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Plane overshoots Kozhikode runway, plunges into valley, both pilots killed

PNS,PTI ■ KOCHI

Sixteen people — pilot, copolitic and 14 passengers — were killed and several others injured when a Dubai-Calicut Air India Express flight with 191 passengers and crew on board overshot the runway at Kozhikode airport and fell into a valley, breaking into two portions, on Friday around 7.41pm, police sources said. There were 184 passengers, including 10 Infants, and five-member cabin crew when the flight approached the airport. The Civil Aviation Ministry said the flight 1X 1344 operated by B737 aircraff from Dubai overshot runway at Kozhikode at 7.41 PM on Friday. No fire reported at the time of landing," it noted.

"As per the initial reports rescue operations are on and passengers are being taken to hospital for medical care. We will soon share the update in this regard," the it stated.

While the aircraft broke into two, nearly 50 ambulances were seen coming out of the airport with the injured persons. Kozhikode airport is designated as a table top aircraft dairport atop a hill). Capt Sathe

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"AI Exp flight overshot
Kozhikode runway in rainy
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into slope, split into 2... Formal
enquiry will be conducted by
Aircraft Accident Investigation



scue work in progress as an Air India Express flight with passengers on board en route from Dubai skidded off the runway while landing in Kozhikode on Friday

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Bureau," said Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. The injured include one of the cabin crew members. Sources in Kozhikode airport said at least 40 passengers have been admitted to various hos-pitals in and around

Kozhikode. The front portion of the aircraft had to be cut open to take the body of the pilot from the cockpit.

According to information coming out of the aircraft crash landed on the runway from where it skidded

off. The first visuals shown by local TV channels were that of a totally damaged aircraft, the front side of which has been damaged totally. It was raining heavily when the aircraft touched the ground. Most of the passengers were heard cry-

ing in pain.

The co-pilot has been injured seriously while some of the passengers in the aircraft suffered injuries. The flight was part of the Vande Bharat Repatriation Mission operated by the Government of India.

for money laundering

Bollywood actor Rhea Chakraborty was on Friday questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Mumbai in connection with a money laundering case relating to film star Sushant Singh Raiputs' alleged suicide. Her request to put it off the interrogation was rejected by the agency. by the agency. Chakraborty arrived at the

agency's office minutes after the 11.30 am deadline. Rhea Chakraborty left the ED office after 8 hours of interro-

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Her father Indrajit
Chakraborty and brother
Showik, both accused in the
abetment to suicide case lodged
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Chakraborty's statement was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.
Rajput's father Krishna Kumar Singh had in his complain before Patna Police alleged financial irregularities in the late actor's bank accounts.

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In the complaint, Singh alleged ₹15 crore was siphoned off from Rajput's bank account in one year to accounts of persons not known or connected to the late film star.

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Two companies linked to
Rajput and some financial deals
involving Chakraborty, her
father and Showik who are stated to be directors in these com-



Bihar seeks in SC dismissal of plea to transfer case

New Delhi: The Bihar Government on Friday sought in the Supreme Court dis-missal of Bollywood actress Rhea Chakraborty's plea for transfer of the Patna FIR against her to Mumbai in actor Sushant Singh Rajput death Sushant Singh Rajput death case, terming it "premature, misconceived and non-main-anianble". The 28- page affidavit of Patna SSP Upendra Sharma, filed through Bihar's advocate Keshav Mohan, said the state police has the jurisdiction in the case as the consequences of the offence are in Patna as well where the old father of the deceased actor resides. PTI

Covid-19: Govt ready

for any situation: CM

Watchful eye over corona spread in State: Soren

Rhea's call details spark up debate TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Oming ahead of and during her questioning by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) team in the Sushant Singh Rajput suicide case in Mumbai, Rhea Chakraborty's call record details — with the late actor. Bollywood personalities, a senior Mumbai police official and her own family members — on Friday sparked a new debate in the media in connection with the probe into Rajput's death.

She spoke 287 times with the late actor's domestic help Samuel Miranda during a year time.

Samuel Miranda during year time.

SC: Full damages for victims before Italian marines' case closure

Won't pass order without hearing victim familles' PI™ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court made Tclear to the Centre on Friday that it would not pass any order on the plea seeking closure of cases against two Italian marines, accused of killing two Indian fishermen, without hearing the victims familles who should be given adequate compensation. A bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde allowed the Centre to file within a week an application making the victims family members a parties to its plea seeking closure of Italian Marines case. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta informed the bench, also comprising Justice AS Bopanna and Venamasubramaina, that Italy has a sasured the Indian Government that it would prosecute the Marines there as per law.

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is the second consecutive day in the last few weeks that the number of single day recovery

16 die in Idukki landslide as heavy rain batters Kerala

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Torrential downpour and Inadsides across the hilly regions of Kerala early Friday claimed 16 lives while 52 persons were washed away by the fury of the nature. The mishap occurred at Munnar in Idukki district on the slopes of the Kerala side of the Western Ghats.

All 16 who died in the landslide were workers of tea plantation in Munnar of Idukki district and were sleeping in their company quarters (known in local parlance as laayam) when the mishap happened. Though the landslide and the disaster occurred early morning, the outside world came to know about the mishap after five hours.

The NDRF from Tamil Nadu reached the site by 4.30 pm and was engaged in recue operations when reports last came.

Cooking utensils buried in mud, asbestos and tin sheets strewn around were all there to be seen at the area, which was the habitation of around 80 odd workers near a tea plantation, about 30 km from the tourist town of Munnar.



Priest among 5 missing in Karnataka landslide

Five people, including the priest at Talacauvery, the origin of river Cauvery, have gone missing due to massive landslide at Bramhagiri hills triggered by heavy rain in Kodagu district.

According to Kodagu district administra-tion officials, heavy rain at Talacauvery in Bhagamandala late Thursday night led to landslips at Bramhagiri hills, in which two houses of the temple priests were buried.

Chief Minister Hemant CSoren today reiterated that the government has kept a watchful eye on the Covid-19 situation in the State and is situation in the State and is ready for any contingency situation. The CM, while talking to media persons here on Friday said, "Increase in the Covid 19 cases is not a matter of surprise as we have accelerated the speed of testing and people are getting cured fast too."

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"We have been taking immunite to minute details of the corona infection spread in the corona infection spread in the corona infection spread in the state... and certainly if anything appears (alarming) to us we are prepared to take any decision that is required," said the CM adding that a high level committee has been taking care of day to day developments.

Earlier in the day, the CM inspected Nehru Park and Police Headquarters on the HEC campus. He said that the Nehru Park should be beautified as in the absence of maintenance; the condition of the park has become very back. Should be cleaned so that common people can use it. Soren said that the identity of this park is associated with the construction of the HEC plant. So, steps should be taken towards its cleanliness and



beautification.
After inspecting the Nehru
Park, the CM took stock of the
Police Headquarters campus. In
an informal discussion with the
officials here, he insisted on
bringing all the buildings of the
Secretariat, including the project building, into one campus.
There should be connecting
gates for all buildings along with
the gates, he said. The CM also
emphasised on building a
common parking lot. He asked
the officials to closely consider
all the options related to it so
that initiatives are taken to
prepare it in a planned manner.
The CM reviewed the
roundabout at the HEC campus to the
Police Headquarters. He said
that adequate arrangements
should be made for street lights
on both sides of the road. The
entire campus should be mon-

itored through CCTV cameras. He also said that both sides of the road wherever the hoardings are installed, they should be removed. A place should be identified for installation of these hoardings. He also directed to take special care of cleanliness here. On this occasion, the officials told the CM that according to the need, the road will also be widened.

Chief Secretary Sukhdev

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Singh, Principal Secretary of
Road Construction
Department Sunil Kumar,
ADG of Special Branch Murari
Lal Meena, IG Navene Kumar
IG Priya Dubey, IG Saket
Kumar Singh, DiG
Vijayalakshmi, Police
Headquarters Superintedent
of Police Shams Tabrez and
Press Advisor to the Chief
Minister Ablishek Prasad were
present on the occasion.

618 new infections, State reports 16,500 Covid cases

Six lives lost, death toll reaches 151

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Jharkhand recorded six Covid casualties and 618 fresh cases of novel coronavirus on Friday. With six deaths on Friday, the death toll in the state due to corona infection has crossed 150 marks.

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of patients is more than the number of persons admitted in hospitals. With the rise in recovery of patients the recovery rate of the State in the last three days has jumped to 45.44 per cent. Few days back the Covid recovery rate had gone to 34 per cent.

However, despite a spike in the recovery rate in the past few days, the State recovery rate is still much below than the national average. The national recovery rate is 67.62 per cent, while Delhi recovery rate is 89.84 per cent.

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is jower than the national average. The State mortality rate is 0.91 per cent while the national mortality rate is 2.07 per cent.

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Sources said that with the return of striking paramedics to work there will be improvement in health services to corona patients.

In a big relief the three day long strike of contractual paramedical staff came to end on Friday after written assurance from the health minister and health secretary to look into the demands of striking paramedics. The minister and health secretary agreed to provide Rs 50 lakh insurance cover on death of para medics due to corona infection. Earlier, the chief minister had a meeting with the health minister, chief secretary, and health secretary in this connection.

SII plans ₹225/dose **Covid-19 vaccine**

New Delhi: In a major development, Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII), the Institute of India (SII), the world's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume, has entered into a partnership with Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to accelerate the manufacture and delivery of up to 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine for India and low-and middle-income (ClMICs) by a searly as 2021. Created in 2000, Gavi is an international organisation, a

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global Vaccine Alliance, bring-ing together public and private sectors with the shared goal to improve access to new and underused vaccines for chil-dren living in the world's poor-est countries.

est countries As per pact, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will provide \$150 million in at-risk funds towards helping the Serum Institute to develop the candidate vaccines, including those from AstraZeneca and Novavax, to be priced at USD 3 per dose (around ₹225). PNS

Trump cites India's action, bans TikTok

US President Donald Trump, citing India's recent ban on Chinese social media apps, has signed executive orders that would prevent TikTok and WeChat from operating in the US as they threatened America's national security and economy. The ban comes into effect in 45 days, Trump said in two separate executive orders signed on Thursday.



सूचना एवं जैनेसम्पर्क विभाग

(जनसम्पर्क निदेशालय)

फोटो मुद्रण, फ्रेमिंग एवं आपूर्ति हेतु एजेंसी के चयन के संबंध में अति अल्पकालीन पुननिविदा

जनसम्पर्क निदेशात्य, झारखण्ड, गाँची द्वारा २२ इंच x 16 इंच के प्रेम सहित फोटो का गुद्रम एवं आपूर्ति से संबोधित दर निर्मारण एवं एजेंसी के चयन हेतु निर्मार्थित पर्व अनुमंत्री कभी से मुहत्यद रिकाफ में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदारी लूचना मचन के हितीय तत अवस्थित प्रेमण शाखा में स्वयं या अपने नामित प्रतिनिधि के हारा दिनांक 10.08.200 को अपरास्त १० कर्ज कर लोकान होंगी। निर्मार्थित स्विप्त एं समय को बता निविदा निर्माण में स्थित में स्वीकार मही होंगी। प्राप्त सभी निविदाओं को दिनांक 10.08.2020 को अपरास्त १०.0 वर्ज निविदा निष्पादन समिति (क्ष्य समिति) के समझ खोली जायेगी। निविदाआं को दिनांक 10.08.2020 को अपरास्त १०.0 वर्ज निविदा निष्पादन समिति (क्ष्य समिति) के समझ खोली जायेगी। निविदाआं को दिनांक भावत स्वाप्त स्वाप

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153	मकान	माता तारा देवी। नंदलकिशोर दल्त वो निरंजन कुमार दल्त वो लखपति दल्त माता गौरीवाल					
154	मकान	दत्ता।					
155	मकान	विष्णु प्रसाद विगडेवाल (अ०द०)					
156	मकान	विश्वनाथ खेडिया पे०राम किशुन खेडिया।					
157	मकान	मनोज लक्षीरामका वो दीपक लक्षीरामका पे० श्याम सुन्दर मारवाड़ी अंश् समान सा० मधुपुर।					
158	मकान	संदीप लक्षीरामका पे० सुशील कुमार लक्षीरामका। सा० देह। बजरंगलाल लक्षीरामका वो रमेश कुमार लक्षीरामका पे० गंगा प्रसाद। अंश					
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161	मकान	रमेशकुमार लक्षीरामका पै० गंगा प्रसाद। शिव कुमार लक्षीरामका वो संतकुमार लक्षीरामका पे० स्व० छोटेलाल रामका। शहिदा खातुन पति मो० सदीक।					
163	मकान	शिव कुमार लक्षीरामका वा सतकुमार लक्षीरामका पे० स्व० छोटलाल रामका।					
164	मकान	शहिदा खातुन पति मी० सदीक। तनवीर अहमद वो तोकित अहमद वो इजाज अहमद पे० अब्दूल हसन अंश					
165	मकान	समान सा० मधुपुर। मो० अनीश वो मो०सकीर पे० इकलूल हसन।					
166	मकान	माठ अनाश वा माठसकार पठ इकलूल हसन।					
167	मकान	मो० अलियास वो नूरहसन।					
168	मकान	सीफ अली (अ०द०)					
169	मकान	मो० इम्तियाज (अ०द०)					
170	मकान	सिकन्दर आजम वो रोनक आजम वो अकबर इमाम पे० मो० युसूफ सा० देह।					
171	मकान	किशनलाल कलवलिया पे० केदारनाथ कलवलिया। सा०					
173	मकान	खालिद आरफी वो सवाआरफी पे० महरूण हाकिम अब्दुल। अंश समान। श्रीमति निर्मला देवी पति भगवान चौधरी वो श्रीमति गीता देवी पति दिली।					
174	मकान	श्रामात । नमला देवा पात भगवान चाघरा वा श्रामात गाता देवा पात । देला कुमार चौघरी अंश समान । देह ।					
175	मकान	कृष्णा चौधरी पति रामनाथ चौधरी सा० मधुपुर।					
176	मकान	यांच्या क्यार सामियां के वास्त्रीसम्बद्धाः सामियां यात् क्यार ।					
177	मकान	प्राच्याय क्रीवर केलानवा वर्ज पुरुवारानाचाचा कालानवा साठ नेपुपुर।					
179	मकान	संजय सुनार डालिमयां पेठ पुरुषोत्तमलाल डालिमयां साठ मधुपुर। मनपुर शेख पेठ जगर शेख। साठ देह। मौठ इस्लाम वो मौठ मोहसीन वो अब्दुल मतीन पेठ मोठ इदरीश वो मोत फिरोज वो मोठ नियाज पेठ मोठ मुस्लिम वो शकिला बानो पति मोठ मोवी।					
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180	मकान	ो हो क्राजीव अंकारीयो हो नकीव से क्राजारी खातन से प्राहतको खातन पे.					
182	मकान	अब्दल करीम वो हजरा खातुन पति मोन सामा। अश्च समान साठ देह। गोपाल कुमार डालमिया येठ रवठ मोविन्द प्रठ डालमिया वो मनोज कुमा डालमिया येठ रवठ मोविन्द प्रठ डालमिया वो मनोज कुमा डालमिया येठ रवठ औमझारा डालमिया ये पवन खुमार डालमिया ये रेजी खुमार डालमिया येठ रवठ मोविजाल डालमिया ये अरोव खुमार डालमिया ये पेठा खुमार डालमिया ये जेटा खुमार डालमिया ये पेठा खुमार डालमिया ये क्या खुमार डालमिया येठा खुमार डालमिया येठा खुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया चुमार डालमिया चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डालमिया चुमार डालमिया येठा चुमार डा					
183	मकान	सार देह। गीठ गीजगील हुसैन वो नसीमा बैगम वो शकिला बैगम वो अश्रीद अहमद व अध्यक अहमद वो शोवन हुसैन वो साहीद हुसैन वो सावना परवीन थे- हलबीपरलाह अंसारी वो जुली बैगम वो रेशम वो पेशन वो हुन्नू पहीम मात केशर बैगम।					
184	मकान	सूरज मंडल (अ०६०)					
185	मकान	रतीन्द्रनाथ मुखर्जी पं० हरहर मुखर्जी सा० देह। सुरेश मोदी पं० कालीनाथ मोदी आशा देवी पति वासुकी नाथ मोदी।					
186	मकान	सुरेश मोदी पे० कालीनाथ मोदी आशा देवी पति वासुकी नाथ मोदी।					
187	मकान	गोपाल प्र० वर्णवाल (अ०द०)					
188	मकान	संतलाल गुटगुटिया (अ०द०)					
189	मकान	शयामयुन्दर पुजारी पे० रंगलाल पुजारी। दीपक पुजारी व श्याम पुजारी पे० रंगलाल पुजारी।					
190	मकान	दीपक पुजारी व श्याम पुजारी पे० रंगलाल पुजारी।					
191	मकान	श्री राममंदिर ट्रस्ट (अध्यक्ष परमेश्वर लाल गृँटगुटिया) विजय लक्ष्मीरामका वो अजय लक्ष्मीरामका वो ओमप्रकाश लक्ष्मीरामका वो शरि					
192	मकान	विजय लक्ष्मीरामका वो अजय लक्ष्मीरामका वो ओमप्रकाश लक्ष्मीरामका वो शार लक्ष्मी रामका वो पप्पु लक्ष्मीरामका वो कमल लक्ष्मीरामका वो संदीप लक्ष्मीरामक माता केश्वरी देवी लक्ष्मी रामका अंश समान सा० देह।					
193	मकान	पुष्पा देवी खेडिया पति स्व० सत्यनारायण खेडिया।					
194	मकान	चनदशेखर साह (अ०६०)					
195	मकान	अनुप कलवलिया (अ०द०)					
196	मकान	राजकुमार कलवलिया वो विनोद कुमाल कलवलिया पे० रामावतार कलवलिया (अ०द०)					
197	मकान	राजकुमार कलविलया वो विनोद कुमाल कलविलया पे० रामावतार कलविलया (अ०द०)					
198	मकान	संजय कुमार टेकरीवाल वो सुनील कुमार टेकरीवाल, पे० स्व० विश्वनाथ टेकरीवाल। सा० देह अंश समान।					
199	मकान (शौचालय)	मुख्तियार महतो पे० दुवराज महतो सा० देह।					
200	मकान (शौचालय)	मो० समीमउल्लाह पे० अनुल होदा।					
201	वृक्ष	सुनील कुमार डालिमया वो सुनील कुमार डालिमया पे० स्व० केशरदेव डालिमय वो आलोक कुमार डालिमया वो अजय कुमार डालिमया पे० स्व० बालिकश डालिमया सा० वेह ।					
202	वृक्ष	पूर्व वा आत्मार जुनार आत्मार्थ था अपन्य सुगार अत्मार्थ पर एव बातास्थ्य शामिया साठ देहा वा कार्यास्थ्य पे गोरिक्ट प्रक आत्मिया वो मनोज जुमार आत्मिया पे रवक अंग्रमसाद आत्मिया यो पवन जुमार आत्मिया वो रंजीत जुमार आत्मिया पे ० रवक भोतिसात आत्मिया वो आगेक जुमार आत्मिया वो पिजव मूझ जुमार अत्मार्थ आत्मिया वो नेरक जुमार आत्मिया यो जेगत जुमार आत्मिया पे ६ रवक बनवारी लाल आत्मिया वो मीच देवी आत्मिया यो देवन कुमार आत्मिया वो प्रदीप जुमार आतिमा वो नेरा देवी आत्मिया योदि स्वक एनेस्ट सुमार आत्मिया वो प्रदीप जुमार आतिमाया वे रवक स्वत्यानायण आत्मिया अत्म समान साठ					
		वेह।					

Admin comes to help footballer selling leaf-plates for livelihood

CM tweets to help international player

Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday directed the Dhanbad Deputy Commissioner (DC) through a tweet to arrange for extending government assistance to family of a tribal international woman footballer, who is forced to sell leaf-plates for livelihood. Eighteen-year-old Sangeeta Soren, who has represented India twice in international tournaments is forced to take up selling leaf plates as her father Dubey Soren is physically not in condition to earn due his bad physical and medical conditions.

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Talking to The Pioneer on Friday igeta narrated her tale of impasse the

Sangeta narrated Her Gase -family is facing.

"At times we (Sangeeta and her "At times we (Sangeeta and her mother Sundei Devi) also have worked at brick kilns besides working in fields of others as labourers for earning money. Since my father can't see and walk meet-ing his health requirements also is a chal-lenge, "she said. The family possesse only a ration card but has no other cards including health or red card. Sangeeta, a resident of Renguni vil-

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lage under Baghmara block of Dhanbad , has passed intermediate from a local college, but due to financial constraints she could not continue her studies.

Despite odds she still has passion for football and wants that if the government extends government help she would not only complete her studies but also work for her passion.

A member of Birsa Munda Football Club she also takes out time for practice amidst all odds, she said.

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"Since a journalist tweeted my plight to CM, the district administration has called me and has taken all details of my footbald career," she said. After receiving a call from district administration she is hopeful that the condition of her family would improve. Though, she still waits for actual help much needed for her father.

Sangeeta not only has represented Binod Bihari Mahto Koylanchal University but also State in under seventeen and senior nationals. She has also represented the country in under19 South Asia Football Federation (SAFF) at Bhutan and later for the world qualifier at Thailand in 2018-2019.

Jamshednur FC appoints Owen as head coach for ISL

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Jamshedpur FC has signed Owen
JCoyle as their new head coach
ahead of their 2020-21 Indian Super
League (ISL) campaign.

Sharing his feelings over the
development, Owen
said,
"Jamshedpur has a tremendous football legacy. The club has all the right
things in place, starting with its
vision and translating into a robust
foundation of grassroots, youth,
Tata Football Academy, and required
infrastructure such as fantastic training and accommodation facilities at
par with some of those in Europe.
The vociferous fans have been
amongst the best in ISL ower the past
three seasons, which I had the
opportunity to see while soaking in
the atmosphere in my debut game in
India at the Furnace. This club
deserves to be competing at the pinrande of the ISL and nothing less, and
I am excited and honored to have
been entrusted with the tast."
Owen is a former English
Premier League manager Bolton
Wanderers and Burnley and has also
managed Houston Dynamos in
Major League Soccer. Under Coyle,
Bolton reached the FA Cup semis in
his first season in-charge, and he was
awarded the Premier League
Manager of the Month thrice during
his tenure.

Striking MGNREGA personnel create hindrances in Palamu

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The MGSNREGA personnel are on indefinite strike since July 27.
There are more than 215 MGNREGA personnel in Palamu district which
includes block programme officers, rozgar sewaks, computer operators, junior
engineers, assistant engineers etc. DC
Palamu Shashi Ranjan sid, "The administration is aware of the mischief of the
unscrupulous personnel of the MGNREGA who are not giving the passwords
as a result loading of details is getting difficult," Ranjan said, "Ti is still time for
such errant strikers to mend their ways
as depriving anyone from making job
demands in time like this pandemic is
simply inhuman and intolerable."

