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## Dubey shot in startling encounter

Gangster Vikas killed while fleeing, cops version questioned

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Notorious gangster Vikas Dubey was killed in an encounter by the Uttar Pradesh Police on Friday morning after the vehicle carrying him from Ujjain to Kanpur — almost 700 km — met with an accident and he tried to escape from the spot in Bhauti area, a senior police official said.

The Madhya Pradesh Police had arrested Dubey outside the Mahakal temple in Ujjain on Thursday morning. He was handed over to an UP Police team late in the evening.

The Uttar Pradesh STF on Friday said the official vehicle in which gangster Vikas Dubey was being brought to Kanpur overturned when a herd of cattle suddenly came in front of it. According to a statement released by the STF, Dubey was being brought to Kanpur from Ujjain for appearance in a local court when the vehicle in which he was coming overturned after a herd of cattle suddenly came in front of it.

Police said the gangster snatched a pistol from one of the policemen injured in the accident and was shot when he opened fire while trying to flee, an account being questioned by Opposition parties.

Six policemen, including two from the STF, were hurt in the accident and the exchange of fire around 6 am, an official said.

Dubey was the sixth man

to die in a police encounter after the ambush he masterminded in Kanpur's Bikru village past midnight on July 2, killing eight policemen who had come to arrest him.

Questions were being raised over the police version, challenging the account of the attempted escape of a gangster who had made no attempt to flee when nabbed near Ujjain's Mahakal temple a day earlier.

There was also some scepticism over the possibility of someone managing to snatch a policeman's weapon and then extricating himself from an overturned vehicle.

There were allegations that the media trailing the police convoy was stopped for a few minutes before the encounter. Unverified video clips show Dubey sitting in a different car when the convoy set out from Ujjain. Police said the media was stopped for checking.

However, the encounter killing of Dubey drew divergent reactions from retired and serving personnel, with a former Uttar Pradesh Police chief saying the STF should have ensured his safety as his interrogation would have exposed several names who colluded with him and protected him.

Some said the encounter is reminiscent of a similar incident in which four people, accused of rape and murder of a veterinary doctor, had met a similar fate in Hyderabad in December 2019.



Police and media at the encounter site where gangster Vikas Dubey was killed when he allegedly tried to escape from the spot following an accident near Kanpur in the early hours of Friday

## Silencing don to save masters: Opp

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The encounter killing of gangster Vikas Dubey on Friday morning created a political uproar in Uttar Pradesh with the Opposition demanding a judicial probe into the police action and accusing the Yogi Adityanath Government of "silencing" the gangster to save his political patrons.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on

Friday took a swipe at the UP Government over the encounter killing of Dubey saying while the criminal has gone, what about those protecting him? She also demanded a probe into the entire sequence of events, since killing of eight policemen and later alleged "encounter" of six criminals, including Dubey, by a sitting Supreme Court judge.

In a tweet in Hindi, Priyanka Gandhi said, "The

criminal has gone, but what about the crime and those protecting him."

Priyanka had earlier demanded a CBI probe to ascertain the facts about the alleged "grant of protection" to Dubey.

She had also accused the BJP Government in Uttar Pradesh of "complete failure" in handling the Kanpur ambush case in which eight policemen were killed.

## Hours before Dubey's encounter, plea in SC claims possibility of his shooting by cops

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: Hours before gangster Vikas Dubey was killed in an encounter near Kanpur on Friday, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the Uttar Pradesh Government and police to safeguard his life and ensure that he is not killed by the cops. The plea has also sought registration of an FIR and an apex court monitored probe by the CBI into the encounter of five co-accused, who were alleged to be associated with Dubey in the killing of 8 policemen last week.

## DUBEY'S KILLING RAISES HANDCUFFING ISSUE VIS-A-VIS SC GUIDELINES ON 'INHUMAN' PRACTICE

New Delhi: The issue of dreaded gangster Vikas Dubey not being apparently handcuffed has kicked up dust after his alleged encounter killing since the Supreme Court has provided for exceptions while disapproving of the "inhuman" practice. The apex court in its previous orders in multiple cases has described handcuffing of undertrials and convicts as "inhuman, unreasonable, over harsh and arbitrary". It also had categorically stated that handcuffing of prisoners without judicial consent was illegal.

## Rajnath reviews LAC situation as Armies pull back

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

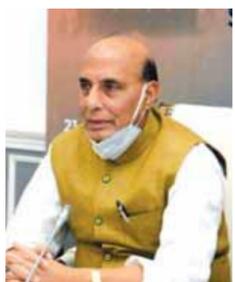
As the pullback by both the Armies on the tense Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh continued for the fifth day, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday took stock of the situation on the border with military top brass. India and China also reaffirmed their commitment to disengage and de-escalate as per bilateral pacts and agreed to keep all lines of communication open to restore peace and tranquility along the border.

These assurances to resolve all issues came about during the 16th meeting of Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination (WMCC) on India-China border affairs. The Indian delegation was led by Joint Secretary (East Asia) while Director General of Boundary & Oceanic Dept of Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs led Chinese delegation, the External Affairs Ministry said later.

Meanwhile, against the backdrop of ongoing situation at the LAC, Rajnath also held telephonic talks with his US counterpart Marke Esper on Friday. They have spoken several times on bilateral defence ties and issues of mutual interest and Friday's conversation was in continuation of this exchange, sources said.

Chinese Ambassador to

## Def Min also spoke to US counterpart Marke Esper over border issue



India Sun Weidong in a statement stressed on peace and said "the boundary question left over by history is sensitive and complicated. We need to find a fair & reasonable solution mutually acceptable through equal consultation & peaceful negotiation."

Giving details about the joint secretary-level talks, sources said the two sides also agreed to maintain the ongoing communication both at the diplomatic and military level to ensure early resolution of the situation.

They agreed to hold another meeting of the WMCC in the near future.

## CAPSULE

**LJP RAISES CONCERN OVER HOLDING POLLS IN BIHAR**  
New Delhi: BJP ally LJP on Friday joined the Opposition RJD in expressing concern over holding the Bihar Assembly polls amid a spread of Covid-19 cases, with its president Chirag Paswan saying it will put people at risk and may result in a very low voter turnout.

**CISCE DECLARES CLASS X, XII RESULTS**  
New Delhi: The Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) on Friday announced results for class 10 and 12 exams even as it decided against bringing out a merit list this year in view of "exceptional circumstances".

## India mulls calling Oz for Malabar exercise much to China's chagrin

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India is expected to take a call on inviting Australia to join the naval Malabar series of exercises next week as China has been bitterly opposed to the inclusion of Australia in this annual exercise, which includes India, US and Japan.

Beijing opposes any move to include Australia in this prestigious exercise as it may signal militarisation of Quadrilateral (Quad) coalition. The Malabar exercises began in 1992 bilaterally between India and the US.

Japan was included in 2015 and since then there were talks to include Australia as an observer in the exercise.

Incidentally, Japan and the US are keen on Australia's inclusion in the Malabar series of exercises and if India assents, the two countries will be duly informed as per laid-down procedures, officials said. The exercise in the Indian Ocean region this year was delayed due to coronavirus pandemic and will now be held towards the end of this year, they added.

Australia had made its intentions clear to join the

exercise in 2017 and requested to be included as an observer. However, the decision is pending since then given the strategic ramifications, sources said. India did not include Australia in the exercises in 2018 and 2019.

A spokesperson for Australia's defense department has been quoted as saying, "Australia sees value in participating in quadrilateral defense activities in order to increase interoperability and advance our collective interests in a free, open and prosperous Indo-Pacific region."

## PM inaugurates Rewa solar project

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 750 MW Solar Project, considered to be largest in Asia, set up at Rewa, Madhya Pradesh on Friday. The inauguration ceremony took place through video-conferencing.

"With this solar plant at Rewa, the industries here will not only get electricity, but even the metro rail in Delhi will get its benefits. Apart from Rewa, work is underway on solar power plants in Shajapur, Neemuch and Chhatrapur", PM Modi said at the inauguration ceremony.

"Not just for the present, solar energy will be a medium of energy needs of the 21st century because solar power is sure, pure and secure", PM Modi added, saying that the biggest beneficiaries of this solar power project would be the poor, middle-class families, farmers, and tribals of the State.

The project exemplifies India's commitment to attain the target of 175 GW of installed renewable energy capacity by 2022.

The Project comprises of three solar generating units of 250 MW each located on a 500-hectare plot of land situated



inside a solar park (total area 1500 hectare). The Solar Park was developed by the Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL), a joint venture company of Madhya Pradesh UrjaVikas Nigam Limited (MPUVN), and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a Central Public Sector Undertaking.

Central Financial Assistance of ₹138 crore has been provided to RUMSL for development of the Park. The Rewa Solar Project was the first solar project in the country to break the grid parity barrier.

This project will reduce carbon emission equivalent to approx. 15 lakh ton of CO2 per

year. The project has also received World Bank Group President's Award for innovation and excellence and was included in the Prime Minister's "A Book of Innovation: New Beginnings".

"The project is also the first renewable energy project to supply to an institutional customer outside the State, i.e. Delhi Metro, which will get 24 per cent of energy from the project with remaining 76 per cent being supplied to the State DISCOMs of Madhya Pradesh", the Prime Minister's Office said.

Modi said that Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has taken effective measures to control corona in Madhya Pradesh. He said that with a few efforts, we can easily defeat the dreaded disease like corona by wearing masks, maintaining two yards distance, washing hands with soap for 20 seconds and not spitting everywhere. Rules must be adhered to and there should be no lack of discipline.

Inspired by the Prime Minister, Madhya Pradesh is moving ahead. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that Prime Minister Modi is a "Man of Ideas" and inspired by him and his vision, Madhya Pradesh is progressing in every field. When Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he knew that solar energy is the future energy and had started effective work in this field. For this, we created a new department in Madhya Pradesh in the year 2010. Asia's largest solar unit was launched in Neemuch by Prime Minister Shri Modi. The work of Rewa Solar Plant was started in the year 2017 inspired by the Prime Minister in the presence of Energy Minister RK Singh. "I heartily welcome and greet the Prime Minister on behalf of 7.5 crore people of the State."

## Over 1 lakh new Covid cases in 4 days

26,616 cases in India; Maha 7,862 on Thurs; Kerala sees its highest spike

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking just four days to add over one lakh cases, India's coronavirus count went past 8 lakh on Friday as the virus aggressively spread into areas that were relatively better off so far. India had 7.20 lakh cases on Monday.

With the addition of 25,144 new cases and 512 deaths, India overall count of cases stood at 8,19,986 and death tally 22,135 at the end of Friday. This is the fifth day when India recorded 25,000 plus cases in a row.

Maharashtra surpassed the earlier daily highest tally of



7,074 and recorded an all-time high of 7,862 Covid-19 cases, even as 226 more people died of coronavirus in various parts of the State.

With fresh infections, the total number of positive cases in the State climbed to 2,38,461. Similarly, with 226 fresh deaths,

the total number of deaths inched closer to 10,000 marks by going up to 9893.

Of the total 226 deaths, Mumbai accounted for 73 deaths, taking the total number of deaths in the metropolis to 5,205 now, while the total number of positive patients climbed up by 1,337 cases to touch 90,461.

In addition to 73 deaths in Mumbai, there were 53 deaths in Thane, 37 deaths in Pune, 10 deaths in Palghar, nine each in Raigad and Aurangabad, seven in Jalgaon, five each in Nashik and Solapur, four in Dhule, three in Buldhana, two in Amravati, one each in Ratnagiri, Sangli, Kolhapur, Jalna, Hingoli, Parbhani, Latur, and Washim.

Delhi reported 2,089 positive cases and 42 deaths, tak-

ing the total number of positive cases in the national capital to 1,09,140 including 84,694 recovered/discharged/migrated and 3,300 deaths.

## India's Covid-19 case fatality rate dips to 2.72%: Health Ministry

New Delhi: From 2.82 per cent a month earlier, India's Covid-19 case fatality rate has declined to 2.72 per cent which is lower than that of many other countries, the Union Health Ministry said on Friday. It also noted that 30 states and Union Territories have a fatality rate lower than the national average.

## Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL CASES: 8,21,458  
DEATHS: 22,143  
RECOVERED: 5,16,206  
ACTIVE: 2,82,731

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	2,38,461	9,893	1,32,625
Tamil Nadu	1,30,261	1,829	82,324
Delhi	1,09,140	3,300	84,694
Gujarat	40,155	2,023	28,183
Uttar Pradesh	33,700	889	21,787
Karnataka	33,418	545	13,838
Telangana	30,946	331	18,192
West Bengal	27,109	880	17,348
Andhra Pradesh	25,422	292	13,194
Rajasthan	23,174	497	17,620
Haryana	19,934	290	14,904
Madhya Pradesh	16,657	638	12,481
Assam	14,601	35	9,849
Bihar	14,330	111	10,251
Odisha	11,956	73	7,972
Jammu & Kashmir	9,888	159	5,786

## CONDUCT RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD: YOGI TO OFFICIALS

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has asked officials to carry out rapid antigen tests in every household during the three-day special cleanliness campaign initiated from Friday. A special cleanliness campaign has been initiated from July 10-13 to create awareness about Covid-19, vector-borne diseases and other ailments.

## Temple guards who helped cops nab Vikas removed

PNS ■ UJJAIN

After notorious gangster Vikas Dubey of Kanpur was arrested in Ujjain and gunned down on Friday morning, the Ujjain district administration removed three security guards who had played important role in nabbing Dubey.

The administration removed Ruby Yadav, the Mahakal temple security in charge who was instrumental in the 'arrest' of the gangster.

Yadav had on Thursday claimed that she had received information of a suspicious man in the temple and had asked her men to keep a watch on him before finally nabbing him and handing him over to police. Yadav however was removed from her posting on Friday.

