their offer of a Award within two weeks of an offer being made. Language Requirement: If English is not your first language, you should provide evi-dence of English language abil-ty: IELTS, TOEFL, or other acceptable proof. How to apply: Applicants taking admission in the Master degree programme at the uni-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT

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Location: Work From Home Stipend: ₹7,000-₹14,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/4685784 Deadline: August 12, 2020

#### STUDY ABROAD -

#### 'Commitment to a holistic learning approach'

Studying in France offers a good return on investment for higher education making it the best destination, says ASHLEY FERNANDES

rance plays an important and pivotal role in the European construct. Brexit has not

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impacted France, in fact in many ways it has helped France

emerge as a covet-ed destination. Education is no exception. The return on investment on French higher education is one of the best in the world. As for COVID-19, although the full impact is yet to be assessed, it seems it has helped higher edu cation transition to a more digi-

cation transition to a more digitised proposition. From this perspective, emlyon business school has been pioneering globalisation, digitisation and hybrid education. COVID-19 is a black swan disruptive type of event that can crystallise innovation and help in the emergence of a new value model for the benefit of students. If you add to this, the incredible French cultural scene and art de vivre, you have the jen sea size you'd that makes France in general and Lyon in

particular one of the best destina

tions to consider today.

At emlyon business school,
we were extremely swift in our
response to the coronavirus pandemic, and quickly set up a crisis centre to help students, teachers, staff and other stakeholders. In the midst of the crisis, we went beyond the usual scope and released an emergency fund of 200,000 KEuro (the biggest emergency fund released by a French B-School) in support of our students. We also increased the response of the wellness cer tre we had launched years back as part of our commitment to a as part of our community of the holistic approach (financial, emotional, intellectual, social) and well-being of our community.

The French Ambassador has

The French Ambassador has also recently emphasised the overall strong Indo-French bilateral cooperation and the French attractiveness in the fields of research and higher education. A significant testimony to this strengthening relationship is the 50 per cent increase in scholarships for the academic year. 50 per cent increase in scholar-ships for the academic year which translates to ₹10 crore (\$1.3 million). The writer is country head, India, emlyon business school, France

#### IN BRIEF -

#### PARENTS INVOLVEMENT IN ACADEMICS HELPFUL

ndian parents and students are mutually helping each other with daily chores and academics during the lockdown, as revealed by the latest Brainly survey, And, the students over Brainly seem to be loving it! The responses received from 2,138 participants show exciting trends. To begin with, a whopping 87.5% of Brainly users say they help their parents in daily chores during the lockdown. Besides, 85.1% of students have learned we skills from their parents while at

new skills from their parents while at home. Not having to commute to school for education is definitely giving ample time to students to partake in other

AUADEMICS HELPFUL activities. It is helping them learn new skills as well. The contribution of online learning platforms in enabling learning from home cannot be ignored in achieving this. The other aspect to it is that with additional time in hand, now almost 82.3% of students spend extra time with their parents.

Indian parents are increasingly getting involved in the academics of their children. 85.2% of Brainly users find their parents involvement in their learning as helpful. Approximately three-courth of Brainly users at 74.1% admitted enjoying learning from home with the help of their parents.

#### ONLINE LEARNING MODULES FOR LITTLE LEARNERS

he KinderPass is The KinderPass is launching multiple online learning modules for kids aged between three-six years old. With an objective to make the parents make the parents
understand how early stage
learning lays the foundation
for later learning, it has
come up with its first
online learning programme
— KinderRead — a

carefully arranged programme in five levels, it is a methodology for teaching young children to read and spell words and develop the preschoolers into confident readers using a play-based synthetic phonics approach. Sumedha Khoche, co-founder, KinderPass said:

founder, KinderPass sa "The recently launched

National Education Policy care and education reinforces that young brains learn best through play and activity. Taking cue from these recommendations, the online learning modules launched at KinderPass are flexible, multi-faceted, multi-level, play-based and activity-based."