Muster Roll is generated on job
demands by unskilled labourers and here
pass word is most essential for creating
Muster Roll said sources.

Ranjan said as of now 5,000 beneficiaries who have been given sanction for
building their houses under PM Awas
Vojna Gramin can do a total of 95 days
of work each under MGNREGA at 194
rupees per Manday.

जिला मत्स्य पदाधिकारी—सह—मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, धनबाद अति अल्पकालीन नीलामी सूचना

एतद द्वारा सर्व साधारण को सुवित किया जाता है कि धनबाद जिला अन्तर्गत प्रवण्ड तोपचीची के सरकारी की बन्दोबस्ती सरकारी परित्य संख्या 114 दिनांक 1801.1992 के आलोक में दिनांक 21.08.2020 को 11:00 बजे खुल पद्धि द्वारा आलोकास्त्रके के कार्यालय कक्ष में की जायेगी।

भीलामी में माग देने वाले व्यक्ति वार्षिक सुरक्षित उसम का 10 प्रतिशत प्रतिभूति राशि जमा करना होगा।
वक्त के बोली एक वर्ष के लिए तमाणी जाएगी।
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कार्यालय में एक करना होगा। बेंग की प्रदेशक वर्ष अद्योक स्था में भारी की शिष्ठ कर्ष की राशि तस्काल अध्योहस्तावारी के
कार्यालय में एक करना होगा। बीग दीवा प्रत्येक वर्ष अद्योग स्था में भारत कारी कार्यालय करना होगा। बीग दीवा होता है
स्वत्य करना द्वारा उक्त समार्थित के उपरांत तमार्थ गये बोली की राशि नहीं जमा करने पर उनकी प्रतिभूति
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राज्य नि:शक्तता आयुक्त का कार्यालय Office of the State Disability Commissioner (महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग) झारखण्ड सरकार

दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिकिसम् २०१६ के चादानों के आलोक में राज्य सलाहकार बोर्ड (दिव्यांगता) का पुर्नमठन से संबंधित आवश्यक सूवना

महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड, सरकार के पत्रांक- 970, दिनांक- 06.08. 2020 द्वारा दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम 2016 के घारा- 66 के प्रावधानों के आलोक में ्टियांगता) का पुर्नगठन किया जाना है। उक्त प्राक्यान के धारा- 66 (2) ड (i) के क्रम में 5 (वींच) सदस्य जी दियांगता एवं पुनर्वास के डेब के विशेषक हैं उपका धनव किया जाना है तथा धानत- 66 (2) ड (ii) के क्रम में में त सरकारी संगठन या संगमें जी दियांगता से संबंद हैं उनसे 10 (दश) विभिन्न कोटि के दियांगजनों का स्वयन किया जाना है। इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक- 435, दिनांक- 06.08.2020 द्वारा सभी जिला समाज कल्याण पदाधिकारी को

जाना है। इस कार्यात्य के पत्राक- 435, दिनांक- 06,08,2020 द्वारा सभी जिला समाज कल्याण पदाधिकारों को निदेश दिया जा पूछा है। उक्त प्रावधान के दोनों कडिकाओं के आलोक में दिव्यागता/पुनर्वात्त के क्षेत्र में अनुभवी व्यक्तिरयों तथा विभिन्न कोटि के दिव्यागतन संबंधित जिला के जिला समाज कल्याण पदाधिकारों के अनुभंता के माध्यम से दिनांक- 250,02202 तक अवदेन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। दिव्यागता एवं पुनर्वात के के मुने अनुभवी व्यक्ति / दिव्याग ज्यायुक्त अथवा बरीय पदाधिकारिक के में कार्यत्व व्यक्ति अपने सक्षम पदाधिकारिक द्वारा निर्मात अनुभवा / प्रमाल, अनुभवा एवं के साथ सीधे आवेदन हैं। आवेदन के साथ योग्यता / अनुभव तथा अन्य प्रमाण पत्रों की छायाधारित संलग्न किया जाना आवश्यक है तकि पारदर्शिता के साथ बयन हेतु सुधिबढ़ किया जा सके।

विशेष जानकारी के तिथे सामर्क करें राज्य निराक्ताता आयुक्त का कार्याल्य, (महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग) आरखण्ड सरकार, भूतल, अनियन्त्रण छात्रावास भवन-2, सेक्टर-III, धुर्ग, रीबी कोन-0651-2401825 हैं मैन-अंज्ञेक्टोक्कोळ्डोक्टाज्यान्विकोळकेळेळ्ळा

mail.com (सतीरा चन्द्र) राज्य नि.शक्तता आयुक्त।

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आवश्यक सुचना कृषि निदेशक, झारखण्ड रॉथी, के पत्रांक 1969 एवं दिनांक 05.08.2020 के आलोक में जिले के सभी कृषकों को सुवित किया जाता है कि विभिन्न उर्वरकों का कम्पनीवार अधिकत्तम खुदरा मूल्य (MRP) निम्नवत् हैं :–

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8 SBI staff test +ve for Covid

PNS III BOKARO

Eight bank employees of State

Sector 4, contracted coronavirus in the city raising concerns among the fraternity. On
Thursday late night 12 new
cases of COVID-19 infection
surfaced in the district including eight banks employees,
informed Rajesh Kumar Singh
Deputy Commissioner Bokaro.
The new positives cases
include a 23-year-old man who
caught by the police for illegalyselling ilquor under B S City
Police Station; a 55-year-old
staff from Sadar Hospital, 44year-old woman from Camp 2;
51-year-old staff from Chas
Block office and 8 staffs (six
male and two female) of SBI
main branch Sector 4. All have
been shifted to COVID
Hospital, he said.
Following the positive
report of the banks staff, their
colleagues are worried now.
Though employees are using
masks, gloves and sanitisers,
over 200-300 people visit the
bank branch every day and so,
the risk always exists. Amybody
visiting the bank could be an
untested carrier of coronavirus,
says an employee on anonymity Meamwhile, 11 more patients
including a 65 years delerly man
were discharged from district
COVID Care center after they
tested negative for the SarsCOV-2 virus for the second
time and sent back to their
home after recovering fully,
said the DC.

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Congratulating the doctors and his team for this glorious achievement Singh said,
Coronavirus infection can be avoided only by social participation.

JPC Area commander, aide held with weapons

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Hazaribag police on Thursday night arrested two hardcore members of harkhand Prastuti Committee (JPC) including an area commander from Katkamsandi jungle of the Hazaribag Police also recovered weapons from them. The district police were searching them for a long time. They are accused of more than two dozen cases in different police stations of Hazaribag, Ramgarh and Chatra districts. Superintendent of Police Karthik S got a tip off that a group of extremists were seen in the Katkamsandi jungle of Katkamsandi police station areas. Hazaribag SP immediately formed a police team under the leadership of Additional Superintendent of police. The police started the search operation. Some members of the group escaped from the site, but police caught two persons.

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the site, but police caught two persons.
They confessed that their name is Purushottam Ganjhu and Baijnath Rajwar. Ganjhu is a resident of Bundu village of Keradari police station and Rajwar is the resident of Chandol village of Barkagaon police station. Baijnath Rajwar is the area commander of the Jharkhand Prastuti Committee (JPC) and Purushottam Ganjhu is an important person of the organization.
The SP said that one arrested member Purushottam

The SP said that one arrest-ed member Purushottam Kumar was released from the jail one month before and tried to strenghten the organization. For this purpose he was in the jungle with Baijnath Rajwar.

ESL organises 'Aarogya Rath' to improve access to quality healthcare

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Vedanta Electrosteel Steels
Limited (ESL) launched
'Aarogya Rath' – free mobile
health units to help improve
access to quality healthcare
facilities in Bokaro district.
The ESL CSR department, in
association with the Clitizen
Foundation, set up two health
camps in Siyaljori and
Babugram villages respectively.
Speaking on the launch of

Speaking on the launch of the project, Pankaj Malhan, CEO, ESI. said, "At ESI., we are committed to empowering communities, and positively impacting lives. In all our neighbouring villages, including Siyaljori and Babugram, healthcare is an ongoing challenge – because of the remoteness of the location, lack of on-time facilities, testine, or access

ness of the location, lack of on-time facilities, testing, or access to adequate medicines."

"In view of these keeping issues, we have started the Aarogya Rath – a complete

mobile healthcare unit that will provide free health checkups, testing, as well as medicines to all in need. Beginning with 50 people in Siyaljori and
Babugram, we plan to grow and provide necessary help to all 27 villages under our care, at all times. It is our privilege to be able to give back to our
society in times of need. We will continue to support our
communities; he said.

This is a great healthcare initiative as mamy people in the
districts and villages surrounding Bokaro would benefit immensely from these health
camps. At present, patients mobile healthcare unit that

camps. At present, patients have to travel to Bokaro to receive any treatment, making it a time consuming and expen-sive process. The Aarogya Rath by ESL will improve accessi-bility to healthcare in these villages thereby decreasing the need to travel long distances to get adequate treatment."

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Agriculture Minister assures action against fertiliser black marketeers

After getting information that black marketing of fertilizers is going on in various parts of the State, Agriculture Minister, Badal on Friday said that the State Government will take immediate action to stop it and it will not be tolerated in any case. He assured the issue will be resolved in a dwar two. will be resolved in a day or two. Farmers were already trou-

bled by the lockdown implemented in the State due to the Corona crisis and during the time of crisis the high price of urea and lack of pesticides in the farming season has added more woes in their life. All this is happening due to the arbitrariness of wholesalers and the farmers are paying more than Rs 84 to Rs 94 for a pack of urea.

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Reacting quickly on the



cases, he added.

The Minister appealed to the farmers that they can inform him through any proper means of information regarding black-marketing of farmers, the issue will be quickly taken in cognizance and the department will take stern action against the blackmarketeers.

teers.
"It is a very serious issue and at any cost it will not be tol-

erated because on the one hand the farmers are already facing a lot of problems due to the global epidemic COVID-19. The department will go to any extent to prevent such kind of incidence in the State," said Badal.

Media reports have sugseted that the MRP of a 45 kg bag of urea is Rs 266.50, whereas, Rs 350 to Rs 360 are being charged per farmer from one

pack. Retail shoppers are crying foul and accusing that when the wholesaler is giving them expensive Urea, what they can do? According to the retail shopkeepers, they have to pay Rs 300 to Rs 320 for a pack of Urea from the wholesalers. The fare for transporting the packs from the warehouse to the shop has to be paid separately, in such a situation, the price increase is inevitable.

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JPPC REMEMBERS TAGORE

The problem of farmers does not end here. For the last 10 days, the pesticides Rogar and Eklux have also been missing from the market. In order to kill small insects, Eklux is to kill small insects, Eklux is required for spray in vegetables' plants. Farmers allege that the artificial shortage of these pes-ticides is being shown in the market right now. While later they will be sold at a higher

BSNL launches Bharat Air Fibre service in Ranchi, Jamshedpur

The Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), as part of the Centre's digital India initia-tive on Friday launched 'Bharat

harkhand BJP on Friday once

Tharkhand BJP on Friday once again raised the issue of Babulal Marandi not yet grant-ed status of leader of opposition in Jharkhand Assembly by Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto as a delegation of BJP leaders met Jharkhand Governor Droupadi Murmu to seek her intervention in the matter.

matter.
The delegation headed by state BJP president cum Rajya Sabha MP Deepak Prakash was joined by state general scretary Aditya Sahu and Pradeep Verma who alleged the Hemant Soren led government is murang by the state of th

Verma wno aneged the Figure 3 Soren led government is mur-dering democracy by persuad-ing the Assembly not to declare Marandi as leader of opposi-

Prasad BSNL General Manager (GMTD) Ranchi, launched the Bharat Air Fibre services in Ranchi.

residents of Ranchi to avail wireless Internet connection on demand. It is a radio based last mile telecom connectivity solution." Singh claimed that the Ranchi telecom circle had made all preparation for the national launch of air fibre services from Ranchi, but due to some reasons it was launched in Maharashtra. Singh said, "Country wise Ranchi circle is second and in Eastern India it is the first circle to launch Bharat Air Fibre services. The state-run telecom service provider will also offer free voice calling along with

Bharat Air Fibre connectivity with data speeds of upto 100 Mbps." BSNL launched the air fibre services as there has been much demand for high speed Internet

education and entertainment have become the need of the hour. Also where optical fibre reach is difficult, air fibre is the The air fibre reach will be

upto the distance of 2 to 2.5 km radius from the BSNL air fibre transmitter (location) is installed. The BSNL Ranchi cir-

"Customers can get wireless Internet connection on instal-lation of air fibre router. The biggest advantage of the scheme is that with a single router eight to ten devices can run at the

same time."

The officials claimed that the BSNL's new services apart from having high Internet speed are also affordable. Some of the installed. The BSNL Ranchi circle division is planning to set up BSNL air fibre transmitter in fitteen locations across the Capital. Some of the areas in Capital Some of the areas in Capital Abrere BSNL air fibre transmitter will be installed includes Bada Talab, Bariatu, Morthabadi, Kathal More, Shyamalia cloub, Dhurwa, Hatia, Pandra, Namkum, Ashok Nagar, Kankeroad and others, Ramashray Prasad, General Ramashray Prasad, General of the strength of the streng

On the death anniversary of the great poet Ravindra Nath Tagore, the author of the national anthem 'Jana Gara Mana' and decorated with the Nobel Prica, Adilya Wikram Jaiswal, president of the Jharkhand Pradesh Professional Congress Committee, along with his team members, remembered Tagore and paid tributes to him. On this occasion, masks, sanitzers were distributed among 150 needy people under Mantra Jeevan Seva by the Professional Congress. On this occasion, sliswal threw light on the biography of Rabindranth Tagore and said that Ravindra Nath Tagore had devoted his entire life for the social, social and cultural betterment of the country. Even today, his valuable ideals and ideas are relevant. KISAN RAIL' ELAGGED OFF BY LINION MINISTERS

Indian Railways introduc on Friday from Devlali. The train was flagged off via video conferencing by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Bural Dayelopment and

Minister of Railways

and Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal. The event was attended by
Minister of State of Railways, Suresh C. Angadi, Minister of State of
Panchayati Raj, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Parshottam
Knodabhai Rupala, Minister of State of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Kallash Chaudhary among other dignitaries. The train will run on a
weekly basis with initial composition of 10 of 1 VPs. Speaking on the
occasion. Tomar said, "It is a great day for farmers. Kisan Rail was
announced in the budget. Agriculture produce needs best possible
distribution and returns. Indian farmers have proved that they would
never be deterred by any calamity or challenge. Kisan Rail will ensure
that agroy products reach from one comer to another corner of the
country. This train will also benefit the farmers and the consumers.

Rural Development and Panchyati Raj, Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of Railways

ECR TAKES STEPS TO CURB CORONAVIRUS SPREAD

Several measures have been taken by East Central Railway to prevent the spread of Kovid-19. These measures include installation of Kovid Care coaches at stations, pre-travel check of passenger tarveling by special trains, proper management of treatment by designating railway hospitals for treatment of Kovid-19, checking of railwaymen from time to time, etc. . In order to ensure smooth running of the railway to time, etc. . In order to ensure smooth running of the railway operations, referebar courses and safety related training programs are being conducted through video conferencing to the railway personnel associated with operation and safety. Automatic contactless sanitizers have been installed at all the functions, crevi obby and other sites. Railway personnal are being examined every day before entering the office. Excemsak and Arogya Setu App has been made mandatory for railway personnal.

WEBINAR BY MARKBUZZZ AND IEA

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A webinar was organized by the Programme of Marketing contribute
by MarkBuzzz the official Marketing club of XISS in collaboration with
the Indian Economic Association Friday on "The New Normal and Its
Impact on The Indian Economy". Over 350 participants joined the Impact on The Indian Economy." Over 350 participants joined the webinar to gain knowledge from the guest speakers. Dr. Pinaki Ghosh, Head of Programme, Marketing, XISS, Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, Director XISS, Dr. Mahendra Dev, Director and vice chancellor, Indira Gandhi Institute for Development and Research, Prof. Praveen Jha from Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU, Anand Sagar, Program Director and Head of Development at Ericsson, India, Dr. B.P. Chandramohan, General secretary, Indian Economic Association, Dr. Sandhya Rani Das, Joint secretary, Indian Economic Association among others enlightened the attendees in the webinar.

4 NEW POSITIVE CASES IN HAZARIBAG

** NEW FUDITIVE LASES IN HAZARIBAG
Four new cases came to light during last 24 hours in Hazaribag district.
The number of active cases reached 672, while 15 people have lost their
lives. HIMCH Superintendent Sanjay Kumar Sinha said that the medical
team has taken the 10273 samples of the suspected Covid patients, out
of them 878 found negative. The report of 1288 is still pending, A
doctor from Barhi sub divisional hospital was found positive in the
testing through Turellat. This is the second case of a doctor being found
positive in the hospital.

2 ILLEGAL GUN FACTORIES UNEARTHED

unearthed two min unearthed two mini gun factory in the Ketar and Bhawnathpur police station area of the district. Illegal gun making was being done at isolated places. Six persons



done at boated of the done at which are stated in the charge of being engaged in gun making places. Six persons have been arrested on the charge of being engaged in gun making business. Besides, 17 country made pistots, one made in China pistot, one 315 both rifle, three semi-made native revolvers, one air gun, 105 live carrifuges, two smart phones and Rs 1,25,000 cash were recovered. SP khorte skinat Suresh Rao said that a raid was conducte at the house of an arms dealer Pappu Chaudhary in Nawada village where a large amount of lilegal firearms, cartridges, money related to illegal arms sales were recovered.

FICCI & OYO CERTIFICATION COURSE

THE REPORT OF TH contact for a hotel in line with the Standard Operating Procedures announced by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The certification course will help thousands of Individual budget, rind-segment, boutique hotels and homestays in India as well as hospitally professionals, to maintain and improve their safety and hygiene standards in line with government and industry benchmarks and best practices. This course is available in Hindi and English.

the Centres usgita india mina-tive on Friday launched Bharal Air Flbre' services in Ranchi and Jamshedpur district allowing the residents of these two dis-tricts to get wireless Internet connection on demand. Ranchi is the second region in the country where BSNL launched its much ambitious 'Bharat Air Fibre' services. A week back, Sanjay Dhotre Union Minister of State for Communications and IT launched the scheme in Maharashtra's Akola and Washim districts. KK Singh BSNL Chief General Manager (CGMT), JTC and Ramashray

KK Singh said, "The Bharat Air Fibre Services will enable residents of Ranchi to avail



ately not appointing Marandi as leader of opposition on instruc-tion of the government. We have requested the governor to

of pandemic coronavirus the demand of Internet high speed has gone up as people want uninterrupted Internet connec-

BJP seeks Guv intervention to declare Marandi as LoP

merged his party the JVM in the BJP in February this year and this merger was validated by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Prakash informed the governor that Marandi had cast his wore in the recently held Rajva Sabha election as the BJP member. The ECI also rejected the claim of two of the expelled JVM MLA shath they represent actual JVM and they have merged the JVM in the Congress.

"We have provided all required details to the office of the speaker. The BJP is the single largest opposition party in the assembly but under a conspiracy the post of leader of the state," Prakash id.

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the Opposition to raise the voice of the public. The CM wants to run the assembly without a leader of opposition. His hidden agenda has been reflected in his many state-ments and it seems that the Assembly speaker is deliberon. "The JMM-Congress and City gears up to participate in cycle for change competition

Ranch: The State capital is all geared up to participate in the competition 'India Cycles4Change Challenge' organised by the Smart City Mission under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, The

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The registration process for the same has been completed by Ranchi Smart City Corporation Limited (BSCCL).

Through this competition the Central government plans to encourage people to take up cycling as a mode of transport. The experts are also of the opinion that post Covid-19, it will also prompt citizens to take up cycling as a last mile connectivity option at cheaper rates for short distances and also promote an environment friendly pollution free transport facility.

The government has also taken this initiative to support cities and make them bicy-taken and the process of the control of the control

In government has also taken this in-tiative to support cities and make them bicy-cle friendly. The purpose is to help cities engage with its citizens and at the same time also develop an integrated vision and ini-tiative to promote cycling. Institute of Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) is the knowledge partner of the Smart City Mission and is supporting the

challenge.

After completing the registration process RSCCL has intensified its preparaprocess RSCCL has intensified its prepara-tions for the competition. The corporation will also be taking suggestions from the res-



BJP State President cum Reijya Sabha MP Deepsk Praksh handing over a memorandum to Governor Droupadi Murmu at Raj Brawan in Ranchi on Friday. Parly's State General Secretary Aditya Sahu and Pradeep Verma are also seen in Promer photo

People ride chartered bicycles in Ranchi File Photo

idents of the State capital through various modes of communication as to what steps can be taken to promote cycling in the City. Opinions from members of the civil society, cycling clubs, agencies working in the field of transport will also be taken on how to provide a safe environment to the cyclists. To participate in the survey, Ranchittes can visit the link https://forms.gle/lamop/119/SF3/UduDB "As per the ITDP survey, this initiative can prove to be a great move in breaking the chain of coronavirus. It will also be a good mode of transportation within the City. The Central government aims to promote cycling for commuting and RSCCL is also working towards it," said RSCCL Public Relations Officer Amit Kumer.

already being run by RSCCL to encourage cycling and has received tremendous response from the residents.

India Cycles4Change Challenge will be conducted in two phases. The competition is being conducted across cities with a population of mosethan flue labels, state cantials. ulation of more than five lakh, state capitals and all smart cities. The challenge for smart cities will be pan city based and will not be limited to the ABD (area based develop-ment) sector alone.

ment) sector alone.

A recent survey by ITDP India states that cycling is likely to increase by 50-65% post lockdown and it can also be permanent option for those using personal vehicles for commuting. It will also provide equal access to jobs, education, recreation and other activities for all sections of the society. Business and the section of the society. and of transport will also be taken on how provide a safe environment to the cativities for all sections of the society. By making roads safe for cyclists, cities except the cativities of an easily promote this healthy means of transportation. The cities which initiate steps be a per the ITDP survey, this initiative in of coronavirus. It will also be a good ade of transportation within the City. The aim of coronavirus. It will also be a good ade of transportation within the City. The critical power ment a miss to promote cling for commuting and RSCCL is also king towards it, "said RSCCL Public lations Officer Amit Kumar.

In Ranchi, a bicycle sharing project is

RMC to call people to know about cleanliness



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In a bid to improve the clean-liness system of the State Capital, under its new initiative Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) is going to start calling people about the lifting of garbage from their area. The new initiative will start within 10 days.

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RMC City Manager Rupesh informed that the civic body is going to take new initiatives to improve the cleanliness system of the city. Under this it will call 50,000 people in a month and ask whether garbage was picked up from your house, street, locality. Through the phone calls it will also know how many times a week does the many times a week does the employee come to pick up the garbage.

many times a week access. The employee come to pick up the garbage.

