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20 fliers from UK Covid +ve; No 'strain', says Govt

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ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amid new virus strain scare, 20 passengers who arrived in India on separate flights from London have tested positive for Covid-19. This even as the Government claimed that there is no trace so far of the new strain of coronavirus in India.

Of the travellers who tested positive seven landed in Amritsar, five in Delhi, four in Ahmedabad, including a British national, two in Kolkata, one in Chennai. One is a crew member of Air India.

While the Government on Tuesday claimed that there is no trace of new variant of the Covid-19 detected in the UK in India, on the first day itself of issuing guidelines to check the virus, the detection of so many Covid positive fliers from Britain arriving here is a cause of serious concern.

The new strain is said to be more transmissible and affecting the younger population.

While their samples have been sent to the National Centre for Disease Control for research, the detection suggests that the mutated virus may be already doing the rounds in the country, sources in the Union Health Ministry said.

The test results of passengers who arrived from the United Kingdom have raised serious question on safety of air passengers as to whether proper screening is being done before they board the plane in foreign destination.

In India, rules clearly stated that passenger have to give self-declaration certifying that he is not carrying the coronavirus. In some cases, airline insisted test report to ensure the passenger is coronavirus free.

"International travellers from the UK who arrived in India from November 25 to December 8, 2020 (the first and second week starting November 25) will be contacted by District Surveillance Officers and advised to self-monitor their health. If anyone among them develops symptoms, they will take the RT-PCR test and standard follow-up action would be initiated," as per the document released here for epidemiological surveillance and response to the new variant.

In fact, sources in the Ministry said efforts are already on to contact those who arrived in India from the UK in this period i.e. from November 25 to December 8. Though at a press conference, Dr VK Paul, Niti Aayog member, said that the new strain that has been spreading rapidly in the UK has not been detected in India yet but the SOP clearly rings alarm bells.

Six passengers who tested positive on their arrival in India were among the 266 who travelled by the Air India Flight that landed in the national Capital at 10.40 pm on Monday. A passenger who returned from the United Kingdom via Delhi to Chennai has tested positive for coron-



Passengers wait in the arrival area after landing of a flight from the UK at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai on Tuesday

avirus on Tuesday. His sample has been sent to Pune to check if it is the new strain of the virus.

Seven passengers and a crew member who arrived here from the UK in an Air India flight tested positive for coronavirus on Tuesday. Among the infected passengers are six men and two women.

The Air India flight from London had landed at Amritsar's Sri Guru Ramdas Jee International Airport with 250 passengers and 22 crew members at 12.30 am last night.

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Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL
CASES: 1,00,99,021
DEATHS: 1,46,458
RECOVERED: 96,62,073
ACTIVE: 2,87,787



STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	19,02,458	48,876	17,94,080
Karnataka	9,11,382	12,029	8,85,341
Andhra Pradesh	8,79,339	7,082	8,68,279
Tamil Nadu	8,09,014	12,012	7,87,611
Kerala	7,15,342	2,871	6,50,836
Delhi	6,18,747	10,329	5,99,683
Uttar Pradesh	5,76,824	8,224	5,51,917
West Bengal	5,39,996	9,439	5,14,309
Odisha	3,26,915	1,896	3,22,344
Rajasthan	3,00,716	2,634	2,86,481
Telangana	2,82,347	1,518	2,74,260
Chhattisgarh	2,69,857	3,212	2,50,766
Haryana	2,58,731	2,842	2,50,502
Bihar	2,48,028	1,362	2,41,935
Gujarat	2,37,247	4,248	2,21,702
Madhya Pradesh	2,33,324	3,502	2,18,828

Centre issues SOP for new arrivals

RT-PCR test and isolation in unit of institutional facility must

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after it announced suspension of flights from the UK from December 25 to this year-end as a safety precaution in the wake of emergence of a new variant of coronavirus, the Union Health Ministry issued the SOP for the travellers coming from Britain.

The Ministry has mandated RT-PCR test and isolation in a separate unit of an institutional facility if a traveller is found positive.

"The new variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, reported in the UK, is estimated by the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) to be more transmissible and affecting a younger population.

"This variant is defined by a set of 17 changes or mutations. One of the most significant is an N501Y mutation in the spike protein that the virus uses to bind to the human ACE2 receptor. Changes in

this part of the spike protein may result in the virus becoming more infectious and spreading more easily between people," the Ministry warned.

It said that all travellers from the UK will be required to declare, according to existing procedure, their travel history of the past 14 days and fill up the self-declaration form to be screened for Covid-19.

All passengers coming from the UK from December 21 to 23 would be subjected to the RT-PCR test on arrival and this has to be ensured by respective State Governments, the SOP stated.

Those found negative in RT-PCR test at the airport would be advised quarantine at home and followed up, while the passengers who are found positive shall be isolated in an institutional isolation facility in a separate unit coordinated by the respective state health authorities. They would earmark specific facilities for such isolation and treatment, it said.

A spike gene-based RT-PCR test should also be performed by an appropriate laboratory in case of a positive sample, the Health Ministry recommended.

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Delhi airport has storage capacity of 2.7 mn vaccine vials at any given time: CEO

New Delhi: The Delhi airport has a storage capacity of 2.7 million vials of Covid-19 vaccine at any given point of time, said a top official of its operator on Tuesday.

Videh Kumar Jaipuria, the CEO of Delhi International Airport Limited, said the vaccine distribution programme, which is likely to begin from January, has been named "Project Sanjivani" by the airport operator. Jaipuria said Pfizer vaccine has to be kept at minus 70 degrees Celsius and therefore the Delhi airport does not have any storage facility for that vaccine.

Gupkar Alliance steals the show in Kashmir

DDC polls: BJP retains majority in Jammu region

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU



National Conference candidate Salmaan Sagar flashes victory sign after his lead in the municipality election results, in Srinagar, on Tuesday

seats the election results of 226 seats were declared till late evening while counting was still going on the rest of the seats. As per the result tally, the PAGD won 92 seats while BJP was second at 64 and Congress party was trailing with 20 seats in its kitty at number three slot in the overall tally. On its own the NC had won 53 seats, JKPPD 25, CPI(M) 5, JKPC 6 and JKPM 3.

Former BJP Minister and party vice president Shakti Raj Parihar earned a unique distinction of losing both the seats at the hands of the National Conference and Congress candidates.

Two other former BJP legislators Prof Garu Ram and Sham Lal Choudhary in Jammu, however, managed to win their seats from RS Pura and Suchetgarh constituencies respectively.

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Won't cancel CBSE board exams; offline mode after Feb: Min

Modalities will be worked out in consultation with MHA, Health Min

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Setting aside speculation about the mode and schedule of board examinations, Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Tuesday stated that the CBSE board examinations will be held offline only and that no exams, including practicals, will be held before the end of February 2021.

During a virtual interaction with teachers from across the country, Nishank said more modalities on the board exams and other entrance tests like JEE and NEET will be worked upon in consultation with the Home and Health Ministries. He made it clear that the board exams will not be cancelled.

"The Classes 10 and 12



CBSE board exams 2021 will not be held in January and February. The exact exam schedule will be decided after February 2021," said Nishank.

"I received a lot of requests from various #students & #teachers to postpone @cbseindia29 board #exams for Class 10 & 12. Keeping the #COVID19 pandemic in mind & after various consultations, we have decided that #board exams will not be held in February," he tweeted later.

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Farmers adamant, to decide today course of action on Govt proposal

Union leaders will urge UK MPs to ask Boris Johnson not to attend R-day function

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Another hope of bringing an end to the stand-off between farmers and the Government ended on Tuesday after the protesting farmers on Tuesday said a decision on the Central Government's offer for fresh talks has been deferred to Wednesday, even as they remained adamant on their demand to repeal the three farm laws.

Besides, two other important developments of the day included a statement by farmers in which they said they would write to Britain MPs, urging them to press their Prime Minister Boris Johnson not to attend India's Republic Day celebrations on January 26 and emphasised on their earlier decisions to boycott all products of Adani and Ambani.



Farmers gather at Singhu Border during their sit-in protest against the Centre's farm reform laws, in New Delhi on Tuesday

"We all farmers have also decided to throw away all the towers installed by corporate houses such as Ambani in our fields. Following the protest, the farmers union have also wrote a letter to MP of Britain urging to stop British Prime Minister to visit India on Republic Day," said Kulwant Singh Sandhu, farmers' leader.

The farmers protesting at Ghazipur border on Tuesday morning blocked both carriageways of National Highway-24 alleging some farmers coming from western UP were blocked by authorities on way to the protest site.

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Air pollution wiped out ₹2.6L cr, killed 17L people in 2019

Economic loss per capita was highest in Delhi, says study

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In Delhi, the loss due to lost output from premature deaths and illness attributable to air pollution as a percentage of State GDP was 1.06 per cent, while Uttar Pradesh recorded highest loss to GDP at 1.34 per cent followed by Punjab at 1.22 per cent.

"Delhi had the highest per capita economic loss due to air pollution, followed by Haryana in 2019, with 5.4 times variation across all States," said the findings.

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Trump bestows Legion of Merit on Modi, PM says 'I am honoured'

MEA: Award is in recognition of PM leadership and vision for India's emergence as a global power

PTI ■ WASHINGTON/NEW DELHI



"I am deeply honoured to be awarded the Legion of Merit by @POTUS @realDonaldTrump. It recognises the efforts of the people of India & the US to improve bilateral ties, reflected in the bipartisan consensus in both countries about the Indo-US Strategic Partnership," Modi tweeted on Tuesday.

The PM said the 21st century presents both unprecedented challenges as well as opportunities. "The India-US relationship can leverage the

vast potential of our people's unique strengths to provide global leadership for the benefit of entire humanity... On behalf of the 1.3 billion people of India, I reiterate my Government's firm conviction and commitment to continue working with the US Government, and all other stakeholders in both countries, for further strengthening India-US ties," Modi added.

India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, accepted the award on behalf of the PM from the US National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien at the White House on Monday.

President Trump "presented the Legion of Merit to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his leadership in elevating the US-India strategic partnership," O'Brien said in a tweet.

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Prachanda faction expels PM Oli as party's chairman

Madhav Kr Nepal picked as chair

PTI ■ KATHMANDU



The ruling Nepal Communist Party's Central Committee faction led by Executive Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Tuesday removed Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli from the post of chairman and decided to take disciplinary action against him, virtually splitting the party more than two years after its formation.

The Central Committee unanimously nominated senior leader Madhav Kumar Nepal as the party's second chairman in place of Oli. Prachanda is the first chairman of the party. "Now Dahal and Nepal will chair the meetings in turn as stated in the party statute," said Rekha Sharma, a central committee member.

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CAPSULE

AIR QUALITY TURNS 'SEVERE' IN DELHI-NCR
New Delhi: Delhi's air quality turned "severe" on Tuesday with slow wind speed and low temperature allowing accumulation of pollutants, according to weather department officials. The average air quality plunged to "severe" also in Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida and Faridabad.

'RIOT ACCUSED SLAP FALSE CHARGE FOR SYMPATHY'
New Delhi: The Mandoli jail authorities has claimed before a court here that an accused in a Northeast Delhi riots case, who had alleged of being badly beaten by prison officials, misbehaved with staff and made "false", "mischievous" allegations to gain sympathy.

RAIL MOTORMAN SAVES LIFE BY BRAKING IN TIME
Thane: Timely action by an alert motorman of the Central Railway saved the life of a man lying unconscious on the railway track near Ambernath station on Tuesday, police said.

Accused made false allegations to get sympathy: Jail authorities to court

New Delhi: The Mandoli jail authorities has claimed before a court here that an accused in a north east Delhi riots case, who had alleged of being badly beaten by prison officials, misbehaved with staff and made "false", "mischievous" allegations to gain sympathy.

hospital for medical examination. He had further alleged that he has not been given any food and the jail officials have been threatening him to enter into a compromise otherwise they would make his life difficult inside the prison.

Warden Sachin Kumar, Head Warden Amit Kumar under the supervision of Naresh Kumar, Assistant Superintendent in the morning the same day. "When the team was searching and frisking man and material in the barrack, suddenly accused Tanveer Malik became violent and started misbehaving with the prison staff. There was no reason for him to panic and create ruckus in the barrack if he had nothing to reveal/ hide.

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ing, he became violent and started making loud derogatory and filthy allegations against the prison staff. In order to pacify/ control him, he was reprimanded. In the melee, he fell down and resultantly injured his toe. He was taken to the hospital and provided requisite medical care/ treatment/ dressing, the report alleged.

injuries over his person," it said. The report further noted that when Malik was produced before the court on December 8, he did not divulge about any incident of commotion or injuries suffered by him and subsequently on the next day he complained about the alleged beating.

It added that since there was strong lead about presence and usage of mobile phone in the prison ward, intensive searches were again carried out on December 12 and the prison administration was able to find one mobile phone which was clandestinely hidden in the toilet block by another inmate. "I joined Jail number 13 as Superintendent on December 11 (afternoon) and when this fact was brought to my notice, therefore, I had also called the inmate, Tanveer Malik and heard him in detail on December 15. He admitted that he is receiving food and medicines regularly. Further, he has also stated that he has no threat to his life, at present in the Jail.

"Since no phone was physically recovered from the inmate Tanveer, no punishment to this effect was prepared. However, since he had misbehaved — with the prison personnel on duty on December 8, he was warned and directed to observe and adhere himself to the rigmarole of Jail discipline," the Superintendent said in the report. With regard to the allegations that Malik was not given food by the prison authorities, the Jail Superintendent further claimed that he has been fed like every other inmate. "With regards to the allegations about not providing food to him by the administration, the same is false, mis-

chievous and made only to gain sympathy of the Court. He has been fed like every other inmate of this jail and the prison administration does not depict any biases against any inmate presently in custody. "With regard to the observations of the Court to consider his transfer to some other jail, in this connection it is submitted that safety and security of the inmates including Tanveer, is responsibility of the Prison Administration. Transfer of prisoners from one jail to another is decided by Prison HQ (headquarters) and till now, the inmate has not pressed for his transfer to some other Jail," the report claimed.

Trump bestows...

From Page 1 Modi was presented with the highest degree Chief Commander of the Legion of Merit which is given only to the Heads of State or Government. In New Delhi, the Ministry of External Affairs said the award is in recognition of Prime Minister Modi's steadfast leadership and vision for India's emergence as a global power. "The award is in recognition of the Prime Minister's steadfast leadership and vision for India's emergence as a global power, and exemplary contribution made by him for the advancement of the India-United States strategic partnership and promoting global peace and prosperity," the MEA said in a statement.

and is a testimony to his vision, steadfast leadership and diplomacy. "Hon PM Shri @narendramodiji being conferred with the prestigious 'Legion of Merit' by the US President @realDonaldTrump reflects PM Modi Ji's vision, steadfast leadership & diplomacy. As India emerges as a rising power globally, Indo-US ties are strongest ever than before," BJP president JP Nadda tweeted. Congratulating Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah said that this award is yet another testimony of his acceptance as a world leader, working relentlessly towards global peace. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said this is a recognition of Modi's leadership and statesmanship by the global community. O'Brien in another tweet said that Trump also presented the Legion of Merit to Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japan's former Prime

Minister Shinzo Abe. The awards were received by their respective ambassadors in Washington DC. President Trump "awarded the Legion of Merit to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe for his leadership and vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific," he said. Trump awarded the Legion of Merit to Australian Prime Minister Morrison for his leadership in addressing global challenges and promoting collective security, O'Brien tweeted. The US is the latest country to confer its highest award to the Indian prime minister. Other awards include Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud by Saudi Arabia in 2016, State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan (2016), Grand Collar of the State of Palestine Award (2018), Order of Zayed Award by the United Arab Emirates (2019), Order of St Andrew by Russia (2019), Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddin by the Maldives (2019).

Prachanda...

From Page 1 Nearly two-thirds of the Central Committee members were present in the meeting. Out of 446 central committee members, 313 were present at the meeting organised by Prachanda-led faction. Prachanda would be elected as the parliamentary party leader on Wednesday, the paper said, citing party leaders. Prachanda-led faction, having majority in all the party committees, has decided to take disciplinary action against Oli on Sunday, the paper said. The next meeting of the Central Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, said party spokesperson Narayanjy Shrestha. The Prachanda-led faction has also decided to file a separate petition in the Supreme Court seeking reinstatement of the dissolved House of Representatives. Eleven writ petitions have already been filed in the apex court on Sunday and Monday demanding for reinstatement. The party will also launch nationwide protest rallies in collaboration with other major political parties, said Sunil Manandhar, central member of the party. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Oli, one of the two chairmen of the ruling party, organised a separate meeting of the Central Committee leaders close to him at Baluwatar, the prime minister's official residence. Oli announced a new 1,199-member committee to organise the party's general convention on November 18-23 in Kathmandu next year. Earlier the party's convention was scheduled from April 7 to 12, 2021. Foreign Minister Pradeep Gyawali, a

Standing Committee member, was appointed as the new spokesperson of the party by the Oli-led faction. Nepal on Sunday plunged into a political crisis after Oli got the President to dissolve Parliament, a controversial move amidst a prolonged tussle for power between him and former premier 'Prachanda' within the ruling dispensation. The move came after the intra-party feud reached climax in the ruling NCP which has been witnessing months long tussle between two factions, one led by 68-year-old Oli and another led by 66-year-old 'Prachanda'. The ruling party has now been virtually divided more than two years after it was formed following the merger of CPN-UML led by Oli and CPN-Maoist Centre led by Prachanda in May 2018. However, a formal split of the party is yet to be announced. The Prachanda faction enjoys a majority in the nine-member Secretariat, the highest decision-making body of the party. Both factions of the party have intensified efforts to retain official party recognition along with the election symbol. The two factions are now busy making strategies to wrest control of the party. Oli-led faction on Tuesday submitted an application to the Election Commission claiming that his party should get official recognition. Oli had added 556 new Central Committee members while submitting the application to the Election Commission. On Monday, the Prachanda-led faction informed the Election Commission of the party's Standing Committee's decision to take action against chairperson Oli for breaching party discipline.

Farmers adamant...

From Page 1 Addressing a Press conference, farmers said all toll tax in Haryana will be freed on December 25-26. Prem Singh, another farmer leader, said there is propaganda by the BJP led Centre Government against protesting farmers. "We are responding to every call of the Government and we will soon draft a reply to the Government and to meet the Government, we will decide on December 23 in a meeting of farmers' leaders," said Singh. Harinder Singh, another farmer leader, said, "The protest is getting bigger day by day and several farmers from Punjab, Haryana and other states have joined us. We want the Government to repeal these laws." "We have also decided to organise a webinar on December 24 at 12 pm through Zoom and during that a five member of farmers union will answer all questions to the viewers," said Omkar Singh of Bharatiya Kisan Union. "We also invite Kangana Ranaut and Mukesh Kumar and all who are opposing us to join the webinar and we will answer their question," said Baljit, head of IT cell, Sanyukt Kisan Morcha. Meanwhile, farmers at Ghazipur border closed the NH-24, prompting police to issue advisory to commuters and diverting traffic. "Gazipur border is also closed for traffic from Delhi to Gaziabad. It was already closed for traffic from

Gaziabad to Delhi. Traffic has been diverted from Nizamuddin Khathra, Akshardham & Gazipur chowk. Pl go via Anand Vihar, Apsara, Bhopra & DND borders," tweeted Additional Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Delhi's Outer range. The Delhi Traffic Police also informed commuters regarding routes closed and alternative routes. Police said the Singhu, Auchandi, Piau Maniyari, and Mangesh borders are closed. "It advised commuters to take alternative routes through the Lampur, Safiabad Saboli and Singhu school toll tax borders," said police. Police said as traffic has been diverted from Mukarba and the GTK road, people are suggested to avoid Outer Ring Road, the GTK road and National Highway (NH) 44. Those travelling to Haryana can go through the Jharoda (only single carriageway), Daurala, Kapashera, Badusari, Rajokri NH-8, Bijwasan-Bajghera, Palam Vihar and Dundaheera borders, it said. According to the traffic police, Tikri and Dhansa borders are also closed for traffic but the Jhatikara border was open only for two-wheelers and pedestrians. At the Chilla border, the Delhi to Noida carriageway is open for traffic. The Noida to Delhi carriageway is, however, closed, it said. The sixth round of talks on December 9 was cancelled following a deadlock with the farmer unions refusing to budge from their demand for repealing the three laws.

Centre...

From Page 1 Also, contacts of such travellers who were found Covid-19 positive at airport testing would be subjected to institutional quarantine and tested according to ICMR guidelines. "Necessary action to send

the samples to the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, or any other appropriate lab for genomic sequencing will be initiated at the facility level." In case the report of the sequencing is consistent with the current SARS-CoV-2 virus genome circulating in the country, the ongoing treatment protocol including home isolation and treatment at facility level per case severity may be followed, the SOP stated. "If the genomic sequencing indicates the presence of a new variant of SARS-CoV-2, then the patient will continue to remain in a separate isolation unit. While necessary treatment as per the existing protocol will be given, the patient shall be tested on 14th day, after having tested positive in the initial test. "In case the sample is found positive on the 14th day, further samples may be taken until his two consecutive samples taken 24 hours apart are tested negative," the guidelines stated. It stated that state-wise pas-

senger manifest of the flights from the UK landing at various airports in India for the past four weeks from November 25 to December 23 shall be conveyed by the Bureau of Immigration to the State Government and Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) so that the data would be provided to the surveillance teams. The list of passengers travelling between December 21 and 23, who are found RT-PCR positive at airport testing, shall be shared with the States by the Central unit of IDSP. They shall be advised quarantine at home and tested as per ICMR guidelines. Their monitoring would be ensured by the State Governments and IDSP. Those travellers from the UK who arrived in India from November 25 to December 8 will be contacted by district surveillance officers advising them to self-monitor their health and in case of development of symptoms would undergo RT-PCR test.

Won't...

From Page 1 "Exact dates will be announced soon. Our govt is in favour of students," he said in another tweet. Nishank earlier interacted with students regarding entrance exams and online classes. The main issues that are causing much unease among students, teachers, and parents are the dates of CBSE and State board exams, syllabus, and exam patterns. Addressing the live webinar with teachers, Nishank said cancelling the exams and promoting students will result in "putting a stamp on these students" and these students might face trouble in getting jobs and admissions at higher education level in future. On the mode of 2021 board exams, Nishank said many CBSE schools are in rural areas and hence online examinations are not possible. "The exam will be conducted offline as we need a laptop and stable internet and

electricity for each student which is a challenge," said the Minister. On the syllabus issue, Nishank said there would be 30 per cent syllabus cut while there would be 33 per cent internal choice in the board exams. As part of the Central Government initiative to conduct examinations on time amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the Union Education Minister has planned a three-way dialogue with the students, parents and teachers across the country. "Online education has become a big challenge for students who have not attended schools and colleges for the last nine months owing to Covid-19 pandemic. But the students should always be ready to turn this challenge into an opportunity," the Minister said. "The biggest challenge is to study with stronger determination and will and declaration of board results on time so that a full academic year of students is not wasted," he said in one of the response.

20 fliers from...

From Page 1 Earlier in the day, some of the passengers protested against the authorities over the alleged delay in carrying out their coronavirus tests. In Ahmedabad, four out of the 275 passengers including a British national who have arrived from the United Kingdom had tested positive for coronavirus. 260 Air India passengers in Delhi, 199 British Airways passengers, 271 Air India fliers in Ahmedabad, 243 in Amritsar and 590 passengers from different flights at Mumbai who arrived from the United Kingdom, have tested negative so far. Two passengers, who arrived from the UK, tested positive for Covid at Kolkata airport on Sunday. A flight carrying 222 passengers from the UK arrived at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCB) airport on Sunday night. According to officials, 25 passengers did not have Covid reports with them. So they were taken to a nearby quarantine centre, and their coronavirus tests were conducted and of them two tested positive.

Air pollution...