#### SMART INDIA HACKATHON 2020

he Smart India Hackathon (SIH) is an initiative that provides students a platform to solve some of the pressing solve solie of the pressing problems we face in our daily lives. It is conducted every year since 2017 in two formats — SIH Software and SIH Hardware Editions. This year, due to the

COVID-19 pandemic, the SIH software edition is being conducted online. For this purpose, SF For this purpose, SP Mandali's principal LN Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research (WeSchool) has been selected as one of the nodal centers. Total 35 teams having 210 participants will compete

against seven problem statements from three organisations — CDK Global, MathWorks and MixORG. Each problem statement has a winning amount of ₹1 lakh. WeSchool will

present We-Inspiration awards each of prize money ₹ 25,000 to two

# PAK SET FOR ENGLISH TEST We're very well prepared. Aghar

ngland will be wary of the unpredictable Pakistan side when the two teams clash in the first Test of the three-match series at the Old Trafford beginning Wednesday.

This will be the visitors' first appearance in an international match since coronavirus stoppage.

appearance in an international match since coronavirus stoppage while for the hosts, they will look to bring their form and confidence over from the necently-concluded three-Test series against West Indies. In the World Test Championship (WTC) points table, England moved up to third position following a 2-1 series win over Jason Holder's troops. The hosts have a chance to leapfrog Australia to second place, while Pakistan can overtake New Zealand to fourth position.

For this series, England have named the same seyand that clinched them the Wisden Trophy and it will once be interesting to see what will be their bowling combination for the first Test.

Alot has been said about yeter-

first Test.

A lot has been said about veter-an fast-bowlers Stuart Broad and James Anderson playing together.
They started just one of three match-es in the last series together and showed in the final Test why they remain England's best bet in home conditions.

conditions.
"Jimmy and Broady go together like Morecambe and Wise or Bonnie and Clyde," former England spinner Graeme Swann was quoted as saying by mirror.couk.
"They have formed one of the most successful bowling double acts Test cricket has known. Why



PAKISTAN-ENGLAND IN TESTS							
Venue	Tests	Eng won	Pak v	von Draw			
InEng	53	23	12	18			
In Pak	24	2	4	18			
In UAE	6	-	5	1			
Total	83	25	21	37			

would you want to chuck it out before its sell-by date? "can understand the attraction of 90mph pace, and both Jofra and Wood yar ehuge assets. But I'm sorry, you don't discard blokes with 500 Test wickets lightly" he added.
Not to forget talismanic allrounder Ben Stokes, who recently displaced West Indies captain Jason Holder from the top of the ICC allrounders' list. He will once again

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS

England in Pakistan: 546-8 dec in 189. overs at Faisalabad 1983-84 Pakistan in England: 708 in 220.3 overs at The Oval 1987

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS:

England in England: 130 in 59.3 overs at The Oval 1954 England in Pakistan: 130 in 79.2 overs at Lahore 1987-88 Pakistan in England: 72 in 39.3 overs at Birmingham 2010

England's lowest total against Pakistan is 72 in 36.1 overs at Abu Dhabi in 2012

ly containing or unleash spinners at the Old Trafford.

"We will keep an eye on the pitch and the weather conditions, today and tomorrow, before taking a decision on whether to play two spinners or not," Misbah said. "It is a possibility and an encouraging sign for us.

a possibility and an encouraging sign for us.

"The pitch and weather condi-tions might be favouring us at the moment but you still have to execute your plans properly to win," he added.

added.
Pakistan will also take confidence from the fact that they have done well in the last two Test series in the England. The 2018 series ended in a 1-1 draw while the 2016 series also ended with both teams sharing spoils after the conclusion of four-Test series (2-2).

have a huge say in the outcome of the series.

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Haq has stated players have done well to acclimatise themselves with the tough English conditions.

When you play after a long gap there is bound to be some sort of nervousness but that is natural. As soon as the players step on the field, soon as the players step on the field, soon as the players step on the field, will go away? Misbab said. "The players are fresh and anxiously waiting for the series to begin."