Ujjain police which nar-

rated a raw story of Vikas Dubey being spotted at the temple, nabbed and handed over to UP police in evening, did not offer any more information about the probe into the matter as to how Dubey wanted criminal reached Ujjain and Mahakal temple despite a high alert against him in UP, MP and other States.

The police even did not offer any reply during the press briefing on Thursday as to why no case was lodged against Dubey before handing him over to UP police.

To add, besides breaching Mahakal temple security, Dubey could have been booked for carrying a knife in his bag which was later recovered by police from the cloak room of the temple.

It was also not clear who shot the video which were later found from the mobile

phone of the dreaded gangster inside Mahakal temple. In a video, he is seen roaming around with ease at Nandi Hall and someone was shooting his video from behind. He was also clicked in a picture while entering the temple at a security barricade.

It wasn't also not clear how Dubey reached Ujjain as he had told the police that he boarded a bus at New Delhi and came to Ujjain via Kota in Rajasthan but it's quite surprising that inter-State buses are still non-operational. The police also did not specify who were the local aides of Dubey after he reached Ujjain.

The police had nabbed four persons including two Lucknow based lawyers on Friday but the police said nothing about their links to Dubey or his visit to Ujjain. A UP native Anant Tiwari has been

detained by police on Thursday on suspicion of aiding Dubey in Ujjain. Tiwari a manager with a local liquor company is a relative of Dubey. Dubey however in police questioning had declined to identify Tiwari.

The role of a private security agency guards posted at Mahakal temple was also questioned.

However, MP police has specified that they will only probe into the matter further if their counterparts from UP request them to do so.

Besides a communique issued by Ujjain police on Thursday late evening, MP police top brass is mum on the entire incident. "We have fulfilled our duty by handing Vikas Dubey over to UP police at UP border," affirmed Madhya Pradesh Home minister Dr Narottam Mishra on Friday.

# Digvijay attacks Shivraj Govt after Vikas Dubey's encounter

**HM Narottam Mishra rules out CBI inquiry over his arrest earlier**

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Congress party in the State intensified its attack on BJP Governments in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, soon after gangster was gunned down in an encounter at Kanpur outskirts where he was being taken by UP police after being nabbed in Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh on Thursday. Rajya Sabha MP Digvijay Singh who was on the offensive against Shivraj Government over the manner in which Dubey appeared in Ujjain's Mahakal temple on Thursday, mounted another attack on Govt after the encounter of dreaded gangster on Friday. Singh had demanded judicial probe to ascertain whether it was a surrender or an arrest in Ujjain and sought judicial custody for the gangster so that all the secrets known to him could be unravelled. "It happened what I was suspecting, now politicians and policemen in touch with Dubey won't be exposed. Dubey's 3-4 associates were killed in last few

days and why all these encounters have similar patterns," asked Singh.

His fellow partymen and Rajya Sabha MP Vivek Tankha claimed that Dubey deserved to die but by an order of the court only, not at the hands of police. Has UP Government lost faith in criminal justice system, asked Tankha, a senior lawyer of the country.

Meanwhile, former Law Minister PC Sharma on Friday reiterated his conspiracy theory in recovery of Dubey from Ujjain and later in his encounter. "It seems a planned encounter," suspected Sharma. Dubey had secrets of many politicians and could have exposed them, he adding asking why he wasn't produced in a court before being sent to UP.

This case should be probed by the CBI, demanded Sharma. He also questioned why TI and other policemen of Mahakal thana, which covers Mahakal temple, were removed on Wednesday.

"The one who was nabbed by a security guard, was running away snatching arms of UP STF jawans," tweeted MP Congress questioning the veracity of the encounter.

After six days of hiding, Dubey, accused of killing eight policemen in Kanpur recently, had appeared in Ujjain's

Mahakal temple on Thursday and was nabbed by MP police which later handed him over to UP STF by evening.

However, the police did not produce him in the court before he was sent with the UP police and MP police had escorted their colleagues from neighbouring state till UP border citing safety reasons.

Senior BJP leader Uma Bharti in similar tune asking as how Dubey reached Ujjain, how much time he spent at Mahakal temple and he was a known face on TV channels so why so much time was consumed in his identification. In another tweet, Bharti said she would speak to CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Home Minister Narottam Mishra.

However, lord Mahakal punished the murderer of honest police officer Devendra Mishra, she added.

Home Minister Narottam Mishra replying to Congress leaders' attacks said there was no need for a CBI probe adding the law has done work. Those who were asking why he was nabbed alive are now questioning why he was killed, he added. Our police had handed Dubey safely to UP police at the border. He has nothing to do and has been sitting idle at home, said Mishra on Digvijay Singh allegations.

# BALCO helps 5L people during Covid pandemic Ensures Korbas well equipped to tackle corona

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO), a global leader in aluminium, has touched over 5 lakh people in Chhattisgarh, working with various stakeholders to roll out various health and safety measures, safeguard employees, business partners and communities against Covid-19. The company has undertaken extensive steps inside and beyond operations to ensure that the Korba citizenry is equipped to respond to Covid-19. Speaking about the company's efforts, Abhijit Pati, CEO & Director - BALCO said, "At BALCO, we are working with our partners and stakeholders



towards socio-economic prosperity of our country. We have and will continue to extend all support and cooperation to the district administration and public representatives during the pandemic. As we leverage digital technologies and innovation in our operations to adapt to the new normal, we are also working with the peripheral community, helping them sustain through these trying times." Dicsan Masih from NGO Srout, which is working towards community development in Korba area, appreciates BALCO's commitment towards keeping the communities safe during the pandemic. Looking at the evolving Covid scenario at Korba, BALCO has initiated new programs towards empowering the

community. BALCO worked with local women's self-help groups associated with its 'Unnati Project' to produce thousands of masks, gowns and caps. More than 50 women got livelihood opportunity, increasing their household income during the crisis time. Around 50000 reusable masks have been distributed to vulnerable masses in the vicinity. Total 5000 PPE kits, 1500 sanitizer bottles and 12500 surgical masks were made available to the local community and hospitals. A daily health screening report is sent by BALCO Hospital to the Korba District Hospital and Chief Medical and Health Officer. Thousands of BALCO employees volunteered to contribute one day's salary towards PM care relief fund for Covid-19. One month's ration was also given to old age homes and hundreds of families who lost their source of income during the lockdown.

# Special DG now Director, Sports & Youth Welfare



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Special DG Pawan Kumar Jain took charge of Director Sports and Youth Welfare on Friday.

Vinod Pradhan, Joint Director and Director in-charge, handed over the work of Sports Director to Pawan Kumar Jain. It is noteworthy that 1987 batch IPS by the state government.

Officer Pawan Kumar Jain has been posted as Director Sports and Youth Welfare. Prior to this, he was working as the Director General of Special Police (Training). On the arrival of Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare Pawan Kumar Jain, Joint Director Vinod Pradhan and BS Yadav and other officials welcomed him with bouquet.

Sports Director Pawan Kumar Jain got acquainted with the officials.

He received necessary information after discussing with departmental plans and sports activities along with the arrangements made by the department for prevention of Covid-19 infection and gave necessary guidelines to the officials.

After taking charge, Director Sports and Youth Welfare Pawan Kumar Jain, inspected the arrangements made for the players and sports facilities.

He visited the martial arts hall, science sports center, badminton hall, karate, fencing and the WHLC Academy, billiard-snooker hall and gym and got information about the arrangements.

On this occasion, Joint Director, Vinod Pradhan and B.S Yadav and other officials and sports coaches were present.

# Family dispute turns ugly, 4 people attacked

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Diplani police have booked three miscreants who attacked four persons including a woman with sharp-edged weapons at Hathaikheda Pathar on Thursday.

The incident occurred after the dispute between the two families was sorted and Sehore based family was on its way back to home.

Manoj Rathod's sister Bharti was married in Hathaikheda Pathar and she used to have disputes with in-laws and family members.

After Bharti informed her brother Manoj along with his brother Shivam and father Raju came to Bhopal on Wednesday and pacified the issue.

Next day when Manoj along with his brother and father were about to leave the in-laws of Bharti started a verbal spate and which soon violent after they were attacked by Rajababu, Narendra, Om Prakash and Rajendra and in the attack Shivam was attacked in his chest while Bharti was also injured.

The injured were rushed to hospital where condition of Shivam is reportedly critical.

# State Police use information tech to train force

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

In the time of corona pandemic the training branch of PHQ has kept the training smooth by using modern information technologies to train the police force in the State.

Assistant Inspector General of Police (Training) Nimisha Pandey said that in view of the importance of training, the effort to keep the training smooth through new mediums was inspired by the Director General of Police Vivek Johri and was done under the guidance of Special Director General of Police (Training) Pawan Jain and Additional Director General of Police Anuradha Shankar. This effort was successful in keeping the training smooth.

Pandey informed that 302 trainees from the State head constable to deputy superintendent of police participated in the online training of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) held at Police Training School, Rewa from July 6 to July 8.

Important information on practical aspects was given by the experts of Police Headquarters Training Branch and State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB). Inspector General of Police Rewa Chanchal Shekhar also shared his experiences. This is another achievement in the training branch's effort to continue training continuously through virtual training, she added.

Meanwhile, Director General of Police Vivek Johri planted a plant of Kalpyriksha tree to encourage conservation of environment at the office premises of Police Fire Service headquarters Bhopal on Friday.

A plantation programme for environmental protection was organized and Chief Guest of the event was DGP Johri. The plantation program was organized at office premises of Police Fire Service, headquarters, Bhopal.

Additional Director General of Police Fire Service Shailesh Singh, Chief Superintendent of Police Fire Service Ramsingh Naingwal and all officers and employees of Police Fire Service, 200 plants of Kalp tree, Almond, Guava, Mango, Neem, Lemon, Jamun, Belpatra etc were planted.

# Promoters to apply through RERA app in pandemic

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

In view of the corona pandemic, promoters are required to submit applications through RERA web application for registration of project with Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA). For scrutiny by the RERA, promoters are required to submit hard copies of only 5 necessary documents. The remaining documents will be submitted online only.

Promoters are required to submit hard copies of 5 documents along with the application i.e. certified photo copy of Khasra (Form B 1), original affidavit for new project and original affidavit cum declaration (Form B) or any other affidavit required with application.

Along with this, they are required to submit only A 3 size lay out plan approved by the Town and Country Planning and document of building plan certified by the competent authority. Submission of hard copies of any other documents with the authority is not necessary for the promoters. Only online documents are sufficient for the promoters.



Activists of Samvidhan Bachao Kalyan Samiti hold demonstration in Bhopal on Friday after the premises of BR Ambedkar's house 'Rajgruha' in Dadar, Mumbai was vandalized by unknown miscreants. Pioneer photo

# MPTM screens Bangali Jatra on You Tube channel

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The folk play Shitla Mangal and Bhavani Bangali Jatra style was presented on Friday on Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum's YouTube Channel. The folk play was presented under the direction of Shubhajit Haldhar, Kolkata.



of worshipping a goddess or god on earth started. This presentation is centered on the goddess Swaroop Sheetla - It was many years ago that there used to be a king named Nahusha who performed a yagna in all the places in India where the people of Bengali community reside.

When it first became popular then music was used to propagate the names of deities and go to one place from place to place. All the characters in Jatra are mythological and all the stories are based on deities. In most of the stories, it is shown how the prac-

to Roop Sarovar and change his form. Dhoomvati changes her form by following Brahmadev's order and appears in front of him as a beautiful woman. Brahmadev blessed him with the cool water of his kamandal and named him Shitala.

The presentation of Bhavani is based on the Goddess Bhavani, who is the divine Shakti, the basis of all Shakti. She transforms herself into another goddess avatar according to her wish. It is nature itself that takes care of us, she is the mother. She is the consort of Lord Shiva. He incarnated the goddess Durga to kill Mahishasura and save the world from her demonic torture.

Their forms are many, but light is one. Shubhajit Haldhar has been associated with the field of Rang Karma for many years.

# 16-yr-old shoots self

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A 16-year-old youth committed suicide by shooting himself by licensed gun of his father at BDA Colony under Shahjehanabad police station area in the morning on Friday.

The deceased Mohammad Amaan committed suicide inside his house, he was spotted in a pool of blood by family and rushed to hospital where he was declared dead.

He shot himself in the head from point blank range.

CSP Shahjehanabad Nagendra Pateria said that the reason behind the suicide remained unknown. He used licensed gun of his father to commit suicide.

The grandfather deals in water supply in the area while father Ameen is a businessman and family is well to do still none of the family members were aware of any kind of

problem the deceased was facing.

Another thing which was found in the investigation was a dispute of the deceased few days with a Jehangirabad based youth Yusuf which occurred at Bab E Ali ground and who was nabbed after the dispute while the fight was pacified, he added.

Amaan was lone son of Ameen while Amaan had a sister. The mobile phone details would be investigated as activities and interactions over social networking sites and social media could reveal details. The call record details would also be investigated, said police.

The deceased was a class 11 student of a private school.

Police found something on instagram account but it was not clear that the account was operated by deceased and photograph of the deceased was not used in the account.



A social worker dressed as Lord Yamraj distributes free face masks to the commuters in an awareness campaign to fight against coronavirus in Bhopal on Friday. Pioneer photo

# Police nab miscreants planning burglary; seize torch, ropes, rods

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Ratibad police has nabbed three miscreants planning burglary and recovered torch, iron rods and ropes from their possession at Arera Colony in the night on Wednesday. Police said that acting on a tip off three miscreants were nabbed from Neelbad and when they were quizzed they confessed that they were planning burglary.