From Page 1 However, household air pollution decreased in India resulting in 64 per cent reduction in the death rate attributable to it from 1990 to 2019, whereas the death rate from outdoor ambient air pollution increased during this period by 115 per cent. India has a good economic and development trajectory, which can improve further with the reduction of air pollution, the report noted adding that the economic loss due to air pollution as a percentage of the State GDP was higher in the northern and central India States, with the highest in Uttar Pradesh (2.2 per cent of GDP) and Bihar (2 per cent of GDP). NITI Aayog member Prof Vinod Paul said the scientific paper presents the latest evidence on air pollution in India, translating the health loss to economic impact. "India has many ongoing major initiatives to reduce air pollution. This paper provides a robust assessment of the trends and current situation in each state, and highlights that augmenting the existing air pollution control

efforts based on the specific situation of each state would be useful. "Air pollution and its impact is not a matter for the health sector alone, and the solutions lie in a multi-sectoral approach with a common commitment to reducing exposure to toxic air, which is impacting the health and productivity of Indians," he said. ICMR Director General Balram Bhargava said various schemes under the "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" and "Unnat Chulha Abhiyan" have aided in reducing household air pollution in the country. Such success encourages us to enhance efforts to reduce outdoor air pollution as well, he said. "Of the total economic loss of US\$36.8 billion (27.4-47.7) attributable to air pollution in India in 2019, 36.6 per cent was from lung diseases, which included COPD (21.1 per cent), lower respiratory infections (14.2 per cent), and lung cancer (1.2 per cent), and the rest was from ischaemic heart disease (24.9 per cent), stroke (14.1 per cent), diabetes (8.4 per cent), neonatal disorders (13.3 per cent), and cataract (2.7 per cent)," said the study.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by Sh. Pawan Kumar Yadav and Sh. Vikramveer Bahadur Singh both S/o Sh. Krishna Day Yadav who are the owners of Residential Plot area measuring 50 Sq. Yds. i.e., 41.80 Sq. Mtrs., out of Khazra No.23, situated at Shantipur Vihar, in the Village Khora Colony, Faransa, Tent, Tehsil & District Ghaziabad, U.P. and further will be mortgaging the same against the financial assistance from Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. That the Original Notarized G.P.A. dated 15/07/1992 executed by Sh. Rakesh S/o Sh. Shreya in favour of Sh. Sumedh S/o Sh. Aladdin in respect of the said property, along with Agreement to Sell & Will which is being sold to Sh. N.K. Gupta S/o Om Prakash R/o KC-4, Purana Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad (U.P.) vide G.P.A. dated 11/06/1985 duly registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Delhi in Book No. IV, Volume No. 1228, on Pages 47 to 48 at Document No. 2632 dated 11/06/1985. Agreement to Sell in this regard has not been registered. Because the Agreement to Sell is not registered, so it is informed to all concerned that the said Flat is going to be transferred in favour of Smt. Sunita Maurya W/o Sh. Daya Ram Maurya & Sh. Daya Ram Maurya S/o Sh. Hari Bansh Maurya both R/o A-164, Sec-22, Noida (U.P.). If any one has any objection he/she may file his/her objection among the sufficient documentary proof in the Residential Housing Department of the Noida Authority within 15 days from the date of Publication of this notice.

Vaish Education Society (Regd.) Rohtak

Notification for Election of Collegium & Governing Body 2021 I, Naresh Kumar Returning Officer Appointed by the Adhoc Committee (Governing Body) in its meeting held on 27.11.2020 do hereby declare the schedule of Election 2021 on behalf of Adhoc Committee (Governing Body) Vaish Education Society (Regd.), Rohtak.

Table with 3 columns: Sr. No., Particular, Date. Contains 12 items regarding the election process, including approval of voter list, publication of scheme, and counting of votes.

Table with 4 columns: Sr. No., Particular, Date, Time. Contains 10 items regarding the election of the collegium and governing body, including publication of lists and counting of votes.

Gupkar...

From Page 1 Parihar lost Gundana seat at the hands of NC candidate Asim Hashmi while he lost Marmat seat at the hands of Congress candidate Mushtaq Ahmad. Voting was held in 280 seats - 14 in each of the 20 districts of the Union Territory - in eight phases over a period of 25 days between November 28 to December 19. Reacting to the election results, Vice President of the National Conference and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said, "The trends that have emerged in the DDC polls in J&K are very encouraging for the JKPAGD. The BJP had made this election a prestige issue about Article 370 & J&K's special status. The people have now spoken & it's for those who believe in democracy to pay heed to these voices". Omar also asserted, "The @JKPAGD is an alliance that

emerged out of the betrayal of the people of J&K on 5th Aug 2019. We have faced every obstacle - illegal detentions, agency threats & pressures, our candidates were locked up to stop them campaigning & from all this we are emerging victorious". Thanking voters, Omar in his last tweet said, "All of us in the JKPAGD are deeply indebted & grateful to the people of J&K for your support at this critical juncture. We reaffirm our commitment to use all democratic & legal weapons at our disposal to continue to fight for our rights". BJP, for the first time opened its account in Kashmir Valley in the DDC polls. The party won one seat each in Srinagar, Pulwama and Bandipur. In Jammu region, the counting trends predicted BJP was all set to win a clear majority across four districts of Jammu region while it failed to woo the electorate across the frontier districts of Rajouri and Poonch. The BJP was ahead of two seats in Rajouri and failed to open its account in Poonch. The counting trends in Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban indicated the BJP may find it difficult to win majority seats in the final tally to get its own chairperson in place in the District Development Council. In Kashmir Valley PAGD is set to install its own chairperson without facing any resistance in 9 out of 10 newly elected District Development councils to further strengthen the grassroots democracy. Barring Srinagar district where independents are going to be kingmakers, all other nine districts of Kupwara, Baramulla, Budgam, Pulwama, Anantnag, Bandipur, Ganderbal, Shopian and Kulgam are going to elect one of the elected representatives as their chairperson. Within the PAGD, the oldest regional party headed by Farooq Abdullah enjoys a clear

edge over its constituents as its candidates emerged front runner and set to romp home victoriously. PDP remained front runner on four seats in South Kashmir district of Shopian, 2 in Bandipur, four in Ganderbal, 2 in Baramulla, 1 in Srinagar, and seven in Pulwama. NC was front runner on eight seats in Budgam, 6 in Anantnag, 5 in Bandipora, 5 in Ganderbal, 3 in Shopian, 2 in Pulwama, 1 in Srinagar, 2 in Baramulla and three in Kupwara. In Jammu region, BJP candidates were front runners on 11 seats in Jammu district, 12 in Samba, 11 in Udhampur and 10 in Kathua till last reports came in. Elections were held across 14 constituencies each in all the districts. Despite bringing in star campaigners and running an aggressive election campaign the BJP failed to register similar performances in Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar districts of Jammu province.

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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET UJJWALA BHAWAN - 110001, OA NO. 386/19 DATE: 11.11.2020 BANK OF MAHARASHTRA APPLICANT VERSUS MR. MANISH KUMAR & ORS RESPONDENT To, Defendant 3, M/s Shubkama Buildtech Pvt. Ltd. Regd. Office 197-E, PKT-4, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-91. Also at: Plot No. GH-05 (B), Sect- 137, Noida-201301. Also at: Site Office GH-02/A, Sect-01 Greater Noida West Noida Extension (U.P.). Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/ have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.47,76,358/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 11.03.2021 AT 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence. BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL FOR REGISTRAR, DRT-II, DELHI

Govt to trace, test, quarantine fliers from UK

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
The Delhi Government will visit the houses of passengers who have arrived in the national Capital in past 10 days from the UK to check their health condition. Health Minister Satyendar Jain on Tuesday said that people who travelled to Delhi from the UK in the past 10 days are being traced, tested and advised quarantine.
The move was taken considering the new strain of Covid-19 detected in the UK. "The Delhi government is

on alert in the wake of a mutated coronavirus strain detected in the UK. The situation is being closely monitored and mandatory tests are being conducted at the Delhi airport for all passengers arriving from that country," he said.
Jain said Delhi has seen the lowest positivity rate of 1.29 per cent in eight months. For the first time in 4 months, the number of covid positive cases were under 1,000.
Jain said the vaccine is being developed and manufactured in India. "We are awaiting approval in order to

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start the manufacturing and roll-out process. Mask is your weapon to combat any number of virus strains," he added.
"After 15 August, we have seen less than 900 positive cases for the first time. Positivity rate has been the lowest in eight months. 1.29 per cent which is almost negligible. Since 4-5 days, it has been less than 1.5 per cent. The best way to fight this virus is by wearing a mask whenever you step out into the public sphere," said Jain.
Remarking on the manufacturing of vaccine, he said,

"The vaccine is being developed and manufactured in India. We are awaiting approval in order to start the manufacturing and roll out process."
Reflecting on the new mutation of Coronavirus in the United Kingdom, the Minister said, "The new mutation is spreading fast in the UK. According to the data, there has been a rapid spurt in cases, around 30,000 cases per day. This is why we requested the Central Government to ban flights to the UK, which they did start today?"

Commenting on the preparedness of Delhi to combat the new strain, Jain said, "The reason behind the fast spread of virus in the months of March-April was also that frequent travelling to Delhi. All the people who are travelling via the UK are being tested at the airport and those travelling on international flights are required to carry a test report with them," he said.
Talking about the strategy to tackle the situation, he said "We will identify all those who are based out of Delhi in the

past two weeks, and conduct door to door testing for them," he said.
Responding to the query surrounding the detection of the new strain, the Minister said, "Only ICMR will be able to test and clarify the differences and ways of detection owing to its scientific nature," he said.
"We will still be conducting tests because Delhi has successfully combated the third wave of coronavirus, and we would not want anything to hamper our success," he said.

NDMC training programme for its safai karamchhari

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has started a training programme for its Safai Karamchhari on the basic life support in emergency situations like basic aspects of First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
NDMC Chairperson Dharmendra inaugurated the first phase training program for Safai Karamchhari of NDMC in association with Universal

Wellness Foundation at NDMC Convention Centre.
Inaugurating the training program, Chairperson NDMC said that if anybody faints or feels breathlessness while walking in the morning hour, helping help can be extended if ground level staff are skilled in the basic life support training.
"This training would be imparted to the other ground level field staff like beldars and malis with refresher programme from time to time," he said.
Secretary of NDMC Dr B

M Mishra said "It is a new initiative for NDMC employees and the training is useful tool for not only staff but also every person of society as he may need it in emergency.
Mishra further said that the small skill of basic life support is valuable for saving life of the individual in case of any emergency.
The training programme in the first phase will be provided to the 50 Safai Karamchhari and 10 assistant sanitary inspectors of the 14 health circles of NDMC.

Man arrested for cheating RFL of ₹3 cr

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police has arrested a 40-year-old man for allegedly cheating Religare Finvest Limited (RFL) to the tune of over Rs three crores.
The accused has been identified as Ashish Gupta, a resident of Rana Pratap Bagh.
According to Dr O P Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, one Mukesh Kumar from RFL alleged that Gupta availed two loans of Rs 2.90 crore and Rs 86 lakh on the basis of forged conveyance deed of mortgaged property -- 76, Harsh Vihar, Pitampura -- and sold the same without intimating the lender.
"Gupta had to repay interest of Rs seven to eight lakh per month on the loans availed from PNB and PSB to the tune of Rs 12 crore. For this purpose, he availed loan from RFL hiding the facts that property was already mortgaged with Punjab and Sind Bank, C.P. In order to cheat the NBFC, he later sold the property to Bhatia Estates,

who cleared the loan of PSB. Accused defaulted the loan amount and ran away from Delhi," said the Joint CP.
"A case was registered on April 5, 2014 at Rani Bagh police station and later transferred to the economic offence wing in 2020. During investigation, it was found that Gupta took loans of Rs six crore each from Punjab and Sind Bank, Connaught Place, against 76, Harsh Vihar, Delhi and from PNB, Shalimar Bagh, against 396, MIE, Bahadurgarh, Haryana respectively. He defaulted in both the loans," said the Joint CP.
"The accused was arrested on Monday. Gupta, along with other accused persons, availed term loan to the tune of Rs. 3.76 crore from the RFL on the basis of forged conveyance deed of property number 76, Harsh Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi. Later, he sold it to Bhatia Estates without intimating the complainant RFL," said the Joint CP.

MCG to seek help from NGOs, RWAs, school heads for waste segregation

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM
In a unique initiative, The Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) has decided to seek help from city based private and Government school principals, NGOs and RWAs to explain the process of waste segregation across the city's residents.
Under this initiative, the civic body had recently organised an online meet along with the school principals of nearly 100 schools and had asked them to educate their students and parents through online processes about waste segregation.
Apart from this the MCG will also seek help from the city based NGOs and RWAs representative to explain people of their societies and across the district how to deal with waste segregation.
Besides this, the civic body will also observe a zero-waste day on December 25, during which the civic body will only collect wet waste from households across the city.
According to the MCG joint commissioner Dheeraj

Kumar, who is also the civic body's nodal officer for the Swachh Bharat Mission, the reason behind this action is to educate the people about cons of waste and secondly is to develop the habit of waste segregation across the city.
"The objective behind this initiative is to make residents aware of the several types of waste segregation and its benefits. We want residents to know that wet waste will help in generation of compost and dry waste objects can also be recycled and reused. With this method, the district will produce limited waste," said Kumar.
Kumar said to implement this initiative effectively an MCG team will also inform residents about the basic types of waste segregation.
Kumar also informed that the residents of the city must understand the seriousness of the waste segregation.
"It was a result of MCG negligence and unawareness among the people as a huge mountain of mix waste garbage has been developed at Bandhwai landfill site. If from the beginning we focused on waste segregation this waste

mountain would not be developed at the site. Now it is an important task to understand the uses of segregation waste," Kumar said.
Kumar also stated that people must understand the pollution levels across the city. People must come forward to deal with waste segregation so that they could play an important role to provide clean air for their next generation.
"It is an impressive step taken by the corporation to deal and educate people about waste segregation. The students and people of the city must join hands with the civic body initiative to make the city waste free," said a principal of a private school.
The officer further said that besides planning to observe a zero-waste day every month, the corporation is also planning to hold zero plastic day in a similar manner.
"We want to reduce the city's dependency on plastic. Recently, a cloth bag bank was opened in the city to stop the usage of polythene in the city. Soon such more cloth banks will be opened in multiple locations across the city," Kumar added.

SDMC organises programme to improve Swachhhta Survekshan Ranking

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
In order to improve Swachhta Survekshan Ranking-2021, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) organised orientation and capacity building programme for sanitation and engineering staff on Tuesday and briefed them about various indicators regarding Swachhta Survekshan.
Deputy Commissioner of Najafgarh Zone Radha Krishan highlighted various relevant points need to be taken to improve SDMC's ranking.
"We are conducting various orientation programmes and seminars in all the zones to educate our engineering staff about various parameters regarding Swachhta Ranking 2021

Japanese technique used to increase greenery of Ghazipur landfill site

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) has planted 'Miyawaki' forest at the Ghazipur landfill site. Miyawaki, a Japanese technique in which plantation is done by ultra dense method comprising of over 40 plus different species of plants.
This initiative to plant trees under the project was implemented in September as over 1000 saplings planted in an area of 450 square meter using this method.
"In continuation of the initiative another 1000 saplings were planted inside the landfill site. This will help absorb pollutants and harmful gases emitted from landfill significantly, Chief Engineer in EDMC Pradeep Kumar Khandelwal

said.
Khandelwal said that Miyawaki plantation method is a Japanese technique which is developed by Akira Miyawaki in which plantation is done by ultra dense method comprising of over 40 plus different species, that contains timber, medicinal, flowering, fruits and shrubs.
"In this method the growth of the plant is 10 times faster and 30 times denser than traditional plantation. The Corporation is doing continuous efforts towards managing pollution and reducing impact of harmful gases in local vicinity," he added.
"It will also help the local community to fight the pollution and other health hazards and help in ground water recharge and soil quality improvement," he said.

AAP carries out 'Padyatras' against MCDs' ₹2500 cr scam

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
Am Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday carried out 'Padyatras' in all the 272 wards in Delhi as a mass campaign against alleged Rs 2,500 crores scam in BJP-ruled Municipal Corporations.
AAP leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak said that more than 20,000 AAP volunteers and citizens of Delhi took part in these rallies.
"Party workers met the people in all 272 wards and enlightened them about the scam of the misappropriation of Rs 2500 crores. He said that the AAP volunteers are visiting every house to expose the BJP and its misdeeds in front of the people of Delhi," he said.
"We explained to the citizens that why every road, lane and street of Delhi is full of garbage. The reason behind this is that the BJP ruled MCD does not work properly. We apprised the citizens about the garbage mountains created by the BJP ruled MCD and the corruption of its councillors," he added.

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ई-ऑक्शन की तिथि : 19 से 22 जनवरी 2021

क्र. सं.	योजना का नाम	क्षेत्रफल वर्ग मी.	न्यूनतम बोली मूल्य (रुपयों में)
1	80/सीएस-1 कानेर	22.29	85000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
2	80/सीएस-2 सामान्य	21.60	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
3	80/सीएस-3 सामान्य	21.60	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
4	80/सीएस-4 सामान्य	21.60	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
5	80/सीएस-5 सामान्य	21.60	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
6	80/सीएस-6 सामान्य	21.60	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
7	80/सीएस-7 सामान्य	21.60	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
8	80/के-1 कानेर	4.00	85000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
9	80/के-2 कानेर	4.00	85000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
10	सीबीजी/एस-24 सामान्य	27.00	74424/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
11	सीबीजी/एस-25 कानेर	27.00	78145/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
12	सीबीजी/एस-26 कानेर	27.00	78145/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
13	सीबीजी/एस-27 सामान्य	27.00	74424/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
14	सीबीजी/एस-41 सामान्य	13.50	75000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर

ई-ऑक्शन की तिथि : 19 से 22 जनवरी 2021

बड़ा आवासीय भूखण्ड

क्र. सं.	योजना का नाम	क्षेत्रफल वर्ग मी.	न्यूनतम बोली मूल्य (रुपयों में)
1	14E/1 कानेर	528.90	33000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर

ई-ऑक्शन की तिथि : 27 से 29 जनवरी 2021

योजना का नाम : आर्युष मार्केट, प्राताप नगर, जयपुर (व्यावसायिक)

क्र. सं.	योजना का नाम	क्षेत्रफल वर्ग मी.	न्यूनतम बोली मूल्य (रुपयों में)
1	28/CS-01 कानेर	40.50	68800/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
2	28/CS-02 सामान्य	40.50	65500/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
3	28/CS-03 सामान्य	40.50	65500/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
4	28/CS-04 कानेर	40.50	68800/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
5	28/CS-25 कानेर	20.25	68800/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
6	28/CS-26 सामान्य (SC)	20.25	65500/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर

RERA No. : RAJ/P/2020/1206 (www.rera.rajasthan.gov.in)

योजना का नाम : आतिथ मार्केट, मानसरोवर, जयपुर (व्यावसायिक)

क्र. सं.	योजना का नाम	क्षेत्रफल वर्ग मी.	न्यूनतम बोली मूल्य (रुपयों में)
1	52 सामान्य	72.00	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
2	53 सामान्य (SC)	72.00	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
3	54 सामान्य (ST)	72.00	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
4	55 सामान्य	72.00	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
5	65 सामान्य (SC)	40.50	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
6	66 सामान्य	40.50	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
7	83 सामान्य (SC)	40.50	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
8	84 सामान्य	40.50	80000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर

RERA No. : RAJ/P/2020/1178 (www.rera.rajasthan.gov.in)

बड़े व्यावसायिक भूखण्ड

योजना का नाम : आलनपुर SFS योजना, रणधाम रोड, सर्वाई माधोपुर (व्यावसायिक)

क्र. सं.	योजना का नाम	क्षेत्रफल वर्ग मी.	न्यूनतम बोली मूल्य (रुपयों में)
1	CS/SFS कानेर	682.26	14000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर

ई-ऑक्शन की तिथि : 27 से 29 जनवरी 2021

योजना का नाम : प्राताप नगर, सांगानेर, जयपुर (व्यावसायिक)

क्र. सं.	योजना का नाम	क्षेत्रफल वर्ग मी.	न्यूनतम बोली मूल्य (रुपयों में)
1	68/S-3 सामान्य	60 मीटर रोड टॉक रोड पर	1781.92 61500/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
2	68/S-4 सामान्य	60 मीटर रोड टॉक रोड पर	2016.00 61500/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
3	HG-1/C-5 सामान्य	45 मीटर रोड हल्दी घाटी मार्ग	703.98 49000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
4	HG-2/C-2 सामान्य	45 मीटर रोड हल्दी घाटी मार्ग	797.40 49000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
5	भूखण्ड संख्या-A कानेर	60 मीटर रोड महल रोड पर	2201.12 60000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर

ई-ऑक्शन की तिथि : 1 से 3 फरवरी 2021

योजना का नाम : मानसरोवर, जयपुर (व्यावसायिक)

क्र. सं.	योजना का नाम	क्षेत्रफल वर्ग मी.	न्यूनतम बोली मूल्य (रुपयों में)
1	Plot No. 15 सामान्य	48 मीटर रोड, डी.टी. रोड पर	2997.24 60000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
2	Plot No. 16 कानेर	48 मीटर रोड, डी.टी. रोड पर	2983.01 65000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
3	Plot No. 7/C-02A कानेर	30 मीटर रोड शिवा पथ पर	1137.60 60000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर

योजना का नाम : प्राताप नगर, सांगानेर, जयपुर (व्यावसायिक)

क्र. सं.	योजना का नाम	क्षेत्रफल वर्ग मी.	न्यूनतम बोली मूल्य (रुपयों में)
1	232/F-1 कानेर	60 मीटर रोड महल रोड पर	2400.00 60000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
2	HG-1/C-6 कानेर	45 मीटर रोड हल्दी घाटी मार्ग	902.75 51500/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर
3	HG-2/C-3 सामान्य	45 मीटर रोड हल्दी घाटी मार्ग	797.40 49000/- प्रति वर्ग मीटर

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"The Najafgarh Zone of the SDMC is all geared up to take various initiatives to improve its Swachhta Survekshan ranking 2021. Today we have asked all concerned staff to ensure and focus on over all cleanliness in all wards, to repair of all public and community toilets, waste segregation focusing on source segregation in the colonies, processing of wet waste into compost and creating awareness among citizens about segregation of wet and dry waste and important of cleanliness," he said.
Engineer in Chief P C Meena said "We are conducting various orientation programmes and seminars in all the zones to educate our engineering staff about various parameters regarding Swachhta Ranking 2021. Nodal officer of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Rajiv Jain said that SDMC has intensified its Swachhta related activities in all its four zones. He has asked the officials of Najafgarh Zone to co-ordinate with RWAs and encourage them for segregation of waste in their colonies.
Jain further said that special focus would be on cleaning of community toilets complexes and removal of posters and banners apart from picking garbage from the markets and lanes. "A special drive for cleanliness of commercial areas, markets, schools and public places are also being organized in all zones," he said.

Mayors, councillors sit on satyagrah

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
Mayors and councillors of the three BJP-ruled municipal corporations of Delhi sat on a 'Satyagrah' on Tuesday near the Aam Aadmi Party's DDU Marg office, demanding payment of funds "due" to the civic bodies.
North Delhi mayor Jai Prakash said that Delhi Government is willfully not releasing the dues of Rs. 13000 crores to make corporations financially cripple so that corporations can neither do any development work for the citizens nor can pay salaries to their employees on time.
"This is our constitutional right. We will continue with

this fight till the Delhi government releases the due funds of the corporation," he said.
The Arvind Kejriwal government has never fulfilled its "moral responsibility" towards the municipal corporations and is "hampering" development work by holding back "due" funds worth Rs 13,000 crore, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta said at the protest site.
The AAP has accused the BJP-ruled municipal corporations of "corruption and inefficiency", with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal saying in the recent special session of the Delhi Assembly that all due funds have been paid to the civic bodies.

Policy for conversion from leasehold to freehold OK'd

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI
In a bid to provide major relief to industrialists in Delhi, the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) board has decided to convert Industrial plots allotted under relocation scheme from leasehold plots to freehold in a board meeting on Tuesday.
Under the Chairmanship of Delhi Industries Minister Satyendra Jain, DSIIDC has decided to grant the freehold ownership of factories and plots in industrial areas where plots were allotted under relocation scheme.
"The allottees who have completed five years from the date of allotment and have completed the construction and started their factory are eligible for this scheme. This proposal has been sent before the Delhi Cabinet for its approval," he said.
The DSIIDC board took up issue on Tuesday and decided to bring the Policy for conversion from leasehold to freehold.
Taking to social media, Jain tweeted, "On the directions of Hon. CM @ArvindKejriwal, DSIIDC in its board meeting today decided to convert Bawana industrial area's Leasehold plots to freehold. The matter has been sent for approval of Delhi Cabinet."