Pakistan will also be pinning duo Shaheen Afridi and Naseem Shah Sarfaraz Ahmed, Shadab Khan, Shaheen Shah to shine in the bowler-friend-

# prepared: Azhar

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Palsiatan Test captain Azhar Ali said that the players are raring to go after their long break-enforced by the coronavirus pandemic. Palsiatan take on England in a three-match Test series starting on Wednesday. This will be followed by a three-match Tollower and for extension of the team has been in the country since late June. "All players are excited to play the country as for the country as for the country as for the country when the country with t

ies. "We have pre-"We have pre-pared very well with whatever facilities we had with us and ensured that no player gets left behind and gets frustrated. We frustrated. We enjoyed the camp a lot."

Azhar said the team is motivated by their Test performances in recent years in England. Pakistan have not lost a Test series in England since 2010.

"Challenges is something you have to take as a cricketer and England tours are always difficult with or without Covid. But we have performed well in our last few series here and that is a big source of motivation. We will be looking to repeat and upstage that," he said.

The 35-year-old admitted that the visitors' pace battery may be inexperienced but is confident of them performing well considering the talent that they have.

"Our fast bowing attack is inexperienced but you have seen their talent and how they have bowled in the last few series. I think of myself as very lucky as a captain that we got bowlers, as a captain that we got bowlers like these who can threaten any team in Test cricket. You can't buy experience, that comes with playing matches but there is a lot of capability there.

"Our batting experience."

ting experience

is Shan Masood, Asad Shafiq and I have all played a lot. Babar Azam has gained a lot of experience now. As a team our combination is pretty good."

#### Dhoni is one of a kind: Rohit

India's prolific opener Rohit Sharma feels Mahendra Singh Dhoni is 'one of a kindi,' playing down recent comparisons of his leadership style and composure with the two-time World Cupwinning former captain. In a Super Over podcast, out-of-favour India batsman Suresh Raina called Rohit the 'next MS Dhoni for the Indian cricket team'.

Dhoni for the Indian cricket team. Rohit, who is the vice-captain of India's limited overs teams and also leads Mumbai Indians in the IPL, reacted to his leadership style being likened to Dhon. The Month of the Mo

triumphs, one more than Dhoni

at Chennai Super Kings. Rohit has also led India to title wins at the Nidahas Trophy (T20I wins at the Nidahas Trophy (T20I format) in Sri Lanka and the



Asia Cup (50 overs) in 2018 while standing in for Virat Kohli.
Overall, he has led India in 10
ODIs and 19 T20Is, winning eight and 15 of them respectively.
"I have seen him, he is calm, he likes to listen...I have played under him when we won the Asia Cup in Bangladesh," Raina had said.
"MS Dhoni was brilliant. He (Rohit) has won more (IPL) trophies than MS, but they both are very similar. Both of them, as captains, like to listen.

very similar. Both of them, as cap-tains, like to listen.

"When your captain is listen-ing, you can solve a lot of prob-lems, you can solve the mental aspects of the players. So in my book, they both are wonderful."

#### Agarwal must have learnt a lot from NZ tour'

IANS NEW DELHI

Former Indian pacer Ashish Nehra feels opening batsman Mayank Agarwal has shown a lot of promise in the initial days of his international career and will only get better and score a lot of runs in the days to

a lot of runs in the days to come.

Agarwal has so far played 11 Tests for India in which he has scored 974 runs, including three hundreds and four half-centuries.

"He (Agarwal) has done really well in domestic games and India-A and that's how he got his chance. He is not somebody who has been playing domestic cricket for one or two years and suddenly he comes to the scene. He has scored a lot of runs and I am sure with time he will get better and better," Nehra said while speaking on Star Sports' Cricket Connected show.

The 29-year-old however wasn't able to perform to his potential on the New Zealand tour. In the two-Test series which India lost 0-2, he could manage scores of 34, 58, 7 and 3.

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However, Nehra said New Zealand is the "most diffi-cult" place to bat in the world and that's why after playing there, Agarwal would have gathered a lot of experience. "It takes time and New Zealand is not an easy place. With my experience, for batters, the most difficult place on this planet when it comes to cricket-playing nations is New Zealand. New Zealand has always been tough, so Mayank Agarwal, I am sure has learnt a lot from the New Zealand tour," said the former left-arm pacer.