The City Manager further said that there are a total 53 wards in the corporation area. The corporation area. The corporation will call around nine hundred to make the corporation will call the corporation of the Corporation, Mukesh Cumar, the corporation has now started to restore the new system, he added.

To start the new initiative in the State Capital, the corporation is going to buy bulk voice call with the IVRS system. It will take 10 days to weeks for the corporation to implement this process. Based on the result of the call, the corporation will work to improve the sanitation system, A tresent,

the corporation monitors cleanliness by calling its super-visor in the wards," said

risor in the wards," said Rupesh.

Explaining about the new initiative, the City Manager said that under the new system, the corporation will ask people through bulk phone calls whether the garbage has been lifted from your locality today. Touring this time people will be told that if garbage is raised then press one, if it is not lifted then press two. In this, the people of the locality will tell that there is no lifting of garbage from our locality. Such numbers will be sorted and separated. Then the corporation officials will call on the sumbers themselves and take information about the actual situation. After taking all the information about the actual situation. After taking all the information about the actual situation. After taking all the information about the actual situation. After taking all the information about the actual situation. After taking all the information about the actual situation is of the same taken against such employees," he added.

Rupesh also said that generally RMC resolve 80 percent of garbage related complaints, with the new system it will come in touch with those peo-

on the same day of complaint, with the new system it will come in touch with those people who avrese to calling the civic body regarding lifting of garbage. RMC Spokesperson Vijendra Kumar said that including this the corporation has decided to install three line

Denizens applaud 'Pareeksha' — movie shot in Ranchi

Dealing with the topic of education, the movie Pareeksha- The Final Test por-trays the story of a rickshaw puller who strives to provide his trays in e story of a ricksnaw puller who strives to provide his son with the same opportunities as those given to children from elite families. The film which released on Zee5 on August 6 has got Ranchities super excited to not just see parts of the City where a major part of it was shot but also has local artists performing key roles in it.

Ranchi boy Rohit Pandeu and Manoj Kumar from Silli can be sharing the screen with veteran actor Adil Hussain. Priyanka Bose and Sanjay Suri also play vital roles in it.

Ever since the release date was announced, residents



across all age groups in Ranchi have been eagerly waiting to see it. The movie shows Ashok Naagar, Sapphire School, Kadru and also parts of Ranchi Club. "The film was very nice and it was very exciting to see our people performing in it. The best part of the movie is the story as now. -a days content is key. Lots of movies have been shot in Ranchi but we never get to see people belonging from the City portraying a character which was not the case here. It is great to see artists from the

local theatre groups performing in the film. The locations have been picturised very well. The local artists were also treated very well and at par with those from Mumbai. The movie highsts the gap between government and private schools and it has been raised at the right time," said Himanshu Kumar, who is movement has been raised at the right time," said Himanshu Kumar, who is movement has been raised at the right time, and the same reason of the right time, and the same reason who is movement by the same reason. time," said Himanshu Kumar, who is pursuing his Masters in Journalism from Ranchi University.
"I enjoyed the movie more because it has actors from Jharkhand performing. It is

great to see people from our region playing roles with renowned actors. The local artists have performed brilliantly and there is no over acting on any one's part. The film also deals with a very important topic. Every parent feels that if they do not send their child to a private school, they will not be able to do well in life. It shows the actual situation of a government school and it will hopefully play a vital role in improving it," said Vikash Aryan, a City based short film

very relevant issue that is the education system in our country and the gap between education in a government school versus a private one. How low income families aspire and work hard to get the education for their children and get trapped into the business of private education, the struggle to get their children admitted into a private school and further face challenges to continue it. It also shows the psychological impact of a child from a slum as against his peers from affluent back-

nity and secularism should be practiced and not only preached," said Aiuahi Singh, a student

grounds" said Satyam Ojha, a Rural Management student at XISS, Ranchi.
"The movie Pareeksha very well portrays the hardships that people of our country belonging to the lower income group face when they want to educate their children in a rood institution. It also higheducate their children in a good institution. It also high-lights the class divide. Elementary education is our constitutional right for children between 6-14 years of age. With education being turned into a business, the condition can only improve if the government schools provide the required infrastructure, education and environment to the children. The feeling of features are considered in the condition of tion and environment to the children. The feeling of frater-nity and secularism should be

Congress, BJP slug it out over 'you love China'

The Congress and the BJP on Friday continued to spar publicly levelling 'you love China' allegations against

each other.

The Congress on Friday
maintained its pressure on
Prime Minister Narendra
Modi over the "Chinese incur-Modi over the "Chinese incur-sion" by directly attacking him besides the BJP for just craft-ing an image and spending millions of rupees to win elec-tions. The party also ques-tioned the influence China wields on Indian establish-ments and why the BJP took Beijing's help in the Lok Sabha elections by sharing vital data of Indian citizens with it.

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The Congress said Modi's love for China is now visible to the world and this dates back to his tenure as the Gujarat Chief Minister in Gujarat. The party also quipped that foreign policy does not mean that the Prime Minister is constantly on aeroplane mode.

Why did you compromise the data security and privacy of crores of Indians by involving Chinese companies linked to the PLA," Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said at the AICC press conference.

The party shared documents about BJP having partnered with those Chinese com-

panies who have now been banned by the Government for their links with the Chinese establishment.

"UC Web Mobile got banned in July this year. In 2019, according to the expenditure report submitted by the BJP to the Election Commission, they hired this very company to run their campaign. It is the same thibaba-owned company - UC Web Browser - which was also red. flagged by the Modi govt in 2017 for sending crucial data of Indians to China. What was the compulsion of involving the same company for elections which you had red flagged two years ago," Khera questioned.

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liagged two years ago, Khera questioned.

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There is another company is called Gamma Gaana Limited (Tencent of China). Po Shu Yueng, one of the directors of this company is also the director in 10c. India pvt Itd. Gamma Gaana Ltd is funded by Tencent. Last month, the government banned it saying the company too was used by the BJP in the 2019 LoK Sabhe elections, the Congress alleged elections, the Congress alleged Actualing to the Congress. Actualing to the Congress alleged that the Congress alleged have alleged the Congress alleged that the Congress alleged have alleged that the Congress all the Congress

Cong had MoU with China in 2008, BJP hits back, asks Sonia to explain



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With the Congress attackling the Prime Minister,
BJP president J P Nadda on
Friday took to the field again
to direct his volleys at his
Congress counterpart Sonia
Gandhi and her predecessor
Rahul Gandhi. Nadda sought
an explanation from them
about their party's
Memorandum of
Understanding (MOU) with
China in 2008 saying even the
Supreme Court has expressed
surprise on it.

The BJP's attacks on the
Congress have heightened with
Rahul's continued questioning
of Chinese "incursions" on

for being a threat to the 's ereignty and integrity of India' but it was also hired by the BJP in elections last year, the

observations of the Supreme Court on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) and sought an explanation from Sonia and

Rahul.

"Even the SC is surprised at the MoU signed by the Congress party with the Chinese Gov., Mrs Gandhi & her son, who led the signing, must explain. Does this explain donations to RGF and opening Indian market for the Chinese in return, which affected Indian businesses?" he tweeted.

Nadda's remark came after Nadda's remark came after the Supreme Court refused to entertain a PIL seeking NIA probe into the alleged 2008 agreement between the Congress and the Communist Party of China. The apex court asked the petitioner to file his plea before

Congress charged.
"Our Prime Minister craft-ed an image for himself – an image of a leader who before

He Line of Actual Control in East Ladakh. Sadda in a tweet cited the surprise how a political party could enter into an agreemen

surprise how a political party could enter into an agreement with China.

BJP's national spokesman Sambit Patra who referred to his party president's tweet also asked Congress leaders to explain the nature of the MoU and the alleged dealings with China.

He alleged that even during the Doklam border standoff with China, Congress leaders ers' conduct was suspect. In line with Nadd'a assertions, Patra said Sonia and Rahul need to clarify their dealings with Beijnig.

He also wondered whether a national party could sign an MoU with a political party of a foreign nation.

The BJP spokesman said according to the MoU, both the parties were to exchange information on all regional and international Issues.

2014, roared on issues of bor-der security. Several companies were roped in, spending crores of rupees to create this image

SC refuses to hear PIL for probe against Congress over China pact

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday refused to entertain a PIL seeking NIA probe into the alleged 2008 agreement between the Indian National Congress and the Communist Party of China. A bench, headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde, asked senior lawyer Mahesh Jethmalin appearing for PIL petitioners Shashank Shekhar Jha and journalist Savio Rodrigues, to withdraw the plea and approach the high court. "Every reliet which you are seeking can be granted by the high court Secondly, high court is a proper court. Thirdly, we will have the advantage of high court order also," said the bench, which also comprised Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian.

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Ramasubramanian.
The top court, in the hearing conducted through video conferencing, allowed the petitioners to "withdraw the petition with liberty to approach the high court."

of Modi. The investment paid off and Modi and his party got substantial electoral gains too. But today, we see the same man running for cover when it comes to the issue of Chinese incursions into Indian territo-ry," the party said in a state-



At the outset, Jethmalani alleged that it was an "agreement between a political party of this country with the only political party in that country (China)" and the issue pertained to national security. "We find that there is something which appears to be, what might be called, unheard of and absurd in law. You are saying that China has entered into an agreement with a political party and not

the Government. How can a political party enter into an agreement with China," the bench observed.

On being stressed by the lawyer that this was the case, the bench said, "We will allow you to withdraw this and file a fresh petition. We will examine what you say in the petition and if we find any false statement, we may prosecute you," PTI ment a day after former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi accused the PM of lying on the issue.

Modi: NEP has potential to transform entire nation



Outlining that there has not been any allegation of bias against the New Education Policy (NEP) unveiled by his Government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said Narendra Modi on Friday said that it has the potential to not only change the education system but to also transform the entire nation. He said the NEP will be the foundation of the New India, one that focuses on "how to think" rather than "what to think" that was being stressed upon till now.

Addressing a conclave on "Transformational Reforms in Higher Education under National Education Policy," Modi also spoke on the con-

National Education Policy, Modi also spoke on the con-tentious issue of mother tongue as the mode of teach-ing in the initial years, Justifying it, the PM said, "We need to make our students global citizens and yet be root-ed in their culture. The learn-ing power of students will

improve if the language they speak in and the language in which lessons are taught in school is the same. That is why we have recommended teaching in the mother tongue as far as possible - at least class 5. This will strengthen their foundation."

dation."

Lauding the NEP, he said the fact that there was no allegation from any region or segment that it had any kind of bias or inclination is an indicator that the "changes people wanted to see for years in the education system, they have got to see."

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Asking all stakeholders to discuss the ways to implement the new policy, the PM said: "In recent years, there have not been major changes in education and thus the values of curiosity and imagination were not given the thrust. Instead, we moved towards a herd community. The mapping of interest, ability, and demand was needed. We need to develof interest, ability, and demand was needed. We need to develop critical thinking and inno-vative thinking abilities in our youths. It will be possible if we have purpose, philosophy, and passion of education.

The PM said students should get a chance to follow their passion. "We are also try-

ing to ensure that the talent of India stays in India and works for the development of generations to come, said PM.

"With changing time, a new global system has risen. Thus, it was essential for India to change its education system accordingly. Creating a 5+3+3+4 curriculum, and replacing the 10+2 structure was a step in this direction.

"Often students find that what they have learned is not in line with their job. Thus, to give flexibility to students where was experimentally to the students of the stay of the students. We have also freed education from the stream system. Students will have the flexibility to change their course if they do not think it is right for them. We are moving from thinking when a person is not glued to one profession for the entire lifetime and hence she needs to skill, re-skill and upskill. These issues are part of NEP, the PM said about the main features of the NEP the added that NEP shifts focus from what to think to how to think.

"Till now, we have focused on what to think but NEP 2020 focuses on how to think," he pointed out.

LoR launched to benefit street vendors

In a move to give access to Istreet vendors who do not have Identity Card (ID) and Certificate of Vending (CoV), the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Friday launched a Letter of Recommendation (LoR) module to provide benefit to street vendors under the PM SYANidhi scheme. Those who are not included in any survey list also get benefitted from the LoR module.

The module provides for an end-to-end digitally-enabled process wherein an eligible vendor can request for a Letter of Recommendation from the Urban Local Body and on receipt of the same he/s he can apply for the loan under PM SYANidhi. Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, launched the module.

According to the ministry, for applying for the LoR from ULB through the online module on PM SYANidhi portal, a vendor needs to possess any one of the documents: Proof of availing one -time assistance, provided by certain States /UTs, during the period of lock-down; or the membership details with the vendors' asso

ciations; and any other documents to prove that he is a vendor. Further, a vendor can also request ULB through a simple application on white paper to conduct local enquiry to ascertain the genuineness of the claim as vendor. ULBs will have to dispose of the request for issue of LoR within a period of 15 days.

The vendors possessing LoR will be issued Certificate of Vending / ID Card within a period of 30 days. This provision will help in extending reach of the Scheme to the maximum number of beneficiaries.

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Since commencement of online submission of loan applications on PM SVANidhi portal, more than 4.45 lakh applications have been received and over 82,000 have been sanctioned in different States and UTS.

This scheme targets to benefit over 50 lakh Street Vendors who had been vending on or before 24 March, 2020, in urban a reas including those from surrounding periurban/ rural areas. Under the Scheme, the vendors can avail a working capital loan of ur to Rs 10,000, which is repayable in monthly instalments in the tenure of one year.

Do not let your guard down: Researchers warn Covid patients who have recovered

ARCHANA JYOTI II NEW DELHI

Do not let your guard down', is what researchers have warned patients who have recovered from the coronavirus infection. For, they said, the road to recovery for infection-recovered patients may take months and need vital specialist rehabilitation to ensure quality life.

The researchers found that infection-free patients faced one or many health issues like fatigue, breathlessness, psychological distress -including problems with concentration and memory - and a general decline in quality of life.

The research team - involving multidisciplinary specialists from the University of Leeds, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust and Leeds Beckett University - had followed 100 Covid-recovered patients four-to-eight weeks after being discharge distribution inceds in survivors of COVID-19 infection: a cross-sectional evaluation, have been published in the Journal of Medical Virology.

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It holds importance also for India where the

Government has been main taining that the recovery rate

Government has been maintaining that the recovery rate is on the higher side little focussing on life after Covid-19 that is not the same for infection-free patients.

The researchers identified a pattern of longer-term symptoms likely to be experienced by people who were hospitalised with the Covid-19 infection.

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Some patients, particularly those who had been in intensive care, had symptoms associated with cases of PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). PTSD symptoms are a well-recognised component of post- intensive care unit syndrome caused by a variety of factors including fear of dring, invasive treatment. dying, invasive treatment, pain, delirium, inability to communicate, weakness,

immobility, and sensory prob-lems and sleep deprivation.

Dr Manoj Sivan, Associate
Clinical Professor at the
University of Leeds and a
Consultant in Rehabilitation
Medicine at Leeds General
Infirmary, who supervised the
research project, said: "The
emerging evidence is that for
some, the road to recovery
may take months and it is vital
that specialist rehabilitation is
on hand to support them.
This research gives an impor-tant insight into patient needs,
and that will help shape services in the community."

More than two-thirds
(68.8 percent) of patients in
the intensive care group and
just under half (45.6 percent)
of the other group said their
overall quality of life had deteriorated.

India opens to and fro travel with 4 countries

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India on Friday opened International travel to and from the USA, the UK, Germany and

nce. The Union Home

The Union Home Ministry said that Indians can also go to these countries and foreigners including OCIs with valid visa can now travel to these nations and come to India. India's Civil Aviation Ministry has entered into an "air bubble agreement" with the USA, the UK, Germany and France. The Ministry said that soon more countries will be in this bilateral agreement of air travel known as 'air bubble agreement' in the wake of Covid-19 situation.

In the order, Union Home

ment' in the wake of Covid-19 situation.

In the order, Union Home Ministry said that allowing travel will be subject to health checks and only applicable to those who are not having Covid-19 and other norms stipulated by the Civil Aviation Ministry. The MHA also said that the travelers must have valid visa. "Ministry of Home Affairs has permitted OCI cardholders to enter India who belong to countries with which "air bubble" arrangements have



been finalised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Other for-eigners from these countries have also been allowed to avail Indian visa facility for business, medical & employment pur-poses. Indian citizens have also been allowed to travel to such

poses. Indian citizens have also been allowed to travel to such countries on any type of visa; said MHA in a statement.

The Civil Aviation Ministry, for its part, said that Delhi Airport has developed new features in their portal for international travelers for "contact-less declarations". The Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) announced that it has developed a first-of-its-kisnd portal where India-bound international arriving flyers can fill the mandatory self-declaration form and also apply online for exemption from mandatory institution quarantine process.

EC settles matter over Baldev Singh appointment as SEC

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Disposing of a Complaint of Maharashtra Congress leader Sachin Sawant questioning procedures for

guestioning procedures for appointment of State Chief Baldev Singh in 2019, the Election Commission of State Chief Baldev Singh in CEC on Triday said no action is needed in the matter as the appointment was done after consultation with the State Government. "Singh had been rated outstanding in his performance appraisal records during the five years of his service prior to his appointment," the EC said.

"The Commission having duly considered the matter, does not find any reason for taking any action in the matter. The CEOs appointment is done in consultation with the concrued state government/union territory wherein a panel of officers is furnished to the poll body," the EC said in a letter addressed to Sawant.

The EC further said that Baldev Singh, a 1989 batch 1AS officer of Maharashtra cadre was appointed by the



Commission following due procedure wherein the State Government had clarified that he was clear from the vigilance angle and as per records, he had been rated outstanding in his performance appraisal

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Sawant has alleged that Singh was facing an inquiry initiated by CVC and the ministry of industry and commerce in an alleged irregularity in SEEPZ SEZ. Sawant questioned why the credentials of the CEO were not cross-checked while appointing him to the post and whether the Election Commission of India was working under pressure of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

J&K Bank loan fraud case: ED raids 17 locations

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday conducted searches at 17 locations in Delhi, Ludhiana, Jammu and Srinagar in connec-tion with the J&K Bank

and Srinagar in connection with the J&K Bank loan fraud case involving Hilal Ahmed Rather in a money laundering case worth (177.68 croe. Hilal is son of former Minister Abdul Rahim Rather, who served as Finance, Agriculture, Rural Development, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister under the National Conference-led government in the erstwhile State.

The investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act was initiated on the basis of an FIR registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Jammu.

"Investigation conducted by ED revealed that a loan of Rs 177.68 crores was sanctioned by the J&K bank, with-

by ED revealed that a loan of Rs 177.68 crores was sanc-tioned by the J&K bank, with-out verifying documents and in violation of guidelines of RBI, to Paradise Avenue for construction of a residential housing project in Jammu," the agency said in a statement. A substantial part of the loan was siphoned off by Hilal Rather by transferring the



funds from the loan account of Paradise Avenue to various entities and rerouting the funds back to the firm's cur-rent account from where it was rent account from where it was further withdrawn and trans-ferred for purchase of mov-able/immovable assets in India, Dubai and USA, the ED said.

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The funds were also spent on foreign tours and other personal activities of Rather. As many as three flats in the name of Hilal Rather and family members were acquired in Dubai and one Bungalow was acquired in the name of Hilal Rather and his wife in North Carolina, USA, the agency saud.

The residences of Abdul Rahim Rather in Srinagar and Hilal Rather in Immun were among the premises searched by the ED. Several incriminating documents and digital evidence have been seized during the search operations, the agency added.

Purchase of 75 Pilatus basic trainer aircraft for IAF: ED raids multiple locations

The Enforcement
Directorate (ED) on Friday
conducted searches at multiple
locations in various cities in
connection with a money
laundering case relating to
alleged corruption in the purchase of 75 Pilatus basic trainer aircraft for the Indian Air
Force (IAF) in 2009.
The searches were conducted at 14 premises including a dozen in the national
capital and one each in
Gurgaon and Surat, officials
said.
The ED had initiated a
money laundering case to

The ED had initiated a money laundering case to probe the deal and is carrying out the search operation to gather evidence under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), they caid

Laundering Act (PMLA), they said.

The case involves absconding arms deal broker and alleged middleman Sanjas Bhandari, who is already facing separate ED and Clal probes for corruption and alleged possession of undeclared assets in the country and abroad.

Bhandari is suspected to assign the UK at present at the ED is in the process of initiating extradition proceedings against him.

ceedings against him. The CBI had filed a crim-

Pilatus deal in June last year.

The PMLA case was lodged by the ED after twing cognisance of the CBI Filt to grow the control of the CBI Filt to grow the control of the CBI Filt to grow the control of the control of

Procedure, 2008.

The deal was allegedly done to get the contract for supply of 75 basic Trainer Aircraft to the IAF.

The agency had alleged that the company made a payment of CHF 1,000,000 in the account of Offset India Solution Private Limited with the Standard Chartered Bank, New Delhi in two tranches in August and October, 2010.

Kerala likely

in cases: CM

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN III KOCHI

Kerala is in for tough times as the number of Covid-19 cases in the State are likely to see a hike, according to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Briefing the media on Friday, Vijayan disclosed that Kerala

to see hike



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Join BJP parivar: Nadda to people

With the Assembly elec-With the Assembly elec-tions less than a year away the BJP on Friday mount-ed fresh attacks on the Mamata Banerjee Government hold-ing it responsible for all round deterioration of socio-political déterioration of socio-political and economic situation in Bengal and asked the people to join the saffron outlit in hordes to effect a second Parivartan (change) in the State. Firing salvos at the ruling Trinamool Congress party BIP president JP Nadda said "Bengal has gone into an

ne pioneer

eclipse ... today there is an all round deterioration in law and order situation, the students do not get jobs, the farmers do not get right prices for their produce.

Calling the people to "join the BJP parivar" he said "today cut money and corruptions reigns supreme in Bengal and whoever wants to protest is either silenced by the goons or the police. This situation cannot run for long and the people of the State have to come forward to change the situation by allowing the BJP to take the lead in doing so."

Nadda was speaking ahead of the beginning of a membership drive by the saffron outfit. The party on Friday launched a massive membership drive keeling in view the next year's Assembly elections.

Speaking on the occasion Bengal BJP president MJP Dilip Ghosh said, 'we (BJP are referred to as a non-Bengali party ... but they forget that our main ideologue Shyama Prasad Mukherjee was from Bengal ... As the Vice Chancellor of the Calcutta University he requested

lecture in Bengali ... and today they say we are a party of non-Bengalis."

Saving how "thousands of

Bengalis:
Saying how "thousands of
Sepole are joining the BJP not
just in Bengal but across the
country" he accused the TMC
of running a goonda raj saying
how the TMC government was
indulging in vendetta politics.
Ghosh said, "Our supporters
are not safe. Either BJP workers are homeless or in jails in
false cases. They are ruining
Bengali traditions, culture and
education system."

education system."