The accused confessed that they have committed several burglaries in the past which would be investigated. After committing burglary they would escape to Sehore which made it easier for them to evade arrest in the burglaries.

On the receipt of the information police team rushed to the spot and raided the spot where the three were planning. After spotting police the three tried to escape but were chased

and nabbed by the police.

In the initial investigation the nabbed accused were identified as Ravi Thakur, Subhash Pawar and Sonu Thakur. The crime record of the four would be searched. The three have been involved in crimes in different parts of the city.

The accused confessed that they were planning to target a house in Neelbad colony and were nabbed before committing burglary. The accused told the police that they planned to target house of having good amount of valuables. After the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under section 401 of the IPC and section 25 of the Arms Act.

Police said that during the interrogation more crimes would be confessed by the nabbed accused. The accused use iron rods to break the locks to enter the house.

# 24K migrant labourers get job through Rozgar Setu

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

As of July 9, as many as 24,862 migrant workers have already got permanent employment through 'Rozgar Setu' portal. This includes 79.5 percent males and 20.5 percent females.

It is to be mentioned that 94.4 percent migrant workers have been provided employment by contractors/labour contractors. Similarly, 0.3 percent migrant workers by large industries, 1.2 percent by MSMEs, 0.5 percent by builders, 2.4 percent by placement agencies and 1.2 percent by other institutions have been

absorbed in employment.

The Additional Chief Secretary Labour, Rajesh Rajoura has informed that job cards of 3 lakh 55 thousand 864 migrant workers have been prepared. Along with this, employment has been provided to one lakh 89 thousand 959 migrant workers under MNREGA.

Registration of 3 lakh 40 thousand 715 migrant workers, eligible under the Sambal Yojana has been done on the portal of Sambal Yojana. Similarly, as per the eligibility, the registration of 16 thousand 214 migrant workers has been done on the portal of Madhya

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Pradesh Bhavan evam Anya Sannirman Karmkar Mandal. This will facilitate them to avail benefit of the schemes of Sambal/Mandal. Under the

Atma Nirbhar Bharat and National Food Security Act, ration is being distributed every month to 13 lakh 10 thousand 186 migrant workers.

Out of the 2 lakh 6 thousand 425 children of the migrant workers, 75 thousand 385 children aged between 6 and 14 years have been enrolled in schools. A target has been set under the 'School Chale Hum' campaign to give free admission to the remaining children after opening of schools.

It may be mentioned that according to the survey, during the Covid-19 pandemic, 7 lakh 30 thousand 311 migrant workers with 5 lakh 79 thousand 875 family members had returned to the state between March 01 and June 06, 2020. Thus the total number of returnees is 13 lakh 10 thousand 186. Under the Rozgar Setu Portal, 27 thousand 388 employers have registered themselves. This include, 510 large industries, 4748 MSMEs, 6526 labour contractors, 283 builders, 547 placement agencies and 1667 commercial institutions. Forty seven thousand 985 vacancies have been posted by the employers on the portal. The selection process on the basis of qualification and experience of the migrant workers is underway for appointment.

# Covid-19 death rate in State has declined: CM

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that there has been a significant decline in the corona death rate in the State in the last one week.

During this period, there were 22 deaths among 2053 positive cases, which is 1.1 percent.

Efforts are being made to ensure the best arrangement of treatment of corona in the state so that every patient recovers. So far, 12,481 Corona patients have gone home after recovery.

So far, survey work of 66 percent population has been completed under Kill Corona campaign, launched to eliminate corona in the state.

During this period, 55 thousand 799 samples have been taken, out of which 655 have been found positive, the states positivity rate is 1.17 percent.

Chouhan was reviewing the situation of Corona in the

state and arrangements through video conferencing at Mantralaya.

Health Minister Narottam Mishra, Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains, DGP Vivek Johri, Additional Chief Secretary Home Shivnarayan Mishra, Principal Secretary Health Faiz Ahmed Qidwai were present at the meeting.

During a review of Jhabua district it was found that there is a possibility in spread of infection due to the and from movement from Dahod district of Gujarat state.

Chief Minister Chouhan directed that no one should come from the border of the district without screening and should not go there without informing the administration.

Chief Secretary Bains directed that more attention should be paid to contact tracing in the district. There are currently 23 active cases in the district, 15 have recovered and gone home.

**Focus on how to stop new cases**

New cases have come up in Shajapur district in the last 3-4 days. There are 36 active patients in the district and 55 have recovered. Chief Minister Chouhan instructed that attention should be paid on how to stop new cases. Contact tracing should be done within 24 hours in positive cases. Principal Secretary Qidwai informed that Corona testing is on the rise in the state. Now it has increased to 11,261 on a daily basis. A large number of samples are being taken under the Kill Corona campaign.

The Sarthak Light App is very useful in controlling Corona. Through this, 65,000 people have got themselves registered in the state so far, 5 of them have been admitted and are being given treatment. Anyone can avail facility of Corona test and free treatment through the app. Chief Minister Chouhan said that more and more people should download the app and avail its benefits.

# MCTE holds convocation, 16 officers conferred with engineering degrees

**PNS ■ MHOW**

Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE) held its convocation ceremony on Friday wherein 16 officers of the Technical Entry Scheme (TES 33) course were conferred with Engineering Degree.

The officers were admitted to the fraternity of Engineers by the Chief Guest, Lt Gen Milind N Bhurke, VSM, Commandant, MCTE. The officers took the pledge to utilize their knowledge for the glory of the Army, for the progress of the country, and for the good of mankind.

In his address to the passing out officers, the General Officer complimented the graduating officers for their sustained hard work and performance during the course. He stressed upon the importance of critical role of communication and IT engineers in today's era of net centric warfare and exhorted them to be a step ahead of anticipated challenges.



The Chief Guest also brought out the importance of leadership and urged the young leaders to be more courageous and responsible.

He exhorted the passing out officers to keep pace with the phenomenal changes in technology, especially in the field of Information and Communication Technology and always strive for professional growth.

MCTE with its impressive campus, state of arts laboratories, committed instructional staff and relevant academic curricu-

# Police arrest two for using forged documents for securing loan

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

The Kamla Nagar police have arrested two fraudsters including a woman involved in availing loan using forged documents and preparing forged documents.

Police said that the accused Anjana Singh (40) who had availed loans of Rs 50000 each from three banks using forged documents and later obtained waiver by providing fake death certificate of her husband.

From Anjana three Identity Cards were recovered each with a different address and husband. After availing loan in the name of Self Help Group all the loans were closed using the fake death certificate.

Anjana was also wanted in a fraud case in which she prepared forged documents of ownership of house who was owned by a NRI woman and two of his aides were nabbed while she remained absconding.

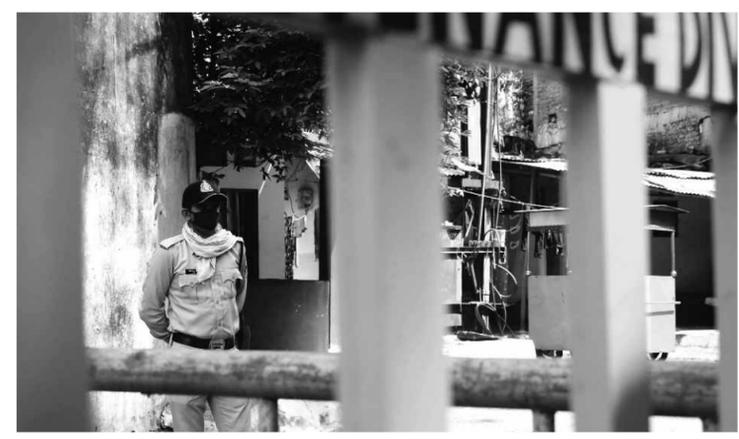
Later in the investigation



regarding the forged and fake documents when the accused was grilled she spilled beans and revealed Vijay Baba used to help her in documents and has provided the prepared documents.

During the investigation police tracked Vijay from Hanumanganj area. Vijay alias Baba tried to pressurise police initially as he works as RTI activist and had filled RTI application in several departments. He has served jail in the past for fraud.

Earlier Vijay has filed RTI against SHO of Jehangirabad who caught Vijay's fraud. Police recovered fake stamp seals of police station incharge, BMC office, fake documents of Tehsil office, forged certificates of different offices.



A security personnel stands guard at a most hot spot area as containment zone in Ibrahimganj locality due to large number of Covid-19 positive cases detected in Bhopal on Friday. District administration has ordered complete lockdown for seven days in the locality from July 12 to 19 to curb the coronavirus. Pioneer photo

# MPDC online programmes grab global attention

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

The Department of Culture Madhya Pradesh, is wooing the art lovers not only of the State, but globally too. The initiative of presenting cultural performances online is grabbing applauses from across the world. The initiative was started on YouTube Channel of Department of Culture. The performances have reached more than 500 views in the week.

Here on Friday, performances from Sagar, Katni, Hoshangabad and other dis-

**The initiative was started on YouTube Channel of Department of Culture**

tricts were presented. The performances included folk dance forms, tabla recital, flute recital and devotional singing.

It is to be noted that in view of the worldwide crisis of Coronavirus, a creative initiative is taken by the Culture Department Madhya Pradesh Government by connecting

the artists of the country and State, which has received an encouraging response.

The writers, poets and artists invited by the Department of Culture from time to time in its events, were requested to send their creative act for the society on their behalf in this hour of crisis, which they circulated to all through their social media. All the acts are being uploaded on the official YouTube channel of Department of Culture.

A series of events is being presented everyday mesmerising the viewers.

# UBI reorganises Union Samridhi Kendra

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**

After rollout (restructuring) of Regional Office, Bhopal Central on June 25, 2020, on 08 July 2020, Union Bank of India, Bhopal reorganized Union Samridhi Kendra (USK), Union Loan Point and Saral Lite were rolled out.

Under the centralized processing room, metro, urban, semi-urban and rural branches of Bhopal, Dewas, Rajgarh and Sehore districts have been included.

The loan proposals will be processed quickly through the centralized processing room and the customer experiences will be further improved by using new techniques.

On this occasion, Abhijit Basak, Area General Manager, Bhopal, Akhilesh Kumar, Area Head, Bhopal Central Valerian Castilino Deputy Zone Head, Gurtej Singh, Deputy General Manager, Bhopal and Manoj Kumar Jain Saral Light Head, Amita Kulkarni, ULP Head, Sandeep Srivastava, all senior officials including the head of USK were present.

# 60 cops keep vigil at Vikas Dubey's demolished house

**Bikru (Kanpur):** There was an eerie silence outside the demolished house of gangster Vikas Dubey where around 60 policemen are keeping a hawk-eyed vigil after the news spread that he was killed in an encounter on Friday. The policemen, most of whom are deployed on daily shifts, were sitting on wooden beds under a Neem tree, watching a steady stream of media-persons arriving with a variety of questions. But the scribes are welcomed with silence as the policemen and locals are unwilling to speak.

A broken baseball bat, damaged tractors, and some two-wheelers and an SUV are seen as one enters the house using a ramp -- signs of what it was before the Kanpur administration demolished it on Saturday.

Some statuette of Lord

Shiva, Parashurama, goddess Durga and Radha-Krishna are kept on an unused electrical equipment under a Neem tree.

The walls of the house lay demolished, and the barbed wire used for fencing are on the ground with damaged parts of vehicles all around.

Among the debris lies a new mattress in a room that has a ceiling fan mounted.

The house is around 18 km from Chaubeypur police station, where a new station officer has taken over, after all the policemen posted there were shunted out after the Vikas Dubey gang ambushed and killed eight cops who went to arrest him.

The new SHO, however, politely refused to speak. Locating Dubey's house was not very difficult as everybody in neighbouring villages knows by now where the

dreaded criminal lived in the area. They were willing to tell the direction.

But, the scene at Dubey's village Bikru was quite opposite: people remained indoors and refused to speak about him and the killing of eight cops he was alleged to have masterminded. Somalu (50), when asked about the incident, said that he is from a neighbouring village, and is a labourer and does not know much. When asked whether he has got any help from Vikas Dubey, he said, "No." He refused to speak further.

Dogs barking at strangers and the cry of peacock break the cycle of silence and uneasy calm the village has witnessed over the past few days. Dubey was accused of masterminding an ambush at his Bikru village near Kanpur on the night of July 2. Eight policemen, including DSP Devendra Mishra, were killed, triggering a manhunt for him.

Madhya Pradesh police arrested him in Ujjain. He was being brought back to Kanpur by UP police, who claim they shot him when he tried to escape. **PTI**

# India most attractive global market for clean energy: Modi

**Rewa:** India has emerged as the most attractive global market for clean energy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday.

Launching a 750 MW solar project in Rewa in Madhya Pradesh through video-conferencing, Modi also said the state will emerge as a major hub for clean and cheap power in the country.

"Solar energy is sure, pure and secure and the country is now among the top five solar power producers in the world," he said.

The Rewa solar power plant will not only supply power to Madhya Pradesh, but also to the Delhi Metro, Modi said.

Modi said self-reliance in electricity is integral for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', adding solar energy will play an integral part in achieving this objective. The world is in a dilemma on whether to focus on the environment or focus on the economy, Modi said.

He said solar energy is sure, pure, and secure. "It is sure because the sun would shine throughout the world; it is secure because solar energy rather than polluting environ-

ment, helps replenish it," he said.

"Today, Rewa has scripted history. Rewa is identified with the name of mother Narmada and the white tiger. Now, the name of Asia's largest solar power project has also been added to it," he said.

Modi congratulated the people of Rewa and also Madhya Pradesh, adding the solar plant will help make the area a big centre of energy in this decade.

Madhya Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union ministers R K Singh and Dharmendra Pradhan attended the solar plant inauguration virtually.