In the board meeting, it was also decided that in the year 2005, a conversion scheme for converting industrial plots allotted by Industries department from leasehold to freehold was introduced.
The properties allotted under the relocation scheme where the construction of a building has been completed and industrial activity has started, be brought within the ambit of conversion scheme.
The freehold rights would allow the owners to take loans directly from banks while they were now forced to go to moneylenders. Over 16,000 factories located in the area will be benefited.

AMU represents India's rich culture, says Modi



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Participating for the first time in any event of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday addressed its centenary celebrations lauding AMU's contribution in fighting the coronavirus pandemic as "unprecedented" and saying that the university "represents India's rich culture and heritage."

In his address, the Prime Minister pointed to religion-neutral development policies of his government saying they are implemented "without discrimination".

Modi also stressed significance and power of "diversity" and importance of retaining it.

The Prime Minister urged people "to not look at everything from a political lens", saying "Campuses like AMU can play a key role in contributing to this approach."

AMU Chancellor Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin and Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank attended the event. Modi also released a postal stamp during the function which he addressed through videoconferencing.

"AMU alumni are spread across the world and take a lot of pride in their alma mater. Their pride is justified. In 100 years of existence, AMU has crafted and polished millions of lives, giving them modern and scientific thinking and inspiring them to do something for society and the nation", said the Prime Minister.

"In the last 100 years, AMU has also worked to strengthen India's relations with many countries of the world", said Modi in praise of the institution

that was originally established by Sir Dyed Ahmad Khan as the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College in 1875.

AMU became a University in 1920, through an Act of the Indian Legislative Council by elevating the Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College to the status of a Central University.

"The research done in AMU on Urdu, Arabic, and Persian languages, research on Islamic literature, gives new energy to India's cultural relations with the entire Islamic world", he said.

In the backdrop of the recurring debate on the minority character of the university, Modi praised diversity in the university.

"People tell me that the AMU campus is like a city in itself. We see a mini India among different departments, dozens of hostels, thousands of teachers, and professors. The diversity which we see here is not only the strength of this university but also of the entire nation", said the Prime Minister.

"I have been told that at least 1,000 international students are currently enrolled in AMU", he added.

The Prime Minister asked students in the AMU to contribute to the nation building.

"It is an onus on AMU students to share with the world everything good about India. They have a two-fold responsibility to contribute to nation-building and also help India bolster its soft power", he said.

Modi lauded the stellar role played by the AMU during the ongoing pandemic crisis in the country.

"The contributions made by the university during the coronavirus pandemic were unprecedented. They helped people get tested for free, built isolation wards, started plasma banks, provided hospital beds, and helped society", he said.

The Prime Minister quoted AMU's founder saying that

the growth of the country is above the caste and religion of the people.

Sir Syed had also said that religion should not be the reason for anyone's backwardness.

Modi said it must be realised that politics is an important part of society, but there are many other issues in society besides politics.

"... for a new India, the core is that welfare must not be seen from the prism of politics. There are some elements who may have an issue with this. They can be found in all countries. They will spread negativity. But these people will be sidelined if we work for the betterment of the country keeping politics aside. Politics can wait, society can wait, (but) the country can't wait for development, the poor and disadvantaged can't wait for development," said Modi as he addressed students, teachers and staff of the varsity.

"Country is on the path where no citizen would be left behind because of their religion and everyone would get equal opportunities so that everyone can fulfill their dreams. Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas is the mantra behind it", said the Prime Minister in his outreach to the AMU student community.

He said progressive education among Muslim girl students has led to decline in the dropout from 70 to 30 per cent.

"Earlier, the dropout rate of Muslim girls was 70 per cent due to lack of toilets and now after launching the Swachh Bharat Mission, the dropout rate went down to only 30 per cent", he said.

"Thirty five per cent of students in AMU today are female, I congratulate AMU for this feat", said the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister also mentioned the "end" of regressive triple-talaq in the country.

Finding and retaining young talents science's bigger challenge: PM



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asserted that the biggest challenge facing science now, may be a vaccine for Covid pandemic, but the biggest long term challenge science faces is to attract high quality youngsters and retain them.

"The biggest challenge facing science now, may be a vaccine for COVID pandemic. But the biggest long term challenge science faces is to attract high quality youngsters and retain them."

"What is called science today, becomes the technology of tomorrow and an engineering solution later. For attracting good talent into our science domain, the government has announced scholarships at various levels. But it needs a big out-reach from within the science community as well", said the Prime Minister at the inauguration of the sixth edition of the four-day India International Science Festival (IISF) here.

He said that India wants its scientific community to share and grow with the best of global talent and the Government is taking steps to make India the most trustworthy centre for scientific learning.

The Prime Minister emphasised the importance of bringing the benefits of science and technology to all. "Science and Technology are bridging the gap of scarcity. It is connecting the poorest of

the poor with the Government. With digital advances, India is becoming a centre of evolution and revolution of global high-tech power", he added.

Earlier, Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, Secretary DSIR and DG, CSIR, in his welcome address dwelt upon various dimensions of the IISF-2020. "More than 40 science laboratories and educational institutions are participating in organising this festival. He said, IISF-2020 will attempt 5 Guinness Book of World Records, one of which—maximum students making the Sun Dial simultaneously—was attempted this morning where 6,874 students from 189 schools participated.

With the theme 'Science for Self-Reliant India and Global Welfare', the mega event aims to celebrate the achievements of India's scientific and technological advancements with students and innovators. It is being organized jointly by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in association with VijnanaBharati. The nodal institution for science festival this year is CSIR-National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS), New Delhi.

Centre, World Bank ink \$500 million project for safe and green NHs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Government and the World Bank on Tuesday signed a \$500 million project to build safe and green national highway corridors in the States of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The project will also enhance the capacity of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) in mainstreaming safety and green technologies.

The Green National Highways Corridors Project will support MoRTH construct 783 km of highways in various geographies by integrating safe and green technology designs such as local and marginal materials, industrial byproducts, and other bioengineering solutions. The project will help reduce GHG emissions in the construction and maintenance of highways.

Dr C S Mohapatra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance stated that the Government of India is committed to environmentally sustainable development in its infrastructure projects. This project will set



new standards in the construction of safe motorable roads.

The ultimate objective of transport infrastructure is to provide seamless connectivity and reduce logistics costs, said a government statement.

The Government of India has launched many investment programs in road sector infrastructure to strengthen and improve logistics performance. This project will also support analytics to map the freight volume and movement pattern on the National Highway network, identify constraints, and provide innovative logistics solutions, it added.

A senior MoRTH official

said the project will support the ministry with an in-depth analysis of gender-related issues in the transport sector along with help in creating jobs for women by training women-led micro enterprises and women collectives to implement green technologies in the highway corridors.

"Connectivity for economic growth and connectivity for sustainable development are two important aspects of a country's development trajectory. This operation brings these two priorities together in support of India's growth strategy," said Junaid Ahmad, World Bank Country Director in India.

One-time free rescheduling of tickets for passengers travelling from UK, Oman, Saudi Arabia

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In view of Indian Government's directive on the suspension of flights, Air India on Tuesday announced a one-time free rescheduling of tickets for passengers travelling from the United Kingdom, Oman and Saudi Arabia after the government's decision to stop air travel in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic.

The airline also said that all penalties for one-time rescheduling, cancellation, rerouting will be waived for bookings between 22 and 31 December this year. However, Air India said the rescheduled travel should be completed within 31 December this month.

Air India said that passengers who were booked to travel on now suspended flights from the UK, Oman, and Saudi Arabia can avail a one-time free rescheduling for travel completed within December 31.

"In view of Indian gov't directive on the suspension of flights to UK, from 22nd-31st Dec, Oman & Saudi Arabia, both from 22nd-29th Dec, Air India is offering passengers booked to travel during the period one-time free reschedule for travel completed within 31st



Dec '21," Air India said a series of tweets.

"All penalties for one-time rescheduling, cancellation, rerouting will be waived for bookings between 22nd & 31st December," it further said.

Air India along with British Airways, Vistara, and Virgin Atlantic had been plying flights to and from the UK under an air bubble agreement between the two countries.

The airline has also issued a directive to its crew members across international and domestic stations to remain isolated in their allocated rooms for the complete duration of their layovers in light of the discovery of a new strain of the coronavirus (Sars-Cov-2) said to spread faster.

The directive comes right after India joined a growing list of countries on Monday to seal off access to people who have been to the United Kingdom, suspending all flights to and from the country between December 23 and December 31 in order to stop the arrival of the new strain.

NIA raids 7 locations in Kerala to nab Jund Al Aqsa operative

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at seven locations in Thrissur and Kozhikode districts of Kerala to track the whereabouts of a fugitive belonging to the banned terrorist organisation Jund Al Aqsa.

The houses of Mohammed Faaz, Mohammed Ithisham, Abdul Sameeh, Rayees Rehiman, Nabeel Mohammed, Mohamed Shaheen and Mohammed Ameer were searched by the agency.

The case was originally registered suo-motu by NIA as RC-01/2019/NIA/KOC on January 9, 2019 under various Sections of the Indian Penal Code relating to criminal conspiracy and provision relating to neglect of wife, children or parents besides relevant Sections Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act against six accused persons Hashir Mohammed, native of Ernakulam, Sidhikul Akbar, native of Malappuram, Muhammed Irfan, native of Kannur, Thaha Mohammed, native of Shimoga district, Karnataka; Sultan Abdulla, native of Kozhikode district, Kerala and Fayez Farooq, native of Thrissur district, Kerala.

Govt hopeful of farmers resuming talks soon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After meeting with two farmers groups from Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said on Tuesday he is hopeful that protesting unions would soon complete their internal discussions and resume talks with the Government to resolve the crisis.

He met two more peasants' bodies from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh that extended support to the legislations. "Representatives of dif-



ferent farmers' bodies had come to tell that the laws are good and are in the interest of farmers. They had come to urge the Government not make any amendments to the

laws," Tomar said after meeting the two groups.

"I am hopeful they (protesting farmers' unions) will soon complete their internal discussions and come forward for talks. We will be able to find a solution successfully," the minister said.

UP-based Kisan Sangarsh Samithi (KSS) and Delhi-based Indian Kisan Union (IKU) are among those farmer groups that have extended support to the laws in the last three weeks. The previous groups were from Haryana, Uttarakhand and Uttar

Pradesh.

"The three laws enacted by the Centre are good and are in the interest of the farming community," KSS President Ajay Pal Pradhan said after the meeting.

KSS further demanded that the government should notify only that much land which is required for the development. In the Secunderabad industrial area, industries have developed 45 per cent of the land acquired and the rest is not used yet.

Earlier, interacting with members of international

media from the Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia, Tomar said that the government is still willing to continue talks with protesting unions on all contentious issues.

The Minister said the agriculture sector is the backbone of the Indian economy and the Narendra Modi government is focusing on doubling farmer's income by 2022. He was interacting with members of international media from the Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia.

One in CBI net in online child sexual abuse racket

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested an accused, Niyaz Ahmed Mir, 35, resident of Srinagar in an on-going investigation of a case related to online child sexual abuse racket.

The agency had earlier registered a case under Information Technology Act and provisions of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against the accused on the allegations of

running online child sexual abuse racket from India, targeting minors living in USA, the CBI said.

"It was further alleged that the accused uploaded the pornographic videos and images over the dark web for financial gains and was also involved in direct communication with many minors in the USA," it said.

The wife of the accused, Tamara Stanley, is living in Washington, USA, officials said.

"The accused was alleged-

ly operating through his wife, who had agreed to be involved in a Master-Slave relationship with the accused and on his direction, she allegedly exploited multiple minors, recorded these abuses and electronically sent the same to him. It was also alleged that when the victims refused to follow his dictates, he shared these videos and images with their family members," the agency said.

Searches were conducted at the premises of the accused at Srinagar which led to recovery of incriminating digital evi-



dence including three laptops, five mobiles, pen drives and hand written notes among others.

The arrested accused is

being produced before the Competent Court at Srinagar, officials said.

It further said, "The CBI regularly coordinates with international law enforcement agencies to detect and investigate sexual abuse of minors, especially over the cyber space and also reaffirms its commitment towards promoting cooperation with US Law Enforcement Agencies in combating child sexual abuse in cyber space."

Consistent and conscious efforts are being made to iden-

tify and detain criminals involved in sexual exploitation of minors. The CBI had recently traced and arrested an accused, resident of District Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh) on November 16 on the allegations of sexually abusing over 50 children in the districts of Chitrakoot, Banda and Hamirpur (Uttar Pradesh). During searches, huge material including mobile phones, laptops, web-camera, electronic storage devices, Pen Drives/Memory Cards, several sex toys, and emails were recovered.

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, LUCKNOW
 No.: LKRE/EL/ABP-FD-BBK/EIG/28/Akbarpur (Excl)-Faizabad-Barabanki (Excl) Date: 21.12.2020
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REGARDING ENERGISATION OF AKBARPUR (EXCL)-FAIZABAD-BARABANKI (EXCL) SINGLE LINE SECTION OF LUCKNOW DIVISION OF NORTHERN RAILWAY
 Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the Northern Railway of Lucknow Division that 25000 Volts, 50 Cycles AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead lines.

Division	Section	Chainage/Km		Date of Energisation
		From	To	
Lucknow (NR)	Akbarpur (Excl)-Faizabad-Barabanki (Excl)	Km./Location No. 908/09 Chainage-415.50	Km./Location No. 1066/02 Chainage-99.00	27.12.2020

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 No.: LKRE/EL/ABP-FD-BBK/EIG/28/Akbarpur (Excl)-Faizabad-Barabanki (Excl) Date: 21.12.2020
INTRODUCTION OF 25000 VOLTS AC TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS" ATTENTION
 It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 25000 volts AC Electric Traction over the single line section, Akbarpur (Excl)-Faizabad-Barabanki (Excl) of the Lucknow Division in the Northern Railway, height gauge have been erected at all the level crossings with clear height of 4.76/4.78 meters above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity of live traction wires.

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.

The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follow:
 1. Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line.
 2. Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself.
 3. Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

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POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR
 Notice Inviting 2nd Tender Raipur, Dated:- / /2020
 Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from original equipment manufacturers (OEM) Or authorized by manufacturer for the following item :-

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Qty	EMD In Rs.
1	Portable Satellite Terminal	01	3,00,000/-

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect, must be submitted as per the schedule below -

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER

a) Address for submission of Tender Document:- AIG of Police(P&P) Block no.-3, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur.

b) Last Date and Time of Submission on Bids 18/01/2021 till 03.00 pm Block no 03, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur.

c) Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid Block no 03, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur. 18/01/2021 at 4:00 pm

d) Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid Shall be intimated later.

e) Date till which the Bid to remain valid 120 days from the scheduled date of submission of the Bid.

Notes:-
 1. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day.
 2. Tender documents can be downloaded from our website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document tender fee Rs. 3000/- will be paid in the form of DD of State Bank of India/Scheduled Bank (other than Cooperative Bank) payable at Raipur in favour of Assistant Inspector General of Police (Accounts), Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar Raipur Or State Govt. Challan of Rs. 3000/- to be deposited in the Head of A/c- 0055-Police- 800- other receipt. Tender fee is non refundable and can't be exempted in any condition.
 3. Modification/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised on the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only.
 4. If any bidder sends tender documents through Courier/Speed post, the tender documents will be accepted till 03.00 pm on 18/01/2021 at Block no. 3, Room No.309, Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur only. Received tender documents in any other address at PHQ on stipulated date and time, will not be accepted.

R.O. No:- 85753/3 Sd/-
 R.O. Date:- 21/12/2020 A.I.G. of Police(P&P)
 For-Director General of Police

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI - 110001. OA No. 439/19 DATE: 05.11.2020 BANK OF MAHARASHTRA APPLICANT VERSUS M/S JAI AMBEY BUILDING MATERIAL SUPPLIER & ORS. RESPONDENT

To, Defendant
 1. M/s Jai Ambeey Building Material Supplier (through its proprietor), 19-E Bahubali Extension New Delhi-92.
 2. Mr. Ramakant Pandey, 19-E Bahubali Extension New Delhi-92.
 3. M/s Hi-Tech City Developers Pvt. Ltd. (through its Directors) 307, 3rd floor Nipun Tower Community Centre Karkardooma Delhi-92.

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.4,72,47,147/- (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Two Lakh Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Forty Seven Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 01.03.2021 AT 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL FOR REGISTRAR, DRT-II, DELHI

Biting cold may sweep northwest, central India during next 3 days

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After a couple of days of respite from biting cold, minimum temperatures are again likely to fall by 1 to 3 degrees C over Northwest and Central India during the next three days.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in its Tuesday bulletin that cold wave conditions are likely to set in over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Western Uttar Pradesh on December 22, it added. Cold wave to severe cold wave conditions over the same region is expected on December 23 and 24.

Cold day conditions are likely over some pockets of Bihar during the next three days and over East Uttar Pradesh during the next two days. Moderate to dense fog is likely

in the morning hours at isolated pockets over Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh, and Delhi on December 23. Dense to very dense fog in the morning is expected in isolated pockets over the same region from December 24 to 26.

The Met Office forecast also predicted ground frost conditions for Gilgit Baltistan region of PoK. Moderate to dense fog is also predicted during the period, it said.

"Cold wave to severe cold wave conditions at isolated pockets over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and West UP on December 23 and 24", the IMD said. Severe cold conditions continued unabated in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Tuesday, as the IMD another spell of rain and snow between Saturday and Sunday, December 26-27.

SISTER ABHAYA MURDER CASE

After 28 years, court convicts priest, nun

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Nearly 29 years after she was found dead in mysterious conditions, a CBI Special Court in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday found that Sister Abhaya (19), a novice belonging to Pius X Convent at Kottayam, was murdered and Father Thomas Kottoor (71) and Sister Sephy (57), a once glamour girl of the Congregation, were guilty of the act.

The quantum of punishment would be pronounced on Wednesday, said Judge K Sanal Kumar, who heard the year-long trial which was probed by the CBI. While Kottoor said he was innocent, Sephy broke down in the courtroom.

Sister Abhaya was found dead in a well in the Convent on March 27, 1992. The Kerala Police which probed the case wrote it off as a case of suicide. K T Michael, the Crime Branch Dy SP who investigated the

case had declared in a press meet that Abhaya's death was a case of suicide. An inspector who dissented with him was found dead in mysterious condition. But the relentless legal battle by Jomon Puthenpurackal, a school dropout from Abhaya's village led the CBI to investigate the cause behind the death.

The court took into account the eye-witness account rendered by Raju, a robber who saw the entire proceedings sitting atop a tree. He had entered the Convent premises on the night of March 26-27 with the intention of robbing when he saw the two priests and Sister Sephy in compromising positions in the dining room.

Abhaya who came to the dining room for a glass of water saw the trio too and Sister Sephy ordered the other two to finish her off lest the former would make life difficult for her. The priests murdered

Abhaya and dumped her body in the well. The local police and the crime branch which probed the case had destroyed most of the evidence by the time the CBI was entrusted with the investigation.

The CBI investigation too was not without controversies. Varghese P Thomas, the deputy superintendent, who was the investigating officer had to resign from service following department and political pressure to change the course of the investigation. Though the CBI approached the Ernakulam Judicial Magistrate thrice with pleas to wind up the probe, the court declined to entertain the requests.

Nandakumar Nair, Dy SP, CBI was appointed as the IO in November 2008 and the probe took a new turn. Within days of Nandakumar taking over the case, the CBI arrested Fr Thomas Kottoor, Fr Jose Poothrikkayil and Sister Sephy in connection with the murder

of Abhaya. But the CBI Special Court discharged Fr Poothrikkayil while rejecting the petitions of the other two accused.

The trial commenced in August 2019 which culminated on Tuesday with the verdict delivered by Judge Sanal Kumar that Fr Kottoor was guilty of trespass and murder while Sephy was found to have committed the murder and destruction of evidence.

Sr Abhaya Murder case had led to the production of feature films based on the subject. The world is obliged to Jomon Puthenpurackal who led an action council to ensure that Abhaya gets justice. And Justice has been delivered in the 28 year old murder.

The CBI probe led by Nadakumar established that Sephy, who was expected to be the Christ's bride eternally, had undergone surgery for revirginization which is known in common parlour as hymeno-

plasty.

The woes of the Church do not end with the Abhaya case. Divya P John, a final year novitiate trainee at Baselian Convent in Thiruvalla too was found dead under mysterious conditions in a well in the convent on May 7. There has been demands from various organisations for a CBI probe into the case. "The authorities are indifferent to our demand though we had submitted a request to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan asking for a CBI probe. We do not know why the powers that be are indifferent to the mysterious death of a nun. The last 28 years have seen 22 nun trainees dead under mysterious circumstances and this is a matter of concern," said Luckose Chullikkartan, who heads Justice for Sister Lucy (JSL) launched to ensure justice for Sr Lucy who was expelled from a congregation of nuns.

No gala celebrations in Raj on New Year's Eve

IANS ■ JAIPUR

With Rajasthan crossing the 3 lakh mark of cumulative Covid-19 cases on Tuesday, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that the state government has decided to make New Year celebrations subdued, with a ban on gatherings or fireworks in view of the situation.

In a message on his Facebook page, Gehlot advised that like Diwali, people of the state should have the New Year celebrations with their family members by staying inside their houses, to save themselves from Covid-19 infection. "It is necessary to protect oneself, one's family and the lives of common people," he wrote.

Prove me wrong or treat me with Dhokla: Didi to Shah

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Amid the ongoing dogfight for the Bengal 'masnad' (throne) there was a small side-splitting relief with Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday demanding a "Gujarati treat with Dhokhla" for rectifying his alleged misconceptions on Bengal.

"Amit Shah ji owes me a treat. I love Gujarati food, particularly Dhokla," she said, before calling upon the Home Minister to prove her claims on the State's development list wrong. "Prove me wrong or treat me with Dhokla," she said amid a gentle laughter.

Her immediate reference of the veiled attack on the Home Minister was his statement citing how Bengal under Banerjee had turned into a laggard State. Shah on Sunday raised a whole lot of issues --- from industrial recession to plummeting

law and order situation --- after his grand road show at Bolpur.

Issuing point-by-point rebuttal of what Shah said against her dispensation, Banerjee quoted from the NCRB data to how violence including political killings come down during her 10-year rule.

Slamming Shah for a "deliberate attempt to malign Bengal" she said "When the country's Home Minister says something, it should be backed by data, facts and figures. Bengal is ahead of other states on many development indices. But Amit Shah ji deliberately tried to depict a gloomy and dismal picture of the state..."

Banerjee told t he media reminding how Kolkata had twice won the "safest city" appellation. Apart from being termed as the first boy in construction of rural roads, 100-days works, implementation of sanitation projects NCRB data showed how crimes par-

ticularly those against women had decreased in Bengal she said adding "before pointing fingers at others, BJP leaders should speak up against the Hathras rape-murder incident in Uttar Pradesh."

Coming back with a refutation of what Banerjee said the BJP leadership maintained, the Chief Minister dwelt on everything save the issues raised by Shah. MP Swapn Dasgupta said that the Chief Minister spoke about things that were not asked from her.

"She would not explain the reason behind industrial recession in Bengal... she would not clarify the reasons behind the dwindling industrial output of the State" which was second only to Maharashtra," Dasgupta said wondering why the pharmaceutical industry of the State accounted for only 7 percent when it was 70 percent post Independence.

His party colleague Samik Bhattacharya said it was because of the economic recession that the State was witnessing massive exodus of labour. "About 70 lakh people from Bengal work in other States as construction workers... why the Chief Minister who allegedly has taken a whole lot of project for the minorities could not ensure that the minority workers do not have to leave Bengal for work," he said.

Meanwhile, a day after the BJP leadership claimed that the saffron party would come to power with 200-plus seats in a 294-strong Assembly and that the ruling party would struggle to cross double digits Trinamool Congress' poll strategist Prashant Kishor challenged them to put their statements on record that they would quit their positions if their party failed to get 200 seats.

Maha nets total investment of ₹1.12L cr during Covid period

WE HOPE TO GET ₹2L CR INVESTMENT DURING 2020-21: UDDHAV

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a clear pointer to the fact that the investment climate remained unaffected in Maharashtra even during the Covid-19 period, the total industrial investments made in Maharashtra during the last six months went up to a staggering Rs 1.12 lakh crore on Tuesday, as the domestic entrepreneurs committed an investment of a Rs 61,000 crore through 25 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) across 15-odd sectors.

At the third MoU signing event with domestic investors held in the presence of chief minister Uddhav Thackeray, the MoUs signed by the Maharashtra included a diverse range of sectors that have been very significant in the recent times - pharmaceuticals, healthcare, biotechnology, food processing and FMCG as well as steel & automobiles, engineering and oil & gas.