## Starc does not regret missing IPL

Left-arm Australian pacer
Mitchell Starc doesn't regret
giving the IPL a miss this year,
saying he is comfortable training for the upcoming summer
season.

season. Starc had pulled out of the lucrative T20 event to focus on the T20 World Cup in Australia which was postponed last month due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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"I know hindsight is a won-derful thing and now the IPL is on at a different time but no, I wouldn't change it," the 30; year-old, who played for Royal Challengers Bangalore for two years, was quoted as saying by Cricket.Com.Au.



Tm happy to spend that time when the blokes are at the IPL in September I'll be getting ready for a summer.

"The IPL will be around next year and if I feel the urge or people want me around I'll definitely consider it, but as of this year I'm very comfortable with the decisions I've made."

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Starc was bought by Kolkata
Knight Riders in the 2018 IPL
auction but was ruled out of the
season due to an injury and was
eventually released in
November. The lanky

November. The lanky pacer is currently training with his NSW state teammates and wait-ing for a confirmation for Australia's whiteball tour of the UK.

"It's still very much up in the air which is the way of the world at the moment. It's changing day by day. We're having weekly meetings about the challenges of the tour and where this all sits. We've got another one on Thursday to see if there's any progressions on that," he said. "All the players are preparing to play and planning to go. It's now up to Cricket Australia and the government on both sides as to whether we jump on that plane. In terms of the crick-t, well just get ready for the series."

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Australia's tour of England comprising three T20s and as many ODIs is scheduled to begin on September 4, pending clearance.

#### Aus-WI postpone T20 series

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Last week, South
Africa indefinitely postponed their tour of West
Indies in September as
their players will be
busy with the IPL.
West Indies were
hoping to host South
Africa for either two
Tests or 5 T20Is in
September.

## Tennis resumes with no handshakes

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Tour-level tennis resumed after a five-month enforced break on Monday, and players at the Palermo Ladies Open had to handle their own towels to handle their own towels and not shake hands of

and not shake hands of opponents.

The strict rules because of the coronavirus included no showers on site, and no autographs or photos with fans. Players in the singles main draw come from 16 European countries and Argentina.

A limited number of fans were allowed into the 1,500-seat stadium court and had to follow social distancing measures.

They watched sixth-seeded Donna Vekic of Croatia beat Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-

of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-2 in windy conditions in the first official match - for men or women - since early March.

"I'm definitely happy I didn't forget how to play tennis, how to play match-es, how to win, Vekic said in a video conference.

"It's a huge relief so I'm really happy right now.

"It was definitely a bit

strange. I was really ner-

strange. I was really nervous yesterday, even more
today, but after the first few
games I just kind of relaxed
and I was focused."
Vekic sealed a place in
the second round on her
second match point, breaking for the sixth time in the
match when Rus hit a forehand wide.
Vekic will next face
Italian teenager Elisabetta
Cocciaretto, who beat
Polona Hercog of Slovenia
7-6(1), 6-3 for her first victory over a player ranked in
the top 50.
But beyond this week
Vekic has little idea if her
plans could change as the
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plans could change as the pandemic continues to affect events worldwide. Vekic is hoping to compete in the U.S. Open, where she reached the quarterfinals last year, and the French Open as well as

the French Open as wen as Rome.
"Things are changing every week so I think we just have to take it week by week and try to adapt as best as we can, and hope to play as much as we can," Vekic said.
"The uncertainty gives everyone a lot of anxiety."
The U.S. Open is

scheduled to begin Aug.
31, and the French Open from Sept. 27.

Laura Siegemund of Germany also eased through in straight sets, beating Irina-Camelia Begu of Romania 6-3, 6-4.

Siegemund next faces either fourth-seeded Anett Kontaveit or Patricia Maria <sup>7</sup>ig.

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It was harder for Sara Errani, the only previous champion in in the draw. The 2012 winner took nearly three hours to secure a 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 suc-cess over Sorana Cirstea of Romania. The Italian next faces

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A third Italian is also
through to the second
round after Jasmine Paolini
rallied from a set and a
break down to beat Daria
Kasatkina of Russia 5-7, 64, 6-4,
In other results eighthseeded Ekaterina
Alexandrova also recovered from a set down to
beat Kristina Mladenovic
5-7, 6-0, 6-1, and seventhseeded Dayana Yastremska
triumphed 6-3, 6-4 over
Sara Sorribes Tormo.