The Rewa project comprises three solar generating units of 250 MW each located on a 500 hectare plot of land situated inside a Solar Park (total area 1500 hectare).

The Solar Park was developed by the Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL), a joint venture company of Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (MPUVN), and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a Central Public Sector Undertaking. **PTI**

# Proud of India for standing up to Chinese aggression: US Senator

**Washington:** A top US Senator has praised the Indian government for standing up to Chinese aggression in a border dispute, hoping this would prompt other countries to be fearless in their handling of China.

The Indian and Chinese armies have been locked in a bitter standoff in eastern Ladakh for the last eight weeks. The tension escalated manifold after a clash at Galwan Valley in which 20 Indian Army personnel were killed. The Chinese side also suffered casualties but it is yet to give out the details.

"I'm very proud of the fact

that (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi in India is standing up to them (China).

"I'm very proud of what Canada is doing.

"Not every country is running and hiding in the corner," Republican Senator John Kennedy told Fox News in an interview on Thursday.

The United States and the international community has to make the Chinese Communist Party understand that we expect them to play by the rules, he said.

"Now, other than the United States, you know how many other countries trust China? None, zero, nada. But

they are scared. China is the second largest economy. China uses its economic heft to bully other countries, and many other regions of the world are scared to stand up to them," he said.

But there are some exceptions, Kennedy said.

"Australia's standing up to them. India is standing up to them. Canada is standing up to them. We need to join with our allies, not limited to Europe, and say to China, look, you are going to play by the rule. Or we're not going to do business with you.

That is all they will understand," he asserted. **PTI**

**DEPARTMENT OF POST**

O/o The Sr. Suptd. of Post Office, Bhopal Division Bhopal-462003

Memo No G-2/ Inspection Vehicle /Chap-II/2020 Bhopal Dated-07-2020

**Notice Inviting Tender**

On behalf of "THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA" the undersigned hereby invites e-Tenders for hiring of one commercial vehicle (Mahindra Bolero) with fuel and driver for inspection purpose of Sr. Superintendent of Post Office Bhopal Division Bhopal. Last date and time of receipt of tender is 03-08-2020 up to 16.00 Hrs. Tender will be opened on 04-08-2020 on line at 16.00 Hrs. For detailed information log on to website [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in) or may have information from the detailed NIT Placed on notice board of the office of undersigned. Tender ID is 2020\_DOP\_570416\_1.

Sr. Suptd. of Post Offices  
Bhopal Division Bhopal-462003

**PARLIAMENT OF INDIA (Lok Sabha Secretariat)**  
(Standing Committee on Agriculture)

Standing Committee on Agriculture headed by Shri P.C. Gaddigoudar, MP invite memoranda containing views/suggestions from Experts, Individuals, Institutions, Organisations and other Stakeholders concerned with the Subject 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana - An Evaluation' selected by the Committee for Examination and Report. The views/suggestions to the Committee may be sent in writing to the Director, LSS, Room No. G-132-133, PLB, New Delhi or Email at: [agricom@sansad.nic.in](mailto:agricom@sansad.nic.in) within **three weeks** from the date of publication. For further details please visit <http://loksabha.nic.in> under the link 'Committee' Press Release'.

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**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

**E-auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read With Provision 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) whose details are given in mentioned below table that the below described Immovable Property Mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, Will be Sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever There is" For Realization of Company Dues.

S. No.	1. Borrower/s & Guarantor/s & Legal Heir's Name & Address	2. Total Due with Interest From	Physical Possession Date	Description of the Immovable Property with Known Encumbrances, If any	1. Date & Time of E-Auction	2. Last Date of Submission of EMD	3. Date & Time of the Property Inspection	1. Reserve Price	2. EMD of the Property
1.	Mrs. Dipati Khatri, Mrs. Rekha Khatri & Mr. Amik Khatri All Available At: House No-14, Mohalla-A, Sector Rajharsha Colony, Lalita Nagar, Colar Road, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Loan Account No. CL100001192	Total Outstanding Amount : Rs. 9,04,110/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Four Thousand One Hundred And Ten Only) Due as on 31.03.2018.	12.12.2019	All That Part And Parcel Of The Residential Flat No. G-02, Constructed On Plot No. E-777 Comprising of Area 475 Sq.Ft. Which is Situated At "Sheela Apartment" Lala Lalpatrai Society Area Colony, Tehsil Huzur Distt. Bhopal. Bounded As: East: Common Covered Parking, West: Plot No-06, North: Plot No-31, South: Flat No. G-01	11th August 2020 Between 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM and with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes	11th August 2020 Between 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM and with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes	Last Date of Submission of EMD with KYC is 8th August 2020 upto 5:00 PM (IST) Date of Inspection: 3rd August 2020 Between 10:30 AM to 05:00 PM (IST)	Rs. 1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 1,05,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) & In Such Multiples	Rs. 10,50,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 1,05,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) & In Such Multiples
2.	Mrs. Sunder Bai Ahirwar & Mr. Santosh Ahirwar Both Available At: House No. C-38, Subhash Colony, Govind Pura Industrial Area, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Loan Account No. CL100001192	Total Outstanding Amount : Rs. 5,65,824/- (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Four Only) Due as on 30.06.2019.	15.10.2019	All That Part And Parcel Of The Residential Plot No. C-35, Comprising of Area 800 Sq.Ft. Which is Situated at Village Semra Kalan, Ward No. 40, Tehsil Huzur, Distt. Bhopal. Bounded As: East: Plot No. C-34, West: Plot No. C-36, North: Plot No. C-1 & C-2, South: 30' Wide Kuchua Road	11th August 2020 Between 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM and with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes	11th August 2020 Between 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM and with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes	Last Date of Submission of EMD with KYC is 8th August 2020 upto 5:00 PM (IST) Date of Inspection: 3rd August 2020 Between 10:30 AM to 05:00 PM (IST)	Rs. 10,50,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 1,05,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) & In Such Multiples	Rs. 10,50,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 1,05,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) & In Such Multiples

The Earnest Money has to be Deposited by way of DD in Favour of "India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd." Payable at Bhopal Local Branch or NEFT/RTGS in the Account of "Axis Bank" No. 91102001057107 and IFSC Code- UTIB0001311, Branch Gurugam, Branch Code 000131. In case of any clarification/requirement Regarding Assets Under Sale, Bidder may contact Mr. Rishabh Bhargava (8319663248), Mr. Neeraj Mishra (9589752227) or Mr. Ajay Gupta (+91 7906826375 & 0124-4131812-05).

For Detailed Terms and Conditions of the Sale, Please refer to the provided in India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd. Website i.e. [www.indiashelter.in](http://www.indiashelter.in)

Place : Bhopal, Date : 11.07.2020 For India Shelter Corporation Finance Limited (Authorized Officer)

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**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002**

Notice is hereby served on:

- M/s Sanjay Traders (Borrower) having office at 48, Sajjan Nagar, Near Navlakha, Indore, M.P.-452001.
- Mrs. Dinesh Khandelwal (Guarantor) Residing at 48, Sajjan Nagar, Near Navlakha, Indore, M.P.-452001.
- Mrs. Sunita Khandelwal (Guarantor) Residing at 48, Sajjan Nagar, Near Navlakha, Indore, M.P.-452001.
- Mr. Nikhil Khandelwal (Guarantor) Residing at 48, Sajjan Nagar, Near Navlakha, Indore, M.P.-452001.

The abovementioned Borrowers had entered into Master Facilities Agreements Dated 31.07.2018 and 21.11.2018, Supplementary Agreements Dated 31.07.2018 and 21.11.2018 and Addendum Agreements Dated 31.07.2018 and 21.11.2018, with M/s. Hero FinCorp Limited (hereinafter referred to as "HFCL") having its Registered Office at 34, Community Centre, Basant Lok, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057, for availing credit facilities to the tune of Rs.17,10,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) and Rs.2,61,84,717/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty One Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen Only) from HFCL, by way of mortgaged of immovable property listed below, in favour of HFCL.

**Diverted land at Patwari Halka No. 33 (Old No. 20), Survey No. 229/1/1/1, Rakba 0.20 Hect., 229/1/2/1, Rakba 0.26 Hect., 229/1/3/1, Rakba 0.25 Hect., Total 0.71 Hect., Village Nagukhedhi, Tehsil & District Dewas (M.P)**  
East: Land of Survey No.229/2 (Vinayakumar Malani)  
West: Land of Survey No.220 (Vinayakarav)  
North: Land of Survey No.229 (Sureshchandra)  
South: Land of Survey No.229/1/2/2, 229/1/2/2, 229/1/1/2

The above-mentioned property shall hereinafter referred to as "Secured Asset". The Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HFCL as security/collateral so as to secure the due repayment of loan together with the interest and other charges. However, the Borrower defaulted in due repayment of Loan alongwith interest and other charges. In this regard, Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "SARFAESI Act, 2002"), were sent to the last known addresses available of the aforesaid Borrower with HFCL but some of the Notices remained undelivered.

By way of this publication, HFCL hereby once again call upon M/s Sanjay Traders (Borrower), Mr. Dinesh Khandelwal (Guarantor), Mrs. Sunita Khandelwal (Guarantor) and Mr. Nikhil Khandelwal (Guarantor) to pay the entire outstanding due of Rs.3,26,86,198.11/- (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Six Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight and Eleven Paise Only) as on 08.06.2020 within 60 days of the publication of this Notice, failing which HFCL shall take all necessary actions under all or any of the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 against the Secured Asset including taking possession and sale of the Secured Asset of the Borrower and/or Co-borrowers and any other action or relief as may be provided under SARFAESI Act, 2002.

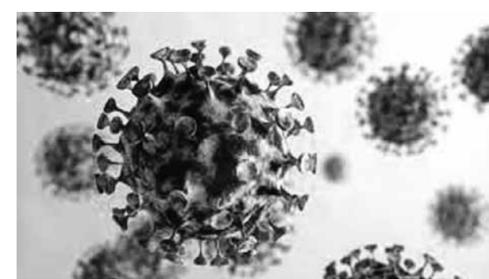
Further, in pursuance to the provisions of Section 13(13) of SARFAESI Act, 2002, the Borrowers are hereby prohibited from selling/transferring or alienating either by way of sale/lease or deal with the aforesaid Secured Asset, in any manner, whatsoever, in contravention with the provisions of aforesaid Loan Agreements and/or SARFAESI Act, 2002.

The Public at large is also hereby informed that they should not deal, in any manner, whatsoever, with the aforementioned Secured Asset as HFCL has the First and Exclusive Charge over the same.

Sd/-  
Authorized Officer  
For Hero FinCorp Limited

Date: 11.07.2020  
Place: Indore

Airborne transmission possible crowded indoors: WHO



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The World Health Organization (WHO) has admitted that coronavirus may linger in the air in crowded indoor spaces suggesting the possibility of aerosol transmission in crowded and inadequately ventilated spaces over a prolonged period of time. But it has stressed that more evidence in terms of research was required in that direction.

poorly ventilated areas. It said that airborne spread "particularly in specific indoor locations, such as crowded and inadequately ventilated spaces over a prolonged period of time with infected persons cannot be ruled out".

The WHO further stated that understanding how, when and in what types of settings the SARS-CoV-2 virus spreads between people is critical for developing effective public health and infection prevention measures to break chains of transmission. It noted that that studies evaluating Covid-19 outbreaks in restaurants, choir practices and fitness classes suggested the virus might have been spread in the air.

The WHO said current evidence suggests that COVID-19 transmission occurs primarily through direct, indirect, or close contact with infected individuals through their saliva and respi-

MCI warns med colleges of derecognising them if they fail to set up bio-safety labs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Medical Council of India (MCI) has warned the medical colleges in the country that if they fail to set up bio-safety level (BSL) laboratories with RT-PCR Facility before its inspections, it may withdraw their recognition.

The council noted that despite medical colleges being reminded time and again, various colleges are yet to set up the BSL-2 labs with RT-PCR facility.

"The MCI may at any time carry out assessment to verify the availability of such facility in your college. Such assessment may be carried out by the mentor institutes such as AIIMS; Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh; and Armed Forces of Medical Sciences

laboratory secretions, or through their respiratory droplets expelled when they cough, sneeze, talk or sing.

The global health agency has long dismissed the possibility that the coronavirus spreads through the air except for certain risky medical pro-

India's COVID-19 case fatality rate declines to 2.72%

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

From 2.82 per cent a month earlier, India's COVID-19 case fatality rate has declined to 2.72 per cent which is lower than that of many other countries, the Union Health Ministry said on Friday. It also noted that 30 States and

(AFMC) and Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of

cedures. The WHO also recognised the importance of asymptomatic people spreading Covid-19.

The UN health body has long downplayed this phenomenon. The WHO has repeatedly said such transmission was rare. "Infected people

Union Territories have a fatality rate lower than the national average.

Also, there is an upward trend in the recovery rate which was recorded at 62.42% on Friday. In 18 States and UTs the recovery rates are higher than the national average, the Ministry said.

Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST)," the MCI said in a letter to them

can transmit the virus both when they have symptoms and when they don't have symptoms," the agency said. However, the extent of truly asymptomatic infection still remains unknown, it added.

Earlier, a group of 239 scientists from 32 different coun-

Feeling lonely in pandemic! It's 'broken-heart' syndrome

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

If you are reeling under economic and emotional issues, societal problems and feeling lonely and isolated because of the Covid-19 pandemic, then beware! Chances are you might suffer from a 'broken-heart' syndrome!

In a study published in the recent journal of JAMA Network Open, Cleveland Clinic researchers said that they have found a significant increase in patients experiencing broken-heart syndrome also known as stress cardiomyopathy during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Stress cardiomyopathy occurs in response to physical or emotional distress and causes dysfunction or failure in the heart muscle.