Previous engagements under Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 in June 2020 saw investment commitments of about INR 17,000 crore. This was complemented by a second such event in November 2020 where there was additional investment commitment of approximately INR 35,000

crore.

In addition, the state attracted investments of about INR 14,000 crore through organic investments via their advanced single window system in the year 2020.

Speaking on the MoU signing meet, Uddhav expressed confidence that the state intended to cross total investment of Rs 2 lakh crore during 2020-21.

"The Rs 1.12 lakh crore investment commitments received underline the state's positive domestic business sentiment which is in line with vision of a self-reliant India and thereby Maharashtra," the chief minister said.

Maharashtra has been at the forefront of FDI inflows in India, attracting the largest share of approximately 30 per cent of India's cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows during April 2000-2020. The state's journey has included an increase in FDI inflow from INR 2,543 Crores in 2004-05 to INR 79,216 crore in 2019-20

As part of its key investment promotion initiatives under Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 such as Plug & Play Infrastructure, the state government has launched schemes like Maha Jobs, Maha Parwana, Investor First Program,

Capacity Augmentation of MIDC land banks and Dedicated Country Desks.

"This has helped consolidate industrial growth and boost investor confidence; positioning the state to be one of the most favored investment destinations of the country, thereby flourishing the industrial sector of the state," a senior state industry department official said.

The senior official said that coupled with the state's robust FDI pipeline of an additional Rs 79,000 Crore the state was positioned to surpass its previous targets and cross Rs 2 lakh crore in formal industrial investment intentions signed by the state.

The total potential employment generation from this effort is conservatively estimated at 2.5 lakh people.

With the success at Tuesday's event, the chief minister reiterated the state's belief in industries, sector diversity, indigenous capacities, future readiness and the prowess for execution.

"With this Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 bolsters the message that Maharashtra-the torchbearer of India's growth - is 'Open for Business,'" Uddhav said.

Now, gau rakshak body seeks ban on tourists eating beef in Goa

Panaji: Tourists should be banned from eating beef in Goa, in order to scale down the slaughter of nearly 200 heads of cattle, whose meat is sold in the coastal state every day, a Goa-based gau-rakshak organisation Govansh Raksha Abhiyan demanded in a memorandum to Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Tuesday.

In the memorandum, the organisation has also demanded that the Goa government emulate Karnataka government's new anti-cattle slaughter law, the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill (2020), in Goa to prevent slaughter of cattle in the future.

"The picture being painted outside Goa, is that Goans eat only beef and that if beef is not available, people in Goa will go hungry. That is a wrong projection. Goans only occasionally eat beef and maybe sometime during festive occasions," Kamlesh Bandekar, a spokesperson for the organisation, said at a press conference in Panaji.

Bandekar also said that nearly 200 cattle are slaughtered to feed the demand of 25 tons of beef in the state every day, adding that most of the volume is consumed by visiting tourists.

Hathras rape-murder: CBI chargesheet reveals shocking details about victim, accused

Hathras: In Hathras case, many more shocking facts have come out in chargesheet filed by CBI. It has also revealed that the deceased had a relationship with Sandeep. Both used to talk on the phone. However, the family of the girl has denied this.

According to the charge sheet, when the mother of the girl asked the victim to cut the grass, she made an excuse of fatigue and thirst on which the mother asked her to tie a bundle of grass and then mother moved to another farm of about 50 meters to cut the grass. On return, the mother did not find the daughter there and started searching for her. She found the sandal of the victim nearby and found her daughter lying unconsciously.

The CBI has mentioned in the charge sheet that after this, the brother and the mother reached the police station with the daughter. The brother gave the complain there. From where the daughter was brought to the district hospital of Hathras and finally referred to JN Medical College of Aligarh. On September 22, when Dr. MS Hooda, head of the Department of Forensic Medicine and Technology of the Medical College, saw the victim's condition, he asked the CMO to immediately file a pre-death statement. At 5.40 pm, the

daughter gave her last statement in front of Naib Tehsildar Manish Kumar of Tehsil Kol. In the statement, she accused Sandeep, Ramu, Ravi and Luvkush of this crime.

According to the charge sheet, the CBI has disclosed the relationship between Sandeep and the victim. During the investigation, the CBI came to know that both houses were near to each other and both had a relationship for 2.5 years. This matter also came up before the CBI in questioning the villagers. Not only this, after scrutinizing the CDR of the accused and his father, it was found that from October 2019 to March 2020, there was a lot of conversation between the victim and Sandeep.

Later, the family came to know about this and both stopped talking. Sandeep was very angry with this and started suspecting the victim of why she was not picking up his phone.

According to the charge sheet, all the four accused, who were named by the victim on September 22, were present around this village. Call details revealed that both of them made 105 calls between 17 October 2019 to 3 March 2020.

According to the charge sheet, there was a fight between both families after they came to know about their relationship.

Fadnavis allowed developer to build 1L homes on disputed land at Kanjurmarg: Maha Cong

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MUMBAI METRO III CAR SHED LOCATION-PM HSG SCHEME ROW

Giving a new twist to the ongoing Mumbai Metro-III car shed location controversy, the Maharashtra Congress on Tuesday charged that the previous Devendra Fadnavis Government had accepted the proposal given by developer Shapoorji Pallonji on June 11, 2019 for building one lakh affordable houses under the PM Modi's Housing for All 2022 scheme on the disputed land allotted for Metro Car Shed at Kanjurmarg in north-east Mumbai.

Seeking to "expose" a deal done by the previous Devendra Fadnavis government with developer Shapoorji Pallonji in the run-up to the October 2019 State Assembly polls, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee general secretary

and spokesperson Sachin Sawant wanted to know from the now Opposition BJP that without even thinking about the connection between Shapoorji Pallonji and the said land how did the Fadnavis dispensation accept the proposal given by Shapoorji Pallonji and form a committee of high ranking officials?.

"What business interests were devised by the then BJP government to show so much concern for Garodiya? Was the Bharatiya Janata Party working, as an agent for builders?," Sawant asked.

According to Sawant, the Fadnavis government had accepted the proposal given by developer Shapoorji Pallonji on June 11, 2019 for building one

lakh affordable houses under the PM Modi's Housing for All 2022 scheme on the land allotted for Metro Car Shed at Kanjurmarg. Fadnavis also appointed a five member committee under Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) for this.

"Even as the role of another developer Garodiya was still questionable the contract with Shapoorji Pallonji was cancelled by the High Court in 2016," the state Congress spokesperson said.

Questioning Fadnavis' opposition to the move to shift the proposed Mumbai Metro-II car shed from Goregaon to Kanjurmarg, Sawant said: "The Kanjurmarg land was okay for the Metro-6 project, but not for the Metro-3 project. The land

was okay for construction of housing projects but not for the metro-3 car shed.

Linking the Opposition BJP's "contradictions" to its "economic interests", Sawant said that the court has allowed the work for metro projects despite the dispute over the land for Charkop Depot of Metro 2 Pune Metro.

Sawant's charge against the Opposition BJP should be seen in the context of a fresh war of words that broke out between the Opposition BJP and the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government on Friday over the latter's proposal to shift the Mumbai Metro III car shed from Kanjurmarg to a location earmarked for the proposed Bullet terminus at Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) in

north-central Mumbai.

The Shiv Sena, which heads the three-party government in Maharashtra, had lent credence to the reports in a sections of the media that in the wake of the Bombay High Court's stay on the Mumbai Metro-III car shed project at Kanjurmarg, chief minister Uddhav Thackeray had asked the senior officials to explore if the car shed project could be re-located at BKC.

Shiv Sena spokesperson and MP Sanjay Raut ticked off the BJP - which in the wake of the high court's ruling felt vindicated over its earlier stand on the Mumbai Metro-III car shed project - when he confirmed that the reports that the plot at BKC for re-locating the Mumbai Metro-II was being considered.

8 ys after interfaith marriage, Muslim man converts to ancestors' religion

Aligarh: 26-year-old Qasim Khan, son of Anwar, of Jhalkari Nagar in Jangalgarh bypass of Dehli Gate police station area of Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh, has converted to Hinduism and become a Karmaveer along with his wife and children. The daughter and son have also been named according to Hinduism.

He was purified at the Arya Samaj temple. Qasim / Karmaveer said that this is his home coming. His ancestors were Hindus. However, he feels insecure due to fear of radicals and demanding protection from the administration.

8 years ago, Qasim, a resident of Jhalkari Nagar, had married a Hindu girl named Anita Kumari in 2012 and separated from his family (parents) after marriage. His

daughter is 7 years old and his son is 4.5 years old. Qasim's wife worships in the house according to Hinduism. Qasim said that no religion is wrong and he came to know about Hindu customs from Anita after marriage and arose in his mind that his ancestors were also Hindus. He then decided to renounce his conversion from Islam to Hinduism. This is the voice of their conscience. He then contacted social activist Neeraj Bhardwaj and others and expressed his desire to adopt Hinduism and went to the authorities with his wife and children but no one took it seriously. One lawyer advised him to visit the Arya Samaj temple. He requested an affidavit through Neeraj Bhardwaj to the Arya Samaj temple at Sarni Gate.

UP BSP chief claims toddy prevents Covid

Lucknow: In a bizarre statement, the UP president of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Bhim Rajbhar has declared that people are being misled on the issue of Covid-19 and that drinking toddy is the best way to prevent coronavirus.

Rajbhar was addressing a function in Ballia on Tuesday when he said that toddy was purer than even 'Ganga jal'. "If you drink toddy regularly, you will not get coronavirus," he said. He said that toddy was an immunity booster and helped in building up antibodies. "You can check that those who drink toddy on a daily basis have not been infected by virus. People in Rajbhar community make their children drink toddy from a young age," he added.

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Governor says no to Kerala Government's plea for special Assembly session

KOCHI: For the first time in the history of Kerala, Arif Mohammed Khan, the Governor, denied permission to the State Government for convening on Wednesday a special session of the Legislative Assembly. The Government needs the approval for convening special sessions of the House. The Governor had already issued his permission to convene the session for January 8.

The CPI(M) led LDF and the Congress-led UDF had decided to pass a resolution in the session rejecting the new Agricultural Laws enacted by the Centre which has resulted in thousands of farmers staging an agitation in the national capital.

The unanimous resolutions were to express solidarity with the farmers' agitation and to reject the Farm Bills.

The Governor had sought clarification from the Kerala Government about the urgency and need of the special session. Sources close to the Governor said that he was not impressed or convinced with the explanation given by the Government and hence the decision to dismiss the plea for the special session. "His Excellency felt that there was no need for a special session for the business mentioned by the Government. The Government can adopt the resolutions in the session scheduled for January 8," said the Raj Bhavan source.

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Simultaneous polls

The EC claims that it is ready for 'one nation, one poll' once the laws are amended, & the Govt's agenda is clear



The debate on "one nation, one poll" has been an ongoing one and looks like the Narendra Modi Government is pursuing it despite concerns. Soon after the Prime Minister expressed his own commitment to work towards simultaneous polls, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora has said that once the legal considerations and amendments were taken care of, the Election Commission (EC) could set the process in motion as it was in the "ready" mode. On the face of it, the favourable aspects would seem attractive, chief among them being the streamlining of costs and apparatus of conducting the election process itself and stemming the prospect of policy paralysis, with some State or the other due for a mandate every other year. The argument is that with States in India's federal structure going to polls at varied points of time within the Central Government's mandated period of governance, no visionary or decisive steps can be taken or implemented as they would be subservient to electoral politics which, in this country, tends to be overtly populist in nature. Besides, it would rid the country from being in a continuous poll mode and go in for a performance mode. But it is in the subtext of the Westminster system which we have adopted, that questions arise about whether a unitary system works best for our federal structure. And in the current political context, whether it threatens the very idea of regionalism itself, considering that in a single election, national issues tend to take the centre stage and drown out or at least blur pertinent issues of localised interest, something that regional parties are usually in better command of and base their political relevance and bargaining chips on.

Although many argue that the voter is evolved enough to make a distinction between the larger national interest and those of his periphery, there is always a possibility that the overarching aura of the former could affect the judgment call of the voter at the State level if the prevailing party seeking mandate happens to be of a centrist party. And as the results of the last Lok Sabha elections have shown, the centrist surge has helped the ruling BJP regain its footprint in States where it had been hit badly in the last Assembly elections. Besides, with many regional satraps now in awe of it and the party itself poised to make new inroads in States during the Assembly elections scheduled for 2021, the BJP thinks it is an idea whose time has come. This is precisely the reason why the Prime Minister is fast-tracking this proposal. Of course, there are complexities. Sidestepping these will require constitutional amendments to the Representation of People's Act, 1951, the anti-defection law and others relating to rules of procedure with two-thirds majority in both Houses. Besides, such a move does not factor in mid-term situations where a State Government may choose to dissolve itself or fall because of a loss of majority. Would the Governor then not call fresh elections or hold on to a moribund Assembly till the dates of the next round of general elections are announced? What if the Central Government falls before the term of the Assemblies end? Such a move would then go against the spirit of democracy and lead to an absolutist control of federal polity. As it is, though we call ourselves a federal state, in reality we are a more centralised union of States. The "One nation, one election" formula would further strengthen this idea. Already, the Opposition, primarily the Left and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), has rightfully warned about the implicit idea of a monolithic State that such a move might encourage, fuelling such demands as "one nation, one culture, one language". This centralisation may become more a syndrome than reform. Former Election Commissioner TS Krishnamurthy, too, had warned that without administrative alignments and ascertaining the practicalities of implementation, there is no point pushing through the proposal just for the heck of it. When the idea was placed before the Law Commission ahead of the general elections, it, too, had recommended that in order to equalise timelines, two conditions had to be met: First, a "motion for an early general election must be agreed to by at least two-thirds of all members of the House". Second, "a no-confidence motion must be passed by the House, and with no alternative Government being confirmed within 14 days of passing a confidence motion". The BJP knows it, too, but with the Opposition in tatters, it is keeping up its momentum.

Inbound doldrums

With the inbound tourism non-existent this year, locales which depended on foreigners find themselves struggling for survival



Back in March 2020, when a busload of Italian tourists in Rajasthan became the first major cluster of COVID-19 cases in India, nobody had any inkling that nine months later we would be staring at a hospitality sector that has been gutted by the global pandemic. In a recent interview on *The Pioneer Conversations*, Deep Kalra, the chief executive of India's largest online travel agency, MakeMyTrip.com, stated that Indians were indulging in 'Revenge Travel' and that is a term that is being increasingly peddled across the world. It has come to the point that people are even taking "flights to nowhere" so as to get onboard aircraft again. However, none of these factors will take away from the fact that international long-haul travel has come to a complete standstill. While India still has some air bubbles with nations in the Arabian peninsula, Europe and East Asia, only those non-Indian citizens with work and official visas can travel to India with the exception of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders. So destinations such as Goa, Kerala and Rajasthan which depended on foreign tourist inflows find themselves in a piquant situation.

While in Goa, the flow of domestic Indian tourists and white-collar migrants who have shifted to the coastal state has actually led to the local economy growing; in Kerala and Rajasthan, hotel owners, taxi operators and even tourist guides are staring at bankruptcy. Indeed, in the southern State, the double whammy of the collapse of tourism and the remittance economy from overseas workers will have a devastating economic impact in the coming years. The Central Government has taken huge steps to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the overall economy and as economic activity comes back, prospects for India are less pessimistic than before, even though there will be a contraction for this fiscal year. But the hospitality industry will not recover for many years to come, because even with a vaccine there is no guarantee that international long-haul travel will return and as we are noticing mutations to the virus, a vaccine may not be the panacea that we expect it to be. Yes, domestic tourism will help the industry and should be encouraged, India has every possible landscape to offer and is really 'Incredible India' from the majestic mountains to sun-kissed sands. But those lower down the food chain in the domestic travel industry are suffering financially and should be given some succour through direct cash injections or more. If the industry and its workers are sustained well, when things do eventually return to normal, we could see an explosion in travel to this country.

Don't ignore the kids

This is a time for the governments to realign their policies, politics, legislations and budgetary allocations towards creating a safety net for the most vulnerable



KAILASH SATYARTHI
 As vaccinations begin in one corner of the world, marking the beginning of recovery from the COVID pandemic, we cannot forget that the majority is fighting increasing hunger, poverty and exploitation. This blatant and brazen inequality of the world we live in has been exposed by the grossly unequal response of the world to the pandemic. Of the initial \$8 trillion that have been released as global COVID relief, only 0.13 per cent has been allocated to the poorest communities. The rest has been used to bail out big businesses that have multiplied their profits in the midst of a global recession. The most grievous casualties of this injustice are our children.

We witnessed that the Government, in partnership with citizens, came forward to mitigate the immediate crisis of dry rations, medical aid and essential needs in the most affected communities on an unprecedented scale, which is truly admirable. I am proud of my children, the survivors of child labour and trafficking living in Bal Ashram, came forth to make masks for law enforcement, front-line workers and communities in Rajasthan. Several individuals and organisations stepped up at the time of crisis, risking their safety to provide life-saving relief and care. But with extremely limited access to digital education, overnight loss of household income and no food on the plate for millions of children, we have only barely touched the tip of the iceberg. While the pandemic did not create these inequalities, our response to it has exposed and exacerbated them to the extent that we risk losing an entire generation to child labour, trafficking, child marriage and other forms of exploitation. This will be an utter and complete breakdown of our moral, socio-economic and democratic systems.

Now that we are looking towards recovery, it is important to understand that central to finding the solution is the understanding that the children who are forced to work are the same children who are denied education, and the same children who are undernourished and starving. We cannot leave our children to fend for themselves in this time of crisis.

The need of the hour is that our children receive their fair share — a fair share in policies, in budgets and in protection. A fair share for children is based on fundamental



principles of justice that our children deserve. In 2015, when the world came together and committed to the Sustainable Development Goals, the countries did so with the promise to "leave no child behind". But we are failing in this. The same communities that have been discriminated against for decades, including minorities, migrants and farmers, are the same communities where children are denied education, nutrition and safety. They have historically and structurally been alienated from global wealth and development, and we will look back at this unprecedented period as the time when the vulnerable were pushed over the edge into unending cycles of disenfranchisement. To be able to break this chain of intergenerational exploitation, governments must make a tangible and radical shift to a culture of fair share for the most marginalised children and their families. That is the only way we can end child labour and exploitation, and build a world where our children learn and thrive. The truest judge of how the world has responded to the pandemic is the trafficked child who collapsed dead on the road because she walked a 100 km to get home; the child who was made to drop out of school and was forced to get married because of lack of access to digital education and the child labourer who was trapped in factories as the employer deserted her/him during lockdown. Our children are the mirrors to the world we are building.

“ WITH EXTREMELY LIMITED ACCESS TO DIGITAL EDUCATION, OVERNIGHT LOSS OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND NO FOOD ON THE PLATE FOR MILLIONS OF CHILDREN, WE HAVE ONLY BARELY TOUCHED THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG ”

The year 2021 provides us with the opportunity to come together to commit a fair share for children in the global wealth allocation for their development and wellbeing. The new year has been declared the United Nations Year for the Elimination of Child Labour, with the objective to revitalise and accelerate the global promise to end child labour by 2025 under Sustainable Development Goal 8.7. This was an ambitious target from the start but the devastating effects of the pandemic have brought the world to its knees and we are now facing the risk of the first ever increase in child labour in decades. We are at the precipice of losing the progress achieved over decades to reduce child labour and to ensure access to education for all children. This cannot be allowed to happen and each one of us has a role to play, including governments, international agencies, businesses, faith leaders, media, schools and colleges and the civil society. Governments must realign their policies, politics, legislations and budgetary allocations and accountability measures towards creating a safety net for the most vulnerable communities through accessible and adequate social protection.

International agencies must uphold and enforce multilateral efforts to bridge the wealth gap between nations and set global benchmarks for child protection measures. Businesses must ensure transparency, due diligence and compliance to create child labour-free supply

chains. Faith leaders must unite to prioritise children within their communities as a moral responsibility. The media must highlight and question the state of our children and hold all stakeholders accountable for the protection of our children's rights. Schools, colleges and civil society, especially the survivors and youth, must lead from the front in demanding change and accountability, to give voice to the voiceless and forgotten children of the world.

This year has taught us many lessons that we have so far learnt, sometimes unwillingly. It has placed in front of our eyes the true and bare state of our world, to show us what we have long ignored or forgotten. We have recognised our inherent interconnectedness and interdependence with each other. But most importantly, 2020 has proven that until each one of us is safe, nobody is safe. If the people of the world are moving in diametrically opposite directions of development, the world will be too stretched to sustain itself. We can only truly move forward if we do it together. Whenever the world was in peril, the inherent goodness of humanity of individuals has shone forth and we have come out stronger. We have to reclaim our humanity and globalise compassion. And we must begin with our children, because they are all our children.

(The writer is a Nobel Peace laureate and founder of Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation. The views expressed are personal.)

SOUNDBITE

There is something common between Shaheen Bagh and farmers' protest. Don't see any need to close Chilla. Is it to create an artificial scarcity?

Congress spokesperson
—Abhishek Manu Singhvi



There are threats to the lives of at least 20 prominent politicians, the majority of whom are part of the Opposition political parties, rallying to topple the ruling Government.

Pakistan Interior Minister
—Sheikh Rashid



I am super excited for the song, 'Jugni 2.0'. This is my first song release for the year and it's a fun foot-tapping song which will make you all let loose on the dance floor.

Singer
—Kanika Kapoor



We didn't have any fast bowlers or bouncy wickets at home when we landed up in Windies. These boys have at least played in all these countries with these conditions.

Former India batsman
—Anshuman Gaekwad



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New COVID-19 strain

Sir — The news of detection of the new variant of Coronavirus while scouring its genetic sequences and the spike in infections in the UK has caused consternation across the world. It has come at a time when vaccines have begun to be rolled out.

The UK Government has responded by imposing tougher measures and many countries have imposed travel restrictions on the UK. It is possible that it may be circulating in other parts of the world, too. It must be made clear right at the outset that a lot remains to be known about the new COVID-19 strain. It is feared that the new mutated strain could be a setback in the global fight against the pandemic. The ability of viruses to mutate into new forms is well known.

The new strain is not something unexpected. It is cause for worry that it has emerged as the dominant strain and is rapidly replacing other versions of the virus. It will bear on the course of the pandemic. It is found to be 70 per cent more transmissible and to that extent calls for modification of the pandemic response.

G David Milton
Kanyakumari

Nepal has a long, shared history with India

From times immemorial, Nepal and India have been bound together in ties of heritage, culture, traditions and history. For an average Indian, a person from Nepal is as good as an Indian working in different fields, including that of Indian defence forces. It used to be very heart-warming to see our favourite Gorkha Brigade football team playing in Durand and DCM tournaments in New Delhi. Never it came to our mind that it is a team made of foreign nationals. Seeing all these commonalities, it is very distressing to note the enormous differences that have arisen between the countries. Some introspection is, therefore, required to be done by both sides, more from our side being the bigger country, to examine what has gone wrong.

A number of questions, thus, come to mind. Have we, advertently or inadvertently, exhibited a big brotherly attitude towards the Himalayan State that has caused some sort of insecurity in the minds of Nepalis — a glimpse of which I got in early '90s itself during an international course for Asian sub-region that I conducted in Pakistan, in which a participant was also from Nepal? Has it been a wrong step taken by us in supporting the



Communist Party of Nepal, knowing their international connections? Or have we made a mistake of siding with the movement for abolishing the monarchy in Nepal? However, seeing the present-day influence that China has been able to establish in Nepal, it is essential to pay special attention towards our relations with Nepal since we can't afford to lose Nepal to China.

BP Srivastava
Noida

Cricket travails

Sir — Cricket is a team game where performance matters. There is a vast difference in the level of cricket played in India and what we displayed at Adelaide and Lord's in the 88 years of international cricket.

With the advent of ODIs and T-20s, the standard of the

game has gone down and nosedived to an abysmal level in the just-concluded Test match. Winning the toss is vital in a Test match situation. Team India won the toss and achieved a handy first innings lead and, after that, the rest is history.

The team selection poses a problem. The bench strength is very poor and so we cannot play

with accomplished batsmen. To add salt to the injury, there are a number of players hurt in the Indian XI. We did try to do our best in IPL and got injured in the process. Winning IPL is considered prestigious whereas playing international matches for the country is considered secondary.