### Casillas ends his playing days



Pormer Spain and Real Madrid goalkeeper Iker Casillas officially announced the end of his playing days on Tuesday, more than a year after his last match. The 39-year-old Casillas was with Portuguese club Porto but hadn't played competitively since a heart attack in May last year. "What is important is the path you travel and the people who accompany you, not the destination to which it takes you," Casillas said on Twitter. "With hard work, you will always arrive where you want. I

can say, without a doubt, that it has been the path and the desti-nation that I've always dreamed about.' Casillas said announc-

nation that I've always dreamed about! Casillas said announcing his retirement was one of the "hardest" and "most difficult" days of his career.

His contract with Porto ended after the team defeated Benfica last weekend to win the Portuguese Cup. He didn't play but celebrated with his teammates and lifted the trophy.

Casillas joined Porto in 2015 after helping Real Madrid win five Spanish league titles and three Champions League trophies. He also helped Spain win one World Cup and two European Championships.

Real Madrid called Casillas one of the biggest legends of our club and of world football" and the best goalkeeper in the history of Real Madrid and Spanish football."

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"Today one of the most important footballers in our 118 years of history calls it a day as a professional player, a player we love and admire, a goalkeeper who has made the Real Madrid legacy bigger with his work and exemplary behavior both on and off the pitch," Real Madrid said in a statement.

"He was formed here and defended our shirt for 25 years, becoming one of our most emblematic captains of all time."

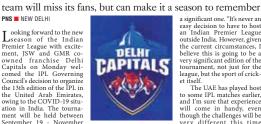
#### DC welcome decision to conduct IPL in UAE Captain Shreyas Iyer and Co-Owner Parth Jindal believe the

PNS NEW DELHI

Looking forward to the new Season of the Indian Premier League with excitement, JSW and GMR coowned franchise Delhi Capitals on Monday welcomed the IPL Governing Council's decision to organize the 13th edition of the IPL in the United Arab Emirates, owing to the COVID-19 situation in India. The tournament will be held between September 19 - November 10, and across 3 venues in the UAE - Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabb.

UAE - Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi. Speaking on the com-mencement of the new season, team co-owner and Chairman Mr. Parth Jindal said, "There team co-owner and charman Mr. Parth Jindal said, "There is no doubt that the news of the IPL taking place has come as a breath of fresh air for all of us. The fact that the IPL is going to be conducted amidst such challenging times is another testament to the BCCI and to IPL's global standing as one of the top leagues amongst all sports in the world.

The number of people who have expressed delight is remarkable and we all at DC are looking forward to giving it our all for our fans to bring the trophy to Delhi this season. IPL truly has the power



to lift the morale of our country as we fight the COVID pandemic and I for one an delighted that IPL 2020 is being conducted.

To our Delhi Capitals fans, I would like to stress on how important your support is going to be for our team, even though you will not be able to make it to the stadiums this year it will be our endeavor to keep you engaged remotely throughout the tournament in the best and most innovative way possible. Do keep the love and support coming in from the safety of your homes, I can assure you tis going to go a long way in it's going to go a long way in bringing the best out of our

players.

Dhiraj Malhotra, CEO,
Delhi Capitals, said he believes
the upcoming edition will be

a significant one. "It's never an easy decision to have to host an Indian Premier League outside India. However, given outside India. However, given the current circumstances, a believe this is going to be very significant edition of the tournament, not just for the league, but the sport of crick-et itself.

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The UAE has played host to some IPL matches earlier, and I'm sure that experience will come in handy, even though the challenges will be very different this time around. I'm confident all measures will be taken for 100% safe conduct of the tournament." he said.

Shreyas Iyer, who captained the side to a creditable third place finish in what was a memorable 2019 said, "In the challenging times that our world is going through, there's no doubt that the news of the IPL happening is one of the best things we've all heard in a long time.

We definitely going to miss our Delhi fans in the stadium, they were a crucial part of our success last year. I can't wait to assemble with my teanmates soon, especially those who are new to the Delhi Capitals side, and give our very best in making the upcoming season a truly memorable one."