Patients typically experience symptoms similar to a heart attack, such as chest pain and shortness of breath, but usually do not have acutely blocked coronary arteries. The left ventricle of the heart, how-



ever, may show enlargement, said the health experts.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has brought about multiple levels of stress in people's lives across the country and world. People are not only worried about themselves or their families becoming ill, they are dealing with economic and emotional issues, societal problems and potential loneliness and isolation," explained Dr Ankur Kalra, Cleveland Clinic cardiologist, who led the study.

For the study, cardiologists looked at 258 patients coming into Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Akron General with heart symptoms known as acute coronary syndrome (ACS) between March 1 and April 30th and compared them with four control groups of ACS patients prior to the

them to update their information on the coronavirus. The group of scientists argue that

pandemic.

They found a significant increase in patients diagnosed with stress cardiomyopathy, reaching 7.8 per cent compared with pre-pandemic incidence of 1.7 per cent.

Patients with stress cardiomyopathy during the Covid-19 pandemic had a longer length of hospital stay compared with those hospitalized in the pre-pandemic period; however, thankfully there was no significant difference in mortality between the groups. All of the patients diagnosed with stress cardiomyopathy tested negative for Covid-19.

When asked to comment about the study in the Indian context, Dr Tarun Kumar, Interventional Cardiologist and associate professor at RML Hospital, Delhi said that multiple stressful reasons during difficult periods of lives, for instance in the present case Covid-19, can definitely have adverse impact on the health.

the WHO needs to give more weight to the role of the airborne spread of Covid-19.

VIKAS DUBEY ENCOUNTER

Cong seeks judicial probe to bring out truth



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday demanded a judicial probe by a sitting Supreme Court judge into the entire episode involving gangster Vikas Dubey's killing to bring out the truth about those who had granted protection to him and the alleged political-criminal nexus in Uttar Pradesh. While party general secretary and incharge of UP, Priyanka Gandhi, demanded a CBI probe to ascertain the facts about the "grant of protection" to Dubey.

Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said at a press conference that the killing of the gangster in an encounter raises several questions and sought answers on who were the people sitting in echelons of power who were granting protection to criminals like him.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra took a swipe at the UP government in a tweet in Hindi, saying, "The criminal has gone, but what about the crime and those protecting him."

The Congress general secretary also accused the Yogi government of "complete failure" in handling the Kanpur ambush case in which eight policemen were killed. She

Hours before Vikas Dubey's encounter, plea in SC claims possibility of his killing by cops



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hours before gangster Vikas Dubey was killed in an encounter near Kanpur on Friday, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the Uttar Pradesh Government and the police to

safeguard his life and ensure that he is not killed by the cops. The plea has also sought registration of an FIR and an apex court-monitored probe by the CBI into the encounter of five co-accused, who were alleged to be associated with Dubey in the killing of eight policemen last week.

alleged that the chain of events in the case exposed the chinks in security and hinted at collusion.

"Congress demands that the unholy nexus between organised crime and the ilk of Vikas Dubey with those sitting in the echelons of power be probed by a sitting

Supreme Court judge," Surjewala said at a press conference.

Priyanka too later in the day demanded a judicial probe by a sitting SC judge into the entire Kanpur episode in which eight policemen were killed by Dubey. "The truth about those

Issue of handcuffing raises its head again

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The alleged encounter killing of dreaded gangster Vikas Dubey on Friday has kicked up dust over his not being apparently handcuffed by the police, against the backdrop of the Supreme Court's disapproving the practice in various orders,

The plea, filed in the apex court by advocate Ghanshyam Upadhyay, has referred to media reports and claimed that encounter of these five co-accused by the police is "not only extremely illegal, inhuman, but also it is shocking to the

calling it "inhuman, unreasonable, over harsh and arbitrary".

The police, on the other hand, has all along been supporting handcuffing at various judicial forums on the ground that the practice has been quite helpful in ensuring that a dreaded accused or convict does not flee the custody.

consciousness of the court and is nothing but Talibanisation of the country, which cannot be countenanced at all." I had done e-filing of the petition at 2 AM and provisional number was also allotted," Upadhyay told PTI over phone.

encounter and the suspicion around it and the manner in which a criminal like Dubey was allowed to "roam around" freely, itself raises questions on the commitment of the Yogi Adityanath-led BJP Government in UP towards law and order.

SC disposes plea seeking release of Noida's former chief engineer Yadav

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Friday disposed of a plea seeking release of Noida's former chief engineer Yadav Singh from alleged illegal custody of the CBI in a corruption case after being informed that the Allahabad High Court has already granted him bail on Thursday.

A bench of Justices R F Nariman, Navin Sinha and B R Gavai recorded the statement of Singh's lawyers on the high court bail order and said the petition has now become infructuous and disposed of the matter.

A division bench of the high court had granted the bail while hearing a habeas corpus (produce the detained person before court) petition seeking Singh's release from the alleged illegal CBI custody.

SC seeks response from Centre, 13 other States against barbaric practice to ward off animals

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought response from Centre, Kerala and 13 other States on a plea challenging the barbaric practices to ward off wild animals terming them as illegal and unconstitutional and violating Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution.

The plea filed by an advocate has also sought issuance of guidelines for creation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to tackle such incidents and filling up of vacancies in forest forces across the country.

A bench of Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices R Subhash Reddy and A S



Bopanna issued notice to Centre and 13 states including Kerala and sought their responses. The petition sought declaration of the practice of using barbaric means/snares/shaved sticks/explosives to ward off wild animals as illegal, unconstitutional, and violative of Articles 14, and 21 of the Constitution.

HC asks Centre to treat as representation plea for disaster management agency in NCR

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Friday asked the Centre to treat as representation a plea seeking creation of a nodal agency to carry out disaster management tasks in the national capital region (NCR) so that there is uniformity in the response to any calamity, like the COVID-19 outbreak or an earthquake.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Prateek Jalan declined to entertain the petition, saying it was a policy decision and the petitioner ought to have first made a representation to the central government.

The court directed the Centre to treat the plea, by law student Arjun Narang, as a representation and to consider the suggestions given by him in

accordance with the law, rules, regulations and government policy applicable to the facts of the case.

The bench asked the Centre to take a decision on the representation as early as possible and practicable and disposed of the plea filed through advocate Shantanu Singh.

The petition had contended that Delhi-NCR has been battling with executive problem on account of numerous discrepancies between the guidelines issued by the NCR governments - of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh - in relation to the response mechanisms to the outbreak.

The plea had said the discrepancies were mostly in relation to inter-state travel, patient admissions and treatment, testing, dealing with containment zones.

Vaccine for Covid-19 not possible till at least next year, Parl panel told

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a controversy over the ICMR's August 15, 2020, deadline to researchers for developing a Covid-19 vaccine, Government officials on Friday reportedly told a Parliamentary panel that it was not possible till at least next year. While the ICMR's move evoked strong criticism from several quarters, the country's top clinical research agency sought to clarify that the purpose of the letter was "meant to cut unnecessary red tape, without bypassing any necessary process, and speed up recruitment of participants."

Sources said senior officials from the departments of biotechnology, scientific and industrial research and the CISR besides the principal scientific advisor to the Government were among those called to brief the committee.

This was the first time since the lockdown on March 25 that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Climate Change met for the first time

and held a detailed discussion over the government's preparedness and handling of COVID-19. But panel chairman and Congress leader Jairam Ramesh called for the need to hold virtual meetings.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, however, expressed happiness over the development. The Parliament was adjourned on March 23, ahead of its scheduled time.

"I am glad that Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committees have resumed functioning, three and half months since the last sitting of Parliament on March 23rd," he wrote on Twitter.

He said everyone was keen on resumption of work by these committees, "but the delay was forced by circumstances beyond our control". "Corona pandemic did cast a shadow on the working of these committees, which function on behalf of the Parliament," the vice president said.

"I am hopeful these committees would now go about examining important issues concerning respective

domains," he said.

However, urging Naidu for the holding of virtual meetings, Ramesh, in a tweet, said, "I would still request you Sir to allow virtual meetings given that Parliament is unlikely to meet for the next month at least."

While six members attended the meeting, presentations were given by the Department of Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), besides the principal scientific advisor to the government, on the Centre's COVID-19 preparedness, sources said. They said the members present at the meet also sought virtual deliberations. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs is scheduled to meet on July 15.

While the members of the panels are demanding virtual meetings, the presiding officers of both Houses of Parliament have said this requires a change of rules and endorsement by the Rules Committee of Parliament as also a nod from Parliament.

CISCE Classes 10 and 12 results out sans merit list

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) on Friday announced the results for class 10 and 12 exams even as it decided against bringing out a merit list this year in view of "exceptional circumstances". The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), which too cancelled the pending class 10th and 12th board examinations, is likely to announce the results by next Wednesday paving the way for students to take admission in the next sessions which has been delayed due to the lockdown. While ICSE announced that it has not shared a merit list of the annual board examinations this year, sources said CBSE too would do the similar thing and announce the results without merits.

While the ICSE board recorded a pass percentage of 99.34 per cent for class 10 exams, up by 0.8 per cent since last year, the pass percentage for the class 12 exams stood at 96.84 per cent, recording a marginal increase. The board had to cancel its pending exams in view of the spike in COVID-19 cases and the result has been calculated on the basis of an alternative assessment scheme decided by it.

"Given the exceptional circumstances, this year CISCE will not be publishing a merit list for either the ICSE or ISC year 2020 examinations," CISCE Chief Executive and Secretary Gerry Arathoon said. "This year

Rahul seeks cancellation of university exams

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday demanded cancellation of university exams and urged the UGC to promote students on the basis of past performance during the coronavirus pandemic. Accusing the UGC of creating confusion, Rahul said it is unfair to conduct examinations during the COVID-19 pandemic and the UGC should listen to the voice of students. "COVID has harmed many people.

Students in schools, colleges and universities are being made to suffer. While the IITs and colleges have cancelled exams and have promoted students, the UGC is creating confusion.

UGC should also cancel the exams and promote students on the basis of past performance," he said in a video message. Congress has launched a campaign in favour of students, demanding cancellation of exams during the pandemic and urging their promotion.

has been exceptionally difficult for everyone due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the multiple national and states' lockdowns, coupled with many other related problems," he added.

As per the results announced, a total of 2,06,525 candidates have cleared the class 10 exams, known as the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE), while 1,377 candidates have been unsuccessful. The class 12 exams, called the Indian School Certificate (ISC) exam, have been cleared by 85,611 candidates while 2,798 students have been unsuccessful.

The ICSE examination is conducted in 61 written subjects of which 22 are Indian languages, nine are foreign languages and two classical languages.

A total of 2,341 schools had presented their candidates in the exam. The ISC examination is conducted in 51 written subjects of which 15 are Indian languages, six are foreign languages and one is a classical language. A total of 1,125 schools had presented their candidates in the exam.

The board had last week announced an alternate assessment scheme for the two classes after the pending exams were cancelled in view of a spike in COVID-19 cases.

COVID-19 OUTBREAK

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# BSY to work from home as staffers test Covid-19 +ve

**Bengaluru:** Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa would work from his official residence for a few days as some staff at his home office have tested Covid-19 positive, an official said on Friday.

The Chief Minister, who had not come in contact with the infected staffers, took to Twitter to announce that he was healthy.

"Yediyurappa, 78, will work from his official residence 'Cauvery' for some days after some staff members at his home-office 'Krishna' tested positive for the virus," an official of the Chief Minister's Office told IANS here.

The staffers include a driver and an electrician.

The Chief Minister has cancelled all official engagements till further notice and will hold video conferences with ministers and officials on Covid-19 and other issues.

In a tweet in Kannada, he said: "I am healthy. No one need for anyone to

worry about me. I will give advice and issue instructions through video conference from home."

The Chief Minister's meeting with lawmakers of the city on Friday to review the measures to contain the pandemic was cancelled.

"The home-office in upscale High Grounds was also shut on June 19 for sanitisation after the husband of a woman constable on security duty tested positive," the official said.

Yediyurappa is likely to move to his own house at Dollar's Colony in the city's northern suburb on Saturday, as government offices will be closed on second Saturday and total lockdown will be observed on Sunday to contain the virus spread.

"He will continue to work from home. Visitors will not be allowed to meet him at home to maintain physical distancing. All meetings will be through video-conference," said IANS

# Maha's MSEDCL delegates powers to regional offices to improve services

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

**The Joint Managing Directors and Regional Directors would now monitor the projects for timely completion**

In an effort to ensure expeditious execution of various ongoing projects and improve the quality of the services to the consumers, State Energy Minister Nitin Raut on Friday directed the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company (MSEDCL) Ltd to delegate powers to its regional offices.

During a power-point presentation held at MSEDCL office, the Minister said that the regional offices would be delegated all powers related to quantity freezing and time limit extensions under all projects including IPDS, DDUGJY, RF meter replacement and AG Solar ones. The Joint Managing Directors and Regional Directors would now monitor the projects for timely completion.

It may be recalled that in 2016 four regional offices at Nagpur, Aurangabad, Pune and Kalyan were carved out for the purpose of execution of the projects on time and also to provide quality services to the consumers. The regional offices at Kalyan and Aurangabad were to be headed by the senior IAS officers as Joint Managing Directors while regional offices at Pune and Nagpur were to be headed by non IAS officers as Regional Directors.

"However the whole thing turned out to be a futile exercise as the MSEDCL did not delegate any power to the Joint Managing Directors and Regional Directors," Dr Raut said.

"With the delegation of power to the regional offices, the projects would be completed in time and would improve the quality of the services to the consumers. The Joint Managing Directors and Regional Directors are also delegated powers to refund electricity duty to industrial consumers,"

the Minister said.