CK Jayanthi Ramani
Coimbatore

Missing ethos

Sir — "Aya Ram, Gaya Ram" is not alien to Indian politics. We are habitual to see that educated or uneducated, criminal or law-abiding, when people join politics they have a fixed ideology to sacrifice their self-respect for the sake of position and power.

And now that the BJP is trying to offer such people a lollipop in one State after another, it has become a matter of concern. Because one has to be sure that this trend is likely to continue in future too, given the BJP's efforts to extend its footprint. In Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh, the resignations resulted in the downfall of the Opposition Government.

The way the defection of Suwendu Adhikari with eight TMC lawmakers and dozens of others to the BJP took place in front of Home Minister Amit Shah, it is a reminder from a few months back when PM Narendra Modi declared that 40 Trinamool Congress MLAs would join the BJP.

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FIRST COLUMN

Find a middle path soon

It is in our national interest to resolve this stand off between the farmers and the Centre in a graceful manner through the process of dialogue



SHSHANK SAURAV

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to a gurudwara in Delhi has political pundits deducing that the visit was aimed at sending a message to the Sikh community which has presented a united front against the recent farm legislations. Even though political compulsions are a reality and some gestures could be related to political messaging but it is a fact that Hindus and Sikhs are one. They may have their differences but they can never be separated. It is also a fact that our Constitution entitles everyone to protest peacefully and therefore, the farmers have every right to raise their concerns in a peaceful manner. Some of the issues flagged up by them are valid and the Government has agreed to listen to them. Even the highest executive office of this country has invited the growers for discussions and promised to address their grievances. Asking for outright withdrawal of these legislations is motivated by anything but farmers' welfare.

Giving a legal guarantee for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) is the core issue in this protest and somewhere I also agree that there should be a provision in law to ensure that private institutions or large corporations are not allowed to procure farm produce below the MSP declared by the Government. As far as the legality of the MSP is concerned, it is already in the statute under The National Food Security Act, 2013. The MSP is defined under Section 2(10) and obligations of the Centre/State governments and local authorities for procurement and distribution of food grains are specified under the said Act.

The fear of phasing out the MSP mechanism doesn't hold any ground because the Government has to keep procuring food grains to distribute through the Public Distribution System (PDS) and to achieve other objectives like food security, inflation control and so on. If we keep the economics and legality aside for a moment, the truth of the matter is that the vote bank politics of our country will never allow any Government to abolish the PDS scheme and the Government will have to procure grains at the MSP as long as the PDS scheme is run.

Similar to the MSP the laws should be amended to include a grievance redressal mechanism and farmers should not be left at the whims and fancies of bureaucrats. The Government can simulate the Consumer Forum mechanism in which there are different forums available based on the nature of the dispute. A separate body for redressal of the growers' dispute will ensure speedy resolution as well as save the time of the courts which are already overburdened.

There is no doubt that the Indian agriculture laws needed reforms. This is evident from the fact that the Congress promised the abolition of the Agricultural Produce Market Committees Act (APMC) in point 11 and Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in point 21 of its 2019 poll promise, which was covered under Chapter 7 of the election manifesto. Similarly, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-ruled Delhi was among the first States to notify the farm laws. If the Opposition really wants to help farmers, then it should come out with suggested amendments and their proposals should be discussed in detail. However, none of the Opposition leaders are showing the courage to explain how these laws are going to take away any existing rights of farmers and they are shying away from a public debate on this topic.

If we see the larger issues around agriculture then the MSP is not a solution because this helps only those farmers who have surplus produce to sell. More than 90 per cent of farmers do subsistence farming and they produce just enough to meet their own requirements. Only a small section of farmers are beneficiaries of the MSP scheme and if someone believes that a higher MSP is a panacea for all the woes of the growers, then s/he has certainly not understood the issue.

The MSP scheme has been in place for decades and cheap farm credit along with farm loan waiver, tax-free income, various kind of subsidies like electricity, fertiliser and so on are already being given to farmers. An increasing population has reduced the landholding size and farmers must reduce their dependency on crops to lead a better life. The Government's initiatives in the field of animal husbandry, horticulture, fisheries, poultry and so on, should be taken positively and such activities can increase the income of rural households.

India is a vast country and there is no one-size-fits-all solution to the problems of the farmers. The problems of Punjab's farmers are different from those of the growers from States like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

Food "ann" and farmers who are our "annadatas" have a special place in our culture and no one should be allowed to defame them in furtherance of their political agenda. It is in our national interest to resolve this issue in a graceful manner through the process of dialogue. This should be done at the earliest because many lives are being lost in this protracted struggle. It is time to smoke the peace pipe.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

HOW CAN MAMATA BANERJEE TRAIN THE GUNS ON THE BJP FOR THE RECENT EXITS IN HER PARTY? SHE LEFT THE CONGRESS TOO.

—UNION HOME MINISTER
AMIT SHAH



FACTCHECK THE SPEECH MADE IN BENGAL BY THE HENCHMAN OF THE TOURIST GANG. SEVEN FALSE STATEMENTS IN ONE SPEECH.

—TMC MP
DEREK O'BRIEN

A long wait for real equality

Even though 25 years have passed since the world adopted the Beijing Declaration, gender equality is still an elusive dream and one of the major casualties of the pandemic



ARCHANA DATTA

The US President-elect Joe Biden's decision to choose an all-women communications team and opt for more women in his Cabinet is being considered a paradigm shift in the gender narrative. It is being compared to the major fight for equity that ushered in voting rights for women in the US. Feminists, perhaps, would find some reason to celebrate Biden's move, despite the fact that women hold only 25.1 per cent of all seats in Parliaments across the world. And when we look back at the events that unfolded this year, whatever little sense of contentment we might have got from Biden's gesture, is short-lived! The year witnessed the deepening of the pre-pandemic inequalities and discrimination. It also brought to the fore more disturbing concerns about women's basic human rights.

While the raging global health crisis instilled a fear of contracting infections in people, for many women and girls, it also unleashed the threat of intimate partner violence (IPV) considering that they were closeted within their homes for extended periods due to the lockdowns necessitated by the outbreak. Over two dozen evidence-based global research studies corroborate that "the pandemic has raised the profile of violence against women and children." The home, that is supposed to be a safe haven, has turned into a breeding ground for extreme brutalities, which prompted the UN Secretary General António Guterres to call for a "ceasefire." Sadly, this appeal for a ceasefire was not made for any battlefront but for the violence being perpetrated in homes across the world.

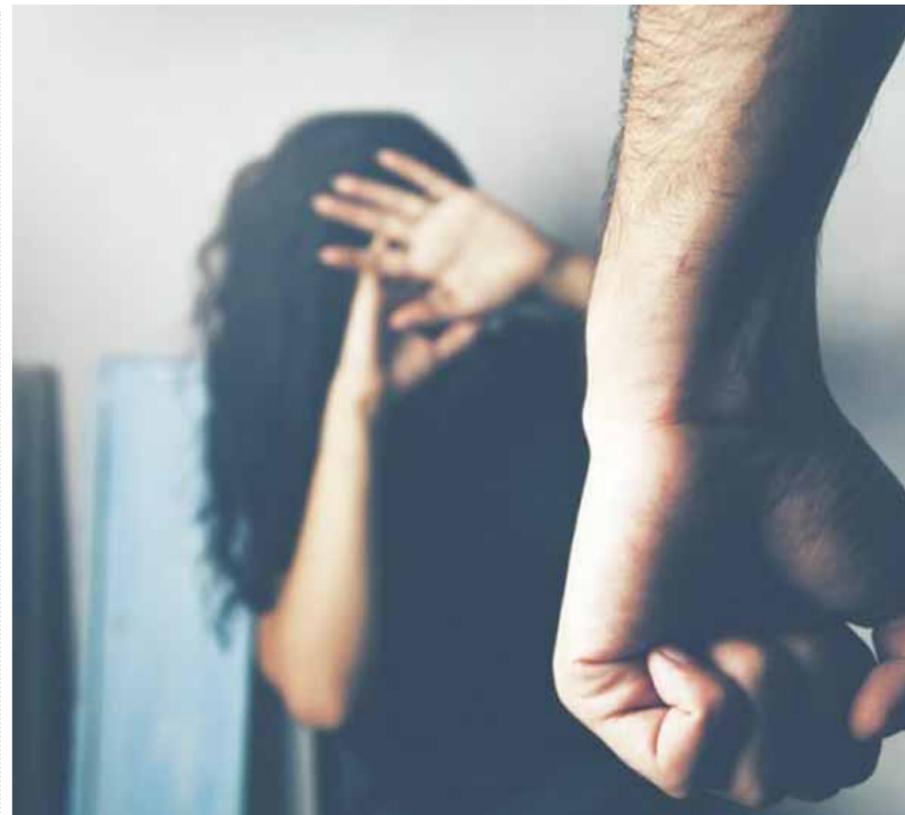
According to media reports, deaths due to domestic abuse in the UK more than doubled in the first two months of the lockdown, while in the US there was not only an increase in domestic violence cases but also in the severity of injuries inflicted. In India, the number of IPV complaints went up 2.5 times during the nationwide lockdown. This is notwithstanding the fact that as many as 150 countries have laws against domestic violence. However, many legal experts are of the opinion that the laws are "not always on the women's side."

In some parts of the world, like Northern Africa, Western Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, 43 per cent and 35 per cent of the countries respectively, are yet to pass any laws against IPV.

Fortunately, India does have a law against domestic abuse since 2005. But the available data seldom reflect the reality, since a large number of cases remain unreported. The extended nationwide lockdown made matters worse for Indian women/girls as many of them failed to reach the designated helplines, because of the wide connectivity gap. While just 46 per cent of urban women have their own mobile phones, in the rural areas, it drops to 37 per cent.

The UN chief's calls for a strategy to counter the perils of the "shadow pandemic", are yet to bear fruit. So far, only 48 countries have incorporated any such measure in their COVID-19 containment blueprint. While commenting on why women continue to get the short end of the stick, Beulah Shekhar, Emeritus Professor, Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore, says that the "present calamitous situation has made it abundantly clear that, both, the Government and the NGOs, lack preparedness and like before, there are knee-jerk reactions to adverse developments. Decentralised and multidisciplinary disaster responses teams led by women are the need of the hour. This will aid in the effective implementation of gender-sensitive strategies."

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Now, the combined onslaught of violence, financial insecurity and increased unpaid workload on women is making many of them vulnerable to greater mental and physical health risks. "Women are now doubly prone to abortions and mental depression. They are 1.5 times more susceptible to HIV infections and 2.3 times more susceptible to alcohol disorders," says the World Health Organisation (WHO).

A CARE International study reveals that "women are suffering almost three times more from significant mental health consequences." Another survey by Total Brain says that "depression has increased by 83 per cent in women, compared to 36 per cent in men." As per a media report "suicide rates among young women in Japan and South Korea are already on the rise due to increased stress." In Britain, a study found that "during the first six weeks of the lockdown, suicidal tendencies had gone up mostly among women and young adults."

Women working from home (WFH) also experience "increased levels of anxiety, stress and sleeplessness, as often, the line between personal and work life gets merged." Be that as it may, women's mental health issues are often dismissed as "frivolous" or "imaginary" and seldom receive any medical attention. A WHO survey (June to August) in 130 countries disclosed that critical mental health services in 93 per cent of the countries "got disrupted even when there were growing demands" for help.

In the field of gainful employment, too, women are being gradually pushed out. The UN Economic and Social Council's 'World's Women 2020' report, says that only 47 per cent of women are part of the labour market, compared to

74 per cent of men, a gender gap, that has been persisting for the last 25 years. In Southern Asia, Northern Africa and Western Asia, the rate plummets to less than 30 per cent.

During the pandemic, women bore the major burnt of the economic disruption as the sectors in which they predominated like food service, retail, entertainment and so on, have been the hardest hit. A staggering 72 per cent women working as domestic help lost jobs, while for many women in risky and stigmatised jobs, it was a "choice between unemployment and the risk of infection."

India, which already has one of the world's lowest female labour force participation rates (FLPR), saw the numbers falling even further. The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy's (CMIE's) latest data showed a job contraction for both men (104 million) and women (17 million). However, men regained most of their lost jobs by November, while, women lost 49 per cent of them. Moreover, a study indicated that "23.5 per cent of women employed before the lockdown, were less likely to be re-employed." In the case of small women entrepreneurs, "most of them (73 per cent) faced setbacks, with 21 per cent suffering a near wipe out and 35 per cent seeing a significant decline in business revenues..." says a report by Bain & Company, a management consultancy. The CMIE's household survey too flagged a more disturbing impact on younger women, whose FLPR went down to 8.7 per cent from 14.3 in 2019.

According to a research, women with no children appear to have had the best rebound in terms of employment and women with very young children often got a raw deal, while in the case

of men, there was little change, both, during the pre and post-lockdown period. This is not restricted to India alone, but, has become a global phenomenon. In the US, most professional gender gaps are in fact motherhood gaps and many working mothers, in the absence of guaranteed paid maternity leave or affordable childcare, are confronting brutally hard choices between a job and child care. So is the case in Israel, where free early childhood education and day care, raised women's overall workforce participation to 74 per cent, but, the pandemic disruptions reduced it to 56 per cent.

The UN Women expressed concern that "even when the pandemic subsides, women are likely to suffer from long-term setbacks in workforce participation and income."

Even though 25 years have passed since the world adopted the Beijing declaration, yet, gender equality is still an elusive dream and one of the major casualties of the pandemic. "Women are yet to become citizens in the real sense. Though in the eyes of the law, they may possess equal rights but they are often treated as subjects, second class citizens or lesser mortals. There is an implicit bar, either in the garb of patriarchal control or societal norm," rues Putul Sathe, Professor, Research Centre for Women's Studies, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai. While, Beulah Shekhar, says that "women's rights remain only a rhetoric, just ticking the right boxes, and not a reality in India."

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Humanity hurtling towards a climate crisis

The world has its environmental conservation challenges cut out. It must forge a resilient strategy for 2021 and beyond



KOTA SRIRAJ

line (1850-1900). This has been followed by an unusually cold winter.

We know climate change as a phenomenon that denotes a gradual worsening of our environmental conditions but, this year has shown that the change is rapidly transitioning to a climate crisis. This means more bad news for humanity on the environmental front.

The University of North Carolina uses supercomputers to observe the effects of climate change. While presenting its findings at the National Institute of Environment Health Sciences-sponsored Global Environment Health seminar in June, the experts stated that unchecked Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and air pollution were going to pave the way for extreme weather events in the 21st century.

The unanimous conclusion at the seminar attended by 400 experts from around the world was that there was an urgent need to flatten the

GHG emission curve, similar to the emergency efforts being made to flatten the COVID-19 one.

Currently, the ambient air pollution caused by ozone and fine particulate matter is major cause for worry as it contributes to 3.4 million premature deaths worldwide. How many deaths in India are attributable to this cause needs to be worked out by the Government urgently, as studies suggest that pollution-related casualties will be the highest in densely populated areas.

At the same time, measures to reduce GHG emissions can exponential boost and aid global efforts to save human lives. According to the figures released by the University of North Carolina, if we are successful in bringing down GHG emissions, approximately 5,00,000 fewer premature deaths can be achieved by 2030 and this number can be taken up to two million fewer premature deaths by 2100.

Even though, the global lockdowns necessitated by the pandemic gave the world a breather by bringing down GHG emissions by 17 per cent, the resumption of economic activity will see the pollution levels climb up soon enough. Unless we take climate change and environmental degradation seriously and mend our ways, we are headed for disaster.

The climate crisis being triggered by the spiraling GHG emissions has left an indelible mark on the environment this year and has resulted in the exacerbation of extreme weather events. One of the most extreme weather spells was the Atlantic hurricane season that saw a record-breaking 30 storms between June 1-November 30. Apart from these storms and cyclones, heavy rainfall in several parts of Asia and Africa led to immense loss of human lives, property and livelihoods. Brazil, for instance, saw uncharacteristically

high temperatures and droughts which caused major wildfires and resulted in a loss of \$3 billion to the agriculture sector.

India, too, has not been spared the adverse effects of climate change. A record-breaking cold wave in December 2019 continued well into January and this was accompanied by heavy rainfall throughout northern India. The national Capital received the maximum rainfall in 10 years and this led to a sharp plunge in temperatures in Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh (UP).

The vagaries of climate change again manifested themselves in the form of untimely rainfall in March. As many as 222 out of the total 683 meteorological districts in the country received excess rain. This was not only detrimental for agriculture but also adversely impacted the efforts of the Government to contain the COVID-19 pandemic which was spreading fast during that period.

Even as environmental experts attributed the freak rains to GHG emissions and global warming, the efforts to rein in the same have slipped time and again and the outbreak has only made the efforts to safeguard the environment that much more difficult. This is because, given the socio-economic impact of the contagion, countries will be tempted to keep environmental concerns on the back-burner in a post-Corona world. Shoring up their tottering economies will be their primary concern for a long time to come. This will lead to a Catch-22 situation as the pandemic was a result of environmental degradation in the first place. Along with the rest of the world, India, too, has its environmental conservation challenges cut-out. India must forge a resilient environment strategy for 2021 and beyond. Removing bottlenecks in renewable energy self-sufficiency must become a priority along with dialing down of

dependence on fossil fuels. Just focussing on these two areas on a war footing will decrease GHG emissions and reduce ambient temperatures. This will result in controlling climatic extremities.

Similarly, allocation of sufficient funds is essential to ensure that the battle against climate change is fought on an even keel. In order to ensure this, the diversion of precious public money for needless projects must be identified and curtailed. Climate change is a reality but we still do not have a full blown climate crisis on our hands. If we take sustainable development seriously even as we pursue our economic recovery goals diligently, we can hope to leave a better world for future generations. Else, as we have already witnessed, climate change can prove to be a runaway train.

(The writer is an environmental journalist. The views expressed are personal)

UK working to unblock borders 'as fast as possible': Boris

AFP ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday sought to sound a note of calm saying he was working "as fast as possible" to unblock trade across the Channel after France shut its borders to UK hauliers in a bid to contain a new variant of the coronavirus.

Following conversations with French President Emmanuel Macron over the ban, which has caused chaos around the key UK port of Dover and led to concerns of food shortages just days before Christmas, Johnson said supply chains remained "strong and robust".

"These delays only apply to a very small percentage of food entering the UK," the prime minister told a press conference, adding that he wanted to sort out the problem "in the next few hours".

France's snap decision on Sunday, which was initially set to last for 48 hours, was made in a bid to contain the new strain of the virus, discovered in the UK, which officials have said is 70 percent more transmissible.

The ban caused Britain to bring forward "Operation Stack", the contingency plan drawn up to deal with anticipated freight tailbacks on roads around Dover in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

'A bad end to a bad year'
Earlier in the day, the prime minister called a meeting of the Cobra emergency committee to discuss the situation regarding international travel and in particular the regular flow of freight.

Misery was piled on travellers trying to leave Britain as around 30 nations introduced bans on individuals arriving from the UK in a bid to contain the new coronavirus variant of the disease which British officials have said is 70 percent more transmissible than the main strain.

The chaos on the roads surrounding the key port is a stark sign of what to expect should Britain leave the EU without a deal in 10 days.

However, Johnson said that during his call with Macron the pair had "vowed" not to discuss Brexit as negotiations between London and Brussels continue.

Road signs near the Channel port, through which 10,000 heavy goods vehicles pass each day, on Monday urged people to go home, saying that the French border was closed.

David King, a lorry driver from Birmingham in the west of England, had been left stranded in Dover trying to make a delivery to Belgium.

"It's been a frustrating year hasn't it, for everyone, so this just adds to it. A bad end to a bad year really," he told AFP.

A disused airfield will be opened later Monday to serve as a lorry park for up to 4,000 stranded drivers.

UK supermarket Sainsbury's warned that prolonged disruption could lead to "gaps over the coming days" in the supply of lettuce, cauliflowers, broccoli and citrus fruit.

Chaotic scenes
The ban on all but unaccompanied freight crossing to France comes as companies scramble to shift merchandise

UK scientists probe new Covid variant's spread in children

PTI ■ LONDON

Scientists in the UK are investigating the impact of a new mutant variant of coronavirus, named VUI-202012/01, on children and whether its faster transmission in parts of England is down to the younger segment of the population.

The Government's New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group (Nervtag) is monitoring the data to analyse this arc of the variant, which has led over 40 countries, including India, to suspend travel to and from the UK in order to try and contain the more infectious mutation.

Earlier strains of coronavirus found it harder to infect children than adults, with one explanation being that children have fewer of the doorways called the ACE2 receptor the virus uses to enter a human body's cells.

Professor Wendy Barclay, from Nervtag and Imperial College London, said the mutations to the virus appeared to be making it easier to breach those doorways.

"Therefore children are equally susceptible, perhaps, to this virus as adults, and therefore given their mixing pat-

terns, you would expect to see more children being infected," she explained.

Experts do not believe that the new version is any greater threat to children's health and the scientist behind the world's first approved vaccine against Covid-19 has said the Pfizer/BioNTech jabs will work against the strain, though further investigation remains underway.

"The likelihood that our vaccine works... is relatively high," said Ugur Sahin, chief executive of the German co-developer of the vaccine BioNTech.

Speaking on 'Bild TV' in Germany, Sahin said his company would investigate the mutation in the coming days and that he viewed the matter "with a degree of soberness".

His message of some confidence comes as the UK reached the half a million milestone for vaccinations of the jabs, delivered to the elderly and most vulnerable sections of the country's population.

"I can today announce that over half a million people, more than 500,000 people in the UK, have now received their first dose," Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced at a

10 Downing Street briefing on Monday evening.

"I find that a reason for hope and for confidence," he said. His address came as nearly 1,500 lorries piled up on the borders as France sealed off the UK amid fears of the new rapid spreading variant. Government ministers have been working to get the block lifted, with mass testing of the drivers being one option in order for the flow of goods to resume and truckers able to get back home in time for Christmas.

"Testing of some sort is part of the discussions that the transport secretary is having with his counterpart in France right now," UK Home Secretary Priti Patel said.

"Getting those tests up and running can happen pretty quickly, but in terms of the details of that, that is something both the transport secretary and his counterpart will be discussing," she said.

From initial reports of the new variant being more confined to London and southern parts of England, the government's Chief Scientific Adviser, Sir Patrick Vallance, has now confirmed that it is to be found "everywhere".

WHO Europe to convene member states over new Covid variant

Copenhagen, Denmark: The World Health Organization (WHO) in Europe said Tuesday it would convene its members to discuss how to handle the outbreak of a new variant of the novel coronavirus discovered in the UK.

Hans Kluge, WHO's regional director for Europe said in a post to Twitter that the organisation was closely monitoring the spread of the new variant and would in response "convene member states to discuss strategies for testing, reducing transmission & communicating risks."

Kluge added that "limiting travel to contain spread is prudent until we have better info." **AFP**

BioNTech: Can make mutation-beating vaccine in 6 weeks

AFP ■ BERLIN

The co-founder of BioNTech said Tuesday it was "highly likely" that its vaccine against the coronavirus works against the mutated strain detected in Britain, but it could also adapt the vaccine if necessary in six weeks.

"Scientifically, it is highly likely that the immune response by this vaccine also can deal with the new virus variant," said Ugur Sahin.

But if needed, "in principle the beauty of the messenger technology is that we can directly start to engineer a vaccine which completely

mimics this new mutation -- we could be able to provide a new vaccine technically within six weeks."

Sahin said the variant detected in Britain has nine mutations, rather than just one as is usually common.

Nevertheless, he voiced confidence that the vaccine developed with Pfizer would be efficient because it "contains more than 1,000 amino acids, and only nine of them have changed, so that means 99 percent of the protein is still the same".

He said tests are being run on the variant, with results expected in two weeks.

ONE DEATH EVERY 33 SECONDS IN US' DEADLIEST COVID-19 WEEK SO FAR: REPORT

Washington: In the United States last week, someone died from Covid-19 every 33 seconds. The disease claimed more than 18,000 lives in the seven days ended Dec. 20, up 6.7% from the prior week to hit another record high, according to a Reuters analysis of state and county reports.

Despite pleas by health officials not to travel during the end-year holiday season, 3.2 million people were screened at

US airports on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Health officials are worried that a surge in infections from holiday gatherings could overwhelm hospitals, some of which are already at capacity after Thanksgiving celebrations. And while the country has begun to administer two new vaccines, it may be months before the inoculations put a dent in the coronavirus outbreak.