Appealing to the TMC

supporters to join the BJP in hordes he said "you had once dreamt of bringing a change in Bengal not only by removing the Marxist Government but also by doing social work but your dreams were shattered by the present Government. But we want to assure you that your dreams will come alive once again when you join the BJP... because after coming to power we will unleash a massive development drive in the State."

The BJP has plans to recruit more than 3 crore members in the State in the coming one year or so.

TMC rejects Modi's claims on NEP debate

The Tinamool Congress on Friday rejected claims made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the State or its Government was con-sulted before bringing about the new education policy (NEP).

(NEP)
Speaking about the issue,
Speaking about the issue,
Bengal Education Ministro
Partha Chatterjee said that roo one from Bengal was consulted on the New Educational
Policy" and added whether
anyone was privately consulted was beyond his knowledge.
"Insofar as the new education policy is concerned ... to

my knowledge, nothing has happened no one was consult-ed ... not even a single time ... with respect to our honourable Prime Minister (Narendra

Will respect to your and you are a say with my full you can tan nome from Bengal was included."
Regarding the draft resolution of the NEP he said it is being said that "discussions were held with states for 3 to 4 years but no such discussion took place" and added "may be discussion was held with someone but not with us." The Minister also said that the State had formed a 6-member expert committee which will give their views by 15th August.

Vijayan disclosed that Kerala would see a hike in the number of Covid-19 cases in days to come. "It is the considered opinion of medical experts that situation in Kerala would wors-en in days to come," said Vijayan. en in days to S Vijayan. The Chief Minister had on Substantial Indiana State The Chief Minister had on Moday lambasted the State authorities and frontline health workers charging that the Covid-19 preventive measures had gone out of control because of the indifferent and irresponsible attitude of the Government staff deputed to tame the pandemic.

staff deputed to tame the pandemic.

On Friday, the State saw 1,251 new persons testing postitive for Covid-19, said the Chief Minister. 'Out of this included the pandemic through local transmission. There were 73 persons who could not tell the source from where they contracted the pandemic,' said the Chief Minister. Five persons succumbed to the pandemic, 'said the Chief Minister. Five persons succumbed to the pandemic,' said the Chief Minister. Five persons succumbed to the pandemic on Friday and this took the fatalities to more than 100.

The 1,251 included '77 expatriates and 94 persons who returned to Kerala from other parts of India. There were five deaths on account of Cowid-219 during the last 24 hours and this took the total fatalities in the State to more than 100," said Vijayan. On Friday, there were five districts in the State each testing more than 100 cases. The last 24 hours ending Friday evening saw the testing of 27, 608 persons in the State.

119 succumbs to virus in TN

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN III CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu on Friday saw 119
persons succumbing to
Covid-19 and 5,880 new persons
joining the list of coronavirus
patients, according to a press
release by the Government of
Tamil Nadu.
The causalities registered on

release by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The causalities registered on Friday make it the highest number of deaths on a single day in the State. 115 patients who breathed their last on Friday had comorbidities (pre-existing chronic diseases). Till date Tamil Nadu has lost 4,690 lives to covid-19. The number of new patients diagnosed with covid-19 on Friday is on the higher side, when compared to that of Thursday (5,684).

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But the total number of active cases on Friday, (52,759) is less than that of Thursday (53,486) which is encouraging to the authorities.

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As 6,488 patients were cured and returned home from hospitals, the number of patients recovered from the pandemic rose to 2.27 lakh.

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A single day saw Tamil Nadu health authorities testing 65,189 persons and the number of testing centres functioning in the State rose to 126. While the number of new persons diagnosed with Covid-19 came down to 984 in Chennai (which was testing 1,000+ every day till yesterday, the same cannot be said about the constituents which make the large cluster of four district of four district of four district with make the large cluster of four district with chengalpet tested 319 positive cases, Kanchepuram saw 166 new patients and Thiruvallur (388).

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My mission to end militancy: J&K L-G

Reaching out to the common people of Jammu & Kashmir the newly appointed Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Manoj Sinha on Friday clearly spelt out his mission in the UT will be to bring peace, end militancy and to ensure development by all means. Sinha also emphasised his priority would be zero tolerance for corruption besides establishing dialogue with the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Interacting with the media per-

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in history".

Referring to his brief interaction with the section of senior officers, Sinha said, "I met some officers and they told me that in the past one year, there has been a lot of development in all sectors. I will take forward the same



process of development with a speed and

process on seven-vigor.

Interestingly, the oath ceremony was attended by only BJP and Jammu and Kashmir Apni party leaders. None of the representatives of the National Conference, Peoples Democratic Party and Congress attended the oath ceremony.

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Listing out his priority areas, Sinha said, "I have no specific agenda and there will be no disparity. There will be equal treatment to all. And we will work for the welfare of people of J&K. I will try

on that front and I have spo-ken to some officers in that regard already". "I will be in touch with the media too

touch with the media too besides common people of J&K." he added.

The LI Governor further said that he would like to see Jammu & Kashmir free from militancy and isolation. "We will work within the framework of the Constitution of India to take J&K towards inclusive development and peace. We will also initiate dialogue with the masses to have and issues, and will try to address the same, he said in a reply to one of the questions.

same', he said in a reply to one of the questions.

Tassure the people of J&K that I will try to come up to their expectations and take J&K forward on the vision and mislate', he added. Later, It Gov Manoj Sinha visited the civil secretariat complex where he was presented a formal guard of honor. He also attended a meeting with the administrative secretaries of all the departments.

Vijayan lashes out at media over gold smuggling case

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN III KOCHI

RUMAR CHELLAPPAN WE KOCH!

For the first time since the gold smuggling scam hit the headlines, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan lost his cool in a Press briefing on Friday and issued a stern warning to journalists 'who were out to discredith min public life'.

"There is a media syndicate working in the State with an intention to tarnish my image. The people in the State with an intention to tarnish my image. The people in the State work with the proving the property of the National Investigation Agency that appeared in a section of the media.

Some media houses had

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reported quoting a statement made by the NIA to the Special Court that Swapna Suresh, the kingpin in the smuggling racket, was known to Vijayan and she ad wielded influence in the Chief Minister who was taken aback by the question gave the reporter a piece of his mind in harshest terms. He warned the journalist not to attempt to get an answer from him to suit the former's convenience.

The press briefing, convened to inform the media about the Covid-19 update ended in a not so pleasant note as a section of

so pleasant note as a section of the media persons expressed their displeasure in private over the ire of the Chief Minister when faced with inconvenient

Paswan accuses 11 States of passing on Central PDS subsidies as their own

Union Food and Consumer Affair
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History accused several States of taking
subsidised PDS foodgrains and passing
them on to end users as their own without giving any credit to the Centre.
He said this trend is apparent in 11
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states, mostly non-BJP-ruled, that are try-ing to undermine the efforts of the Central Government in ensuring that no poor goes hungry. According to Paswan, there are 11 States which take subsidised foodgrains from the central government but are passing on to ration card holders free of cost or at further subsidised rates. "These starts sepend about \$71,000

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"These states spend about ₹10,000 crore from their pocket and pass it to end users as their own. This is wrong on their part. They should give due credit to the

"Out of 11 States, four States (West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka) are distributing grains at free of cost, while six states (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha) are dis-tributing rice at a further subsidised rate of ₹1/kg and Tripura at ₹2/kg rice via PDS, he said.

DYDS, he said.

Under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), the central government is providing foodgrains to States for distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS), also known as ration shops, at a subsidised rate of 870kg rice and ₹3/kg wheat, costing over ₹1 lakh crore annually to the exchequer. We are spending over ₹1 lakh crore annually on subsidised PDS foodgrains distribution, but in several states there is no mention or credit given to the Union government."

Assum said at a virtual press conference.
"Since of July 2020, the Pradhan
Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana 2 has
been started, which will continue till
November 2020. During this period, a
total of 201 LMT food grains will be distributed among 81 crore beneficiaries, as
well as a total of 12 LMT whole chana
will be distributed among 19.4 crore families," he said.
"We bear over 90 per cent procurement cost of the foodgrains, but the
Government of India name is not given
even in advertisements. They claim as if
they are bearing the entire cost. The state
governments should take note of this,
he said. The beneficiaries should be told
that the subsidised grain is completed
from the central government not only
under the NFSA but also through newly
Jaunched Pradhan Mantri Garib Anna
Yojana (PMGKAY), he added.

Fake Colonel of Punjab caught cheating in name of enlisting in Army

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Pake colonel, a resident of Punjab, who was cheating people in lieu of recruiting in the Army in Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh, caught by the Iglas police on Thursday.

In Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh, fake colonel resident of Punjab, who cheated people in lieu of recruiting in the army, caught up by the Iglas police on Thursday. He walked around wearing the Lieutenant Colonel uniform. Several number plates and fake IDs were found in the car which be used

Lieutenant Colonel uniform. Several number plates and fake IDs were found in the car which he used to escape from the police.

SP Dehat Atul Sharma told that a person from Punjab who cheated some people in Mathura in the name of a job in the army. On Thursday, it was found that the accused is coming to Bhilpur, a village in Iglas to take the money. Inspector Iglas, Praveen Kumar Mann and SO Madan Singh stopped his car in front of Batto Devi School near village Bhilpur-Balipur. The car rider was in the uniform of Army Lieutenant Colonel. When they

of enlisting in Army stopped the car, he started calling himself Lieutenant Colonal. After inspecting jugorousty, the inspector of the Authorat of the William of Colonal after inspecting jugorousty, the inspector of Colonal after inspecting the accused stated his real name as Pradeep alias Piru, son of Gurnel He used to call himself a lieutenant colonel and cheated the youth in the name of getting a job in the army. Seven and a half lakhs taken from three people in Mathura

Ramkumar, a resident of village Kudwara in Mant (Mathura) region, had registered a case of cheating against the accused on Tuesday. He said that the accused had convinced himself to get a job y calling him a Colonel in the Army. The fake colonel took two and a half lakh rupees from Manoj and Tejveer of the same village and his companions. He also took education related papers. On 10 Jugalound 16 Jugoro (20 Jugoro) on finding about the fraud and asking for money and papers, Sarvan (fake colonel) threatened to kill the victims.

1 civilian killed, 5 hurt in Pak LoC shelling

Jammu A civilian was killed and 5 others received injuries during 'unprovoked' cassefire violation by the Pakistan Army along the line of control in Tangdhar sector of North Kashmir's Kupwara district on Friday. Pakistan army also resorted to ceasefire violations in the Balakote and Krishna Ghati sectors of Poonch at different intervals during the day.

According to ground reports, Pakistan Army targeted several civilian pockets and hit residential structures using long range mortars and other weapons. Hitting back, the Indian army gave them a befitting reply.

Srinagar based Defence PRO, Col Rajesh Kalia said, "Pakistan initiated an Unprovoked Ceasefire Violation (CFV) Friday morning along the LoC in Tangdhar Sector of Kupwara by firing mortars & other weapons".

He said the Pakistan Army targeter civilian areas. A total number of six civil ians were injured in the CFV, Col Kali said, adding a befitting response being given

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In the evening,another incident of ceasefire violation by the Pakistan army was reported along the LoC in Machhal Sector of Kupwara.

Till the time of filing the report, the Indian army was giving a befitting response, said Col Kalia. According to Jammu based Defence PRO, Lt. Col Devender Anand, "in the morning Pakistan army resorted to ceasefire violation in the Balakote sector and later in the evening they trained their guns towards the forward Indian posts in the Krishna Ghati sector. The Indian Army gave them a befitting reply, he added.

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AP crosses two lakh-mark, single day high of 89 deaths

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Riding on a rapid surge of infections, Andhra Pradesh on Friday crossed the two lakh-mark in the overall number of Covid-19 cases as another 10,171 were added afresh for the third consecutive day.

From its maiden case on March 12, APs Covid-19 graph peaked to over two lakh cases in just 149 days, witnessing a meteoric rise, particularly in the past three weeks, and reaching the third spot in the country behind Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

Two three-day spells, first from July 29-31 and next from August 5-7, where Covid-19 spread so virulently with over 10,000 cases each daily saw the state gallop to the third spot in the national table.

The Covid-19tally on Friday showed 2,06,960 over all cases, of which 84,654 were active, 1,20,464 recoveries and 1,842

deaths.

The state saw 89 fresh coronavirus deaths, the highest number in a day so far, while 7,594 patients had recovered from the pandemic in the last 24 hours, a government bulletin said.

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After 23,62,270 sample tests, the infection positivity rate climbed further to 8.76 per cent, inching closer to the national average of 8.90 per cent.

The recovery rate too improved to 58.21 per cent, but was way below the national average of 67.98 per cent. The Covid-19 mortality rate in the state stood at 0.89 per cent, against the national average of 2.05 per cent, it said.

In 12 days from July 27, the number of cases doubled from 1.02 lakh to 2.06 lakh. From March 12 when it reported the

From March 12 when it reported the first coronavirus case, AP took a long time till June 24 to go past the 10,000 mark and July 20 to cross 50,000 total cases

Mizoram bans entry of vehicles carrying non-essential goods

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The Mizoram Government on Friday Decided to The Mizoram Government on Friday Decided to The neutron of trucks and other vehicles carrying goods into the State after 18 truck drivers and handymen from outside tested positive for novel coronivus, officials said.

However, vehicles carrying essential commodities will be exempted from the ban, they said. A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the Mizoram cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Zoramthanga.

The meeting decided to temporarily ban entry of vehicles carrying commodities barring those carrying essential commodities at the existing two entry points in Vairengte on the Mizoram-Assam border and Kanhmun on the state border with Tripura until further order to prevent further spread of virus in the state, an official said.

The cabinet expressed concern about 18 truck drivers and helpers stranded along the National Highway-306 (formerly NH-54) between Hmangkhawthlir and Sethawn in Kolasib district, who tested positive for Covid-19, she said.

Action sought against mental therapist for disclosing Rajput's health details APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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Charging that Sushant Singh Rajput's mental health therapist Susan Walker Moffat had violated professional ethics and patient confidentiality by disclosing details of the actor's mental health, senior Mumbai BJP leader Ashish Shellar on Friday demanded Mumbai BJP leader Ashish Shellar on Friday demanded that action be initiated against Susan for trying to prejudice the investigations and violating the Mental Health Act.

Health Act.

In a joint letter addressed to the Mumbai Police commissioner, Joint Director of CBI, Mumbai, Manoj Shashidhar, the officials of ED and other agencies, Shelar

alluded to a media interview, in which she "has revealed confidential aspects of Sushant Singh Rajput's mental health

Singh Kapjur's mental health state".

"Her actions seem prima facie in violation of the Mental Health Act 2017 and her India residency visa conditions. Medical and mental health professionals hold the highest level of standards and ethics when it comes to confidentiality and reveal details only after following due process of law, as they are liable to face strict legal action for violating Indian Mental Health Act, 2017," Shelar wrote.

wrote.
"Two main questions which are in public interest

things, the BJP leader said: "As What motivation or who made Susan Walker violate professional ethics, patient confidentiality, violate Mental Health Act and Indian lawby disclosing details of Susan walker with the confidentiality, who made Susan Walker breach what or who made Susan Walker breach Walker as her unethical actions of disclosing Sushant's Susan Walker breach who made Susan Walker breach who made Susan Walker breach of disclosing Sushant Susan walker so who made susan Walker breach of disclosing Sushant Susan of disclosing Sushant Susan walker should be supported by the suspension of disclosing Sushant Susan walker should be supported by the suspension of disclosing Sushant Susan walker is foreign citizen, sepace the suspension of disclosing Sushant Susan Walker is foreign citizen, suspension of disclosing contains the susan Walker is foreign citizen, suspension of the suspension of disclosing contains the susan walker is foreign citizen, suspension of the suspension of the suspension of the susan walker is foreign citizen, suspension of the susp

made Susan Walker breach confidentiality, knowing full well that her mental health practise, which is rumored to earn her upto crores rupees per year, will be badly affected by her disclosure?," Shelar stated

her disclosure?," Shelar stated. Shelar urged the Mumbai to take steps to cover follow-ing angles in this matter act against Susan Among other

Mumbai Police must initiate action against Susan Walker as her unethical actions of disclosing Sushant Singh's mental health details is a direct violation of Mental Health Act, 2017 Section 23(2) and her actions attract punishment including criminal prosecution, fines and jail sentence on conviction and seeks to prejudice the investigation angle of the Police. 4. How is Susan Walker practising in

Mumbai".
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Mumbai".
"Is she authorised to practise in India. Is she or her clinic registered with authorities and BMC? Has Susan Walker registered with the Rehabilitation Council of India and is she accredited to any registered and recognised body of mental health professionals in India, which allows her to practise?

The counselling, medicines, treatment methods suggested to Sushant Singh by Susan Walker, without any license or permission to practise in India is illegal. This must be probed for its effect on Sushant's actions leading up to his death," Shelar wrote in his letter.

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, R/o: One of the Namely: Unknown, Age: Approx. 50-55 years, Height. 5' 7', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Hair: Black, Wearing: Black & White colour T-Shirt and lower body nude, who was found dead at side of Ganda Nala Hakikat Nagar, Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 47A Dated 03.08.2020 U/S 174 Cr. PC has been registered at P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

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Sd/- SHO DP/292/NW/2020

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PAPER WITH PASSION **Big win for Mahinda**

With the pro-China Rajapaksa clan in full control, India has to work on strategic engagement and economic alliances



he Sri Lankans have chosen stability over liberalism performance over democracy in returning the Rajapaksa clan to power with a massive mandate in the nation's parliamentary elections. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's ruling party, the Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP), won 145 of the 150 seats, that would now allow him to amend the Constitution, expand his executive powers and ensure that his elder brother, Mahinda, continues as Prime Minister. In short, the dynastic hold on Sri Lanka's politics is now absolute. And the brothers could overturn any reformatory attempts that have been made by previous Governments to consolidate their

position. Sri Lankans, much like other nations around the world, including India, have voted for nationalist pride and muscular leadership in tough times. The Government's smart COVID-19 management has scored big with the voter, the island nation reporting just 11 deaths and managing the elections without any cluster outbreaks during the polling process. The Rajapaksa brothers are seen as strongmen and deliverers and seem to have consolidated their hold among the Sinhalese Buddhist majority in the aftermath of the Easter bomb-ings, which showed how scattered IS modules were choosing virgin targets. And no mat-ter how militarist Gotabaya may seem, the Sinhalese trust him to tackle terrorism as he cleaned up the Tamil movement ruthlessly, an operation that had earned him the moniker of the "terminator." For India, though, the return of Mahinda Rajapaksa is worrying as he has a hardliner approach to Tamils and has welcomed Chinese strategic interests and invest-ment at our expense. In the past, he accused New Delhi of intervening in the internal affairs of Sri Lanka, propping up his own protege Maithripala Sirisena against him and ensuring he lost the elections. Sirisena's SLFP and ally UNP, whose leader Ranil Wickremesinghe became Prime Minister, formed a coalition Government which was pro-India. The Indian establishment was also too overt rather than being covert about its interventions. So a hurt Mahinda never settled down, his party scoring on local elections till he forced a coup, subduing Sirisena, getting him to sack Wickremesinghe and becoming Prime Minister for 51 days. Gotabaya took charge of Defence and Security, kept the Tamil-majority areas under strict military vigil and put Indian diplomats under surveillance. It is this distrust that needs to be healed now for geo-strategic reasons if we don't want China to run ahead.

Little wonder then that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was one of the first dignitaries

to wish Mahinda, with whom he has been in touch over regional COVID-19 management. India's diplomacy in the neighbourhood has to factor in the pragmatism by lesser neighbours, who have successfully played on its anxieties with China and are negotiating the best of both worlds given the competitive muscle-flexing by two Asian majors. Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka are all happily walking the trajectory of "trade ties" with China and "historical linkage" with India to buttonhole both nations into giving concessions. Mahinda, too, seized the moment by calling India a "friend" with whom he had a "long-standing cooperation." The Modi Government is pushing proactive participation over historical assumptions in its Lanka policy. Yet, the Chinese are way ahead in Lanka. They have a 99-year lease on the Hambantota port after Sri Lanka's failure to repay loans and are using it to enhance their military arc in the Indian Ocean region all the way to east Africa. The Chinese have even created an island off Colombo, a new financial hotspot and a key conduit to East Africa, besides controlling the island nation's infrastructure sector, hospitality and sup-ply chains. And while we may have halted Huawei's 5G technology, Sri Lanka has no security fears about the new-generation mobile telephony technology. India has, therefore, to do a very tightrope act with Sri Lanka if it wants to protect its strategic interests amid a Chinese swamp. That, too, without compromising too much on Tamil interests. We need to work on investment and project partnerships, encourage soft diplomacy via people-topeople contacts and strengthen an institution like BIMSTEC to ensure continuous communication. And we must take care to not appear exploitative or patronising.

COVID spiral

As the virus spreads, India must ramp up its testing capacity, focus on the hinterland and come up with a standard protocol



he dreaded community spread has India well and truly in its grip because, from the time the pandemic began in the country, we had recorded 1.5 million cases till July 28 but have added a whopping 5,00,000 infections in just nine days. This is an average of 50,000 fresh cases recorded each day. India has breached the 20-lakh barrier and fatalities have touched the 41,000 mark. The country that has been fighting to rapidly ramp up its poor healthcare infrastructure is now snapping at the heels of Brazil, which has more than 2.8 million cases, and the US, which is leading the list of worst-hit countries with five million cases. And if the

experts are to be believed, the community spread has only just begun and the next million cases may take just a little over two weeks if infections continue to spread at the same rate at which they are now. Expert opinion has it that the country needs to shift its focus on the war against the pandemic to rural India, which has multiple challenges of a high population density, patchy administration and a tottering healthcare infrastructure.

Another area where the country needs to improve its performance is testing that has been dismally slow. Till August 5, the country had just tested 16,617 people per million, which is a paltry 1.66 per cent of the population. Compare this to other nations like the US, which has tested 18.8 per cent of its population, Russia 20 per cent, South Africa five per cent and the UK 25 per cent. The Government's excuses of overpopulation and being a poor country hold no water as even a country like Brazil, which has a much lesser GDP than ours, has tested 6.3 per cent of its population. Moreover, a small country like Iran has tested three per cent. If we are to beat the pandemic, we have to ramp up our testing and take it up to five per cent at least, which is around 32 million more people. Testing also helps us map the trajectory of the disease and prepare containment strategies or it would look like we are just flying blind as some Western experts are suggesting. Right now, while the urban centres are bending the curve, unexpected hotspots are emerging, which need to be contained lest they set off a ripple effect that can lead to a "viral" blast. Also, what is needed is a national protocol for a standardised response, better guidance and a balanced allocation of resources. The silver lining in the dark cloud is that the recovery rate in the country is continuously rising and the fatality rate has remained much below the global average. If the figures being bandied about by the Health Ministry are anything to go by, the recovery rate has risen from 51.08 per cent on June 15 to a record high of 67.98 per cent on August 7, while the fatality rate has gone down to 2.05 per cent. These two in tandem have enabled a higher and rising difference of more than 7.7 lakh between the number of recovered patients and active cases in the country, claims the Ministry. Of course, there is still a problem of unaccounted deaths and cases that may completely change the picture. Plus, we have come a long way from the time we faced a shortage of simple things like hand sanitisers to the more complex PPEs and ventilators. Now, after four months, we are actually exporting these to other nations. The two indigenous vaccines are showing promise and developers are preparing to begin simultaneous phase 2 trials that study immune response and additional safety in a large population. In some more good news, pharma major Lupin has launched its Favipiravir drug at a very reasonable price. So, while we may not yet be winning the COVID war, all is still not lost. India can live to fight another day. But we must stick to a mapping and tracking plan and not get complacent. More importantly, not let up. Given our population, we will have recurring waves.