At Friday's meeting, Dr Raut directed the MSEDCL officials concerned for speedy allocation of transformers under HVDS Schemes for Agriculture pump connections.

To reduce the time for replacement of failed transformers, Dr Raut asked to invite comprehensive tenders for replacement of failed transformers including providing oil. At the same time, a new policy would be framed to provide new service connections to the agriculture pumps.

"We have decided to adopt QCBS tender system for outsourced employees to ensure effective utilisation of outsourced manpower with Geo mapping, KRA mapping and Geo fencing which would help to curtail expenditure on maintenance work," the minister said.

Dr Raut also appreciated the tree plantation programme initiated in Aurangabad Region and asked to undertake the same in other regions.

# Soldier martyred in Nowshera Pak firing

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

An Indian soldier was martyred during 'unprovoked' ceasefire violation along the line of control in Nowshera sector of Rajouri in the wee hours of Friday. During the day time, the line of control remained peaceful but intense shelling in the same area resumed again late Friday evening. Heavy shelling was reported in the forward areas till the time of filing the report.

Several civilian structures located in the forward areas were hit during the shelling from across the line of control. The Indian Army too retaliated strongly inflicting heavy damages to several Pakistani military structures in the area.

Meanwhile, Indian troops remain in a state of high alert along the line of control to foil any infiltration bid of heavily armed terrorists supported by the Pakistan army.

Defence PRO in Jammu, Lt- Col Devender Anand said, "On July 10 Pakistan Army resorted to unprovoked ceasefire violation on the line of control (LoC) in Nowshera sector of Rajouri district". He said, Indian troops responded strongly to the enemy fire. In the inci-



dent, Havildar Sambur Gurung was critically injured and later succumbed to his injuries. Defence PRO said, "Havildar Sambur Gurung hailed from Nepal".

According to the PRO, unprovoked firing in the Nowshera sector resumed around 6.45 p.m. He said, Pakistan army initiated unprovoked firing with small arms and shelling with mortars along the LoC. He said the Indian army retaliated befittingly. More than 2000 incidents of ceasefire violations have been reported along the loe since January this year. On Wednesday, a civilian woman was killed in Balakote sector of Poonch during intense shelling by the Pakistan Army.

# Schoolteacher volunteers for vaccine trial in Bengal

**Kolkata:** Even as Bengal Government imposed a second phase of complete lockdown in over 200 extended containment zones to check further proliferation of corona cases there is good news for the citizens of Bengal.

A schoolteacher has volunteered to participate in the clinical trial of the corona vaccine being prepared jointly by the Indian Council for Medical Research and a Hyderabad-based company.

All goes well, then Chiranjit Dhibar, a school teacher from the industrial city of Durgapur will receive the first shot of the vaccine in Odisha.

A worker of the Rashtriya Swyam Sevak Sangh, Dhibar is reported to have offered himself for clinical trial about three months ago and he was subsequently selected for the first dose of the vaccine, sources said. Dhibar could be the first human being to be subjected to clinical trial, sources said.

In response to his application he received a call from the Patna Centre of ICMR informing him that he had been selected for the trial. The State Health Department sources however refused to comment on the issue saying they have no information regarding this.

Meanwhile, the Bengal Government has vehemently objected to the central advisory asking universities to compulsorily conduct final-year examinations by September-end. The Centre and the University Grants Commission has asked the States to complete the process of holding final year exams by September 30.

The State Higher Education Department Secretary Manish Jain has written to Union HRD Ministry, requesting it to re-examine the matter in the interest of the physical and mental well-being of students at a time when the entire country was passing through severe corona situation.

# Holding polls in Bihar will put people at risk: Chirag Paswan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Even as Election Commission (EC) of India has not made an announcement on the poll schedule for Bihar elections, BJP's ally and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) Chirag Paswan has questioned holding of elections under the lengthening shadows of coronavirus pandemic. Bihar polls are scheduled in October-November.

"Not only Bihar but entire country is affected by the coronavirus. It has impacted finances of the centre as well as Bihar. Holding elections amid this will financially burden the State more," said LJP head.

Paswan sought EC to take a considered view and come to a conclusion only after a "lot of deliberations".

"It should not happen that a huge population is put into danger. Polling percentage many also be very low if elections are held amid this pandemic

which is not good for democracy", tweeted LJP leader.

He, however, maintained that LJP was ready for the poll.

Over the weeks, LJP top leaders have been making varying noises over its alliance within the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance.

Paswan's comment on Bihar polls almost echoed Rashtriya Janata Dal Leader (RJD) Tejashwi Yadav who recently said that holding state in the time of coronavirus would not be good as situation was rather "scary". RJD leader had also criticised BJP for holding daily virtual rallies and interacting with party workers across the state.

LJP's comment on the timing of assembly poll has come at a time when the BJP-JDU rival RJD is constantly attacking the Nitish kumar government on its handling of the pandemic in the State.

# 416 more infected in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

It turned out to be yet another Black Friday in Kerala as the State diagnosed a record number of 416 persons with Covid-19. Last Friday, 211 persons had tested positive in the State and the number has almost doubled in seven days. This is the highest number of patients to be diagnosed in the State on a single day, according to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Vijayan who briefed the media on Friday in a virtual press meet blamed the Opposition UDF for spreading canards to derail and disrupt the good work done by the Government to control the spreading of the pandemic.

"We have followed the system developed by Cuba, Vietnam

and Thailand in checking and controlling the disease. In fact we have done much better than other States. Neighbouring State of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka fared worse while ours was a role model to the country," said the Chief Minister.

According to Vijayan, 123 expatriates and 51 persons who returned to the State from other parts of the country were diagnosed with coronavirus.

"What is disturbing and causing concern is the number of persons infected through social transmission. The day saw 204 persons getting afflicted through social transmission," said the Chief Minister.

The capital city of Thiruvananthapuram topped the table of districts with high-

# 7,862 afflicted, 226 die in Maha

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra on Friday surpassed the earlier daily highest tally of 7,074 and recorded an all-time high of 7,862 Covid-19 infested cases, even as 226 more people died of coronavirus in various parts of the State.

Six days after the state witnessed the till then daily tally of 7074 cases on July 4, the number of infected cases rose alarmingly on Friday, to touch 7,862 cases. With fresh infections, the total number of positive cases in the state climbed to 2,38,461.

Similarly, with 226 fresh deaths, the total number of deaths inched closer to 10,000 mark by going up to 9,893.

Of the total 226 deaths, Mumbai accounted for 73 deaths, taking the total number of deaths in the metropolis to 5,205 now, while the total number of positive patients climbed up by 1,337 cases to touch 90461.

In addition to 73 deaths in Mumbai, there were 53 deaths in Thane, 37 deaths in Pune, 10 deaths in Palghar, nine each in Raigad and Aurangabad, seven in Jalgaon, five each in Nashik

# Tamil Nadu see 3,680 new cases

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

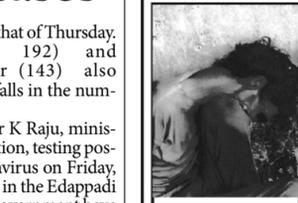
There was a fall, though small, in the number of persons diagnosed with Covid-19 in Tamil Nadu on Friday. The day saw 3,680 persons testing positive for the pandemic while 64 succumbed to the disease in the last 24 hours, according to the bulletin issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

On Thursday, 4,231 persons had been tested positive for the pandemic and Friday's figures offered some kind of relief to the administrators. As on Friday, the

number of active patients were 46,105 while the total number of persons tested positive till date breached 1.3 lakh. While 1,216 persons were diagnosed with covid-19 in Chennai, the number of persons afflicted with the virus increased to 242 in Chengalpet which had shown a decrease on Thursday (169).

Kancheepuram (61) and Thiruvallur (219) too tested few

# Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 45-50 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Dirty Shirt and Pajama He was found at near Holambi Kalan Railway Fatak in unconscious condition after that he was taken to BJ Ram Hospital Jahangir Puri, Delhi where Doctor

declared brought Dead vide MLC No.160374/2020. The Dead Body has been preserved at Mortuary of BJ Ram Hospital, Jahangir Puri, Delhi for 72 Hours for identification and Postmortum. In this regard, **DD No. 48A dt 03.07.2020** has been lodged at PS Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following. **SHO P.S.: Narela Industrial Area, Delhi Ph. : 011-27787592, 27787593**

# CORRIGENDUM

**KAVYAM**

Corrigendum to Advertisement dated 03.07.2019, 24.10.2019, 06.03.2020 and 13.03.2020.

This is with reference to the advertisement referred mentioned above, issued related to the Affordable Group Housing Project named 'Kavyam' having license no. 101 of 2017 & RERA Registration No. 23 of 2018 is being developed by M/s Agrante Realty Limited had made advertisement for booking of flat in Pioneer News Paper (both Hindi and English edition), Navodaya Times.

In advertisement dated 03.07.2019, an inadvertent mistake occurred in mentioning of Numbers of available Flats in Category-1 & Category-3 as 9 & 73 flats respectively. This error is corrected vide advertisement dated 24.10.2019, 06.03.2020 and 13.03.2020.

Herein again it is clarified and confirmed to the General Public and to be read as 73 Flats were available for booking in Category-1 & 269 Flats were available for booking in Category-3 and applications have been accepted only relates to these Flats.

Contact at: **website: www.kavyamhomes.com; 011-41924100-199, 8800499325, 8800499674**

# NIA files FIR in Kerala Gold Smuggling case

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

While the Opposition Congress and the BJP staged State-wide demonstrations demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in the Gold Smuggling Case through Thiruvananthapuram airport, the National Investigating Agency probing the case filed its FIR in the Kerala High Court on Friday listing Sarith (a former UAE consulate staff) as first accused and the controversial Swapna Suresh, believed to be the kingpin, as the second accused in the case.

The NIA has listed Kochi based businessman Faizal Fareed as the third accused while Sandeep Nair, who is absconding, has been named as the fourth accused. Swapna Suresh who is absconding since last Saturday remained untraceable. The NIA told the court that no bail should be given to the accused as the gold smuggling syndicate is believed to be in touch with terrorist elements operating in the country. The agency has filed the First Information Report under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The court adjourned the hearing of the bail application moved by Swapna Suresh to Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Friday witnessed opposition parties Congress, BJP and Muslim Youth League (the youth organisation of Muslim League) staging demonstrations all over Kerala demanding the resignation of Pinarayi Vijayan whose office is under the scanner for the reported gold smuggling through airport. The demonstrators gave the coronavirus protocol a go-by and assembled without face masks or observing the social distancing. The BJP rallies turned violent as police used water canons, teargas shells and baton charging to disperse the crowd.

# Lockdown extended in Pune, Pimpri and Thane municipal areas

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

With no let up in the continued increase in the number of infections and deaths, the lockdown has been extended in the areas coming under three major municipal corporations - Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad and Thane, anywhere for varying period periods from seven days to ten days beginning from July 12 and 13.

In line with the powers vested with them on June 29 by the Maharashtra Government to "certain measures and necessary restrictions" in "specified local areas" to contain the spread of the pandemic, the adjoining municipal corporations of Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad extended the lockdown for ten days from the midnight of July 13 to July 23. Simultaneously, the Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) extended the lockdown for seven days from 7 am on July 12 to 5 pm on July 22.

Independent of the lockdown imposed earlier by the Maharashtra government earlier, this is the second time that these three municipal corporations have extended the lockdown for varying periods.

# WESTERN RAILWAY

**VARIOUS CIVIL WORKS**

Divisional Railway Manager (WA) Western Railway, Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008 invites E-Tender as per details given as follows: **Sr. No. 1. Tender Notice No.:** BCT/ 20-21/169 **Date:** 10.07.20 **Work and location:** Mumbai Central- Improvement of J.R. Hospital Passage. **Approximate cost of Work:** ₹2,34,20,063.72 **EMD:** ₹2,67,100.00 **Sr. No. 2. Tender Notice No.:** BCT/ 20-21/170 **Date:** 10.07.20 **Work and location:** Churchgate-Khar section: Epoxy coating/painting of skywalk and Road Over Bridge at BDTS station **Approximate cost of Work:** ₹1,56,91,000.00 **EMD:** ₹2,28,500.00 **Sr. No. 1 & 2. Date & Time of submission:** On 11.08.2020 till 15.00hrs. **Date & Time of Opening:** On 11.08.2020 till 15.30hrs. Regarding detailed nature of work, containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit **www.ireps.gov.in** Manual offers will not be considered.

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RO NO. 81706 Dt. 10-07-2020

# PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001) **Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813** **Website: www.pspcl.in**

**Tender Enquiry No. 262 Dt. 08-07-2020**

**Scope description:** DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, TESTING SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GOVERNOR MIV O.P.U.'S & FOR SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSOR MODE OPERATION AIR COMPRESSORS AT RSD POWER PLANT PSPCL, SHAHPURKANDI AND GOVERNOR O.P.U. AIR COMPRESSORS AND SERVICE AIR COMPRESSORS AT MHP, PSPCL, TALWARA.

**Start date for downloading of specification:** 15-07-2020 **Date and time upto which tender can be downloaded:** 14-08-2020 (11:00 AM) **Date and time upto which tender shall be received:** 14-08-2020 (11:00 AM) **Date and time of opening of tender:** 21-08-2020 (11:30 AM) **EMD:** @ 2% of Tender value rounded off to a multiple of Rs. 10/- on the higher side subject to a min of Rs. 10,000/- and max. of Rs. 20 Lac.