PILOT BLAMED FOR FIRST CORONAVIRUS TRANSMISSION CASE IN TAIWAN SINCE APRIL

Taipei: Taiwan reported its first local coronavirus transmission on Tuesday, blaming a foreign pilot for ending 253 days of being virus-free. Health authorities said a woman in her thirties had tested positive after contact with the pilot, a New Zealander working for a Taiwan airline. Health Minister Chen Shih-chung said the pilot had failed to "truthfully declare" his contacts and activities to authorities once he had been confirmed as a carrier.

with days to go until Britain finally quits EU trade structures. Those hoping for a deal

warned the current chaotic scenes could become a familiar sight without a break-

through before the New Year deadline, leading to the imposition of new tariffs.

US publishes list of Chinese, Russian firms with military ties

Washington: The Trump administration on Monday published a list of Chinese and Russian companies with alleged military ties that restrict them from buying a wide range of US goods and technology.

Reuters first reported last month that the U.S. Department of Commerce drafted a list of companies that it linked to the Chinese or Russian military, news that brought a rebuke from Beijing.

The final list does not include Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC), or the Hong Kong subsidiaries of Colorado's Arrow Electronics and Texas-based TTI Inc, a Berkshire Hathaway electronics distributor. Those companies were in the draft list seen by Reuters.

However, Shanghai Aircraft Design and Research Institute, which designs COMAC planes, and Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Co, which manufactures COMAC

planes, are on the list.

The final list names 103 entities, 14 fewer than on the draft list seen by Reuters in November. Fifty-eight are designated under China, down from 89, and 45 entities are tied to Russia, up from 28.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said on Monday the action establishes a new process "to assist exporters in screening their customers for military end users."

The final list was published on the Commerce Department website <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2020/12/commerce-department-will-publish-first-military-end-user-list-naming-on-monday> and is scheduled to be posted for public inspection in the Federal Register on Tuesday.

China urged the United States to stop what it called erroneous actions and treat all companies in an equal way, foreign ministry spokesman Wang

Wenbin said at a daily news conference in Beijing on Tuesday.

Publishing the list in the waning days of the Trump administration follows the addition of dozens of Chinese companies to another U.S. trade blacklist, including the country's top chipmaker, SMIC, and drone manufacturer SZ DJI Technology Co Ltd, on Friday.

Tensions between the United States and China have escalated over the past year, as Trump blamed it for the coronavirus pandemic, China imposed a national security law in Hong Kong and a dispute involving the South China Sea has intensified.

The U.S. government also has grown increasingly concerned about China's "military-civil fusion," a policy that aims to build up its military might and technological development in tandem.

Agencies

Russia summons senior EU diplomats over Kremlin critic's poisoning

State news agency RIA Novosti reported that top diplomats from Germany, France and Sweden had arrived at the foreign ministry in Moscow

AFP ■ MOSCOW

Russia's foreign ministry on Tuesday summoned senior diplomats from several European Union countries to voice discontent over their response to the poisoning attack on opposition leader Alexey Navalny.

State news agency RIA Novosti reported that top diplomats from Germany, France and Sweden had arrived at the foreign ministry in Moscow on Tuesday morning.

Laboratories in the three EU states concluded earlier this year that Navalny was poisoned with the Soviet-designed nerve agent Novichok, findings that resulted in EU sanctions against several Russian officials.

EU-UK leaders seek way out of Brexit trade impasse

AP ■ BRUSSELS

Leaders and negotiators from the European Union and the United Kingdom intensified their struggle Tuesday to get a trade deal past the New Year's Day finish line as EU nations looked at legal options to do it without formal European Parliament backing.

Nine months of talks have dwindled to just a few days to find a compromise on how to continue trading with as few obstructions and tariffs as possible after Britain left the EU on Jan. 31 and a transition period runs out at the end of the year.

"We are really in a crucial moment and we are giving it a final push," said EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier before he briefed EU member states on the state of negotiations.

"In 10 days, the UK will

leave the single market," Barnier said, highlighting the need for speed to get a deal.

Over the past few days, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen have been drawn more and more into the talks and have been in contact by phone seeking to unblock negotiations on the last major outstanding difference — EU fishing rights in U.K. waters.

Up to Jan. 1, the rights were shared among all EU nations, but with the Brexit departure, the UK regains control over some of its abundant waters. Now both sides are haggling, seeking to hog as much of those fishing quotas as they can. If Britain insists on keeping too much for itself, it could see itself punished with tough seafood export tariffs and other measures.

"Press Notice Inviting e-Tender No. 33/PNIET/EE/DWS/BLN/2020-21.

The Executive Engineer, DWS Division Belonia, Belonia, South Tripura invites e-tender against press Nle-T No 33/PNIET/EE/DWS/BLN/2020-21, dated 18.12.2020 for JIM Scheme/Retrofitting of JIM Scheme/Different Water Supply Scheme under South Tripura District/ SH:- Construction of 15 (Fifteen) Nos. Deep Tube Wells with Contractor's Direct Rotary Normal Power Drilling rig and other machineries, equipments under various programmes including providing of ERW pipes, pea-gravels etc. under South Tripura District of Tripura State during the year 2020-21.(Gr-I) with Estimated cost: ₹2,47,03,284.00, Earnest Money: ₹2,47,033.00, Time of completion - 300 (Three Hundred) days. Last date of bidding for bids 18.01.2021 upto 15.00 hrs

For more details, please visit website www.tripuratenders.gov.in & www.eprocure.gov.in

For details please visit www.tripuratenders.gov.in and for any query please contact:- 03823-224-812

Sd/- (Er. T. Chakma) Executive Engineer DWS Division, Belonia, ICA/C-2518/2020-2021 South Tripura District, Tripura

US publishes list of Chinese, Russian firms with military ties

Washington: The Trump administration on Monday published a list of Chinese and Russian companies with alleged military ties that restrict them from buying a wide range of US goods and technology.

Reuters first reported last month that the U.S. Department of Commerce drafted a list of companies that it linked to the Chinese or Russian military, news that brought a rebuke from Beijing.

The final list does not include Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC), or the Hong Kong subsidiaries of Colorado's Arrow Electronics and Texas-based TTI Inc, a Berkshire Hathaway electronics distributor. Those companies were in the draft list seen by Reuters.

However, Shanghai Aircraft Design and Research Institute, which designs COMAC planes, and Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Co, which manufactures COMAC planes, are on the list.

The final list names 103 entities, 14 fewer than on the draft list seen by Reuters in November. Fifty-eight are designated under China, down from 89, and 45 entities are tied to Russia, up from 28.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said on Monday the action establishes a new process "to assist exporters in screening their customers for military end users."

The final list was published on the Commerce Department website <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2020/12/commerce-department-will-publish-first-military-end-user-list-naming-on-monday> and is scheduled to be posted for public inspection in the Federal Register on Tuesday.

China urged the United States to stop what it called erroneous actions and treat all companies in an equal way, foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said at a daily news conference in Beijing on Tuesday.

Publishing the list in the waning days of the Trump administration follows the addition of dozens of Chinese companies to another U.S. trade blacklist, including the country's top chipmaker, SMIC, and drone manufacturer SZ DJI Technology Co Ltd, on Friday.

Tensions between the United States and China have escalated over the past year, as Trump blamed it for the coronavirus pandemic, China imposed a national security law in Hong Kong and a dispute involving the South China Sea has intensified.

The U.S. government also has grown increasingly concerned about China's "military-civil fusion," a policy that aims to build up its military might and technological development in tandem.

Agencies

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2020-21-03. The details are as under:

1. Name of the work	Complete body cleaning & cyclonic filters cleaning in 3240 Nos. 3-phase locomotives at ELS/GZB for 36 Months.
2. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 44,60,986.22/-
3. Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 89,200/-
4. Cost of tender document	Rs. 3,540/-
5. Last Date & Time of submission of tender bid of tender	13.01.2021 (11.00 Hrs.)
6. Date & Time of opening of tender document	13.01.2021 (11.30 Hrs.)
7. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

(i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system.

(ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.

(iii) No manual offers are acceptable.

(iv) Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No.: 230-TRS-GZB-2020-21-03 Dated: 21.12.2020 2852/2020

Serving Customers with a Smile

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Tejheeb**, D/o Mohd. Gulab, R/o Manish ka Makaan, Near MCD Park, Village Singhu, Delhi. **Age:** 16 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Green Colour Suit Salwar & Hawai Chappal in her feet has been missing/kidnapped from her home since 20.11.2020 about 3 PM. In this regard a FIR No. 556/20, u/s 363 IPC dated 20.11.2020 has been registered at P.S. Alipur, Delhi.

Tejheeb

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Alipur, Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-27202265, 27202290
DP/661/ON/2020 7065036325

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 30-35 years of age whose name, residence, and family is unknown had been found dead in a vacant plot near Madras colony, village Nilothi, Delhi at 1.21 pm. In this regard, a vide has been registered with DD No: 42-A dated 17.12.2020 at PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the UIDB is as under:
Sex: Male, **Age:** 30-35 years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Grey colour full sleeves t-shirt and blue jeans, **Identification mark:** A tattoo mark (design) on right hand. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/Nihal Vihar, Delhi

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
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Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. No. 011-25946700
DP/577/OD/2020

Chinese military says it 'expelled' US naval ship from SCS

PTI ■ BEIJING

China's military on Tuesday claimed to have "expelled" a US Navy destroyer which sailed through the disputed South China Sea challenging Beijing's claims over the area.

US naval ships regularly sail through the disputed South China Sea (SCS) in a bid to assert freedom of navigation in the region.

China claims almost all of the 1.3 million square mile South China Sea as its sovereign territory. China has been building military bases on artificial islands in the region also claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam.

China has impeded commercial activity like fishing or mineral exploration by countries like Vietnam and the Philippines.

On Tuesday, the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Southern Theater Command said that the US destroyer USS John S McCain "trespassed into waters near China's Nansha Islands (Spratly Islands), without the authorisation of the Chinese Government".

AXIS BANK Axis Bank Limited, Axis House, Tower-2, 2nd Floor, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301, Agri Business center at -Axis Bank Ltd., SCF 94, Sector 6, Karnal 132001. **Controlling office:** Axis House, Bombay Dyeing Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 28-01-2020 on 12 Noon at Axis House, Tower-2, 2nd Floor, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301 for recovery of Rs.1,43,90,940/- pending till 21/12/2020 along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred up to the date of actual payment and/or realization due to the secured creditor from Mr. Vijay Kumar Pal, W/o Sh. Ram Charan Pal. The reserve price will be Rs. 1,02,73,380/- and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 10,27,338/- Last Date, Time And Venue For Submission Of Bids With Sealed Offer/ Tender With EMD on 27-01-2020 at the above mentioned address.

Account Number	Location / Details of the Immovable Property/Secured Assets possessed and put for sale	Encumbrances, if any known to the Bank.
Home Loan - PHR01260 2915291	Residential Property at House No - 784, (Ground and First Floor), area measuring 250 Sq Yrds. consist of 9 rooms in Sector - 08, Urban Estate, Tehsil - Ballabhgarh Faridabad Haryana along with share and interest in the said land underneath the building in which said property is located and in the common areas and facilities provided in the building/ scheme/complex.	NO

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. <https://www.axisbank.com/auclon-notices/>

Date: 23-12-2020 Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd., Place: Noida, UP

SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Rachna**, W/o Bhagesh, R/o D-889, Block-11 Lal Flats Sector-3, DSIIDC Bawana, Delhi. Age 22 yrs., height 5', wheatish complexion, Thin built, Long face, wearing blue colour salwar suit and red colour sleeper in feet has been missing since 18.11.2020 from the area of PS Bawana, Delhi.

Rachna

In this regard a DD No. 71-A, Dt. 19.11.2020 has been lodged at PS Bawana, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing lady may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in S.H.O.,
Ph.: 011-23011334 P.S. Bawana, Delhi
Fax: 011-23014046 Ph.: 011-27752534, 27751949
011-23015218 DP/649/ON/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Neha D/o Balli Singh R/o Gali No.9-B, Fauji Colony, Mukundpur Extn. Part-2, Delhi has been missing since 07.12.2020 from her house. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 675/20 u/s 363 IPC dated 07.12.2020 has been registered at Police Station Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

NEHA

Age: 16 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Red Colour top and blue colour jeans and black colour sleeper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi at E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

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011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
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RESTORATION OF UDHAMPUR-KOTA-UDHAMPUR SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the service of train no. 09805 Kota - Udhampur Special will be restored w.e.f. 23.12.2020 & its return service, the 09806 Udhampur-Kota Special will be restored w.e.f. 24.12.2020.

Note: All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured

Note: For any kind of information passengers are requested to contract Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

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Date: 23-12-2020 Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd., Place: Noida, UP

Automated system flagged Kisan Ekta Morcha page as spam: FB

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Social media giant Facebook said Kisan Ekta Morcha's page had been taken down after its automated systems found increased activity and flagged it as spam, and that the page was restored in less than three hours.

Facebook had faced criticism from various quarters after the page - which is run by a farmers' collective - was taken down on Sunday evening.

"As per our review, our automated systems found an increased activity on the (Kisan Ekta Morcha) Facebook page and flagged it as spam, which violates our Community Standards. We restored the page in less than three hours when we became aware of the context," a Facebook spokesperson said.

The spokesperson added that the review showed that

only the Facebook page was affected by the automated systems while the Instagram account remained unaffected.

While a vast majority of work fighting spam is done automatically using recognisable patterns of problematic behaviour, the company also relies on human review team to work on cases where human expertise is needed to understand the context of a particular situation, the spokesperson said. "In Q3 2020, out of the 1.9 billion pieces of content removed globally for violating our policies on spam, we restored 74.9 million pieces of content globally, when we identified issues ourselves," the spokesperson added.

Protestors at the ongoing farmers agitation had said social media is crucial for their movement as it allowed them to share their views. Many had seen the shutting down of the Facebook page as an attempt to

silence them.

Thousands of farmers from Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and other states are protesting against the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act.

Enacted in September, the three farm laws have been projected by the central government as major reforms in the agriculture sector that will remove the middlemen and allow farmers to sell anywhere in the country. However, the protesting farmers have expressed apprehension that the new laws would pave the way for eliminating the safety cushion of Minimum Support Price and do away with the mandi system, leaving them at the mercy of big corporates.

Govt invites EoI for strategic sale of Shipping Corporation

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has expanded its strategic disinvestment plan for current fiscal initiating the sell-off plan for Shipping Corporation of India Ltd (SCI) by inviting expression of interest from potential interested parties. The Government proposes to sell its entire shareholding of 63.75 per cent in the listed entity to a buyer that will take over the company with full management control.

The proposed initiation of strategic sale plan for SCI is the second big initiative by the Centre after two of its entities - Air India and BPLCL have reached advanced stages of bidding to sell the entire government equity.



For the strategic disinvestment of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) EoI and PIM (preliminary information memorandum) have been published, DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said in a tweet.

Interested players have to submit initial bids by February 13, 2021, said a preliminary information memorandum document.

RBSA Capital Advisors is the transaction advisor to the disinvestment.

Govt removes export curbs on medical goggles, gloves

New Delhi: The Govt on Tuesday removed export curbs on medical goggles and gloves, which were in demand due to the Covid-19 pandemic, to boost outbound shipments of these products. The export restrictions were imposed on account of the spread of COVID-19. "The export policy of medical goggles and Nitrile/NBR gloves is amended from restricted to free category making all types of medical goggles and Nitrile/NBR gloves freely exportable," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification. In a separate notification, DGFT said import of copra is allowed through government-run trading firm MMTTC, while import of coconut oil is permitted through STEs (state trading enterprises) except STC (State Trading Corporation).

IN BRIEF

INDIA'S CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION SLIPS 5 PC IN NOV
New Delhi: India's crude oil production fell by 5 per cent in November primarily due to a sharp drop in output at Rajasthan oilfields operated by private sector Cairn Vedanta, government data showed on Tuesday. India is dependent on imports for 85 per cent of its needs and the government is pushing domestic explorers to raise output to help cut down imports.

MOU SIGNED BETWEEN HUDCO AND MOHUA



HUDCO has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for setting key targets for the financial year 2020-21. The MoU was signed between Sh. Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA and Sh. Kamran Rizvi, Chairman and Managing Director, HUDCO in the presence of Sh. M. Nagaraj, Director (Corporate Planning) and Sh. D. Guhan, Director (Finance).

NORTHERN RAILWAY GM HOLDS REVIEW MEETING

New Delhi: Sh. Shantosh Gangal, General Manager Northern Railway held a review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway through video conferencing. The focus of the meeting was on safety, on tracks and yards, winter arrangements during upcoming foggy weather, Business Development and Freight loading. He informed that Northern Railway has achieved 42.62 million tonnes freight loading as against 34.4 million tonnes of last year which is 23.7% higher than of same period of previous year. (April to 15 December, 2020). The Northern Railway maintain good record of punctuality at 95.3%.

INSTITUTE OF INDIAN FOUNDRYMEN APPEALS GOVT TO CUT IMPORT DUTY ON PIG IRON, METAL SCRAPS

Mumbai: The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF) has requested the Government to suspend export of iron ore and reduce the import duty on pig iron and metal scraps till the prices of pig iron and other steel products stabilise to May/June 2020 level. IIF president Vijay S Berwal said, "In order to support cost competitiveness, the raw materials and key inputs need to be made available at competitive prices as the cost of materials are about 60-65% and the cost of power is 15%-20% at the cost of manufacturing."

DHOOP STICKS, AGARBATTI READY FOR TRENDY MAKEOVER

Mumbai: Dhooop sticks or dhooop cone or dhooop has always been an integral part of Indian culture. Zed Black brand, Mysore Deep Perfumery House, has witnessed a new trend of the modern generation going in for unconventional fragrance like pineapple. Ankit Agrawal, director, Mysore Deep Perfumery House, said, "Innovation in fragrances has always been our prime focus, for instance our Zed Black Fresh Pineapple variant of agarbatti is one of the bestseller products in the south and eastern India markets."

ONLY 3 MORE UK-INDIA FLIGHTS TO ARRIVE BEFORE OPS BAN

New Delhi: Only three flights from UK to India are expected to arrive at national capital's IGI Airport before all operations to the European country is banned till December 31. Accordingly, Virgin Atlantic's flight - VS302 - with over 240 passengers is scheduled to arrive at IGI Airport around 11.15 p.m. on Tuesday. The Indian authorities have advised that from 22nd December they will deny entry to passengers travelling from the United Kingdom. This is a temporary measure which the authorities will review on 31st December, the airline said in a statement.

Markets regain footing on firm European cues; IT stocks hog limelight

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Sensex made an emphatic comeback on Tuesday following the previous session's massive selloff, as European markets reversed losses amid expectations that the Covid-19 vaccines will be effective against a new virus strain in the UK.

IT stocks led the recovery on Dalal Street, with pharma and select banking stocks also witnessing robust demand.

After gyrating 968 points in a volatile session, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 452.73 points or 0.99 per cent higher at 46,006.69.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty climbed 137.90 points or 1.03 per cent to 13,466.30. HCL Tech was the

top gainer among the Sensex companies, rallying 5.09 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Infosys, PowerGrid, Sun Pharma, Nestle India and L&T.

Only five index constituents finished in the red -- Kotak Bank, Bajaj Finance, HDFC, RIL and IndusInd Bank, which slipped up to 0.94 per cent. European markets witnessed a sharp recovery after German pharmaceutical company BioNTech said it was confident that its coronavirus vaccine would work against the new UK variant. The variant, detected mainly in London and the southeast of England in recent weeks, has sparked concern worldwide because of signs that it may spread more easily.

World on threshold of new era of cooperation due to Covid crisis: Chandrasekaran

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The world is on the threshold of a new era of cooperation in which individuals, business and nations more readily join forces, thanks to the coronavirus pandemic and only a global effort can help get back to normality from the health crisis, according to Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran.

In his new year address to over 7.5 lakh employees of the consumer products to aerospace conglomerate, Chandrasekaran said the pandemic has rewritten the rules and there has been a shift in priorities with greater focus on safety and resilience, and a transition from 'just in time' toward 'just in case' -- changes that "offer a glimpse of the new economy that will emerge from the old". "Beyond individual

companies, citizens and governments have come together in ways that only recently would have been hard to imagine. We are, I hope, on the threshold of a new era of cooperation, in which individuals, businesses and nations more readily join forces," he said.

Stressing that such cooperation is needed, Chandrasekaran further said, "To distribute a vaccine to every country in the world will be an international operation of unparalleled complexity. The same is true of rapid testing and new treatments. Only a global effort can get us back to normality. Stating that rules are being rewritten due to COVID-19, he said, "This year we learned that many things once undertaken outside the home can be done equally well inside it. Shopping. Education.

Bharat Biotech completes recruitment of 13,000 volunteers for Phase III trials of Covaxin

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Bharat Biotech on Tuesday announced recruitment of 13,000 volunteers and continued progress towards achieving the goal of 26,000 participants for the Phase III clinical trials of its Covid-19 vaccine 'Covaxin' across multiple sites in India.

Covaxin has been evaluated in approximately 1,000 subjects in Phase I and Phase II clinical trials, with promising safety and immunogenicity results, Bharat Biotech said in a statement.

The indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine has been developed in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - National Institute of Virology (NIV), it added.

"Covaxin is a highly purified and inactivated 2 dose

SARS-CoV2 vaccine, manufactured in a vero cell manufacturing platform with an excellent safety track record of more than 300 million doses," Bharat Biotech said.

According to the company, the vaccine is developed and manufactured at Bharat Biotech's BSL-3, biocontainment facility.

The company has successfully recruited 13,000 volunteers for the Phase III clinical trials of the vaccine and the target is to have 26,000 participants, as per the statement.

"This is an unprecedented vaccine trial ever to take place in India, and we are overwhelmed with the steady rise in participation," Bharat Biotech Joint MD Suchitra Ella said.

The company had started the phase III clinical trials in mid-November.

Gold dips ₹243, silver declines by ₹216

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices fell ₹243 to ₹49,653 per 10 gram in the national capital on Tuesday, reflecting the weakness in global price of the precious metal, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the yellow metal had closed at Rs 49,896 per 10 gram. Silver prices also declined Rs 216 to Rs 67,177 per kilogram from Rs 67,393 per kilogram in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold and silver were trading lower at USD 1,868 per ounce and USD 25.70 per ounce, respectively. "Gold prices declined on stronger dollar index," HDFC Securities

Senior Analyst (Commodities) Tapan Patel said.

₹ widens losses by 5 paise at 73.84 against US \$

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee furthered its losses by another 5 paise to close at 73.84 against the US dollar on Tuesday in line with weaker Asian peers amid concerns over a new coronavirus strain. At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 73.95 against the US dollar and witnessed an intra-day high of 73.82 and a low of 73.95. The local unit finally closed at 73.84 against the American currency, registering a fall of 5 paise over its previous close. On Monday, the rupee plunged 23 paise to end at a two-week low of 73.79 against the US dollar. "The Indian rupee ended marginally weak against the US dollar, tracking weakness in most regional currencies on concerns that a infectious new coronavirus strain could slow down the prospects of a global economic recovery," said Sriram Iyer, Senior Research Analyst at Reliance Securities.

E-commerce props up paper-packaging fortunes

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

A revival in demand, led by increased offtake from e-commerce channels, will support a rebound for paper-packaging entities this fiscal, offsetting the impact of pandemic-induced disruptions in the first quarter, Crisil said on Tuesday.

According to the rating agency, despite a 200 basis points (bps) blow to operating margin, credit profiles will be stable on the back of strong capital structure.

A study of 50 CRISIL-rated companies, which account for 37 per cent of the industry's revenue, indicates as much. Sales volume had wilted after the lockdown as demand from key end-user industries such as ready-made garments, industrial components, consumer durables and exports weakened.