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Being humane

Following the pandemic, there has been a resurgence of hatred against stray dogs who are left to fend for themselves. Not many understand how their lives have turned upside down



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

he COVID-19 pandem-ic has affected human behaviour throughout the world, causing new the world, causing new focal points of irritation to emerge and the old ones to intensify, sometimes to levels where violence follows invertably. This, in turn, is the result of the fear of catching the disease and boredom caused by prolonged confinement at home, either by choice or compulsion created by lockdowns. Moods marked by irritation and anger intensify old animosities and create new ones. An example is the resurgence of hatred towards stray dogs, who have been an integral part of Indias urban and rural population centres since the time of the Ramagonan and the Mahabbarata, if not earlier.

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Directly or indirectly, animals and creatures that live in water or the sky feature prominently in the and the narratives of the Vedas, Bruhma Sutra, the Punnus and the epics, Ramayana and Mahabharata. Examples are many, but two well-known ones men't a mention. In Mahabharata's Mahapharata's Mah

Wolfushiris final test. He would not have been able to enter heaven alive in the had agreed to abandom the dog. If he had agreed to abandom the dog. This account is widely known and cited. Another incident is found in the Bengali translation of the Saptakanda Ramayana (The Ramayana in Seven Parts) by Krittubas Ojha. It happened when Ram, after defeating Ravan and sending Sita to sage Valmikis hermitage, was holding court in Ayodhya with Lashman guarding the entrance. A white dog with red veys, lame in one leg and limping, with thick patches of congealed

blood on his head, indicating that it has hit with a stick, came and touched Lakshman's feet. Asked why he had come, he said he would relate the cause of his sorrow to Ram if the latter granted him an audience.

Told of the dog's request by Lakshman, Ram asked for the dog to be brought before him forthwith. Arriving in Ram's presence, he began to sing the former's praise with folded hands and head bowed. Asked about the reason for his coming, he said, "A sanyasi (a mendicant ascetic who has renounced the world) has hit me for no fault of mine. Distressed and hurt after being hit, I have come to your court after starving for three days. The court should please ask the sanyasi what was my fault that he should have hit me with a stick?" Ram said that the sanyasi should be brought immediately before him so that the court could judge. How immediately before him so that the court could judge. How could a sanyasi be cruel to an animal? (All quotations are from Saptakanda Ramayana translat-ed from Bengali to English by this author)

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The dog, who accompanied Ram's messenger, identified the sanyasi as he was brought before Ram, who asked, "Why have you abandoned your dharma and are cruel to animals? One who perpetrates adharma has to live in hell. What kind of renunciation is yours when your body is so full of anger? Castigation of others and malevolence towards others are grave sins. A terrible hell is the punishment for a cruel and malevolent sanyasi. A sage who has

given up greed, illusion and desire, is respected in this world. And, though a sanyasi, you suddenly burst into anger! What was the fault of the dog that you hit him with a stick?

The ascetic replied, "I went to the town for alms after recit-

to the town for alms after reciting prayers on the banks of the Ganga during the whole day. Begging for alms, the whole body burning with hunger, I found the dog lying in front occupying the whole road. I louldy asked him go give way but he pretended not to hear. He was asleep with one eye closed and looked at me with the other. I became angry and hit him on the head with a stick. Now that I have said all this before the court, have said all this before the court, have said all this before the court you decide what punishment to

you decide what punishment to give me."

On being asked by Ram about the punishment, the courtiers said that the samyasi should be barred from bathing in the Ganges. At this, the dog said that he should not be punished but made the ruler of the kingdom of Kalinjar. The courtiers laughed as Ram made the samyasi the king of Kalinjar. The Climbing onto the back of an elephant, his splendour enhanced by the royal sceptre, the samyasi began travelling happily towards Kalinjar as people laughed at his attire — a loin-dloth — with the royal umbrela law the first mean.

cloth — with the royal umbrel-la over his head. Asked by the courtiers as to why was the kingdom given to the sanyasi when the idea was to punish him, Ram directed them to the dog, who said, "Under a curse by Lord Shiva, death does not alter the king's destiny to be

reborn as a dog...I was the king in the previous birth and now I have been reborn as a dog and suffered much. But having seen you, I will now escape from my torment." While everybody said that the sanyas's worldly possessions have now increased, the dog said, "Have no doubt, whoever becomes the king of

oug said, Haive no doubt, whoever becomes the king of
Kalinjar becomes a dog in his
next birth." He then did
namaskar to Ram and walked
slowly to Varanasi where he fasted to death and attained heaven because he had seen Ram.
Ram's statement that a "terrible hell is the punishment for
a cruel and malevolent sanyus?"
has an echo in a passage in
Skanda V, chapter 26 of Srimad
Bhagawata. The Holy Book of
God. It reads, "God has given different forms of livelihood to
creatures. Some of these may go
against the interests of man. But
man should not retaliate against
the series for two reasons.
They are not endowed with the
capacity to know that they are
doing injury to man, and next,
man knows that they will be
injured the statement of the series of the
realish purposes spects to a purgatory called Andhakupa and
here he will have to live in a low
type of body, attacked by the
creatures be had injured. In
darkness, without seep, and
the restless, he will have to trag on
a wretched
existence."
(Translated by Swami
Tapasyananda).

The passage quoted from
The Srimad Bhagawata: The Holy
Book of God applies especially to
those who inveigh ceaselessly

about the "menace" posed by stray dogs. They can neither see the role the latter play as sen-tinels, whose barking alerts peo-ple against the arrival of thieves, robbers and terrorists/insur-gents. Precisely for this reason, terrorists in some areas of Jammu & Kashmir and Maoists in parts of central India have in parts of central India have asked villagers to kill all dogs in

asked villagers to kill all dogs in their areas.

In the present situation, how many of India's stray dog haters have tried to understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has turned the lives of these canines completely upside down? It has been said often enough to become commonplace knowledge that the closure of hotels, dhabas and restaurants have deprived vast numbers of hem of their food It is not just the left-overs thrown into surabase hims that they miss. their of uteri root. It should be a some into garbage bins that they miss. Many of them, who had been fed regularly by the staff and owners of these eating places, have now to fend for themselves — something to which they have grown unused.

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Finally, how many haters of stray dogs have any idea of the love and loyally that most dogs unconditionally lavish on peo-ple? Not surprisingly, Konrad Lorenz writes in Man Meets Dog. "The whole charm of the dog lies in the depth of friendship and the strength of spiritual ties with which he has tied himself to man" Author of the landmark book On Aggression and perhaps the best-known authority on ani-mal behaviour, he should know. (The writer is Consultant

(The writer is Consultant Editor, The Pioneer, and author)



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From what I can tell you is that the equation of the industry has not changed. It's an equal playing field. You've to have a huge amount of luck and then things will fall in place.

Actor —Chunky Panday



What China did is a terrible petence or on purpose, it was a terrible thing that they did ... not only to the US, but to the world



PM Modi congratulated 130



LETTERS TO THE **EDITOR** mi pujan at Ayodhya was avoidable. The event has raised several questions Was it correct for the PM to lay the foundation of the temple, one which remained embroiled in a long history of disputes? In a secular democracy, the PM is not expected to represent any particular religion or organisation. For a head of the state, religious affiliations should remain confined within the four walls of his home. Sritama

Stand firm

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Now Pak in map war" (August 6). Close on the heels of (August 6). Close on the heels of Nepal's issuance of a map show-ing Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura under its territo-ry. Pakistan has released a terri-torially misleading map that includes the former princely State of Junagadh (Gujarat) and Kashmir. This prompted a quick response from India's Ministry of External Affairs, which termed it "an exercise in political absurdi-ty."

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Askistan Prime Minister
Imran Khan claimed that the
map represented the aspirations
of the whole nation and all its
political parties. It is likely that
Pakistan has China's Dlessings in
producing the map given stiniair border claims by Nepal
recently. Pakistan has expressed
its frustration through a series of
steps that coincided with the first
anniversary of the abrogation of
Article 370. It had amnounced
that August 5 would be observed
as "day of exploitation" even as
the Khan Government again
failed to persuade the UN
Security Council to come up

Gold smuggling gets murkier

t is common knowledge that gold is smuggled into the country by land, sea and air. The Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 4,000 klograms of gold worth 73,000 crore that was illegally brought into Gujarat. In February, DRI officials found about 15 go of gold valued at over 86 crore on the sea bed at Mandapan off the Tamil Nadu coast. There are umpteen such instances. More recently, a influential gang smuggled nearly 230 kg of gold into Kerala, tucked stealthing in the diplomatic parce bags couriered from Dubai to the Consulate General of the UAE in Thiruxananthapparum. On July 5, Gustoms officials intercepted the passage of a diplomatic bag, stated to be the 21st in line, which led to the seizure of 30 kg gold. The probe was assigned to the NIA as suspicion of illegal money being used for netarious activities gained The probe was assigned to the NIA as suspicion of illegal money being used for nefarious activities gained strength. However, the Opposition chose to focus on the association of M Sivasankar (IAS), the Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Kerala, with the accused, Swapna Suresh, and underplayed the issue through the diplomatic channel. In fact, it chose to harmer the Chief Minister. Even after days of interrogation by both the Customs officials and the NIA, it remains unclear if the officer was a victim of misjudg-



ment or had even the remotest role in the murky affair.
And the role of the consulate in the gold smug-gling, particularly the attaché, is still shrouded in mys-tery. An argument doing the rounds is that the attaché is not bound to reveal his travel tilinerary to the is not bound to reveal his travel filterary to the Government, he being a diplomat. The question here is: Can a diplomat aid terrorism and still leave the coun-ry quietly under the cover of diplomatic immunity from prosecution? Politically, the Opposition efforts to besmirch Nigarian reputation have not registered much success. Meanwhile, the sleuths are preparing to trav-debeard for investigations. el abroad for investigations.

Haridasan Rajan Kozhikode

Sritama Via email **Crisis within crisis**

- This refers to the editorial, "Monumental apathy" (August 7). The massive explo-sion in Beirut, Lebanon couldn't have come at a worse time for Lebanon when the country has Lebanon when the country nas been battling one crisis after another. Nations across the world as well as international institutions must offer help to Lebanon so that it can overcome

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despite having China on its side. The FATF has decided to keep Pakistan on the "grey" list as it failed to check the flow of money to terrorist groups. If it fails to fulto terrorist groups. It it taus fil the FATF's requirement

could be downgraded to the blacklist. India must firmly disblacklist. India must firmiy us-prove the ridiculous claims made by its neighbours and reassert its territorial sovereignty. **Venu GS** *Kollam*

Tough questions

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analysis

FIRSTCOLUMN

Iransparency is long overdue

The Centre has rolled out a robust and much-desired architecture for the online audit of Panchayati Raj Institutions



DEVENDER SINGH ASWAL

Transparency and accountability in the functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) have been hanging fire for long. After much reflection, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has launched an Audition fire application for scrutinising the accounts of vere 2.50 lakh gram panchayats (GPs). To begin with, the accounts of at least 20 per cent or 50,000 GPs would be audited online for 2019-20. This was long overdue as the GPs have been endowed with substantial powers, authority and responsibilities with the enactment of the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act. Following the recommendation of the 14th Finance Commission (FC), ₹2,00,292 crore was transferred to the PRIs during 2015-16 to 2019-20. The 14th FC, and many others before it, had underlined the need for auditing panchayat accounts as the wisdom, faithfulness and propriety of expenditure were a matter of naging concern. Guidelines were issued by the Finance Ministry in 2015 to the effect that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (AGG) would examine the release and transfer of the grants-in aid and expenditure in Panchayats and municipalities.

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The 15th FC, while recommending allocation of ₹60,750 crore for 2020-21 to the three tiers of the PRIs, comprising the district panchayats, block panchayats and GRs, laid emphasis on ensuring timely availability of audited accounts online so as to strength-entheir financial management. Hence, Auditionine facilitates online and offline checking of accounts of the PRIs with a view to improving transparency and accountability in the utilisation of public money. The accounts of 20 per cent GPs would be audited on a pilot basis and scaled up to 100 per cent in the financial year 2021-22. Owing to the online digital payment mechanism, now integrated with to the online digital payment mechanism, now integrated with eGramSwaraj, the GPs were able to make online payments out of the 14th FC grants. In fact, 1.52 lakh GPs were on the platform and

the 14th C grants. In tact, 1.52 lakn GFs were on the plactorm and 1.04 lakh GFs made online payments during 2019-20. Notably, AuditChiline will ease up access to records which can be monitored at the district, State and Union level. It can enable uploading of photos of the work done and geo-lagging of projects to facilitate physical inspection and remote verification of the assets. This will help reduce costs, ensure quicker reviews and sound documentation and enhance environmental sustainability. The timely availability of the course made is considered to the control of the course made is the office or person byte in the ability of records was a major issue in the offline system but in the online audit system, the auditors will be able to see all documents

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AuditOnline also facilitates online and offline scrutiny of accounts and maintains the past records of the auditee. Plus, the information would be available in public domain. Fully configurable, it is capable of depicting any type of workflow and mapping seamlessly the auditor/auditee engagement and interaction and audit observation tags. Further, its Dynamic Form Designer allows drawing of the forms for case record and fact sheet assily and generation and download of various graphical reports for analysis and monitoring, based on customisable report templates. Another and yet more significant advantage is the fact that the monitoring authorities would get notified instantaneously via e-mail/SMS/System-based alerts at various trigger points, enabling concurrent analysis, mid-course correction and beter monitoring. A greater responsibility has been given to the State Accountant General (AG) under AuditOnline rules. The AG, representative of the CAG, shall identify the District Local Fund Auditor (DLFO) for each area. The entire audit process — starting with the identification of the DLFO, audit planning, recording of entry and exit meetings by the auditor, concurrence and approval of the meetings, communication of the draft audit to the auditee, planning and audit report, review of the response and action take, there on, by the auditee with clear timelines — are all unambiguously outlined. The audit report, review of the response and action take, there on, by the auditee with clear timelines — are all unambiguously outlined. The audit report is eview of the response and action take, there on, by the auditee with clear timelines — are all unambiguously outlined. The audit report is view of the response and action take, there on, by the auditee with clear timelines — are all unambiguously outlined. The audit report is view of the response

books of accounts are not complete, leaving aside the issue of high-speed internet and uninterrupted connectivity? It's only when the money is spent, brought on account and the accounts closed, a

prerequisite for any audit, that the online audit can be undertaken.

However, the Union Government has rolled out a robust and much-desired architecture for the audit of PRIs. In fact, 11 States (Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Haryan, Himachial Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Telangana, Tripura, and Uttarakhand) have already provided their configuration details and others will follow suit. Extensive online training and hands-on sessions are being carried out with the States. With the successful operation of AuditOnline, hopefully, the image of PRIs will improve with the expanded arch of accountability, encompassing all the three tiers

of India's multi-layered and now expanding digital democracy. (The writer is former Additional Secretary Lok Sabha and an

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CHINA URGES THE US TO CORRECT ITS WRONGDOINGS. STOP POLITICISING ECONOMIC ISSUES AND CRACKING DOWN ON RELATED FIRMS.

—CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON

Embrace the circular economy

As nations move towards a post-pandemic fiscal recovery, they must adopt strategies for long-term sustainable development and create resilient economies





BAKSHI

The pandemic and the response to it by various governments around the world have posed unprecedented challenges, the effect of which would be felt for decades to come. People and conomies are suffering not only due to the huge loss of lives but also from the slowdown of economic activities during the lockdown. According to the Union Minister of Road Transport Nitin Gadkari, the contagion is expected to cause a loss of over ₹10 lakh cror to India's economy. The World Bank, too, estimates that 12 million people in India could be pushed into poverty. While initially, the most visible impact of the crisis was on the healthcare sector due to shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, critical medical supplies and healthcare professionals trained in the handling of a contagion, its impact is now being felt on the free movement of people, goods and services, too.

A circular economy is based on the principles of reducing our waste and pollution throughout the infecyel stages, keeping products and materials in use for long and regenerating natural systems. Circular economy-based concepts, such as cascaded reuse of resources to design reusable masks to substitute single-use masks, supported by Government-formulated guidelines and awareness about the same, are steps in the right direction.

The global market for refurbished medical devices is also predicted to witness significant growth. Recently, fuel cell manufacturer Bloom energy started to refurbish ventilators to meet the supply gap in hospitals in the US. Due to COVID-19, organisations preferred work from home (WPH) and educational institutes preferred to learn from home using virtusly platforms for meetings and online classes, which led to an unprecedented surge in demand for refurbished laptops. This cascaded use of refurbished patops, the new production to rural and urban poor students. In the production of the product



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In order to support the Atmanirbhar
Bhatar Abhiyan, newer ecosystems need
to be envisaged that are based on local,
shorter and more distributed supply
chains via localised material sourcing. At
the start of the pandemic in India, the
availability of PEPS was critically low, coming to non-availability of local manufacturers, long gestation period to import
their machines and the high cost. In line
with the spirit of Vocal for Local and with
various Government initiatives, India is
today the second-largest manufacturer of
PPE body overalls within a short span of
four months. There is also a need to
engage in collaborative consumption to
share resources by replacing traditional
ownership of products with lending, borrowing and the availability of repair services in facilitate reuse. This would helpreduce panic buying. For instance, the
assurance of the Delhi Government to
provide "Pulse Oximeters" for monitoring oxygen levels of patients undergoin
more isolation is a positive step in this
direction. Acceptance of such "pay for services" rather than "owning facility options"
would gain momentum if hygiene is
ensured. Local waste sites can be turned
into resource centres that undertake
recovery and recycling of plastics.

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within the healthcare sector, too, where circular k intited fabric (washable and
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vices that people are increasingly relying upon. Such solutions could also help comtinue efforts to reduce the usage of plastics and styrofoam. Several initiatives by various Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) companies and collaborations involving various stakeholders have been done across the globe to minimise single-use plastics.

done across the globe to minimise single-use plastics. In addition, enhancing material productivity also plays a significant role in addressing the diminishing cost com-petitiveness of industries (such as the Indian automobile sector in comparison to China, Singapore, Indonesia, and Bangladesh) due to high material cost. The circular economy emphasises reuse, and through this has the potential to generate not only environmental benefits but cost. not only environmental benefits but cost benefits, too, and create new revenue opportunities. For example, the focus on manufacturing durable goods would help them to generate income from rentals, repairs and refurbishment while reducing the environmental footprint.

In the COVID-19 crisis, digital solutions have promoted virtual workspaces, a mobile Government and a multitude of platforms to monitor and trace infections. Digitalisation has not only been limited to medical solutions or WFH set-ups but has been an instrument in supporting

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has been an instrument in supporting online education modes, too. Digital technology can play a role in creating city and village systems that are regenerative and restorative by offering dematerialisation opportunities, increasing our knowledge and understanding of data on the lifecycle of materials, people and external conditions, allowing for more informed decisions based on accurate data. This would help dose the loop of material cycles and contribute to keeping products /materials in use for a longer period of time.

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For example, digital technology can
help aggregate local marketplaces dealing
in secondary and alternative materials and
formalise the informal sector waste-pick-

ers. Real-time tracking technologies provide information on where a product ends up and how it will be reused or recycled. However, despite the many opportunities that circular thinking presents, ongoing efforts in this direction have been this due to the pandemic. For example, in the waste management sector where significant work was done to manage plastic waste, many efforts have been halted during the lockdown, particularly in the private recycling space.

Recycling plants are mostly shut or are operating at limited capacity with a lot of the informal sector workers, who played the role of aggregators (such as the junk collectors) leaving urban enters for their native places. Procurement of recyclable waste has also become a challenge. Among plastic, virgin plastic may become even cheaper than secondary raw material plastic due to falling prices of hydrocarbon fuels resulting from the current low demand. This will also affect the economic wishility of many plastic recycled materials and close the price gap between virgin and recycled plastics.

As countries step towards economy.

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As countries step towards economic recovery after COVID-19 they should undertake circular economy strategies for long-term sustainable development and for creating resilient economies. The BRICS nations recently acknowledged the eightening of social vulnerabilities and job losses due to the pandemic and have emphasised on the need for improving the environment and promoting the circular economy in national plans as steps towards recovery. The time is ripe for us to rethink our consumption patterns, to build in resilience, circularity and and recitent trual-turban connection to reduce the vulnerability of our economic and social systems and move towards and mo vanieratinity of our economic and social systems and move towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat. (Bakshi is Senior Fellow and Tewari is Fellow and Area Convenor, TERI)

Maintain a healthy digital diet

During this period of social distancing, we should use technology to increase our independence and harness our inner potential



The Coronavirus pandemic has made social distancing the new normal and the majority of us are becoming increasingly dependent on digital technology. Pushed into an uncertain future, we are spending more time to digitally connect with people, work, shop, keep ourselves informed and even entertained.

While a digitally-mediated daily life can keep us safe from the risk of infection, too much exposure to it can harm our mental health. There has been alot of avareness raised about the impact of exposing oneself to negative influences on social media and the news. The more information we receive

the more insufferable the pandemic becomes. We have seen people feel hopeless and helpless as a result of all be information they absorb and unfortunately, sink into deeper mental health issues.

Fake news and conspiracy theories can induce feer and lead us to either fight, freeze or fold up. If you are one of the fighters, the information on digital feeds will help you take action in serving others, hence, limiting your online time.

You may also minimise the understanding of the situation and label all those people, who or art the side of precaution, as hysterical and not abide by the safety rules. Thus, putting yourself and others in danger. If you freeze, then you will lock yourself down and if you fold, you will need support to uplift your mental health.

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At all costs, people must keep their digital activity healthy during the outbreak. Let us take a look at three evidence-based tips for a healthy digital diet during the outbreak.

Take control: It is natural to feel

powerless and scared in the face of a pandemic but people can use digital technology to regain control and give themselves a degree of autonomy over their life.