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**SE/ Hydrel Projects, PSPCL, Patiala.**

**C-224/2020 RO 48045 Dt. 10-07-2020**

**The Empowered Officer, TRRDA, PWD(PMGSY), 7th Block, 2nd Floor, Secretariat Building Agartala, Tripura invites sealed tender(s) against press NleT No: 08/EO/TRRDA/ 2020-21 date:06.07.2020.**

For Upgradation of Road & CDs including LS Bridges of PMGSY Works (RRP-II WB-AF and G&CR),

**1. TR-06-03 P2, TR-06-04 P2, TR-06-05 P2, TR-06-06 P2, TR-06-07 P2 & TR-06-08 P2;**

With Estimated cost: a) Construction: ₹ 4523.93 Lakh b) Maintenance ₹ 461.17 Lakh c) Earnest money: ₹ 99.70 lakh

**2. TR-04-05 P2:** With Estimated cost: a) Upgradation: ₹ 5349.74 Lakh b) Maintenance: ₹ 496.53 Lakh c) Earnest money, ₹ 116.93 lakh

For details please visit: **www.pmgstyenderstrp.gov.in**

**Sd/ Empowered Officer Tripura RRDA, PWD (PMGSY) 7th Block, 2nd Floor, Secretariat Building, Agartala ICA/C-946/2020-21**

# APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead on 04.07.2020 in front of Pillar No. 28, Under Rani Jhansi Flyover, DCM Chowk, Azad Market, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 14A u/s 174 CrPc, Dated 04.07.2020** has been lodged at **P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi**. The dead body has been preserved in mortuary of Subzi Mandi, Delhi for 72 hrs for identification. The description of the dead body is given as under: **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** approx. 40 years, **Height:** 5'5" Feet, **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Dark, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Print Shirt, Zebra Colour Half Pant and Black Colour Sandal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned. **S.H.O P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi Ph. : 011-23528060, 23529707**

**DP/361N/2020**

# SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl, Rithanshi, **D/o:** Rajkumar, **R/o:** H.No. G-12/08, Sector 15, Rohini, Delhi. Aged: approx 22 years has been missing from her home since 28.06.2020. In this regard, a **Case Vides DD No. 71A Dated 29.06.2020** has been lodged at **P.S. KNK Marg, Rohini, Delhi**. Her description is as under: **Rithanshi Height:** 5' feet, **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Jeans Pant and Yellow Colour Top. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnaped girl, then please inform **P.S. KNK Marg, Rohini, Delhi at email: cbc@cbi.gov.in Fax: No.011-24368639, Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641**

**S.H.O P.S. KNK Marg, Rohini, Delhi Ph. 011-27571171, 27571162**

**DP/216/RD/2020.**

## Encounter the truth

The UP police theory on why it killed Vikas Dubey doesn't stand to reason. The politico-criminal nexus will never be exposed



UP gangster Vikas Dubey may not have anyone mourning his death in a stage-managed accident cum encounter, responsible as he was for many killings, the last being of eight policemen. But does this sit easy on the conscience of the police, which has put out the most outrageous and improbable theory of his attempt to escape, one that triggered it to open fire? Is it not its job to deliver the culprit for courts to decide? Does it not indicate that the political patrons of Dubey and their protector policemen had too much to lose had the don spilled details of the unholy politician-criminal nexus that has entrenched itself in the State in a mutually self-serving manner? Does this not damage Chief

Minister Yogi Adityanath's image of a no-nonsense leader with zero tolerance for corruption and mafia, for good, considering he was personally supervising Dubey's case? Or is it that his individual will stands no chance in front of systemic imperatives, which his party, too, has endorsed? Dubey himself was sensing that he would be eliminated, what with the police announcing a bounty on his head and five of his aides killed in orchestrated scenarios. So he surrendered, to negotiate a longish jail term for the right to live. But his protectors and creators were scared that with all the media attention on his arrest, he could have just spilled the beans or leaked prized information. So they got rid of him. This haste is troublesome for the simple reason that had the police followed processes and built a solid case on his killing of their colleagues in Kanpur, they could have anyway got the death sentence for him. Even assuming that some among the forces had tipped Dubey about an impending raid, which he used as a trap to ambush the cops, the UP police could have used his past crimes to justify the severest penalty. Why did it feel so disadvantaged and compromised as to ignore the provisions of the law and shoot to kill? Unless the men in uniform were told to play executioner. The sad part is that the focus has now shifted from Dubey, the criminal, to Dubey, the victim of police excesses. And nobody is even discussing the heinous nature of his crimes. This, too, is then an equal travesty of justice.

According to the UP police, while Dubey was being transported back to the State, one of the cars in the convoy overturned. Taking advantage of the situation, he allegedly attempted to snatch a weapon and flee the scene, following which the police opened fire and shot him. If the narrative sounds familiar, that is because it is. Most of Dubey's aides died in such "encounters" after "attacking" the police and trying to "escape." It matters little why the policemen "conveniently" forgot to secure their weapons as per rules, did not handcuff Dubey or how he managed to escape from an overturned car with all doors shut. The police theorists also forgot to factor how a car that skids on a smooth tarmac doesn't leave tyre marks. In the end, many questions will be left hanging like aerosols that disintegrate beyond a certain point in time. Who were the political leaders who promoted the mobster's criminal empire and his clout? Which all policemen in the force are in cahoots with criminals? The fact that deputy SP Devendra Mishra, who was among the eight policemen killed, had warned his seniors of Dubey's hold over the justice system but was ignored speaks a lot about the don's clout. Which *netas* are involved with criminals in the State? Dubey, who has been patronised by the ruling BJP and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) at various times, had of late tried to curry favour back with the BJP. Apart from intensifying caste wars for votebank consolidation, he was also a quick facilitator of land and business deals that political parties, their sponsors and bureaucrats found attractive. So, who is the UP Government trying to protect? India is a democracy after all and even criminals with such intimidating rap sheets like Dubey's have a right to justice, representation and being heard in a court of law. Besides the Supreme Court has declared encounter killings as unlawful. But it is very obvious that the Adityanath administration and senior Ministers have given their tacit approval to this "encounter culture" which abounds in the State as does police impunity. And with the killing of Dubey, one wonders if Adityanath is indeed serious about flushing out criminals and cleaning up the police at the same time. If we do not break the politico-police-criminal axis, cleansing is not possible. In a society governed by the rule of law, the death of a policeman cannot be avenged by encounters of criminals. Considering the scale of Dubey's crimes and the involvement of Government officials and politicians, the State Government should have entrusted the probe to an independent and impartial agency immediately after the arrest of the don and his henchmen. But it seems the Government, too, is trying to protect someone, somewhere and has given the police a carte blanche. Will we ever know?

## New film locales

The Tourism Ministry has allowed the film industry to shoot at ASI sites and monuments. A good move to promote domestic travel



Like every other sector, the film industry, too, has started adapting itself to the new normal of a post-pandemic world. So though it sells dreams, fantasy and larger than life experiences on the big screen, filmmakers have now decided to restrict their cast and crew to local talent and shoot projects within the country in small, contained sets. And since Bollywood has so far thrived on the grandeur of locales and the panoramic outdoors — Yash Chopra's romance with Switzerland being almost legendary — it is now going "vocal about local" as well, choosing unique backdrops at home. It is here that the Ministry of Tourism and Culture is chipping in to do its bit to help the industry that has used

its soft power to promote destinations and cultures. It has allowed filmmakers to shoot at more than 3,000 Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)-approved historical monuments. It has also put in place a mechanism to fast-track requisite clearances from various Ministries and departments. To cite an example, locations involving archaeological sites in metro cities required clearances from the ASI, the Home Ministry, Ministry of Environment and Forests and several other departments in the metropolis as also the police and its traffic wing. In addition to this, scripts and locations had to be vetted in advance along with the specifications on the number of shooting days. Perhaps this has been one of the biggest reasons why our monuments and museums have never featured in films to the extent that story-tellers wanted them to. In comparison, foreign locales seemed attractive because of the local tourism boards' incentives such as tax credits, cash rebates, refunds, fee-free location scouting *et al.* It took a pandemic for the Tourism Ministry to be rational about earning revenues. So it is now allowing single-window clearances, including facilitating some from various departments and States. Applications will be online and approvals may come within 15-20 days.

In the end, the locale is just a prop and packaging, what sells is content. While popular cinema in India has largely been aspirational, many of our contemporary hits have actually celebrated the local milieu. Be it Ladakh for *3 Idiots*, Kashmir for *Lakshya*, Delhi for *Rang De Basanti* or *Bajranghi Bhaijaan* and the slew of small town stories around Lucknow, Allahabad, Kanpur and Jaipur, each city and town has emerged as a distinct character and layered the stories with heartfelt warmth. Qutub Minar, Taj Mahal and the fort palaces of Rajasthan have all featured prominently. But Shah Rukh Khan's *Paheli* will be remembered for that scene at a stepwell in Rajasthan. If some unknown wonders and sites could be filmed, it would be the best campaign for domestic tourism. Not many of us will be travelling abroad anyway. As for Switzerland, there's always our Northeast.

# Passivity and its causes

It is the defining quest of consumer culture that makes for passivity as it is mainly externally-driven by advertising. How then do we overcome the feeling of insecurity?



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

After the publication of my last column on June 27, several readers have requested me to elaborate further as to how television breeds passivity. Hence this piece. Before proceeding further, one needs to be clear as to what is meant by passivity. At the visible level, it is reflected in the lack of active response leading to the absence of intervention to ensure follow-up action even in cases where one is deeply moved — such as the arrest of the culprit who prepared the explosives-packed coconut that so savagely killed the pregnant elephant in Kerala on May 27. Even if, however, there had been such intervention, it might not necessarily have indicated the absence of passivity.

The entire issue has to be seen in the context of Erich Fromm's differentiation in his book, *To Have or to Be?*, between passive and active states of mind and activity related respectively to "having" and "being" modes of existence. According to him, the "having" mode of existence, marked by alienated activity, makes for passivity. "In alienated activity," he writes, "I do not really act; I am acted upon by external or internal forces." An important manifestation as well as an ingredient of the "having" mode of existence is a situation in which "my relationship with the entire world is one of possessing and owning, one in which I want to make everybody and everything, including myself, my property. This tendency becomes so pronounced that it extends even to people, and one talks of "My doctor", "My employer", "My boss" and so on.

Fromm makes it clear that passivity does not mean the absence of activity but activity prompted by external forces in contrast to that arising from the autonomous dynamics of the perpetrator's inner self. One, therefore, can be in a passive state even when engaged in hectic exertion if the latter is prompted by a force outside one. Similarly, physical inaction does not mean passivity if it goes with autonomous inner activity. Fromm associates the active, as opposed to the passive state, with the "being" mode of existence. The latter has as its "prerequisites independence, freedom and the presence of critical reason. Its fundamental character is that of being active, not in the sense of outward activity, of busyness, but of inner activity, the pro-



ductive use of human powers. To be active means to give expression to one's faculties, talent, to the wealth of human gifts through which — though in varying degrees — every human being is endowed. It means to renew oneself, to grow, to flow out, to love, to transcend the prison of one's isolated ego, to be interested, to list, to give."

The "being" mode of existence is characterised by non-alienated activity. "I experience myself," says Fromm, "as the subject of my activity. Non-alienated activity is a process of giving birth to something, of producing something and remaining related to what I produce. This also means that my activity is a manifestation of my powers, that I and my activity are one. I call this activity productive activity."

The question is: How does television promote the "having" mode of existence? It is a technological device for transmitting images and sound over ether. Its evolution as a cultural medium has been largely determined by its symbiotic relationship with the consumer culture, which is marked by self-indulgence and compulsive, competitive and conspicuous consumption, fanned by unbridled advertising, association of personal worth and social status with a high level of consumption and the spread and intensification of the competitive spirit, a critical factor in capitalism. It is the result of a new phase in the evolution of capitalism in which the market plays a dominant role in the system, and which, in turn accounts for an unprecedented emphasis on ensuring higher turnover and surplus. Marketing has emerged as a specialised field and advertising as its cutting edge. Television, which has given advertising a reach and impact

it never had before, has become the principal vehicle of the consumer culture.

The consumer culture, which determines the content of television, including advertising, spawns passivity because it undermines an individual's autonomy. Advertising plays a critical role. In many cases, one would not even have known of a product's existence but for it being advertised. Nor would one have bought a product if advertising had not promoted it in glowing terms. The act of buying it is thus an externally-induced passive exercise.

It is not just one act of buying. Advertising not only projects commodities as irresistible objects themselves but also their possession as an indication of one's worth and status — for example by projecting that only a person of a certain class can own a certain brand of suit or a stratospherically-priced car. Given the ubiquity and the audio-visual appeal of advertisements, other criteria of status and worth such as scholarship and superior creativity in the arts, for example, writing and painting, get relegated. An increasing ability to buy things and enjoy services becomes the principal goal of a progressively large mass of people and, as a consequence, the defining quest of the consumer culture.

This defining quest of the consumer culture makes for passivity as it is mainly externally-driven by advertising. The process is reinforced by a compulsion internal to the psyche of people which reinforces the compulsive, competitive and conspicuous consumption that is a hallmark of the consumer culture. In *The Fear of Freedom*, Fromm shows how a feeling of insecurity comes inexorably

upon a person with his/her growing awareness of himself/herself separate from the surrounding nature and people.

According to him, this awareness "remained very dim over long periods of history," and the process of its growth, which he calls "individuation," "seems to have reached its peak in modern history in the centuries between the Reformation and the present." Stating that the same process is found in the life history of the individual, he says that despite biological separation, the child "remains functionally at one with the mother for a considerable period." It is linked to her by what he calls "primary ties," an expression he also uses to signify the ties connecting "the member of a primitive community with his clan or nature, or the medieval man with his clan or social caste." Their existence implies a "lack of individuality but they also give security and orientation to the individual."