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Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Kasiraman Balasubramani/ Sathyabama Bopalalan/ LBDEL0002080640/ LBDEL0002087966	Flat Lig Flat No- 27- D, Pocket- A1, 1st Floor, Kondli, Gharoli, Mayur Vihar- III, Delhi- 110092/ Dec 18, 2020	October 04, 2017 Rs. 32,02,343/-	Delhi/ Ncr
2.	Babita Malhotra/ Anil Malhotra/ LBGUR00002973428/ LBGUR00002973432	Unit No 449, 4th Floor, JMD Megapolis, Sohna Road, Gurgaon / Dec 18, 2020	February 08, 2019 Rs. 27,39,012/-	Delhi/ Ncr
3.	Ashok Chauhan/ Reena Chauhan/ LBFDB00001659678	Flat No- L- 437, Category- III, Ground Floor, Sarita Vihar, Delhi/ Dec 18, 2020	September 30, 2020 Rs. 8,03,378/-	Delhi/ Ncr
4.	Sonika Chauhan/ Pankaj Chauhan/ LBFDB00002277228	B 103, Tower B, 1st Floor, Casa Grande, Plot No. 7A, Sector Chi- V, Greater Noida, Up/ Dec 18, 2020	September 29, 2018 Rs. 36,48,502/-	Delhi/ Ncr
5.	Varun Bhardwaj/ Kamakshi Bajaj/ LBDEL00002550031	Flat No. B- 707 7th Floor Earthcon Casa Grande Plot No. 7a Sector Chi- V Greater Noida- 201307/ Dec 18, 2020	April 27, 2018 Rs. 25,81,440/-	Delhi/ Ncr
6.	Arjun Dixit/ Sandhya Dixit/ Rupesh Dixit/ LBDEL00003260576	Dda Built Up MIG Flat No: C- 13/F, 2nd Floor, Munirka, Delhi/ Dec 18, 2020	February 22, 2020 Rs. 37,00,924/-	Delhi/ Ncr
7.	Arjun Dixit/ Rupesh Dixit/ LBDEL00004350148/ LBDEL000044857771	DDA Built Up MIG Flat No: C- 13/F, 2nd Floor, Munirka, Delhi/ Dec 18, 2020	September 30, 2020 Rs. 27,87,292/-	Delhi/ Ncr
8.	Sandeep Gupta/ Anju Gupta/ JMD Commercial/ LBGUR00001934855	Flat No- PMB-163 16th Floor, Tower- B, Primus DLF Garden Village Shikohpur, Sector 82- A, Gurgaon/ Dec 18, 2020	August 19, 2020 Rs. 93,94,948/-	Delhi/ Ncr
9.	Neha Singh/ Dhananjay Kumar/ LBGHZ00002437033	Flat No- 2204, 22nd Floor, Tower- F Elegant Ville Plot No Gh- 06B, Sector- Techzone- IV, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ December 18, 2020	August 13, 2020 Rs. 25,17,500/-	Delhi/ Ncr
10.	Madhu Chandanand Murjani/ Shilu Madhu Murjani/ K C International/ LBDEL00002033122	C- 37, First Floor, Pamposh Enclave, Gk 1 New Delhi/ December 18, 2020	August 18, 2020 Rs. 51,61,434/-	Delhi/ Ncr
11.	Akhil Singh/ Saroj Singh/ LBNOD00004579246	Flat No. T4- 2005, 20th Floor, Block B, Unibera Towers, Sector- 1, Greater Noida./ December 18, 2020	August 18, 2020 Rs. 33,06,839/-	Delhi/ Ncr
12.	Mukesh Kumar Sharma/ Lalita Sharma/ LBNOD00001916900	Flat No- 635, DDA MIG Flats, 1st Floor, Loni Road, Shahdra Delhi./ December 19, 2020	September 25, 2020 Rs. 26,48,852/-	Delhi/ Ncr
13.	Reena/ Rajesh Kumar Choudhary/ LBDEL00003122263	Flat No 37, LIG Flats Fourth Floor, Kondli Gharoli, Mayur Vihar, Phase III, Delhi 110096/ December 18, 2020	September 25, 2020 Rs. 22,42,552/-	Delhi/ Ncr
14.	Vikas Kumar/ Mohammad Raza/ LBNOD0000272053	Flat No- L- 2502, 25th Floor, Plot No. Gh- 02, Tower- OI, Ajnara Le Garden, Sector- 16 Greater Noida West/ December 18, 2020	September 25, 2020 Rs. 20,66,713/-	Delhi/ Ncr
15.	Prasun Kumar Lal/ Seema Kumari/ LBNOD00002057867	Flat No- G1/404, 4th Floor, Tower G1, Patel Neotown, Plot No Gh 03, Sector Tech Zone- IV Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ December 18, 2020	September 25, 2020 Rs. 18,28,219/-	Delhi/ Ncr
16.	Sanjiv Kumar Kapoor/ Rupali Gulati/ Jivan Lata Kapoor/ LBGUR00002043869	House No- C- 140, Suncity Huda, Plot No- 451, Haldarpur Viran, Sector- 54, Gurgaon / Dec 18, 2020	September 25, 2020 Rs. 57,07,427/-	Delhi/ Ncr
17.	Harjeet Singh Matharu/ Surjit Singh Matharu/ LBGUR00001442883/ LBGUR00001442886	Property No-G-3, Situated At Khasra No-3/3 Sham Nagar Colony Known As Khayala, P.O Tlak Nagar, Delhi / Dec 21, 2020	September 30, 2020 / Rs. 4,04,080/-	Delhi/ Ncr

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: 23-12-2020
Place: Delhi/ Ncr

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

FORM NO. URC.2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at DELHI that **YVORIUS DRONES LLP** a LLP may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:
The business of the LLP shall be to carry on the activity in the field of technology development with specific focus on development of drones along with services in relation to the same. It also intends to carry on innovation in the field of various technology both in hardware and software field.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at **K-22/21A, GALI No-19, K-BLOCK, WEST GHONDA, NEW DELHI-110053**

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the "Registrar of Companies Delhi & Haryana" at "The CRC, ICA, Plot No. 6,7,8, Sector-5, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana" within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Name(s) of Applicant
1. NISHANT SINGH RANA
2. AMIT KUMAR

Dated this 22TH day of December 2020

GUJARAT WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD
Executive Engineer, Unit No-2 (Sujalam Sulfam), Gandhinagar.

State Water Data centre building, Sector-4, Gandhinagar.
Ph. No.:- 079-2322671/23226712
Tender Notice No.:- 03 - 2020-21

The Executive Engineer, Unit No-2 (Sujalam Sulfam) 2nd floor, State Water data centre building, Sector-4 Gandhinagar PIN-380008, Gujarat State invites on line tender (E-Tendering) for following works (EPC works) in three bids system from experienced and resourceful agencies as under.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs. in crore)	Qualification of bidder (1) Class (2) EMD. (3) Tender fee (4) Time limit (5) Solvency
1.	Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract for Lift Irrigation M S Pipeline project for transmission of 50 cusecs of water from Matpur village taluka- Patan to Dharoi extended Branch 4 & 5 near Bhramanwada village taluka - Unha District Mehsana including Construction of Pumping Station, supplying and laying M.S pipeline of 1200 mm (ID), 8mm thickness with allied works etc. with operation and maintenance of commissioned project for 10 years including 3 years Defect liability period for Matpur - Bhramanwada Dist Mehsana Pipeline Project.	Rs 55.13 crore	(1) 'AA' class (2) Rs 55.13 lacs (3) Rs. 21240/- (Rs. 18000+3240 GST) (4) 18 month (including 10 year O & M period) (5) 11 03 Crores

1. Date of uploading :- 23/12/2020.
2. Pre-Bid Meeting :- Dt-08/01/2021 at 12:00 hrs.
3. Last date for downloading tender document and On line submission of tender Date :- 03/02/2021 upto 18:00 hrs.
4. Physical submission of tender of Tender fees, EMD & Other document only by speed post /R.P.A.D/courier - from Dt. 04/02/2021 to 12/02/2021 upto 18:00 Hrs.
5. The EMD exemption certificate will not be accepted.
6. The EMD less than 180 days validity will not be accepted and offer will not be considered.
7. Online verification of Tender fee, EMD and other document and Pre-qualification bid Date 15/02/2021 12 hrs.
8. The details of above tender will be available on www.statetender.com www.gwrc.gujarat.gov.in and www.gwrc.npcorpc.com.
The tender will be accepted only on line

No/NF/VPN/2020/G/1565

(SICOM)
(Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change)
B-4 Wing, Ground Floor, Pandit Deen Dayal Aasthyodaya Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Reference No. SICOM/HR/1/2020

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR, NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE COASTAL MANAGEMENT

The National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSM) has been established as an institution of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change. NCSM is located in the campus of Anna University, Chennai.

Applications are invited in the prescribed proforma for the post of Director on a contract basis with tenure of 5 years.

For further details regarding the educational qualification, eligibility criterion, please visit website sicom.nic.in, nccsm.res.in, moef.gov.in.

The Last date for submission of application through Speed Post Only is 1500 Hrs. on 25.01.2021.

National Project Director, SICOM

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person, (depicted in the photo) **Name:** Kailash Chand Sharma, **S/o:** Mool Chand Sharma, **R/o:** H.No. L-22, 1st Floor, Near Tiranga Chowk, Vijay Vihar Phase-2, Delhi, **Aged:** 41 years, has been missing from the area of P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi since 26.11.2020 In this regard, a case **Vide DD No. 58A, Dated 27.11.2020, has been registered at P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:

Height: 5'8" feet, **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Clothing:** Black Colour Jacket, Black Colour Jeans, Green Colour Cap and Black Colour Slippers in Feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about the missing person, may inform SHO, Budh Vihar, Delhi at email: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No. 011-24368638, 24368641 **S.H.O P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.**
Ph.: 011-27052772, 27052773

DP/573/RD/2020.

SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN

General public is here by informed that this woman namely Dipika W/o Jagdish R/o G-1620, Jahangir Puri, Delhi **Age :** 30 years, **Height :** 5'2", **Face :** Oval, **Complexion :** Fair, **Built :** Strong, wearing grey colour kurta, coffee colour salwar and hawai chappal in feet, has been missing since 06.12.2020 at about 02:00 P.M. from her house. In this regard DD No. 69-A dated 09.12.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Jahangir Puri, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing woman may kindly inform to the following:-

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO : P.S. Jahangir Puri, New Delhi**
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tel. No. : 011-27636000, 27631600**
Fax: 24368639, **Tel. : 24368638/24368641**

DP/654/NW/20

With the dates for Boards to be announced in March 2021, there is a lot of angst among the students. **BHARAT GOYAL** shares tips that will come in handy for them



CRACK BOARDS

The Board exams are valued as the foundation of a child's future in the Indian education system. Every year, schools across the country put a special focus on the students of Classes X and XII so that they perform well in the exam that helps decide their future course. However, the schools had to cancel face-to-face classes this year amidst the fear of Covid-19 contamination. And hence, the students lost crucial time.

Nonetheless, there is no reason for students to not be hopeful of achieving excellent marks in the examinations. To make the job easier for students, CBSE has already slashed 30 per cent of the syllabus. Meanwhile, schools are making all efforts to clear doubts via online sessions. Now, the students must follow certain tips to prepare in a manner that helps them score well.

Prepare a time table, stick to it: First and foremost, prepare your study schedule smartly. It is important to have a timetable based on your style of study. Even without waking up at odd hours, a student can invest around eight hours of preparation each day. However, one must not keep unrealistic goals and take breaks after every hour or so to stay focused. It is advisable to begin studies with a difficult topic as the mind is most fresh then.

Relating to study content, preference should be given to NCERT textbooks over reference books. Rather than jumping to other books, the focus should be on mastering prescribed textbooks. Also, students should prepare brief notes on every topic and make it a habit to underline (or highlight) the crucial sentences/words in their textbook as this helps in better memorisation.

To thrash out weakness, take tests every week: To become ready for the exam day, a student must take up several tests of each subject so as to know the weak points and gain more confidence. This will weed out nervousness in the examination hall. Practice tests will also improve your time management skills. You may also ask a friend to quiz you over the study material as explaining answers to someone else can help you better understand and retain the information.

As this academic year is unprecedented, students must take mock tests with masks and shields as that is how they will be supposed to be in the exam hall. Students must acclimatise themselves to protective gears so that they don't lose their precious time adjusting masks during exams.

Mental and physical health: Like the old English proverb says — Sound mind rests only in sound body. A student must eat right and exercise at least 15 minutes a day to keep body

fit and mind rejuvenated. Not to forget, eight hours of sleep is a must. Slashing sleep time may have negative consequences. Mental strength is extremely essential to score well. And don't focus too much on competition; your goal should be outperforming yourself. If you did better than the last time, you are successful.

In the exam hall: Read all the questions properly, understand them, and prepare a plan to approach the question paper. Deal with questions carrying more marks first. Logic suggests it is challenging to attempt big questions at the last but a student can finish short questions in little time as well.

Don't spend too much time on a particular question and if possible, make charts (or diagrams) with answers. It creates a very good impression. Needless to mention, try to avoid cuts. A clean handwriting increases the chances of you securing better marks by many folds. After finishing your paper, do cross-check

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everything. It helps you thrash out all silly mistakes.

Bonus Tips

Avoid deviation: It is important to switch off the phone and other gadgets while studying to avoid distraction. If possible, stop going to parties and deactivate your social media accounts in the last three months before board exams. This will save you a lot of time.

Seek guidance: Sometimes, topics require extra guidance and self-study doesn't always suffice. To bounce over this, a student must not feel shy in reaching out to their teachers, classmates, or seniors for help. Not just this, students must also take guidance regarding exam patterns and strategy to score well. Opening your heart out gets you solutions and lightens your mind.

The writer is Founder & Director, Bhartiya International School

QUOTE OF THE DAY

It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense.

— **Robert G Ingersoll**

Star-studded 16th annual convocation at SRMIST

The SRM Institute of Science & Technology, will be having its 16th Annual Convocation on December 26, 2020 (Saturday) at 10:30 am. The event will be held virtually as per the protocol of the Government of Tamil Nadu due to the ongoing pandemic.

Based on the restrictions imposed by the State Government, only rank holders and PhD degree awardees will be given their degrees in person at Dr TP Ganesan Auditorium, Main Campus, Kattankulathur. The rest of the eligible graduands are invited to attend through virtual mode.

About 17,199 students belonging to the Faculties of Engineering and Technology, Faculty of Science and Humanities, Medicine & Health Science and Management studies including 129 PhD scholars will be receiving their degrees in various disciplines.

As many as 244 students will be awarded medals for having secured first, second and third rank in their courses.

The convocation address will be delivered by Chief Guest of the event Dr K Sivan, Chairman of ISRO, Bangalore and Secretary, Department of Space, Government of India. Dr TR Paarivendhar, Founder Chancellor of SRM Institute of Science & Technology and Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha will preside over the convocation.

Endowment award in the name of Tmt Pachimmal Palanimuthu for the best outgoing MBBS student and Tmt Swarnam & Dr



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Krishnamoorthy Endowment award for the best overall outgoing student of SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Center will be awarded to Ms. Kritika Wadhwa for topping among all students in the final year and in overall duration of the course in MBBS programme. Endowment in the name of Tmt Lakshmi and Dr Renganathan for the best outgoing BDS student of SRM Kattankulathur Dental College and Hospital will be awarded to K. Shyam Sharma.

The Annual report will be presented by Vice Chancellor of SRMIST, Dr. Sandeep Sancheti. The Convocation will be held in the presence of SRMIST's Pro Chancellor (Administration) Ravi Pachamoothoo, Pro Chancellor (Academic) Dr P Sathyanarayanan and Vice President Dr R Shivakumar.

The study of Information Management takes the idea of information as a resource as its starting-point. In taking a principled systematic approach to the identification, acquisition, storage, retrieval, processing and use of that information, the theory and practice of information management aims to design effective information environments that can respond to managerial information needs, support decision-making and help in meeting organisational goals.

In order to accomplish this goal, information management draws on a range of fields including knowledge management, information retrieval, information systems, and project management; search engine optimisation, user-centred design and human-computer-interaction, website design and programming; as well as business intelligence, business processing modelling, organisational theory, information governance and ethics.

Being a generic discipline, the study of Information management has wide applicability to organisations of all kinds including business, government, health, transport and education.

While information has always been prized as an asset, a number of trends are making information management even more important in the digital context. These trends include the addition of data as an asset, and the systematic processing and use of data from an organisation's internal (e.g. transaction data), and external environ-

Manage information wisely

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ments (e.g. customer opinions); the emergence of platforms, datafication and the commodification of datamore generally; and beyond this the opportunities/problems of widespread connected information processing within an inter-dependent digital ecosystem. The last of these trends brings not only the value and benefits of information and data, e.g., personal data, to the fore but also the risks of their processing.

In a digital context there is also a contemporary concern not only with the idea of information as an asset, and increasing the value of information, but also the idea of

information as a liability. Hence the need to address issues of information governance, accountability and ethics; how ethical values can inform the design and use of information products and services, and how not only organisations e.g. Governments but also societies e.g. citizens need to reflect on how their information data is gathered, processed and used for what ends.

A degree in Information Management lays emphasis on developing your knowledge, skills and experience of design, implementation, management and governance effective information envi-

ronments. This includes examining their purposes, functions and processes and mediating between information users, resources and systems in both organisational and networked contexts. You'll also acquire practical experience in the use of new information and communications technologies and develop personal awareness and skills relevant to information management.

The field of information management covers a wide array of job roles. As an information management degree, your skills will be invaluable to employers from a range of sectors, these include: Information Architect; Taxonomist; Information Managers, Officers and Assistants; Information Rights Managers/Freedom of Information Officers; Competitive Intelligence Officers and Analysts; Data Protection Officers; Information Analysts; Information Governance Managers; Cyber-Security Managers; Web Managers; and Information Scientists.

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It's all about innovation

Advertisers need to create content that's powerful, entertaining or life altering. These things seem basic, but they've become much more complicated, says **ABHIK SANTARA**

There's a lot of optimism and worry about the future of advertising, and there are so many varied opinions on what the world of advertising will look like. Some argue that advertising will be better and more valuable in the hearts and minds of consumers-and, as a result, more effective. The complexities of modern day consumer journeys are empowering consumers to get what they want, when they want it. And increasingly that means that they don't want to be interrupted by an ad that isn't good or relevant.

As advertisers, it's foolish to think that consumers want to hear what we have to say. They are not waiting to hear from us, we have to make ourselves heard- irrespective of what stage of the journey he or she is at. So we need to create content that's legitimately powerful, entertaining or life altering. Those things seem basic, but they've become much more complicated with the proliferation of platforms.

No doubt we'll have new tools and capabilities that make the processes of advertising easier, more measurable or more automated, but I'm also hopeful that the power of storytelling will remain at the core of it. After all, increasing use of technology and automation won't change the fact that communication will



always be a people business. At least for the foreseeable future, individuals will still be responsible for making business decisions and serving audiences and customers. They'll just be using more sophisticated technology to dramatically improve the way they do it, deliver it and measure it.

As long as we're connecting to other people, the human element will never go away. But the drive for more real-time personalisation means that the human element will be exercised more and more on the strategic level than the executional level. Advertising will be less about crafting the individual words and images, and more about crafting the systems and algorithms that create

the words and images. We are at a moment where we are too focused on vanity metrics like views, impressions and clicks. But we need to figure out how far down the funnel these things are impacting people and creating sustainable differences in conversion and loyalty. It will not be naive to witness a growing ambition and a shift to emotional connection and the human element. That's how brands will differentiate, that's how brands will be loved and that's how consumers will stay loyal. In the digital era- We have to give people things not to escape to, but things they can run to and reaffirm.

The writer is Director and CEO of Atom Network

ICSI confers Honorary degrees

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The Institute of Company Secretaries of India conferred the Honorary CS Degree onto Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur in the virtual presence of Chief Guest of the day, Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha, on the third day of the 48th National Convention of Company Secretaries, at Indore.

ICSI also virtually inaugurated its Fourth Overseas Centre at Singapore at the hands of Anurag Singh Thakur on the day. Addressing the audience virtually, Speaker of the Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla said: "ICSI has made a significant contribution in ensuring ethical & fair administration in

the corporate Sector. Company Secretaries are responsible for legal administration of Companies and for transferring benefit of growth to society."

"Company Secretaries work assiduously to strengthen governance and ensure ethical & legal compliance. Both ICSI and its members are playing a vital role in ushering transparency and integrity in the economy for building a hi-tech tax compliant society & eliminating shell companies," he further added.

Delighted with conferment of the honorary degree, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur said: "It is my utmost honour to be receiving the Membership of this renowned institute and join a list which has Late Shri Arun Jaitley ji as its recipients."

A plethora of opportunities for VIT students

Though it is pandemic times, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) emerged as the Top Educational Institution in India by having 7403 job offers rolled out by 382 companies that conducted campus recruitments at VIT. All the campus recruitments were conducted virtually and 4503 students have taken multiple offers.

IT majors Cognizant, Infosys and TCS have conducted their annual

campus recruitment process at VIT. This year, due to the pandemic, all the three companies have conducted their entire process remotely. Students from all the 4 campuses of VIT (Vellore, Chennai, Amaravati and Bhopal) participated in the selection process.

The results were announced by Dr G Viswanathan, Chancellor of VIT and 3517 job offers were rolled out by these three companies with

Cognizant offering 1418 students followed by TCS (1321) and Infosys (778). These are the highest numbers offered by these companies this year across all the campuses in the country. The other IT services companies like Virtusa, Hexaware, CapGemini and Mindtree have also recruited in big numbers from VIT.

Earlier, TCS has recruited 224 students for its Digital Practice with a CTC of ₹7 lakh per

annum followed by Wipro hiring 419 students for its Turbo hiring with a CTC of ₹6.5 lakh per year for a higher position. Again these are the highest numbers for TCS and Wipro for this year across all the campuses in the country. Wipro and VIT broke their own record by having 419 offers from the 2021 graduating batch. VIT has already entered into Limca Book of Records 10 times for highest number of placements.

Trends in education

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The Great Learning, one of India's leading EdTech companies for higher and professional education, on December 17, 2020, highlighted some trends witnessed by the company during the Covid-19 wave in 2020. The trends are based on the significant traction witnessed by the company across all its platforms as the demand for high-quality programmes in emerging skills spiked during the pandemic. In March 2020, the com-

pany introduced the Great Learning Academy, a free learning platform with over 30 introductory and intermediate level programmes in emerging digital skills, to make high-quality learning accessible to all. Close to 6.6 lakh learners have benefitted from the Academy. The company also announced key learning trends witnessed between March and December 2020. The trends include top programmes undertaken by learners, their profiles along with geographies they belong to.

It is important to know what skills are necessary for the position that one has applied to. ANKIT SHYAMSUKHA shares tips that will help aspirants to land their dream job



Count on your skills

With companies undergoing remote working guidelines, the technical and soft skills are becoming vital perks that interviewers are looking for in an interviewee. The way you present yourself in the online interview will say much about your ability to work efficiently.

Once hired, along with mastering the technology, you must learn to follow certain protocols. Therefore, it becomes pivotal to figure out which interview skills you may require for the particular job you are applying for. Many educational brands and training institutions are sharing free online courses to brush up your skills which again, is the need of the hour.

Following are some of the silks that will help you to land on your dream job.

POISE

When things go wrong, it becomes crucial for you to stay calm and poised. This quality shows that you will be able to work under any strenuous and pressuring circumstances. In the time of COVID-19, when we are adapting to the challenges of the new normal, a crisis is inevitable. Exhibiting the calmer side of yours will not only impress your future employ-

ers but also help you manage the crisis efficiently. Remember one more thing, a poised person at work always receives appreciation.

PROPER ETIQUETTE

No matter how boring or uninteresting the meeting gets, you need to show enthusiasm. You must look engaged and that you are a vital part of the conversation. It's very easy to get disconnected when you are attending an online meeting as there are so many windows open on your laptop along with internet issues. Since your voice is the first impression, it needs to be upbeat. Make note of the things beforehand that you need to talk or share in the meeting. Use the mute and chat features in case you're facing any technical or unavoidable issue. If you're attending an offline meeting, reach at least 15 minutes before and put your phone on silent.

TRY OUT NEW THINGS

It has been seen that there are many who will crib about their current job but don't have the courage to try out the things they would like to do. Courage is essential to land your dream job. There is nothing wrong to have the courage of taking up the risk and following your heart.

You need to have quick logical reasoning and creative solutions for every situation. Most companies will give you a hypothetical situation to check out your critical thinking skills

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Part of landing your dream job involves knowing the ins and outs of that particular job. When you're applying to a new company, you must do your detailed research about the company founders, work process and branding components. The company's website, Twitter and LinkedIn pages will help you in your research. Research also entails examining your qualities that align with the job requirement. Spend some time to figure out what you want and what skills are required for a particular position.

COMPUTER HYGIENE

As work thrives on technology now, it becomes crucial that you set up a backup system for your computer files.

However, the study shows that one-third of the employees avoid keeping the backup of the documents because it consumes a lot of time. In your interview, you might be asked to indicate your experience utilising the technology, describing how you organise and store files using cloud-based collaboration tools. How do you keep track of links and tabs? Do you use Dropbox? Google Docs? Confluence? So, be well prepared

about such questions beforehand.