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This is critical as having control promotes emotional well-being. So, people must think about ways in which they can use digital technology to help them do it. It can be something as simple as using the technology at their disposal to make plans, manage their schedule, organise activities with others and even do online shopping at websites where they get to exert greater

websites where they get to exert greater choice.

The key is to use digital technology actively instead of letting themselves get passively guided by algorithms. People must think of digital technology as a tool that allows them to extend their autonomy and makes it possible for them to develop strategies to cope better. For instance, people can consider limiting passive screen time and balance passive viewing with more interactive screen time — playing educational games, making

YouTube videos, coding a website — where they are in control.

Nurture relationships: While social distancing is good for our physical health, isolation is not good for our mental health. So, we must use this opportunity to digitally connect with old friends, family members or acquaintances that we somehow lost touch with. We must also nurture our existing relationships by scheduling regular chast online and using digital devices to spread positive news, express gratitude to the people servine use and

regular chats online and using digital devices to spread positive news, express gratitude to the people serving us and helping others.

For instance, people can order food and groceries online for friends, family members and neighbours who are not digitally-enabled. Helping others can give life more purpose and allay anxieties. Organise group chats and regular virtual meet-ups – seeing a familiar face, even on a phone screen, can be reassuring. People must use this time as an opportunity to rebuild affiliations with those who matter.

Be smarter: Our well-being is also influenced by our competence, ability

to rise above challenges, take smart decisions and experience a sense of achievement and degree of success. Hence, people must use this opportunity to take online courses, learn new skills and do things that engage them. People must consider using digital technology to look after their body and mind during this period of confinement. They may not be able to the theory of the things that they are confined inside a restricted environment. People can consider downloading a nutrition app, exercise, mindfulness or relaxation app. They must think about how they can use digital technology to improve exercise, sleep and diet regimes.

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People can use digital technology to be smarter about their information diet, too. Use fact-checking services to counter conspiracy theories, unfounded rumours, urban legends and misinformation. Reduce information intake to one or two trustworthy sources. Most importantly, get information, the control of the contro

mation from reputable sources instead of regurgitating what they read on social media.

The way towards digital well-being: Our increased digital dependency can be of benefit to our well-being instead of a hazard. We need to use our screens positively and promote greater autonomy, relatedness and competence. To be balanced, people must schedule their downtime, off-screen time, exercise time and fun time. This will form the core of their emotional well-being and hold them in good stead.

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People must remember not to reach for their phone as soon as they wake up. They must give themselve the time to get ready, eat and then get to their device. We should use technology to increase our independence, further our well-being and harness our inner potential. Doing so will not only help us get through the pandemic but will also ensure that we emerge stronger from it.
(The write is Director of a Wellness company and heads a foundation)





YETI A BOON TO **TOURISM**

Taunting anthropologists and researchers, the elusive Yeti continues to confound science, Ecologist Daniel Taylor found a trail of footprints during a 1983 search of the Barun but eventually concluded that it is more likely to be a bear. Yetis still court controversy as we saw recently with the aborted Visit Nepal Year 2020 sculptures, but they also boost tourism.
(Nepali Times editorial)



LANKA PARLIAMENTARY POLLS -

Rajapaksa registers landslide victory

majority

Colombo: Mahinda Rajapaksa will be sworn in as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister for the fourth time on Sunday after his party time on Sunday after his party registered a landslide victory in the general election, securing two-thirds majority in Parliament needed to amend the Constitution to further consolidate the powerful Rajapaksa family's grip on power.

The Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP), led by prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, won in 145 constituencies, bagging a total of 150 seats with its allies, a two-thirds majority in the 225-

total of 150 seats with its allies, a two-thirds majority in the 225-member Parliament, according to the results announced by the election commission on Friday. It won all but four of the 22 electoral districts on offer, polling 6.8 million votes (59.9

per cent).
The 74-year-old Prime
Minister Mahinda thanked the
Sri Lankan people for putting
their faith in the SLPP and said that the country will not stand disappointed during its tenure. "Heartfelt gratitude to all



Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa greets Buddhist monks following his election victory in the general election at his residence in Tangalle Sri Lanka on Friday

AP

SriLankans for placing their trust in President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, myself and the PodujanaParty and voting for the 'Saubhagye Dakkan' election manifesto in over-whelming numbers. We will ensure Sri Lanka will not stand disappointed during our tenure,' he said.

Mahinda will be sworn in Mahinda will be sworn in as the new prime minister for the fourth time on Sunday at a ceremony at the historic Buddhist temple of Kelaniya, a north Colombo suburb, according to an official state-ment

ment.

He created a record in polling over 500,000 individual

preference votes, the highest ever recorded by a candidate in the history of elections. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among the first world leaders to congratulate Mahinda on the outcome of the elections and said the two sides will work together to further advance all areas of bilateral

special ties to ever newer heights.
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"Thank you PM @naren-dramodi for your congratula-tory phone call. With the strong support of the people of #SriLanka, I look forward to working with you closely to fur-ther enhance the long-standing cooperation between our two countries. Sri Lanka & India are friends & relations," Mahinda twosted.

POWER TUSSLE WITH OLI INTENSIFIES -

Nepal: Prachanda tells party workers to prepare for worst

Kathmandu: Nepal Communist Party's executive chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' has asked the party workers to prepare for the "worst" as the ongoing power tussle between him and Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli has intensified with no solution in sight.

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The Rajapaksa family has dominated Sri Lankan pollitics for two decades. Mahinda was previously president, from 2005 to 2015. President Gotabay Rajapaksa had won the November presidential election on the SLPP ticket.

In the parliamentary election, he was seeking 150 seats mandatory to execute constitutional changes, including to repeal the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which had curbed the presidential powers while strengthening the role of Parliament.

Activists, already alarmed by the diminishing space for dissent and criticism in the island nation, fear such a move could lead to authoritarianism. PTI

"Our main concern is not about gaining power, what we want is to follow the proper procedure while running the NCP. We are not focusing on gaining any position, but our light is against the wrong trend developing in the party." Prachanda told a select group of journalists during a special briefing on Wednesday.

He held the press conference along with three sention party leaders Madhav Nepal, Jhalanath Khanal and party spokesperson Narayan Kaji Shrestha, according to Nagarik daily.

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The dissident group accused Oli of trying to damage the image of other senior leaders of the party, the daily reported.

Prachanda and Nepal have

Prachanda and Nepal have claimed that the majority of the powerful Central Working Committee members have supported them while raising voice against Oli. Prachanda also alleged that while the Standing Committee meeting was in progress, at the initiative of Prime Minister

Oli a new party was registered under the name of a lesser-known person at the Election Commission with the intention to split the ruling party. "If one chairman (PM Oli)

"If one chairman (PM Oli) does not follow the proper procedure of the party then how can the unity of the party remain intact," he wondered. Prachanda claimed that he and other senior leaders of the

party were trying to save the party by creating a favourable

party by creating a favourable situation.

We are trying for the best of this country should also be prepared for the worst thing to happen, Prachanda told media persons, indicating a possible split in the ruling party.

Thad agreed to make Oli Prime Minister for a full 5 years term and enjoy the executive chairman's position in the party for creating a better environment within the party, said Prachanda.

"Oli has dragged the party towards anarchism by calling separate gatherings," Prachanda said.

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TikTok threatens legal action in US over Trump order



Washington: Video-sharing app Tikflok on Friday threatened to take legal action in US courts against Donald Trumpis executive order banning any one under US jurisdiction from doing business with the company's owner ByteDanc.

We will jursue all remedies available to us in order to ensure that the rule of law is not discarded and that our company and our users are treated fairly— if not by the Administration, then by the US courts, "TikFoks said in a statement.

AFP

Negligence or missile may have caused blast: Lebanon President

Beirut: Lebanese President Michel Aoun says there are two possibilities behind Tuesday's blast — either negligence or "external intervention" by missile or a bomb.

military and security officials to do what was necessary. He did not elaborate. He said several governments in charge since 2013 received warnings about the material.

He said the investigation is concentrating on 20 persons. He rejected an international investigation into the blast, saying that it will make us "lose the truth."

Leader denies Hezbollah role in Beirut blast

Beirut: Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah says the explosion at Nasrailan says the explosion at the Beirut port reveals nepotism and corruption that can't be ignored in Lebanon and that those responsible should be brought to justice. Nasrallah denied in a speech

on Friday that his group was responsible for Tuesday's blast or exercised any power at the port.

He was responding to claims that his group may have stored explosives at the port. Still, Nasrallah didn't rule out a misreasrailah didn't rule out a missile attack or an act of sabotage. He said that storing explosive materials like ammonium nitrate at the port for so long means "it is partially an issue of negligence, corruption, nepotism" that should not be ignored. "AP

Belgian court rejects move to extradite ex-Catalan Minister

A Belgian court on Friday Arejected Spains demand to have a former high-ranking politician from the region of Catalonia extradited, ny et another set back for the courty's efforts to try several officials in exile over their alleged roles in an independence recreament and the many court of the state of the court of

erendum that Mådrid branded as illegal.

The Brussels prosecutor's office said the court had decided not to enforce the European arrest warrant for former Catalan culture minister Lluis Puigo on the grounds that "the Spanish authorities who issued the warrant are not competent to do so."

Puig has been living in exile in Belgium since he, former Catalan President Carles Puigdemont and a number of their associates fled to Belgium in October 2017, fearing arrest over their alleged roles in the secessionist push and the holding of an independence referendum that the Spanish government had banned.

The vote sparked a police crackdown and led to one of Spain's biggest political crises in

crackgown and led to one of Spain's biggest political crises in decades as mass protests roiled the relatively wealthy northeast region of 7.5 million people. Polls and recent elections show that Catalans are rough-

ly equally split by the secession question. Spaniards as a whole are strongly against it.

Kabul opens traditional council on release of 400 Taliban

Kabul: A traditional council met on Friday in Afghanistan's capital to decide whether to release a final 400 Taliban pris-oners, the last hurdle to startoners, the last hurdle to starting negotiations between Kabul's political leadership and the Taliban under a peace deal with the US.

The negotiations are a critical step toward lasting peace in Afghanistan.

The talks will decide what a peaceful Afghanistan might

The tanks will decide what a peaceful Afghanistan might look like, what constitutional changes will be made, how the rights of women and minorities will be protected and the fate of the tens of thousands of heavily armed men on both sides of the conflict. Besides Taliban fighters, warlords in Kabul

maintain thousands of armed militias loyal to them.

The Taliban in a statement on Friday rejected the Kabul gathering, saying it had no legal status. A statement by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo issued late Thursday made it clear that the 400 prisoners had to be released if peace talks with the Taliban were to move forward.

vard. "We acknowledge that the "We acknowledge that the release of these prisoners is unpopular," Pompeo said. "But this difficult action will lead to an important result long sought by Afghans and Afghanistan's friends: reduction of violence." and direct talks resulting in a peace agreement and an end to the war."

China sentences 4th Canadian to death on drug charges

Beijing: China has sentenced a fourth Canadian citizen to death on drug charges in less than two years following a sharp down-turn in ties over the arrest of an executive of Chinese tech giant Huawei.

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Ye Jianhui was sentenced on Friday by the Foshan Municipal Intermediate Court in the southern province of Guangdong.
Ye had been found guilty of

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manufacturing and transport-ing drugs, the court said in a brief statement. Another sus-pect in the case was also given the death penalty and four the death penaity and four others sentenced to between seven years and life in prison. Death sentences are automat-ically referred to China's high-est court for review. Ties between Canada and China have nosedived over Canada's

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late 2018 arrest of Meng Wanzhou, a company executive and the daughter of Huawei's founder, at Vancouver's airport in at the request of the US, which wants her extradited to face fraud charges over the compa-ny's dealings with Iran. Her arrest enraged Beijing, which calls it a political move aimed at constraining. China's rise as a constraining China's rise as a global technology power. AP

KAVYAM

Malaysia's Mahathir forms new party in fightback attempt

time former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad announced on Friday that he is

announced on Friday that he is forming a new ethnic Malay party more than two mouths after he was sacked from his previous party during a political struggle with his successor. Mahathir, 95, quit as prime minister in protest in late February after fellow party member Muhyiddin Yassin withdrew their Bersatu party from the ruling coalition, triggering its collapse less than two years after a historic victory in 2018 national polls.

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Muhyiddin was sworn in as

new prime minister in March with a new government sup-ported by ex-Prime Minister Agilb Razaks corruption-taint-ed party that was ousted in 2018. Mahathir, who was sacked from Bersatu along with his son and three other senior members, said Muhyiddin had hijacked the party and helped review what he called a kleptocratic govern-ment.

ment.

He accused Muhyiddin of using money to buy support in Bersatu, causing it to stray from its goal of fighting graft Mahathir said he believes many grassroots members are unhap-py and still support him. AP

but not many countries willing to accept him' Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia was looking for a country except India to send Zakir Naik, but

not many countries are willing to accept the controversial preacher, former prime minis-ter Mahathir Mohamad has

Naik, a 54-year-old radical blamic preacher wanted by the Indian authorities for alleged money laundering and inciting extremism through hate speeches, left India in 2016 and subsequently moved to the largely Muslim Malaysia, where he was granted perma-nent residency when Mahathir Naik, a 54-year-old radical

'Malaysia wants to send Zakir Naik to other place,

was the prime minister.
Claiming that the fugitive
Islamic preacher "would not be
safe from the Indian public", the
95-year-old politician, who is
eyeing a comeback, said he
would like to send Naik to
some country "where we feel he
will be safe."

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"For the time being he (Naik) can stay here but we would like to send him to some other country where he would be safe. Unfortunately, set means countrie accuration and the safe was a supplied to the safe will be safe. not many countries are willing to accept him," Mahathir was quoted as saying by the WION news channel.

would extractive Nation in the becomes the Prime Minister of Malaysia again, Mahathir said, "Well, we would like to send him to some country where we feel he will be safe."

feel he will be safe."
He once again refused to send Naik to India, saying "at this moment we feel that he would not be safe from the Indian public."
Naik has been banned from any public activities in the multi-ethnic country after his controversial remarks against Malaysian Hindus and Chinese last year.

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Portland protesters cause mayhem again, cop hurt

Portland: Portlands nightly protests turned violent again even after the city's mayor pleaded for demonstrators to stay off the streets and a police officer they a rock early Friday suffered what was described as a serious injury. The protesters who are a police precinct station and also used metal bars to disable police whicles, police said in a statement. The nightly clashes this week have ratcheted up tensions in the city after an agreement was reached last week between state and ideeral officials for federal agents to pull back from their defence.

AP

IIS RECORDS OVER 2 000 **VIRUS DEATHS IN A DAY AFTER THREE MONTHS**

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Washington: The United States has recorded more than 2,000 coronavirus deaths in 24 hours, the highest number of daily fatallities in three months, Johns Hopkins University real-time tally showed on Thursday.

The country, which has seen a major resurgence in coronavirus since the end of lune, added 2,006 deaths in one day as well as more than 58,000 new cases, the Baltimore-based university showed at 8:30 pm (0030 GMT Friday).

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Nagar, Delhi. The description of the missing person are as under: Age: 37 years, Helght: 5'6', Complexion: Shallow Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Blue colour shirt and black colour pant. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. An person having any information or clue about this person kil inform to the following.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.ln Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/251/CD/2020 Te

P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi Tel.No. 011-25872637, 8750870434 DP/284/NW/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Suneha D/o Late Nandu R/o Jhuggi No. 320, J.J. Camp. Ayurvedic Hospital, Haiderpur, Delhi has been missing/kidapped from the area of PS: Shailmar Bagh, Delhi since 20.07.2020. In this report. this regard, a case vide FIR No. 0478/2020 U/s 363 IPC Dated 28.07.2020 has been registered at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under.



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missing girl then please inform PS. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi at
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नेनर : के कदिन का द्वा वरिवाण अमेडिका राजींगर परिश्ली पुरुषेत्राका / बी.टी. की.ची. वरिवाण / बी.सी. पुरुवान द्वारा जारी दिला निर्देशों के ये मारदेशों के अकार पर तथा गांका परिशेकारी की निनाली में किया गया है। का सावदान की तथीदन मा कामा वह में अमान के कुशता है। जनकारी के तिर्देश भागा अस्ति असुमातीतालाक दिला परिश्ली करें चारों समझ आदेशों की सुधी, तम य कीट नंदर सहित चालका

Sensex, Nifty end flat on negative global cues

Domestic equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty ended flat on Friday as negative cues from global markets and spiking COVID-19 cases in the country kept investors on the edge.

After touching a low of 37,787.38 during the day, the 30-share BSE Sensex clawed between the country to the class of the state of t

30-share BSE Sensex clawed back lost ground to end 15.12 points or 0.04 per cent higher at 38,040.57.
Similarly, the NSE Nifty rose 13.90 points or 0.12 per cent to finish at 11,214.05.
During the week, the Sensex advanced 433.68 points or 1.15 per cent, while the Nifty rose 140.60 points or 1.26 per cent.

cent.
Asian Paints was the top gainer in the Sensex pack on Friday, spurting 4.44 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finance, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finserv and Maruti.

and Maruti.
On the other hand, Titan,
HCL Tech, Infosys, M&M and
Sun Pharma were among the
laggards, skidding up to 2.65 cent. Mahindra & Mahindra on

Friday reported a 94 per cent decline in consolidated profit at Rs 54.64 crore for the June quarter, adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Global markets tumbled

after US President Donald Trump signed an order pro-hibiting American residents from transacting with Chinese apps WeChat and TikTok, ratcheting up US-China ten-sions

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China has vowed to retaliate against the executive order, which comes into force in 45

days.
According to traders, neg-

'According to traders, neg-ative overseas cues and mount-ing COVID-19 cases in the country kept investors jittery. Registering over 60,000 cases in 24 hours for the first time, Indias COVID-19 tally galloped past 20 lakh on Friday, while the number of recover-ies surged to 13.78 lakh, according to Union Health Ministry data. The number of cases around the world linked to the disease has crossed 1.9 crore.

around the world linked to the disease has crossed 1.9 crore. "The unrelenting pace of virus infections and other uncertainties led to the benchmark indices ending flat today with volatile trades. Global cues were also mostly negative, after Asian markets ended in losses following US actions on popular Chinese apps, and anticipating retaliatory action from China. "However on a weekly basis, Indian benchmark indices ended up by around 1 per cent, following gains in the

Wall Street stalls; S&P 500 dips after 5-day winning streak

Wall Street is stalling on Friday, as a whirtwind of worries about rising U.S.-China tensions and whether Congress can deliver more aid for the economy threaten to halt its big run.

The S&P 500 was edging 0.1% lower in early trading, after a five-day winning streak had brought it back within 1.1% of its record for the first time since February. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 73 points, or 0.3%, at 27,317, as of 9:40 a.M. Eastern time, and the Nasdaq comtime, and the Nasdaq com-posite pulled 0.1% back from its record.

Markets around the world

latter half of this week, on expectations of RBI policy eas-ing to support economic revival," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.BSE power, telecom, utilities, industrials and basic materials indices rose as much

got a small boost before trad-ing began on U.S. Stock mar-kets when a report showed that the U.S. Job market strengthened more last month than economists expected. But the bump for U.S. Treasury yields and European

But the bump for U.S.
Treasury yields and European
stocks proved short-lived.
It's a busy day for markets,
with investors also focused on
Capitol Hill, where Congress
and White House officials
have been negotiating on a
hoped-for dealon more aid for
the economy. A marathon
meeting Thursday left both
sides still far apart on key
issues, and they both said the
future of talks is uncertain.
Investors say it's crucial
that Washington pump more

sumer durables, IT, teck and healthcare closed with losses. Broader BSE mid-cap and small-cap indices rallied up to 1.44 per cent. In rest of Asia, bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Tokyo ended in the red, while Seoul finished with gains.

ries about a resurgence in coronavirus counts.

Even though Friday's jobs report was healthier than the market expected, it also showed that hiring is already slowing following two months of acceleration and remains far below where it was before the pandemic.

Trump is considering executive orders to address some of the issues if Congress some of the issues if such as evictions and unemployment insurance, but they appear unlikely to have much impact.

money into the economy, which has shown signs of improvements since the spring but is still hobbling amid wor-ries about a resurgence in coronavirus counts

Stock exchanges in Europe were trading on a negative note in early deals. Global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.86 per cent lower at USD 44.70 per barrel. On the currency front, barrel.On the currency front, the rupee ended almost flat at 74.93 against the US dollar.

Increase in gold loan LTV will heighten credit risks for banks: Report

The increase in loan-to-value (LTV) ratio for gold loans, or the quantum of borrowing against a given quantity of the precious metal, will heighten credit risks for banks, a ratings agency said on Friday.

The RBI had on Thursday increased the LTV ratio for gold loans by banks to 90 per cent from the earlier 75 per cent, in a bid to make more variable to people affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

"...An increase in the LTV ratio to 90 per cent increases the credit risk for banks as the collateral available in the form of gold or namements or jewellery of gold or manements or jewellery

collateral available in the form of gold ornaments or jewellery may not be sufficient to fully cover both principal and interest components on these loans." Brickworks Ratings said. Its Director for Ratings, Vital Director for Ratings, Vital Properties of the Williamsham Rumaswamy, said the increase in LTV will result in a "negative carry" for banks as the total exposure will exceed the value of the pledged gold.

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"It could adversely impact
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credit risk profile and/or sharp decline in gold prices, which have seen a strong rally over the last few months, he added. However, given that the higher LTV is only till March 131 next year, the risk on the portfolio is for a limited period, the agency said in a note. Also, gold loans are most-year the period of the profile of the p

The agency said given that

The agency said given that the RBI's announcement on higher LTV gold loans is limited to the banking sector, banks are bound to garner a larger market share vis-a-vis their non-bank peers in loans against the pledge of gold in fiscal 2021.

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cal 2021.

At present, non-bank financiers and unorganised lenders like local pawn brokers with a wider network enjoy a large market share in loans against gold ornaments and issuellowe.

against gold ornaments and jewellery.

They also charge high rates on these loans, which can range anywhere between 20 per cent to 50 per cent, whereas banks charge much lower interest rates, it said.

Gold, silver prices continue to climb; touch record levels

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Gold price surged for the 16th straight session on Friday and touched an all-time high of ₹57,008 per 10

time high of \$57,008 per 10 grams in the national capital, according to HDFC Securities. Silver too continued its upward movement, with the price touching a record-high of \$77,840 per kilogram. Silver price jumped by \$576 compared to the closing level of \$77,264 per kg on Thursday. In the previous trade, gold had closed at \$57,002 per 10 grams. On Friday. the price grams on Friday. the price grams on Friday.

In the previous trade, gold had closed at \$75,002 per 10 grams. On Friday, the price increased by \$6 to \$57,008 per 10 grams. Prices of both the metals recorded all-time high prices, HDFC Securities said. "Spot gold prices for 24 carat in Delhi continued to scale new highs by gaining \$6. Gold prices are trading higher for the 16th consecutive day in India, "HDFC Securities Smior Analyst (Commodities) Tapan Patel said. In the international market, both gold and silve were trading marginally lower at USD 2,061 per ounce and USD 28,36 per ounce, respectively.