COLLABORATE

A year ago, collaboration only meant teamwork. But, now the meaning of collaboration has expanded and gone beyond teamwork. The collaboration also means sharing documents online and editing them before the deadline.

CRITICAL THINKING

You need to have quick logical reasoning and creative solutions for every demanding situation. Most companies will give you a hypothetical situation to check out your critical thinking skills. Critical thinking is a personal skill and can't be imparted through the education system.

BE FUTURE READY

Experts assume that there is an increased demand for future-ready employees, who can easily adjust in the digital or niche skills setup like eCommerce, cybersecurity experts, data analysts, machine learning.

As per industry estimates jobs in the Accounts, Banking, Finance and Taxation continue to grow and HR look out for people with the right skills.

The writer is CEO, ICA Edu Skills

How to get that perfect score

For many, math is a subject that gives them nightmares. However by following a few basic tips, one will fall in love with numbers, says ANITA KISHOR

Mathematics is an incredibly important concept —one that we inevitably and unintentionally use to solve everyday problems. The laws of mathematics govern everything around us, and without a good understanding of them, one can encounter significant difficulties in life. As a subject, students have polarised views around it, while some might find it interesting and easy to understand, most believe they do not have the ability to solve math problems. Here are five tips that will help students fall in love with math and craft the learning path that suits them best.

UNDERSTANDING CONCEPT

It's important to understand that Mathematics is a conceptual subject and is deeply seeded in logic. Every single math concept can be broken down into the basic fundamentals. To be able to learn advanced mathematical processes, students must first get a firm grasp of the fundamentals of math. Having the basics right will ensure that students ultimately save time and will significantly reduce their confusion while working on more complex problems.

EXPLORE ONLINE RESOURCES

Research has shown time and again that hard subjects like Mathematics can be learnt very effectively online. With the current remote-learning scenario, students have a great opportunity to explore various online resources to help them ace math. Online learning can help visualise a math problem and help them gain conceptual understanding while solving it. Gamified content on various online learning platforms is an effective learning strategy because they engage students and provide incentives for continued practice. Students can learn key concepts through math games that keep them motivated.

PRACTICE & MORE PRACTICE

One of the most crucial ways to ensure students do well in Mathematics is for them to get hands on and actively practice the subject as frequently as possible. Solving math problems multiple times is a key learning aid because it helps transition problem-solving skills from the conscious to the subconscious. This method of learning will not only help rewire the mind to understand math problems but also helps students develop an affinity for the subject. As a teacher



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and a math-lover, I can say with certainty that proficiency in math is not restricted to those who have the aptitude for it. With regular and diligent practice, anyone can get better at math.

FOCUS ON LOGIC

The beauty of Mathematics lies in the logic behind its various concepts. While shortcuts and tricks have been used by students and teachers from time and again to simply math, these methods actually allow students to skip conceptual thinking. Continuous use of shortcuts would lead to students carrying a big bag of tricks into an examination and not really thinking about the questions asked. Students must treat every single math problem as a new challenge and figure out the different ways in which it can be solved.

ASK FOR HELP

More often than not students shy away from asking for help due to the fear of looking uninformed. In a traditional classroom setting, students find themselves trying to catch-up with their peers and often do not get their doubts resolved. Students must work on their confidence while asking for help to improve their competence. Today, with numerous online resources available at their disposal, students can also embrace a flexible format of learning.

Digital machineries have gained influence in almost every educational field and have started altering the way students are being trained. These immersive, virtual experiences are at the forefront of the contemporary education world. Although the zone of sports education has been slow enough to embrace digitalisation, but it is not excluded from this transformation.

Digital is so much more than just student-transforming touch points. Instead, it is a whole new ballgame that has been unlocking unparalleled opportunities for advancement in the sports industry. Organizations that have been coaching for sports can offer the

potential to draw students closer through ground breaking and modified experiences. Beneath the tip of this digital iceberg, organisations should find a new strategy, technology investment and approach to innovation that crafts a digital line of sight through all operational areas.

Social Streaming of Live Sports: The digital revolution has been mutating the game for sports business. Proven models like analytics, cloud and IoT which has hardly been researched upon are being experimented and sports education organisations must adapt to the present trends to remain viable. A particular arena where this turns out to be apparent is in the area of social streaming of live sports. The

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engaging social media platforms have the expertise and reach to win broadcasting rights for live sports and stream them worldwide via their individual platforms. Students can get access to sports viewing that suits their anywhere, on-demand lifestyle while the broadcast landscape becomes ever more disrupted

Engage sponsors: Students today are interacting with media more than ever with audio consumption, TV viewership, and application usage having doubled up in the current times. The sports undergraduates

have a tendency to be increasingly receptive to personalized engagement. Targeted advertisements are considered to be twice as effective and engaging as compared to non-targeted ads. Digital analytics are an effective tool that is designed to have a better consideration of what stimulates students understanding, lending sponsors insight into what types of ads and engagement models will work for individual audiences. Digital tools can also aid sponsors in tailoring timing, content, and message delivery for greater effectiveness

The dawn of predictive analytics in sports:

The continuous pressure to advance student performance has led technologies like predictive analytics to gradually become predominant in the sports education domain. The advances made in this field help in creation of predictive modules which will help in computing sports likelihoods, predictions of win or loss along with analysing the students' performance. This section helps in calculating simple game statistics and also uses correlation to classify statistical associations between various game metrics. It also helps in determining where, when, and how students engage with sports, and to categorise between campaigns which are a hit and

those that are under-performing. Based on this information sports organizations can determine the most operative product offerings and can accordingly launch personalised marketing initiatives

E-sports are clearly the future of sports:

Today's students expect the teaching modules to be digitally engaging and the most effective way to deliver virtual engagement is through gamification. E-sports which can be rightly termed as the transformation of watching into playing, is offering a future where creation of virtual reality gaming experiences has been turning e-sports into physically active experiences.

The writer is Vipul Solanki, Director, Nest Academy of Sports Management



last date to apply for the scholarship is June 30, 2021.

Applicants are invited for a beneficial Science and Technology Undergraduate Asian Scholarships at Singapore Management University. Indian students can apply.

Eligibility: Must be a full-time SMU first-year undergraduate student. Must give outstanding academic results and demonstrates leadership and communication skills.

Supporting documents: Applicants must submit: Personal statement Include a CV, Personal Identification Documents, Transcript from each University attended.

Admission requirements: For taking admission at the Singapore Management University applicants must check the entry requirement.

Language requirement: Applicants must need to demonstrate their English language ability by taking the TOEFL or IELTS test.

Must have a good record of co-curricular activity and community service involvement and good character record.

How to apply: Must have to take admission in Undergraduate Degree Programme at the University. There is no separate application form.

Application deadline: The last date to apply for this studentship is March 19, 2021.

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Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/6589345
Deadline: December 30, 2020

CUSTOMER SERVICE (OPERATIONS) AT HAPPSALES

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹8,000-₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/6589344
Deadline: December 30, 2020

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT STUDYROOM

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹15,000-₹20,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/6589346
Deadline: December 30, 2020

CONTENT WRITING AT EXETER PREMEDIA SERVICES

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/6589347
Deadline: December 30, 2020

CONTENT WRITING (HINDI) AT JARVIS TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGY CONSULTING

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹30,000-₹39,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/6589350
Application deadline: December 30, 2020

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT BIG BLUE PEOPLE

Location: Lucknow
Stipend: ₹8,000-₹16,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/6589351
Application deadline: December 30, 2020

MARKETING AT EZERZ HEALTH TECH

Location: Bhubaneswar
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/6589354
Application deadline: December 28, 2020

STUDY ABROAD

'Go for holistic development'

The present pandemic has not dampened students' need to study abroad. SADOIQ BASHA tells you why

Millions of students from India are currently studying at colleges across the world, and this number is steadily increasing. In fact, the pandemic has failed to dampen the spirit of Indian students, who are still willing to travel abroad to pursue their higher education.



New learning experiences

One of the biggest reasons students and parents consider studying abroad is to enjoy foreign culture firsthand.

You will experience new cultural perspectives, customs, traditions, and social atmospheres when you go to a different country to study. These experiences further enhance your interpersonal as well as intrapersonal skills that go a long way in your holistic development.

Career opportunities

Earning an international degree is a gateway to employability prospects worldwide.

When you complete your study abroad program, you have a broad perspective on different cultures, nurtured new language skills, and a willingness to take on new challenges.

Needless to say, employers appreciate these skills in employees. Studying abroad also helps you cultivate a strong global network that will help you throughout your career.

Option to choose from a wider range of courses

Almost all the universities in countries such as the US, UK, and Australia, provide a wide variety of courses for international students. Universities overseas offer courses in some unconventional and contemporary fields such as sports, entertainment, and psychology.

Therefore, without a doubt, a degree abroad is a good investment in a student's life.

The writer is CEO and Founder of Edvoy

IN BRIEF

PEARSON UG ENTRANCE EXAM ACROSS INDIA

The Pearson VUE, the global leader in computer-based testing, has announced Pearson Undergraduate Entrance Exam — (<http://www.undergraduateexam.in>)

The examination, being extensively rolled out within the India, is a standardised test of quantitative, verbal and abstract reasoning.

The admissions this exam is aimed at assessing the aptitude and suitability of students in order to enable them to secure a place at a top university in India.

The examination is specifically designed by the company's exam content experts and psychometricians, to change the way students are assessed in India at the important university admissions stage.

It will be the first examination of its kind

launched by the company in this market, where students only need to sit for one entrance test in order to be admitted to various universities (which accept the exam) across the country.

Providing test-takers with the flexibility of taking their admissions exam anytime, anywhere, is integral to the exam delivery model; candidates will be able to choose between taking their exam at a Pearson VUE Test Center (PVT) or at home via Pearson VUE's online proctoring solution OnVUE.

Registrations for the examination will start from January 11, 2021. Students will have a six-month testing window as well as the ability to reschedule their exam.

REAL TIME FLOOD FORECASTING BY IIT MADRAS

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras researchers and students undertook important data collection exercise that could play a crucial role to prevent future floods in Chennai.

Teams, of faculty and students, led by Professor Balaji Narasimhan,

Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, measured river discharges at critical places across Adayar River to collect data in real-time during cyclone.

Professor Balaji Narasimhan said: "As part of a robust flood management, rating curves at critical sections of rivers are

important to understand volumetric flow rate (in m³/s or ft³/s) for different flow depths. Once a rating curve is developed, an integrated network of water level sensors could be used to monitor the river discharges remotely and automatically at these critical river stretches."

ONLINE TALENT SEARCH EXAM FOR CAT ASPIRANTS

The TIME is conducting the its Talent Search Examination (TTSE) for CAT21/22 aspirants on 27th December 2020. The test will be conducted in two slots — 10 am and 6 pm. Students can choose to write the test on only one course — CAT in anyone slot.

Attractive performance-based fee waivers (up to 100% on CAT 21/22 classroom/online courses) will be available for the students.

A minimum assured discount of 10 per cent of the total course fee will be given

to those who write the Free Mock and enrol in the mentioned courses before 27th December, 2020. To register: <https://www.time4education.com/local/articlecms/page.php?id=4430>

As soon as the lockdown was implemented, TIME announced its online classes for various courses like CAT, CLAT, IPM, Bank exams, GMAT, GRE, and other courses. New batches are being launched every week.

To know more visit: <https://www.time4education.com/index.php>.

'Let it go & move on'

Smith advises deflated India to forget Adelaide debacle & keep moving forward



Steve Smith plays shot during his short stay at the crease against India in the first innings of 1st Test at Adelaide. CA/Twitter

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

December 26.

"Look, the other day we just saw some pretty incredible fast bowling. It is probably the best I've seen our bowlers bowl collectively for about five years I think," Smith said in a virtual media conference.

"The lengths they were hitting were just impeccable. Sometimes that happens, you get a good ball and you nick it... You got to let it go and move on and try and keep yourself in a positive mindset," the 31-year-old added.

Asked what he feels would be the Indian mindset after such a huge defeat, he said: "Again every individual is different, the way they take their dismissals, how they think about the game after it's finished."

"It's important to keep moving forward, look at yourself individually, what you could have done better."

Star pacer Mohammed Shami's fractured wrist has dealt a double blow to India as talismanic skipper Virat Kohli will be on paternity during the last three Tests.

"Not thinking too much about India and how they're going to come back. For us, it's just about doing the things we need to do well. It's about just executing what we need to do out in the middle and doing it to the best of our ability," Smith said. On Shami's absence, Smith said India still have some quality bowlers in Navdeep Saini and Mohammed Siraj.

"I think they're two quality

STEVE SMITH TEST CAREER						
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AT MCG vs India	1	2	206	192	103.00	1 0

bowlers who can have some good Test careers. Obviously they are missing Ishant (Sharma) as well, which is a big loss for them in terms of experience."

Smith was out for one, deceived by a beautiful Ravichandran Ashwin delivery, in the opening Test and asserted that he has learnt his lessons.

"The spinners that do well here generally those who get over the top of the ball and beat you with more bounce or in the air as opposed to ones that come around the ball.

"It's about finding a way to adapt and that's what the best players do around the world. I'll hopefully learn something from that, move forward and play a little bit better in the next game," he explained.

On the next match, the star batsman said he gets shivers down the spine from the thrill of batting in a Boxing Day Test.

Since his first Boxing Day Test appearance in the Ashes 2010-11, the talismanic batsman has smashed four centuries — three of them unbeaten — and three fifties in seven such games.

"I always remember watching the Boxing Day Tests at home and with the family after Christmas. It's sort of like a dream-come-true moment in a way. As a kid, I always wanted to play in a Boxing Day Test match," Smith said.

"There's nothing like the thrill and you get the shivers down your spine, and the hairs on the back of your neck rise up when you walk out to bat on Boxing Day with the crowd yelling," added the player, who averages an astonishing 113.50 at MCG.

"I like batting at the MCG on those sort of big occasions. I'd like to try and make the most of them."

After pep talk, expectant father Virat leaves for India

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

Indian captain Virat Kohli left after a pep talk with his beleaguered teammates, handing over the mantle of leading the side to Ajinkya Rahane in the remaining three Tests.

Kohli is coming back to India for the birth of his first child in January.

Before boarding his flight back home, the star batsman and his teammates and encouraged them to give their all in the remainder of the series, which the visitors trail 0-1 after the heavy defeat in the opening Test.

Long before setting foot on Australia, Rahane had been entrusted with the responsibility of leading in the team in Kohli's absence after the star had approached the BCCI for paternity leave.

The idea behind organising the pep talk was to boost the confidence of the players and keep them in a positive frame of mind heading into the crucial Boxing Day Test in Melbourne.

The second Test is scheduled to be held at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) from December 26-30.

Kohli, who has been leading the Test team since 2014, urged his players to show

Kohli deserves credit for taking paternity leave: Smith

Adelaide: Australian batsman Steve Smith on Tuesday said Virat Kohli deserves credit for prioritising the birth of his child over cricket as "there would have been a lot of pressure" on the India skipper to stay for the entire duration of the ongoing Test series.

Kohli head for home on Tuesday for the birth of his first child next month with actor wife Anushka Sharma.

"Obviously, it's a big loss for India, not having him for the rest of the series. We just have to look at the way he played in the first innings.

That was a pretty class display against some good bowling on a wicket that was doing a bit," Smith told reporters.

"I just fist-pumped him at the end (of first Test) and said 'Mate safe travels, hope everything goes well with the baby, and pass on my best to your wife.' That was about it," Smith said.

"I'm sure there would have been a lot of pressure for him to stay but to stand up and want to go home for the birth of his first child, it's a credit for him. It's a milestone that he certainly wouldn't want to miss." **PTI**

MCG pitch will suit Shaw a lot more: Hussey

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Former Australia batsman Michael Hussey believes the Indian team management should support underfire opener Prithvi Shaw and include him in the playing XI for the second Test starting from Saturday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Shaw was bowled for a second ball duck in the first innings of the first Test and had his stumps rattled in the second innings at the Adelaide Oval in the pink-ball match.

"I think that selectors should show some faith in Prithvi Shaw. Yes, he didn't get any runs in this Test match but it's one Test, against some quality bowling of a difficult pitch to bat," Hussey told *ESPNCricinfo*.

Citing Joe Burns' example, Hussey added: "Joe Burns was averaging less than seven in FC cricket. The selectors showed faith in him. He got out cheaply in the first innings but he slowly got his confidence back,

worked his way through it and you see the character of the guy and he ended up scoring 50 not out."

Shaw had failed to get a fifty in both the warm-up games prior to the first Test, making just 62 in four innings at an average of 15.5, prompting both Allan Border and Sunil Gavaskar to say that with a loose technique he shouldn't be playing the pink-ball Test.

His competitors for the opening spot, KL Rahul and Shubman Gill have fared better in recent times.

"For Prithvi Shaw, find out about his character. Show that faith in him, give him that belief and tell him 'look, we're backing you'. The Melbourne pitch will suit him a lot more. It certainly won't have the same pace and bounce. He's obviously got enormous talent," Hussey said.

"What it does is that it sends a great message to the rest of the team. It's like 'Look guys, even if you have a bad Test here or there, we're not going to lose faith in you'. We know you're good players and we'll back you. I firmly believe that selectors should stick with Shaw despite not looking in great touch in the Test match," he added.



Prithvi Shaw batting during the first Test at Adelaide.

Injured Shami unlikely to play 1st Test against Eng

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

India pacer Mohammed Shami is unlikely to play the opening Test against England in February as a six-week rest cum rehabilitation programme awaits him after suffering a wrist fracture.

The fast bowler suffered the fracture on his bowling hand during the series-opening day/night Test against Australia in Adelaide last week.

Shami was hit on the elbow by a Pat Cummins short ball during India's second innings last Saturday, which ended at a record lowest score of 36 for nine at the Adelaide Oval. He was taken to a hospital for scans, which revealed a fracture.

"He is not likely to play the first Test versus England as rest and rehab will take six weeks. Once the plaster is off, he will do his rehab at the NCA (National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru)," a BCCI source told *PTI*.

Already ruled out of the remainder of the ongoing four-match Test series against Australia, Shami left for India on Tuesday.

India's home series against England begins on February 5, with the first of the four Tests scheduled to be held at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

Pak avoid T20 clean sweep

AFP ■ NAPIER

Mohammad Rizwan celebrated his elevation to the Pakistan Test captaincy in style on Tuesday, smashing a career-best 89 to stop New Zealand claiming a series sweep in the third T20 in Napier.

Pakistan reached New Zealand's target of 174 with two balls to spare, ending on 177 after Iftikhar Ahmed sealed the win with a six in the final over.

But it was Rizwan's 89 from 59 balls, with support from 41-run Mohammad Hafeez, that inspired the victory.

It was a hard-fought win for the tourists, who suffered heavy defeats in the two opening matches after a rocky preparation that included Covid-19 quarantine in Christchurch with no training.

The win was particularly sweet for Rizwan, who was named on Monday as captain for the first Test against New Zealand starting December 26

after regular skipper Babar Azam was ruled out with a broken thumb.

"I never thought I'd be made the captain of Pakistan and I can't explain my happiness," he said after his man-of-the-match T20 performance.

Rizwan said the T20 victory was an important morale booster ahead of the two-Test series against the Black Caps.

"We want to take momentum from this into the Test match, so this is very important for us," he said.

After two losses when batting first, Pakistan changed tactics and opted to bowl when they won the toss, restricting New Zealand to 173 for seven, with Devon Conway top-scoring on 63.

Faheem Ashraf was the pick of the Pakistan attack, taking three for 20.

The strategy of chasing down New Zealand's total paid off as Rizwan and Hafeez forged a 72-run partnership that laid the foundation for the win.



Mohammad Rizwan batting during the T20 match.

SINGLES

NEW COVID STRAIN WILL NOT RISK ENG TOUR: SLC

COLOMBO: The new strain of Covid-19 that has hit the United Kingdom will not jeopardise England's upcoming tour of Sri Lanka even though the development is a cause of concern, the country's cricket board (SLC) said on Tuesday. SLC medical team feels that the tour starting January 14 is on schedule but additional Covid-19 protocols might be enforced for the visitors either before leaving their country or after arriving here.

CENTRE OKAYS 5 CR FOR SYNTHETIC GROUND

RAIPUR: As a result of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's initiative, Sports and Youth Welfare Department of the state made another major achievement in the field of sports infrastructure development in Chhattisgarh. Central Government has sanctioned ₹5 crore for development of synthetic turf football ground and running tracks for sportspersons in Bastar District Headquarters. CM Bhupesh Baghel and Sports Minister Umesh Patel has congratulated all the officials and employees of sports department. Chief Minister said that best possible facilities will be provided for sportspersons of Bastar region. **Agencies**

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संविदा लैब टेक्निशियन के 80 पद जो न्यायालयीन निर्णय उपरान्त उस वर्ग की भर्ती प्रक्रिया में उपरोक्त विज्ञापन के पात्र उम्मीदवारों से पूर्ति की जावेगी।

दिव्यंगजन का आरक्षण क्षैतिज (Horizontata) के आधार पर 06 प्रतिशत का प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। निःशक्तजनों के लिए कुल रिक्तियों में से 06 प्रतिशत पद निःशक्तजन के लिए आरक्षित है, जिस श्रेणी का निःशक्तजन इन पदों के लिए चयनित होगा उसे उसी श्रेणी हेतु मान्य किया जावेगा। यह पद प्रत्येक श्रेणी की बिना वर्ग/ओपन नियुक्तियों में सम्मिलित है।

3. निर्धारित प्रारूप में नहीं किये गए अथवा अपूर्ण आवेदन स्वयंसेवक निरस्त माने जायेंगे।

4. अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात् प्राप्त होने वाले आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

5. मिशन संचालक, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. किसी भी आवेदन को बिना कारण बताये स्वीकृत/निरस्त करने अथवा प्रक्रिया करने का अधिकार होगा।

मुख्य प्रशासकीय अधिकारी
राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन
मध्यप्रदेश

G-16759/20 जब तक कोरोना की दवाई नहीं, तब तक बिल्दाई नहीं।

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, DELHI
4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING,
PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001
O.A. NO. 245/2019
Bank of India..... Applicant
Versus
Mr. Jai Kishor Pandit & Ors. Defendants

To,
(1) (i) Mr. Jai Kishor Pandit S/o. Sh. Pramod Kumar Sharma A-220, Lajpath Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad U.P.-200105. (Defendant No. 1)
Also at
(ii) Mr. Jai Kishor Pandit S/o. Sh. Pramod Kumar Sharma JU-37-D, Pitampura, Near Shiv Shakti Mandir, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi-110034.
Also at
(iii) Mr. Jai Kishor Pandit S/o. Sh. Pramod Kumar Sharma C/o. M/s. Professional Marketing Services Assistant Manager, 316, Third Floor, Vishwadeep Tower, Janak Puri, District Centre, Delhi-110058.
Also at
(iv) Mr. Jai Kishor Pandit S/o. Sh. Pramod Kumar Sharma Permanent Address V.P.O. -Andhiyar, Distt. Bulandshahr-202394 (U.P.)

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of **Rs. 22,61,226.60/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lacs Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six & Sixty Paise Only)** against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on **05.04.2021 at 10.30 A.M.** (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.tribunal.gov.in, Phone Number: 011-23748473).

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. **Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-**

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software;
(ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-1/ and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head.
(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 18th December of 2020

Respondent may contact under mention Ph. No. for further enquiry
Mr. Amit K. Dar, Ld. Registrar
DRT-1, New Delhi,
Phone No.: 011-23748473
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For Registrar

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O.A. NO. 247/2019
Bank of India..... Applicant
Versus
Mr. Prem Kumar Jha & Ors. Defendants

To,
(1) (i) Mr. Prem Kumar Jha S/o Sh. Shiv Narayan Jha, H. No. D-237, Surajkund Road Durga Vihar Lakkarpur, Faridabad-121009, Haryana. (Defendant No. 1)
Also at
(ii) Mr. Prem Kumar Jha S/o Sh. Shiv Narayan Jha, D-2/612, Shiv Durga Vihar, Lakapur, Haryana-121009.
Also at
(iii) Mr. Prem Kumar Jha S/o. Sh. Shiv Narayan Jha C/o. Wipro Limited, Gali-1, Killa No. 9/2/2 Behind Toyota Lane, Mojasahar Gaon, Neare Ifco Chowk, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of **Rs. 22,55,982.00/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lacs Fifty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Two Only)** against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on **05.04.2021 at 10.30 A.M.** (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.tribunal.gov.in, Phone Number: 011-23748473).

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