Sebi revises eligibility, shareholding limit for clearing corp at IFSC

Markets regulator Sebi on Friday amended international financial services centre (IFSC) guidelines pertaining to eligibility criteria and shareholding limit for clearing corporations that wish to operate in such centres. The decision, aimed at streamlining the operations of IFSC, has been taken after consultation with stakeholders, the Securities and Exchange

the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a

Gricular. Under the norms, any Indian recognised stock exchange or clearing corporation, or, any recognised stock exchange or clearing corporation of a foreign jurisdiction, will form a subsidiary to pro-

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Union Minister Smriti Irani
on Friday said the government is aiming to develop
ten Craft and Handloom
Villages in the country so that
tourists from across the globe
can visit them and learn the
rich legacy of Indian weavers
and lend support to the Make
in India initiative.

Irani shared the Textiles
Ministry's vision while address
ing a function through video
conferencing to mark the
National Handloom Day.
Almost 95 per cent of the
handwoven fabrics used globally are produced in India.
The Minister said the National
Handloom Day, are being
deferred upon the request of
weavers who wish to celebrate
the honour instead of receiving
it digitally due to the prevailing circumstances posed by
COVID-19. 'It is our goal to
develop ten Craft and
Handloom Villages across the
country so that our Handloom
products are not limited to
clothes or home furnishing
alone.

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We want that tourists from India and across the world visit these special Craft and Handloom Villages to not only learn about the weavers but also contribute to our pledge of Made in India and

also contribute to our piedge of Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self Reliant nation)," said the min-ister for Textiles and Women and Child Development. Irani shared that students

Irani shared that students from the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) are contributing to the upgradation of 9 out of 28 Weavers' Service Centres across the country in terms of design, marketing and research.
These centres are located in Delhi, Srinagar, Jaipur, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Varanasi, Guwahati, Kanchipuram

Govt aims to develop

Villages in India: Irani

10 Craft and Handloom

vide the services of clearing corporation in IFSC wherein at least 51 per cent stake is held by such exchange or clearing corporation, Sebi said. The remaining share capital may be acquired or held by any other person, whether Indian or of foreign jurisdiction.

Besides, such person will not at any time, directly or together with persons acting in onlinetty, either individually or together with persons acting in concert, acquire or hold more than 5 per cent stake in a clearing corporation in IFSC, subject to applicable laws.

Sebi further said any other stock exchange, depository, bank, insurance company of Indian or foreign jurisdiction have been allowed to acquire 15 per cent stake in such clearing corporation operating in an IFSC.

she said it is the govern-ment's endeavour to ensure upgradation of all weavers ser-vice centres through NIF1 stu-dents to strengthen the rich legacy of handloom in India. I rani said the 'My Handloom' portal launched on the occasion will help in con-necting state government undertakings, agencies and cooperative societies with the Centre's schemes for weavers to know about their status and benefits.

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It helps ascertain the gen-uineness and originality of the product through unique and dynamic QR code labels affixed on each handloom product.

Among others, public financial institutions of Indian jurisdiction, foreign commodity derivatives exchange and bilateral or multilateral financial institutions approved by the central government "may acquire or hold, either directly or indirectly, either individually or together with persons acting in concert, up to 15 per cent of the paid up equity share capital of a such clearing corporation with prior approval of the board."

To give effect to this, Sebi has amended IFSC guidelines. Last month, the regulator had revised eligibility criterio and shareholding limit for total control of the control

stock exchanges desirous of operating in IFSC. The coun-try's only IFSC is in GIFT City near Ahmedabad in Gujarat.

Tax exemption for

vehicles deprived

of permits during

Jaipur: The State Government has decided to example 1

Jaipur: The State Government has decided to exempt the motor vehicle tax (motor vehicle tax) payable for the Ornais period of nationwide lock-down in the event of Covid-19 epidemic. The CM has taken this sensitive decision after approving the proposal received from Finance Dept and Transport Dept According to the proposal, in the motor vehicle tax payable for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2020 for Ornai Bus category vehicles of 8 and above seating capacity not listed in any permit category due to non-issuance of permits during lockdown in the state. Full exemption will be given to these vehicles in the tax payable for July 2020. It is known that in the context, such tax exemption was given to these vehicles in the tax payable for July 2020. It is known that in the context, such tax exemption was given to 4 June 2020 in the past for 194 June 2020 in the past for

lockdown

RAJ CM TAKES IMPORTANT DECISIONS

India's power transmission segment may attract ₹1.8 lakh cr investment by FY25: Report

The domestic power transmission segment is expected to attract investments worth 1.8 lakh crore in the next five years, according to a report by rating agency ICRA.

It said evacuation infrastructure for renewable energy (RE) projects will drive investments in the power transmission segment.

"ICRA expects an invest-

ments in the power transmission segment.

"ICRA expects an investment of Rs 1.8 trillion (\$1.8 lakh crore) over the five-year period from FY21 (financial year 2020-21) to FY25 in the power transmission segment at an all-India level, driven by evacuation infrastructure for RE projects," the rating agency said on Friday in the report.

It added that in line with

CM approves 400

sub-centres

more in new veterinary

588 new posts will be

created in subdivision

offices

Jaipur: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the cre-ation of a total of 400 new posts of 200 livestock assistants and 200 jaladhari in 200 new vet-

erinary sub-centers to be opened in 2020-21. Each vet-erinary sub-center will get the post of a livestock assistant and a water holder.

a water holder.

Gehlot has also approved an additional budget provision of 720.72 crore by creating a total of 588 new posts for strengthening 294 subdivision offices in the state. Each subdivision office will get an information assistant and a junior assistant.

assistant.

Approval to fill 83 vacant postsThe Chief Minister has approved to fill 83 vacant posts in Agricultural University, Jodhpur and its constituent

a shift in policy focus from conventional sources (coal and gas) to renewable power sources (wind and solar), the focus of the transmission segment is towards augmenting infrastructure for evacuation of power generated by RE projects.

power generated by KŁ projects.
Sabyasachi Majumdar, group head and senior vice-president (corporate ratings) of ICRA, said the Centre has ICRA, said the Centre has lined up 14 transmission projects under the tariff-based competitive bidding (RBCB) route for evacuating power from 25-gigawatt RE projects. The Government has also lined up another six projects in the intra-state segment, providing healthy pipeline for private sector players, he added.

There is likely to be

a slowdown in electricity demand and investments in the sector in 2020-21 amid the Covid-19-induced disruption but recovery is expected from 2021-22 onwards, he said.

2021-22 onwards, he said. ICRA said the private sector's share is expected to witness a healthy growth over the next four-five years, while Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) and other state transmission utilities are likely to

mission utilities are likely to remain major players in the power transmission segment.

On the issues in the segment, the agency said, "The key challenge for the winning bid-ders under the TBCB route has been delays in execution, main-ty because of delays in securing right of way, forest clearances and re-routing requirements in some cases."

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gaining 1 paisa over its previ-ous close. On Thursday too, the rupee had closed steady after the Reserve Bank maintained a status quo in its policy rates. Meanwhile, the US dol-

It finally settled at 74.93,

The rupee ended almost flat at 74.93 against the US dollar on Friday due to a caution prevailing in the forex market in view of mounting coronavirus cases and US-China trade tensions.

Starting off on a tepid note, the rupee fell to a low of 75.04, but recovered slightly thereafter and moved in a narrow band throughout the session.

risk-off mood due to US-Chiral trade war and coronavirus con-cerns have kept USDINR spot above the crucial support of 74.75.

Also, it is respecting the immediate resistance of 75.20, only sustained FII selling from equity segment will push the USDINR spot higher."

lar index, which gauges the value of the greenback against a basket of key global currencies, rose 0.32 per cent to 93.08. Analysts said forex market sentiment was mainly guided by growing US-China trade tensions and mounting coronavirus cases in the country, Rahul Gupta, Head of Research- Currency, Emkay Global Financial Services: The risk-off mood due to US-China trade war and coronavirus con-

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Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites sealed tenders for following works Tender No: CH(Maint.) - 11/2020-21 Cleaning of pits, clean water tan and miscellaneous work

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know about their status and benefits. Highlighting the importance of the country's handloom. Textiles Secretary Ravi Capoor said 95 per cent of the handwoven fabrics used globally are produced in India. Observing that weavers do not get remunerative prices for their products, he said plans are afoot to ensure they get higher returns by eliminating middlemen and linking them directly to the market. After deducting the marketing fee from the amount received towards the sale of a product, the remaining amount can be transferred to the weaver's account through direct benefit transfer. Capoor suggested. Irami also launched a mobile app and backen with the same and the same an Vodafone Idea bounces back; shares close 7 pc higher after initial loss

New Delhi: Shares of Vodafone Idea bounced back from early

tinue as going concern hinges on the Supreme Court allowing more time to pay dues.

recovery in the stock. In terms of volume, 1,121.88 lakh shares were traded on BSE and over 68 crore on NSE.

Vodafone Idea, after market hours on Thursday, reported widening of net loss to £25,460 croe in the June quarter after it made additional pro-

colleges. These include 65 academic, 15 non-academic and 3 deputation posts. such tax exemption was given on 24 June 2020 in the past for permit-free buses.

New Delhi: Shares of Vodafone lade bounced back from early lows to close 7 per cent high-er on Friday. On the BSE, the stock had plunged 7.39 per cent to ₹7.64 in early trade. Later, it erased the losses as the trade progressed. It finally closed at ₹8.83, a gain of 7.03 per cent. On the NSE, it settled the day 6.66 per cent higher at ₹8.80. During the morning trade, it had cracked 7.87 per cent to ₹7.60 vAlue-buying at lower levels may have led to

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BHUMI PEDNEKAR

some places that were badly affected. The videos and arti

cles are so scary and heart-breaking. This year has been a wake-up call. Development is important but there has to be a bal-ance. Small changes make a huge difference.

CIRCUITS **- S H O R T**

MAHESH BARII

A kind request to my dear fans. I feel blessed and thank-ful to have all of you. I truly appreciate all the good deeds ou do to make my specia day worth remembering.
Since we are battling a global
pandemic this year, safety is
indispensable. I request all my
fans to avoid any social gatherings on my birthday. Please
stay safe.



SHALMALL KHOLGADE SHALMALI KRULCABU

I keep away from controversy because I am rather focussed on making music, writing songs, finding various avenues to channelise my creativity. What less should 1do? Pointing fingers on people will not do any good to music. I am not just here for making music in Bollywood. I look beyond that.



RAJA KUMARI

We shot *Peace's* video in the middle of quarantine.
Although I'm used to having a big crew on set to handle a big crew on set to nanole verything from location scouting to glam and make-up, all I had in LA was me and Shawn Thomas (long-time director and collabora-tor) and the help of my ma-ager and assistant. It defi-nitely was a challenge.

VAANI KAPOOR

Ayushmann is one of the most talented actors of our generation and lam only thrilled about on first film together to be this beautiful tove story. I have always wanted to work with Abhishek Kapoor, being so inspired by his films. This feels like an amazing opportunity to be part of his vision.



CONVERSATION 45 MINUTES



Pakistani filmmaker ASIM ABBASI talks to SAKSHI SHARMA about how his leading women have given a positive spin to the term 'churail' in his eponymous web series and the need to share stories about the under-represented

the term 'Churail' has been used to

The term 'Churail' has been used to refer to witches or to a woman who practises dark magic. You might have heard women being called as churail, dayan, bhootni, spellcaster and other such names for their "wrong" actions. But how often have you heard them being used to question the patriarchal status quo and represent strong-willed women? Pakistani filmmaker Asim Abbasi, who is now foraying into the web series space with his series, Churails, believes that the term rightly represents his lead protagonists as it has nothing to do with dark magic. Says he, "The term has historically been used to label women negatively for their courage, aggression, ambition — all the qualities that I associate with a strong woman, were deemed negative. She is the uncanny outsider who comes to shake up the patriarchy. And it is the fear that she uncanny outsider who comes to shake up the patriarchy. And it is the fear that she elicits in the guardians of the status quo

(often men), that drives men to label them totten inen), tital drives mein to labet them in a derogatory way. So our characters are taking this term, ripe with symbolic value, to give it a positive spin. Every woman, according to me, should aspire to be a *churail*."

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Set in Karachi, it is a story of four
women from different walks of life who
come together to open a covert detective
agency to expose cheating husbands
amongst the city's elite. These self-proclaimed women run their operations
under the guise of a fashion store named
'Halal Designs' that specialise in conservative women's attire. As their operations
expand, they come to be the saviours of
abused, mistreated and harassed women,
and their search for a missing girl brings
them face to face with the exploitative
world of talent agencies, escort services,
and cosmetic companies. If features
Pakistani actors Sarwat Gilani, Nimra



☐ The series stars four women reeling from personal miseries who further

The themes of gender politics, particularly power dynamics, between a man and

open a detective agency under the pre-text of a burqa shop. How did you con-ceptualise it?

more open to working towards a more equitable society, where women are respected and treated fairly.

a woman, and the resultant misogyny are topics that I wanted to address in my writing for a while. But I did not want the starting point of the series to be heavy-handed. I wanted the darkness to slowly creep in. So my natural, perhaps humorous inclination, was to first make my characters colourful spies, who gradually turn vigilantes. I was interested in talking about the lack of autonomy that a woman has over her body. Often in patriarchal societies, women are dressed and undressed at the whims of the society, and are being told what is appropriate and what is not. Hence, the store specialises in modest-wear for women to showcase this irony.

The poster of the project has a caption:
Hojayein tayaar, kinwateen aur hazraat.
Especially hazraat, lald arahi hain kuch
rangeen churaliein, aapki deep-rooted
misogyny ki band bajaanay. Another
scene showed a sign at a store: Pets and
men not allowed! How do such strong
statements establish the idea of the
series?

The store titled 'Halal Designs' is a safe The store titled 'Halal Designs' is a sale space that women have created for other women. The clients need to feel protect-ed, hence, the idea off in to being open to men. The sign for the store is a replay of boards saying 'women and dogs not allowed' that actually existed in prestigious members clubs in the subcontinent before the Partition, under the British Raj.

To artition, under the British Raj.

"Your narratives have usually centred around strong female characters. Are there any personal instances that have shaped your choices?

I have grown up in a household of a lot of women and have been surrounded by them all my life. So I tend to gravitate towards their experiences. As a filmmaker, it is my duty to tell stories about those who are under-represented fairly in the mainstream media. Female-centric stories on Pakistani television usually regurgitate the same trope about a damsel in distress who needs rescuing by a prince. Those stories are not a representative of the women I know. And those are not the stories I believe our daughters should grow up with.

"In one of your interviews you mentioned, "It's not message per se, I prefer to raise questions." What do you aim to achieve through your work:

Well, apart from entertaining audience by providing a thrilling, edge-of-your-seat experience, I hope that the show stays with them long after the 10 hours of viewing experience is over. They should be able to reflect on the questions the series raises. I wish them, particularly men, to become

"There has been a surge of grey roles in online content now. Filmmakers and actors don't like putting characters in a box. Do you think the same can be said about your four leads?

Absolutely, I deliberately set out to tell a tale of four very flawed individuals. They are not always rejunt to de har jink thing.

a tale of four very tlawed individuals. They are not always going to do the right thing. They are going to make mistakes and may not even apologise for them but these traits are all very human to have. All good content, which seeks to create empathetic characters that the audience can root for, should be moving away from the binaries of black and white.

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"You had earlier said, "It's very difficult to put Churails into a genre. It's discussing serious issues, but the show itself doesn't take itself too seriously." What did you mean?

In terms of genres, I would say the series has elements of drama and thriller but I tend to find the whimsy in the darkest of moments, and I feel my work reflects that. The themes that the series addresses are posed as questions rather than preachy messages. My characters find something to smile about even when everything around them is falling apart.

On the artistic front, are we ready to nurture cross-boundary collaborations, irrespective of the political environ-ment?

ment?

Yes, because art has nothing to do with institutional politics. Its sole purpose is to provide a cathartic experience for the public by emphasising our shared humanity and it aims to do that by bridging the differences.

"Do you think the audience for the series might get affected from the Pak-India rivalries?

I don't think so. People on both sides of the border are well aware that they have similar life realities and are eager to have a dialogue and cultural exchange.

Can we call this an opportunity for the

Can we call this an opportunity for the country to attract other global platforms and entertain the idea of producing Pakistani content?

Absolutely, We have not had web content come out of Pakistan that could compete in the global market before. This is a small but important step in getting our stories out to the world. I am hopeful that it will attract more investment into Pakistani talent and filmmakers.

(The series will stream from August 11 on Zee5.)

STUDIO CHAT 15 MINUTES

Celebs go vocal for local

On the occasion of day, Bollywood actresses including Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Kangana Ranaut, Vidya Balan, Dia Mirza, Taapsee Pannu dandya Kangana vand Janhui Kapoor urge people to support Indian organic fabric industries one of the major symbols of the cultural heritage of India.

"Most of us have

India.
"Most of us have can con-"Most of us have more than we can con-sume. Fashion industry has become one of the most damaging indus-tries for our environ-ment. New challenges call for new resolves. Let's promote our own Indian organic fabric industries and preserve the planet. When we choose hand-

these difficult times by buying and wearing their beautiful creations in our everyday life and also help keep sindial-HandloomLegacy alive. Appreciate the labour of love." Priyanka posted a picture in a green saree and wrote on Instagram stories, "Indian hand-looms are known to be

unique and a work of craftsmanship. Let's lend our support to the weavers and artisans of the textile industry." Janhvi shared an image of her most favourite handloom saree. "The weavers and artisans in our country are truly unmatched in are truly unmatched in skill and creativity. The best in the world," she

Dia Mirza said she is Dia Mirza said she is proud of Indian heritage. "Our weavers need all our support and love. This National Handloom Day, let's celebrate the rich legacy of our Indian weaves and textiles. There is nothing like a handloom saree," she wrote along with an image. —With inputs from agencies

Open to new ideas: Anushka

Actor Anushka Sharma became the ayoungest female producer in Bollywood at the age of 25 with the dutter-breaking revenge thriller NH10 and she has since then only shown her passion to tell remarkably new stories. From experimenting with genres to backing fellow outsiders to shine bright in Bollywood, Anushka, through Clean Slate Filmz, has been an entrepreneur who at her core, is a diverse storyteller.

Anushka dese her Army background has shaped her content choices majorly. Teing Army kids, we are always open to new ideas and all that travelling really helped us understand look at things in different ways rather than a set societal perspective, "asys Anushka, who runs the business with her borther Karnesh.

She adds, "Watching films doesn't always help you understand mowies better. Our life experiences has he helped us in this business. We have approached everything with a fresh mind. If we have taken the lest stravelled path, it is because we have followed our instincts."



cesses as a producer with both Paatal Lok and Bulbbul doing incredibly well. She reveals that there is no formula for success when it comes to content production. "The business of production is very tricky and even the most experienced can's what they have figured it out. You just learn from your mistakes. Even when things don't work the way you wanted, they give us learnings," says she.

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ARTWALK 60 MINUTES

Artist Devidas Agase has got quite a following on his Instagram account. And why not? His works seem to be extremely intriguing. They take us back to the imagery from the medieval age in India, which had an integral role in both mythical as well as cultural domain. His series of eight works, Pawn of an Unknown World, and as series on migrant labour, Way To Home, are both evocative renderings of everyday symbolism.

"It come from the Beed district situated in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra, India. Beed is a historic place of medieval origin," explains Devidas who has just received the prestigious Khoj Grant. 'Coming from a family of sugarcane farmers and farm hands, I have been a close witness to farmers' struggles and that of the working class on the farm and off it. I have realised that the needs of food, shelter, clothes, however basic, are an uphill journey for a farmer and the working class. They play different roles by taking up menial jobs to merely survive in society," adds he.

When you look at his polymorphic beings, the imagery represents a deeper tenet of Bhakti — one of devotion and the other, of inspiration. Devidas is deeply influenced by mythic legends, especially the three-faced detities in stories — Trimurti, Datta Digambar, Vishnu Dashavtars, and Krishna Vishwaroopa. He says, "My works explore these realities of the world and are strongly influenced by my own childhood memories and experiences. Coming from such a background, the significant role of history, mythology, gods and goddessest, urn up in my works."

His multi-dimensional work.

He develops a style characterised by bright colours and symmetrical geometries rooted in the definitive domains of a post-Cubist easthetic. We can glimpse his evolution in these eight small works that set out to uncover new dimensions with a larger quest to produce a radical visual language. For Devidas, anything he creates is born of his realisation of years of artistic experimentation and intuitive innovation. The polymorphic beings are a historical i

All the eight works have been brought forward in composition. They represent the decomposition of journeys and struggles into a series of chromatic narratives. Here, the being



Lockdown realisations

Artist DEVIDAS AGASE's works showcase how the quest for basic needs is an uphill journey for a farmer and the working and the migrant classes. By UMA NAIR



ever, is far beyond like a human figure. These beings are graceful and full
of an ethos of elegance and balance.
The idea of creating still lives become
a contemporary take on the character of a scion cultural fabric.
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works borrow the concept from the
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and tribulations of file? I consider the
essence of the experience always
helps to shape the core of any artwork."

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fies migrant labour, we see a recreation of the travel and the tribula-tions faced by Indias migrant com-nunity during the lockdown amid COVID-19 pandemic. In this work, the act of substitution is clearly evi-dent in his precious prudent finish-es, which become a facet of many modes of transition in travel.

es, which become a facet of many modes of transition in transition and struggles that he read about during the lockdown. "I have tried to explore the co-relation between society and human nature as well as the ideologies that govern the social norms like the morality, materialism and politics of the human mind. I believe that there are other silent individuals within an individual who battle for survival at a basic level, irrespective and because of, social, political, religious, and personal conditioning. As an artist, my attempt is to become a narrative voice of those who have been silenced. I believe it only enhances my work giving it a new perspective and a fresher voice."

Women probably couldn't afford to have very many outfits. They'd maybe had three dresses and a few cardigans in their wardrobes. When she goes to see Robina and is trying to impress her. Lois wears a spotty two-piece. It's as if she's trying to fit in with Robina's surroundings and background. Her performance dress is the most beautiful emerald green tight ballgown and a chance for Lois to be sexy and embrace her elegance. She uses that as a tool on stage, especially when she's feeling more vulnerable. Nic made sure that we wore pieces from the 1930s, and they were all originals sourced from Paris. It was wonderful to wear real pieces from that time.

(The show streams on SonyLIV from August 14.) Railway & Government website sween, see, Indiannsilly sign, 20, In.
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CELEB TALK 30 MINUTES

Notes from 1930

Actor JULIA BROWN, while working on the series, World On Fire, could relate to the real life stories of loss and conflict from World War II, recalling her grandparents' experiences. By TEAM VIVA

□Who is Lois?
Lois, the character that I Lois, the character that I am playing, is a 21-year-old working-class girl from Manchester, who lives with her father, Douglas and her brother, Tom. She works in a factory during the day but is passionate about singing and has another night job as a singer in a band. She works in two shifts in order to keep paying bills for the family. She's an everyday working class girl who wants to pursue her passion.

"What's Lois like as a per-former and a singer?

Lois is a jazz singer and sings with her best friend Connie in a band called the Victory Vs. It is her one passion in life that she allows herself to indulge in because it's a form of notapism for her. She's always keen to put on her best perfor-mance. She likes connecting with people through her songs.

□How would you describe Lois' relationship with her

Lois' relationship with Tom Lois relationship with Tom is quite difficult at times because they lost their mother at a young age. Lois was 14, prior to that they were best friends and inseparable but with their mother's death, Lois had to take on the role of mother in the house because of which their relationship suffered. Her dad, Douglas, suffers from PTSD and he struggles



□What made you select the

DWhat made you select the script?
What's so lovely about Peter's (Bowker) writing is it's not overstated. It's about the themes of family and love, and watching how peoples' lives can change so dramatically due to various circumstances. There is something so beautiful in that because his writing is through humour, which illustrates the fragility of some of the relationships. I think that's a lot more relatable for today's audience because they can just observe these characters as normal people with normal relationships.

□Peter described it as honour-ing ordinary people who did quite remarkable things at an extraordinary time in the his-tory. Is that something that

The characters don't seem to be complicated. They don't notice their own resilience because they're in the circumstances and they have to get on with things. Individually, they all do their bit in a different way and don't consider themselves to be heroes. For people of my generation, it would be quite easy to separate ourselves from that time, however, when you watch Peter's characters come to life, you can actually recognise yourself in them because they're just veryday people livnise yourself in them because they're just everyday people liv-ing their lives. They confront adversity with grit, humour and that sense of having to work through things to get to the other side. Just like we do

Tell us a bit about Lois and Harry's relationship and where they are when the story begins?

begins?
When the story starts, Lois and Harry are in this fiery, passionate and innocent relationship. Peter explained to Jonah and I that the pre-context to the story is that they have maybe



met at a political rally. They come from drastically different come from drastically different backgrounds. However, they share this passion for politics that draws them to each other and Lois encourages his rebel-lious streak.

OHow was it working with Jonah Hauer-King?
It was such an amazing experience. He is a really warm and kind person. When we sat down for our first rehearsals together, he came to the table with so many ideas and we were able to create a backstory together. Peter (Bowker) was quite open with us and allowed us to almost create our own love story. It was so important getting that rehearsal time beforehand to build the right chemistry.

"What is Lois's relationship like with Harry's mother, Robina (played by Lesley Manville)?

Manville)?

Lois' relationship with Robina is not an easy one because they come from such different walks of life. Robina looks down on Lois and doesn't think she is an appropriate match for her son. Whereas, Lois always sticks up for herself and doesn't really care what Robina thinks because she knows her own worth. She knows her own worth. She knows that the bond she has with Harry is a special one. So with Harry is a special one. So she doesn't let Robina take her down.

CHarry has obviously kept his two worlds apart until Jan turns up. What happens at that point? For Lois, the first few months of the war are obvious-ly nerve-wracking. All of the characters are desperately try-ing to figure out what their life

is going to look like. Lois gets separated from Harry so she's lost. When Harry brings Jan back to Manchester, Lois starts back to Manchester, Lois starts to wonder why he has a small child in tow. There are little clues in some of the things that he's saying. She goes through all the scenarios in her head without wanting to grasp onto the worst one, which is the fact there wight hum found come.

Harry might have found some-body else.

body else.

CDid you have to learn many songs for filming?

I was so excited as I used to sing when I was younger. The songs are beautiful and I recognise them from my grandparents and the modern takes of them over the years. It started with a month of rehearsals working with the brilliant musical director, Matt Smith. To begin with, we spent time focussing on finding Lois style and because I'd never sung jazz before, Matt was trying to teach me how to free up my voice and use decorations. Then we started tackling the songs and it has opened up a whole repertoire of music for me, which was really fun.

me, which was really fun.

CWhat is your favourite song:
My favourite song is
Dream A Little Dream. The
funny thing about that was
when I auditioned, they asked
me to sing a snippet of a song
that I liked and I sang that one
because my granny used to sing
it to me when I was younger.
She sang during the Second
World War as a young girl and
it was crazy and lovely that
when I finally got the part and
the script, in which I got to perform it.

□Were any of your family a part of the Second World

Both set of my grandparents were present during the World War II. On my mother's side, my grandfather was in the Home Guard and he lived on a farm while my father's side, my grandfather was in Ireland. It's been incredible to get this job and have all these stories coming through from my grandparents from both sides. When I met Peter (Bowker) after I got the role, he showed me photographs of his family and the real life people that some of the characters are based on. It was such a wonderful feeling to think that some of these stories were coming to life. There will be so many people around the country who will be able to relate to the characters are based on the country who will be able to relate to the characters and remember stories from their families too.

□Can you tell me a bit about Lois and Connie's friend-

D'Can you tell me a bit about Lois and Connie's friend-ship?

Peter told me that Lois and Connie are loosely based on his grandma and her best friend. It was really special to understand that this was a real friendship at the time, especially between a White woman and a Black woman. They're both so bubbly and a great support system to each other. Lois doesn't have many friends and Connie is the one person that can see right through her, she knows everything that's going through her head because she knows her so well. To see them working together in the factory, and then at night, transform and sing on stage, is very exciting. Yrsa Daley-Ward, who plays Connie, is just a wonderful person. I could really find a great friend in her. great friend in her.

great friend in her.

DWhat sort of conversations did you have about creating the look for Lois and what's it like wearing these beautiful costumes?

Our costume designer, Nic said all along that he wanted me to be comfortable in what I was wearing and to feel like I am the character. Adam Smith, our director, was also involved in the choices and it was so important that she had her two looks. It's simple and understated. At the time, fashion wasn't disposable and it wasn't cheap.

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EXTRACT OF UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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India to host 2021 T20 World Cup

Australia gets 2022; Women's 50-over WC now in 2022

India on Friday retained the right to host the 2021 T20 World Cup while Australia will conduct this year's postponed edition in 2022, the ICC announced on Friday after its board meeting,

on Friday after its board meeting, straightening out a schedule that went topsy-turvy due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This year's edition had to be postponed because of the raging pandemic, which has severely impacted all sports calendars globally.

"The International Cricket

England was bowled out for 2219, a 107-run first innings deficit, after losing six wickets to Pakistan's leg spinners on the third day of the first Test at Old Trafford on Friday.

third day of the first 1est at Old Trafford on Friday.

At tea Pakistan stretched its lead by another 20 runs to take control despite Shan Masood's duck.

Ollie Pope's 62 was as good as it got for the England batsmen, with the majority of those runs scored on day two, with Yasir Shah claiming 4-66 and Shadab Khan taking the last two wickets.

England resumed the day on 92-4 with Pope and Jos Buttler hoping to continue the rescue mission they had started the previous evening.

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Pope had 46 to his name when he walked out but almost fell short of his half-century, deflecting Shaheen Afridi over the top of the stumps in an early scare. He got there soon after, off 81 balls, but the first hour was little more than a trial for the home side.

Just nine runs came off the bat in that time, outscored by the 10 extras Pakistan controlled when the controlled with the controlled wi

head of steam.

Buttler edged the third

Buttler edged the turn ball of Naseem's spell just short of second slip but after that it was a string of plays and miss-es. Somehow the duo reached the drinks break without any crucial nicks and when both hit hit beauthories of the day

their first boundaries of the day there was a small hope they had weathered the storm. Tentatively, the fifth-wick-

onfirmed that the T20 World Cup

The format of the 2021 T20 World Cup will remain as it was for 2020 and all teams that qualified for that event will now participate in India in 2021.

A new qualification process will be started for the 2022 edition in Australia.

"BCCI were never keen to host the 2022 editor will be the 2022 editor in the 2021 of the 2022 edition in Australia.

the 2022 event which would have meant that they had to host back to back ICC events including the

50-over World Cup in 2023. That wasn't a viable option," Board member told PTI.

Board member told PTI. However, it was a big setback for the women's game with the much-awaited World Cup being pushed by a year. Sawhney said the decision would "give players from every competing nation, the best opportunity to be ready for the worlds biggest stage and there is still a global qualifier to complete to decide the final three teams. An ICC Board member said that due to various countries facing different situations with regards

ing different situations with regards to the Covid case load, it would

Barcelona coach Sawriaz Quique Setién says that he is ready to count on youngsters Ansu Fati and Riqui Puig to eliminate Napoli and advance to the Champions League final eight in Portugal.

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Eng tour of India postponed until early 2021 PTI NEW DELHI

Indias white-ball series against Lengland, scheduled at home in September-October, was on Friday postponed to early 2021 with both the boards citing the Covid-19 pandemic, which wereked the international calendar and created space for the IPL during this window.

Both teams were scheduled to play three ODIs and as many T20s and the matches could now be held after the Test series between the two in India early next year. The series was to be a preparatory one ahead of the T20 World Cup, which was originally scheduled from October 18 to November 5 in Australa, but has now been postponed.

The decisions were taken by the IBC (the commercial subsidiary of the ICC) following an extensive contingency planning exercises which took into account the health, cricket and commercial impact of Covid-19 around the world.

The format of the postponed World Cup will remain as it was for 2021. Five teams have already qualified for the event and that will stand for 2022.

The original global qualificato November 5 in Australia, but has now been postponed.

"BCCI and ECB are in consultation with a view to confirming the 2021 schedules for an all-formats England men's tour to India to run from late January to Late March and for India's Test tour to England due in the summer of 2021," the BCCI said in a statement.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah added: "The BCCI and ECB are working closely to finalise the day-

added: "The BCCI and ECB are working closely to finalise the day-wise schedule as we move towards the resumption of cricket. The five-Test series to be hosted by India could be trimmed to four to accommodate the white-ball games next year.

about the impact of the pandem-

tion event to determine the final three teams to contest the event was scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka in July this year, but was postponed due to Covid-19.

The qualification event will now be held in 2021.

"There has been no women's international cricket played since the conclusion of the women's T20 World Cup earlier this year and due to the varying impact of Covid-19 globally that is likely to remain the situation for a number of the teams," Sawhney spoke "Moving the event by 12 months gives all competing teams the chance to play a sufficient level of cricket...So the integrity of the tournament is maintained."



Wolves send Olympiacos packing

AFP ■ WOLVERHAMPTON

W folves battled into the quarter-finals of the Europa League on Thursday while Sevilla, Bayer Leverkusen and Basel enjoyed far more comfortable victories in the matches that brought the Europa League round of 16 to a belated close.

I6 to a belated close.

Raul limenez scored the only goal from the penalty spot in the ninth minute and Wolves survived a series of scares to edge (Olympiakos 1-0 at Molineux for a 2-1 aggregate win in a tie that began in Athens on March 13.

At Molineux, Bobby Allain, the visitors Franco-Scottish goalkeeper, failed to control a back pass in the seventh minute.

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At Molineux, Bobby Allain, the visitor Franco-cottish goalkeeper, failed to control a back pass in the seventh minute.

Daniel Podence, who scored for Olympiakos at Tottenham in September but moved to Wolves in January, darted in and stole the ball.

Allain clumsily bundled his former clubmate over and Jimenez converted the penalty.

The Greek champions created a string of chances but were thwarted by good saves by Rui Patricio, a tight offside decision and their own inac-curate finishing.

Wolves, who began their Europa League cam-paign on July 25 last year against Crusaders in the second qualifying round, will next face Sevilla at Duisburg on August 11.

Sevilla awere also in Duisburg on Thursday-where they took the lead against Roma after 21 minutes. Captain and right back Jesus Navas switched play with a cross-field pass to left back Sergio Regulion surged past two defendes and into the box before sliding at low shot past Spanish goal-keeper Pau Lopez's found.

Sevilla added a second on the counter-attack in the 43rd minute.

Lucas Gounds burst down the right and after Lopez failed to cut out the low cross, Yousse Eln Weysri finished into an empty net from close range. Sevilla, coached by former Spain boss Julen Unpetegui, dominated as they stretched their unbeaten run to 18 games in all competitions and kept on course to add to their record five Europa League titles.

In Basel, defender Fabien Frei scored the only

League titles.

In Basel, defender Fabien Frei scored the only goal in the 88th minute as the home team won 1-0 to complete an aggregate 4-0 victory over Eintracht Frankfurt.

In Leverkusen, Moussa Diaby scored the only goal after 51 minutes to complete a comfortable victory for Bayer, who won 3-1 in Glasgow in Make the short trip to Dusseldorf to face Inter Milan on August 10, Basel will play Shakhtar Donetsk in Gelsenkirchen the next night.

confirmed that the T20 World Cup 2020 that was postponed due to Covid-19 will be held in Australia in 2022. India will be held in Australia in 2022. India will host the T20 World Cup 2021 as planned," the ICC stated in a press release. The global body also confirmed that next year's women's CD1 World Cup in New Zealand has been postponed until February-March 2022 because of the impact the pandemic has had no ricket globally.

ICC Chief Executive Manu Swhney said. "We now have absolute clarity on the future of ICC events enabling all of our Members to focus on the resched-

Pak opens 127-run lead

1st Test, Day 4

et stand crept up to 65, every run hard-earned, before Naseem produced a memo-rable delivery to claim his deserved reward.

deserved reward.

Tope was hardly to blame, reeling back and lending to gully after the tenanger got one to kick viciously off the surface. Barring an early blow to the helmet for new man Chris Woakes, the remainder of the session was better for England as the cased the score out to 159-5.

Buttler had scrapped his way through to 38 but fell to his second ball after lunch, leaving a gap between bat and pad that allowed Yasir enough room to part the stumps.

The experienced spinner was buoyed by the success and

was buoyed by the success and made short work of Dom Bess, producing the turn and bounce that left Asad Shafiq with a div-ing catch at slip. He claimed his

domestic cricket.
"We will now proceed as
planned with the Mens T20 World
Cup 2021 in India and host the
2022 edition in Australia."
The format of the 2021 T20
World Cup will remain as it was for

Barca may need youth to get past Napoli (against Napoli). And if they do start, I am sure they will be guaranteed to play well."

have been difficult to hold the qual-

ifiers in time.

The postponement also raises doubts about the future of India legends such as Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami, who probably would have played their last ICC tournament in 2021.

The decisions were taken by

stand for 2022.

The original global qualifica-tion event to determine the final

ifiers in time

final stretch of
the La Liga. Fati, 17,
made a huge splash
this season by
becoming the
youngest player to
score in La Liga





get past inappoint and the Champions League, among other beyon the precocious scoring milestones. With Lionel Messi and Luis Suáraz set to sarin in attack, Fati could as a get picked over fellow forward ut in Antonic Griezmann, Mno was cleared to play by team doctors on Friday after having recovered from a right thigh injury last month. Clement Lengelt was also cleared by team doctors and will likely play with Gerard Pique in the center of the defence with Samuel Umitti still injured. With only 13 first-team players available, Setién has called up seven members of Barcelona's youth squad, including American Konrad de la Fuente.

Barcelona will be without midfielders Sergio Busquets, Arturo Vidal and Arthur for Saturday's second leg of their pround-of-16 lie. The match will be played five months after the Spanish side earned a 1-1 daw at Napoli before the pandemic brought most sports to a halt. "Both Rique and Ansu are ready to play," Setién said on Friday. "They have performed and played pretty well and could perfectly well start Sindhu, Praneeth & Sikki resume training

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World champion PV
Sindhu, along with B Sai
Praneeth and N Sikki Reddy, hit
he courts for training on Friday
under strict safety protocols at
he SAI Pullela Gopichand
Badminton Academy in
Hyderabad, ending a fourmonth-long coronavirus-forced
hiatus.
This was after the Sports
Authority of India (SAI) decided to resume the national badminton camp for the eight

ed to resume the national bad-minton camp for the eight Olympic hopefuls following Telangana Government's approval on August 1. "I am very happy to have our elite shuttlers back for on-

that added 49 to the total. He finished unbeaten on 29, with three boundaries in a row off Shaheen and a slog-swept six off Yasir under his belt, but all-rounder Shadab did enough at the other end to see off Jofra Archer and James Anderson.

Broad then chipped in with the ball, getting Masood caught down the leg-side for a duck to go with his career-best 156 from the first innings.

Anderson should have made it two down by tea but Ben Stokes dived in front of Root and spilled the chance to leave Pakistan 20 for one.

third wicket of the spell and fourth overall when Woakes lost his patience and his shape, bowled for 19 swinging hard to

leg.
England were in turmoil at 170-8t but had Stuart Broad to thank for two tail-end stands that added 49 to the total.
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PV Sindhu poses for photograph after resuming practice at Pullela Gopichan Academy in Hyderabad on Friday

Pullela Gopichand said. The eight Olympic hopefuls also include London Bronze-winner Saina Nehwal, former world No 1 Srikanth Kidambi,

men's doubles player Ashwini women's doubles player Ashwini Ponnappa and men's doubles pairing of Chirag Shetty and Satwilssairaj. Saina, who is based in Hyderabad, didn't train on Friday, while the others, who had gone to their respective homes in March, and are yet to return to the city.

had gone to their respective homes in March, and are yet to return to the city.

On Friday, Sindhu was the first one to train with Gopi and foreign coach Park Tae-Sang separately.

"Sindhu trained today from 6:30am to 8:30am. Gopi and Park were also present. She will be training everyday at the same time this week. In the evening, she will have her fitness training at Suchitra academy for agility and endurance, the Rio Olympics Silver-medallist's father, PV Ramana said.

"She has been training at home so physically she is in point exerting too much. We

Chirag-Satwik to wait for 2 weeks before deciding on attending camp

Defore deciding of NEW BELH: Wary of the Covid19 threat, Olympic hopefuls Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairal Rankireddy will wait for another couple of weeks before deciding on joining the national badminton camp, which resumed in Hyderabad on Friday.

The men's doubles pair is currently apart with Shetty at his home in Mumbai and Rankireddy lodged at his base in Amalapuram in Andhra Pradesh.

This great to hear that the

n attending camp training camp has resumed but we will have to wait for a couple of weeks before we take a call on joining the camp," the 23-year-old Shetty, who along-with Rankireddy won the Thailand Open and finished runners-up at the French Open last year, told PTI.
Shetty said the coronavirus threat is real and he would not feel safe travelling at this point. Rankireddy is based closer to Hyderabad, which is just over 450km from his home town.

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Svitolina, Bertens withdraw from US Open

England batsman Chris Woakes, right, is bowled out by Pakistan's Yasir Shah during the third day of 1st Test at Old Trafford on Friday

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Women's world number five Elina Svitolina and Kiki Bertens, ranked seventh, on Friday joined a growing list of players withdrawing from this month's US Open due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tunder-stand and respect all the efforts they are putting to make it happen in a safe environment, but I still don't feel comfortable to travel to US without putting my



travel to US without putting my team and myself at high risk," Ukrainian Svitolina, who reached last year's semi-finals in New York, said on Twitter.

The United States has close to 5 million cases of Covid-19 and almost 160,000 people have

and almost 160,000 people nave died. "The situation around Covid-19 is still worrying and



the health of everyone and the control over this virus is prior-ity," said the 28-year-old Bertens on Instagram. The US Open organisers are creating a bio-secure bubble in

The US Open organisers are creating a bio-secure bubble in New York to hold the tourna-ment from August 31 without spectators. But concerns remain about whether players would face mandatory quarantines

Murray, Clijsters get wild cards

WASHINGTON: Former champions Andy Murray and Kim Clijsters were on Thursday both handed wild cards for

both handed wild cards for the US Open.

Murray, currently ranked 129
after a lengthy period battling a hip injury, narrowly missed direct entry.

The 33-year-old won the first of his three Grand Slam titles at the 2012 US Open, becoming the first British male to win a major since Fred Perry in 1936.

While Clijsters will be

US Open.
"Our prime minister indicated yesterday that we should be quarantined for 14 days after coming back from the States,"

looking to repeat her magic from the 2009 US Open, when she famously won the women's singles title as a wild card after returning from an initial retirement, during which she became a mother. mothe

field training after this long break. We are fully equipped to resume training in a safe envi-ronment," Chief national coach

The three-time US Open Champion (2005, 2009-10), who came out of a more than seven-year retirement earlier in 2020, will be playing the US Open for the first time since she stepped away from the game following the 2012 tournament. AFP

upon returning home from the US Open. "Of course we respect this as a team and this would disturb cated yesterday that we should be quarantined for 14 days after coming back from the States," and Paris."

SYDNEY: The Australian state of New South Wales (NSW) has offered to host the 2021 edition of the Australian Open alongwith other sporting events that are usually held in neighbouring Victoria. Australian Open is first of the four Grand Slams during the season and the state of the control of the state of the four Grand Slams during the season and the state of the sta

The Australian Open is first of the forand Sams during the season and usually starts in late January. Victoria's capital Melbourne has been the host scure since 1972. However, the state is currently under a second lockdown and has nearly 8,000 active Covid-19 cases, while NSW has about 800.

"Some of these events down in Victoria," NSW deputy premier John Barlano told 2AB radio. It's important for the exonomy, important for the Australian psyche when it comes to specific the state of the state

Australian psyche when it comes to sport.
"Absolutely we should be able to work with Victorians to find ways to make sure these all happen, these events are far too important in this crisis to not have."

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NSW offers to host | Manpreet, 4 other players test corona +ve **2021 Aus Open**

PTI NEW DELHI

The Indian men's hockey team captain Manpreet Singh and four other players have tested positive for Covid-19 but the national camp will resume in Bengaluru as scheduled with those who are fit to train, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) said on Friday.

Besides Manpreet, defere Varun Kumar and goalkeeper Varun Kumar and goalkeeper Varun Kumar and goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak have also tested positive for the dreaded virus.

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A SAI South Centre in Bengaluru following a month-long break.

A SAI source, however, said that the camp will resume from August 20 as



"As of now the camp is on and will resume as planned. The fit players can start their individual trainstart their individual train-ing and the players who have tested positive for Covid can resume later after recovering but they will have to pass a fitness test," the source said. According to the SAI source all the players who have tested positive were part of a 10-member group who have travelled together and there are chances of more positive results come out.

The SAI further said that all the five players ini-tially tested negative in the

tially tested negative in the rapid test.
But when Manpreet and Surender began to show some Covid-19 symptoms, they along with 10 other players, who had travelled together, were made to undergo the Quantitative RT-PCR test on Thursday.
"...And the five have been found to be Covid positive. Though the test results

been found to be Covid pos-itive. Though the test results have still not been handed over to SAI, but the state Government has informed the test results to the SAI authorities," the SAI said.