In the case of the child, he/she slowly becomes aware of his/her separateness from his/her mother and others, with physical, mental and emotional development. This leads to the emergence of an "organised structure guided by the individual's will and reason." He adds, "If we call this organised and integrated whole of the personality as the self, we can also say that the one side of the growing process of individuation is the growth of self-strength." The other side is a growing feeling of aloneness which leads to a growing feeling of insecurity given the many dangers that beset a person in every society. This feeling of insecurity is ever-present in market capitalism which is the matrix of the consumer culture

and in which the market dominates the system and competition is war with no holds barred. Thus, corporations are stalked by the fear of being taken over or run to the ground by other corporations and individuals by that of losing their jobs or of uncertain futures in their own corporations taken over by new masters.

The way to overcome a feeling of loneliness and insecurity is, Fromm states, to "relate spontaneously to the world in love and work," in the genuine expression of "one's emotional, sensuous and intellectual capacities," becoming one with man, nature and himself "without giving up the independence and integrity of one's individual self." Unfortunately, conditions under market capitalism hinder the adoption of such a course. The several ways — including resort to sadistic and masochistic relationships — in which people seek to overcome their feeling of insecurity, include compulsive acquisition of possessions and conformism.

According to Fromm, "Incorporating a thing, for example by eating or drinking, is an archaic form of possessing it." An infant's form of taking possession is by swallowing a thing. Referring to many forms of swallowing, including symbolic incorporation, Fromm says, "The attitude inherent in consumption is that of swallowing." And swallowing under the influence of televised advertising is yet another example of how the idiot box and the consumer culture promote passivity. (The writer is Consultant Editor, *The Pioneer*, and author)

## SOUNDBITE

Both (India and China) are powerful nations yet neither one can destroy the other one. So both will have to live side by side.



Tibetan spiritual leader — Dalai Lama

I don't think there is anything called an outsider or an insider. It is about favouritism, that's the word that should be used. And this exists everywhere.



Actor — Divya Dutta

The magnitude of this pandemic, which has touched virtually everyone in the world, clearly deserves a commensurate evaluation, an honest evaluation.



WHO chief — Tedros A Ghebreyesus

It is the job of the courts to deliver justice. It is the job of the police to deliver the accused. The only thing killed in Yogi's encounter raj is justice.



Senior TMC leader — Mahua Moitra

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Rough ride

Sir — Private companies, which solely pursue profit, cannot be expected to have a charitable approach towards society or the country. So it will not come as a surprise if the private owners, approved by the Government, come up with arrangements that will serve only the privileged classes and exclude the common people with their revised fare structures. Class barriers exist in every sphere of life, be it hospitals, schools or higher educational institutions, residential apartments and hotels among others. Thus, one could expect the tradition of exclusion to continue with the privatisation of the Indian Railways.

Having already made the decision to privatise 109 pairs of routes, the least the Government should do is to make sure that the number of existing trains or routes is not reduced. The enjoyment of the elite should not come at the cost of the lower and middle classes for whom railways are often the lifeline for travel. Adequate alternatives should be available so that people, who cannot afford the prices set by the

### A new education paradigm is needed

This refers to the editorial, "No lessons to be learnt" (July 10). The ostensible reason for the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)'s removal of topics such as secularism, citizenship and federalism from its syllabi for classes IX to XII is 30 per cent reduction in the study load of students during the Coronavirus pandemic. But the choice of topics for deletion from course materials raises questions about the motivation behind the move. The board's justification, that it was meant "to reduce the exam stress of students due to the prevailing health emergency situation and prevent learning gaps" begs the question as to why the topics needed to be learnt.

The CBSE has not made clear the rationale behind dropping some subjects as "dispensable" while retaining others as "indispensable." There is a strong case for every student to have exposure to India's composite culture — its heterogeneity, diversity and pluralism. It helps in the cultivation of



tolerance as a virtue. What children learn in their impressionable age moulds and colours their whole life. Nonetheless, it is some consolation that the "banishment" of key components of what we cherish as liberal education is "temporary," a one-time measure and the expunged contents have not yet been replaced by new content, propagating a constricted vision of India and the world.

G David Milton Maruthancode

### Overhaul education

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "No lessons to be learnt" (July 10). While the CBSE's decision to reduce the syllabus up to 30 per cent is welcome, one fails to understand the very purpose of education when students will not learn anything about secularism,

Partition and citizenship among other subjects.

Are curricula only meant to help the students pass the examinations? For the students, textbooks are just an assemblage of facts that need to be memorised, only to be forgotten later in life. Our pedagogical systems are disconnected from lived realities. It is time to evolve teaching

methods that encourage students to apply facts to real-life problems while encouraging them to seek knowledge. The sad reality is that concepts like secularism and federalism are not really practised anymore.

Bhavik Jain  
Via email

### The race is on

Sir — With TikTok being banned in India, various social media apps have been rushing to take its place. One of the top contenders is Instagram, which has showed its intention to fill the gap with a new app called "Reels." With thousands of content creators, who had amassed millions of followers, being stranded overnight due to a ban on TikTok, it will be interesting to see if Reels will be able to capture the same market. For influencers, the challenge will be to direct their loyalists to newer platforms. They will have to regain what they have lost.

Juhi Singh  
Via email

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FIRST COLUMN

# EIA 2020 needs more teeth

The draft notification should have brought in tougher measures but it has notable weak points that severely undermine its very purpose



KOTA SRIRAJ

The new Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Draft Notification, 2020, that seeks to replace the 2016 version, could not have come at a better time as both the environment and humans are in the throes of suffering. The abuse of the environment by the human race has led to nature striking back in the form of zoonotic diseases such as COVID-19. The writ of mankind has run large and in the process has played havoc with the delicate balance between various ecological features of our planet. In India as well, in the name of economic development, ill-conceived projects from the environmental perspective have continuously overreached into the realm of nature and compromised the ecological well-being of our nation. This has been allowed to happen due to the absence of a robust EIA mechanism that focusses on a stringent appraisal of a project before its launch and which not only assesses its environmental sensitivity but also measures the responsibility shown by the project designers towards the local/indigenous communities that stand to be impacted by it. India direly needs to have rigorous regulations which ensure that the "polluter pays" rule is applied strictly in letter and spirit. It also needs to be ensured that the environmental clearance (EC) certificate is not abused as a licence to pillage the environment in the name of development. But all said and done, such an ideal EIA still remains a pipe dream in the country.

The EIA was started in India in 1977-78 for the evaluation of river projects. Since then it has come a long way but interestingly, even today there is a high number of instances where projects have caused immense harm to the environment, humans and wildlife alike. How these projects passed the EIA and obtained an EC is a pertinent question that needs urgent answers. The recent Oil India Limited (OIL) gas well blowout at Baghjan in Assam's Tinsukia district is an apt example of how the environment is getting adversely impacted in the absence of a robust EIA mechanism. The disaster has caused huge damage in the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park situated just 900 metres from the well and to the Maguri-Motapung wetland as well, killing birds and endangered wildlife. Houses, farms, trees and water are covered with a film of oil right next to the place where three rivers join to form the transboundary Brahmaputra river. The whole area is experiencing repeated seismic tremors. Yet it has been allowed to continue operations with impunity. That such blatant violation of environmental laws is being done by a public sector undertaking is nothing short of a disgrace and a mockery of the concept of EIA. Yet another example is the LG Polymers Plant in Visakhapatnam from where the Styrene gas leak occurred on May 7, leading to disastrous consequences. It has since emerged that the plant was operating without the requisite clearances for the last two decades. Sadly, there are many more such examples which raise the question as to who is actually granting these projects permission to operate.

The EIA is essentially the bedrock of Indian environmental conservation and needs to be firmly anchored to the concept of "precautionary principle" or put simply, the creation of foresight to grasp the consequences of our actions on the environment and humanity. This "foresight" is sorely missing and needs to be urgently built into our EIA systems so that the hidden cost of economic development is not painfully paid every time an environmentally insensitive project is cleared. In conditions such as these, the EIA 2020 draft notification should have brought in tougher measures to filter projects on the basis of the threat perception to the environment, but surprisingly it has notable weak points that severely undermine the very purpose of EIA.

The draft notification allows for *post facto* clearance, which means that even if a project has come up without requisite approvals and environmental clearances, it can still continue to operate. This feature is quite unacceptable as it will create a rash of projects that will operate without critical clearances. Additionally, the draft makes a curious provision that not only undermines the environment but is also directly detrimental to the very fabric of our democracy as it neglects consultation with local communities by limiting public consultation pertaining to the impact of a proposed project. This amounts to silencing the opinion of the common man and therefore undermining his/her democratic rights. The draft has listed a series of projects which have been exempted from public interaction. These are area development projects, modernisation or irrigation projects, highway projects and, of course, projects pertaining to defence and national security.

Although the last-mentioned projects are understandably out of the ambit of public consultation due to security considerations, the rest of the projects mentioned on the list do not deserve to be exempted from public participation and debate. With loopholes such as these, the draft cannot build on the 2016 version and may even undermine some of the good work done under the earlier version of the EIA. The Government must relook at some of the worrying features of the draft 2020 so that the future of Indian environment and humanity stand a chance against the onslaught of so-called economic development that is parallely eroding the environment.

(The writer is an environmental journalist)

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IT'S THE JOB OF COURTS TO DELIVER JUSTICE. IT'S THE JOB OF THE POLICE TO DELIVER THE ACCUSED. INDIA UNDER THE BJP HAS CONFUSED THE TWO.

—TMC MP MAHUA MOITRA



THERE IS NO NEED TO SHED TEARS OVER THE KILLING OF DUBEY IN AN ENCOUNTER. WHY IS THE POLICE ACTION BEING QUESTIONED?

—SHIV SENA MP SANJAY RAUT

# Stop population explosion

With the global population estimated to touch nine billion by 2050, the huge surge is identified to be the causal factor of developmental concerns in several countries



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When the world's population reached five billion on July 11, 1987, it was observed as the "Five Billion Day" by the United Nations (UN). Taking inspiration from this, the then Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the first time in 1989 launched an initiative to observe July 11 as the World Population Day to draw attention towards the urgency and importance of related issues. As population explosion began to take centre stage as a cause of serious concern, the themes of the World Population Day focussed on the health problems faced by childbearing women and the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights. With the current global population at 7.8 billion and estimated to touch nine billion by 2050, the massive surge in population is identified to be the causal factor of developmental concerns in several countries. It becomes more conspicuous for developing and lesser developed countries. Therefore, World Population Day assumes paramount importance because it highlights the problems of population explosion and raises awareness about the effects of over-population on the environment and the planet. This year's theme is to raise awareness about safeguarding sexual and reproductive health needs and vulnerabilities of women and girls during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is very timely and significant because many pregnant women succumb to poor reproductive healthcare. A study by the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) revealed that 800 women die every day during the process of childbirth. The research highlighted that if the lockdown continues for six months, with continued major disruption to health services, then 47 million women in low and middle-income countries might not have access to modern contraceptives. This would, in turn, lead to seven million unintended pregnancies. This could lead to a rise in gender-based violence, female genital mutilation and child marriages and thus threaten the transformative results attained thus far in raising the health conditions of women.

**India's concerns:** The concerns for India on this World Population Day are clear. It has just two per cent of the world's landmass and 16 per cent of the global population. Between the Census of 2001 and 2011, the country added 18 per cent more people to its population — translating to around 181 million. It is the second-most populous country in the world with an estimated population of around 1.37 billion by 2019. According to the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, India is expected to add nearly 273 million people in the next three decades and surpass China's population within the next seven years. In this context, the importance of sexual and reproductive health of women and planned parenthood underscores some major concerns for the country.

**Birth rate and death rate:** These are important factors for the population explosion in India. The death rate and birth rate was almost the same up to the mid-20th century, which meant a slow rate of growth of population. However, with gradual improvement in healthcare facilities, level of education, availability of proper nutrition and diet, people began to live longer and the death rate began to decline. This mismatch in birth and death rate resulted in faster growth of the population in the last few decades. As on 2020, India has a registered birth rate



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of 18.2 per 1,000 population and death rate of 7.3 per 1,000 population.

**Poverty and illiteracy:** These factors also contribute immensely to the population explosion. In particular, children in rural areas are considered a blessing and support for parents in their old age, while in poorer families, more children mean more wage earners. On the other hand, the level of girls' education has a direct impact on fertility, as it is evidenced that the fertility rate of illiterate women tends to be higher than that of those who are literate. Lack of education prevents women from having full knowledge about the use of contraceptives, of the consequences of frequent childbirth as well as of their reproductive rights. On the other hand, educated women understand their rights and choices of contraception, are often vocal against early marriage and choose not to have many children. In India, female (39 per cent) illiteracy was almost twice than male illiteracy in 2011.

**Family planning and other social factors:** Even after 69 years of the creation of the National Family Planning Programme, the pattern of family planning has not changed much in the country. The National Family Health Survey (2015-2016) revealed that the use of condoms declined by 52 per cent over eight years and vasectomies fell 73 per cent. Added to this, women still lack the power to negotiate and choose if they are willing to get pregnant or wish to give birth to a baby, whether it is a boy or a girl. Preference for male children by families is still prevalent in the overwhelming patriarchal society in the country. In this process, a woman ends up being pregnant multiple times and producing many children till a male child is born.

**Total Fertility Rate:** TFR is the average number of children born to women during their reproductive years. For the

population to remain stable, an overall TFR of 2.1 is needed. Hence, a TFR of 2.1 is known as the replacement rate. India has witnessed a steady decline in its TFR, which touched 2.3 in 2016. However, there is a huge variation across States and the income level of people. Poorer States like Bihar (3.2), Uttar Pradesh (3.1), Jharkhand (2.7) and Rajasthan (2.7) still have TFRs above 2.5, while the poorest household has a TFR of 3.2 children per woman compared to 1.5 children per woman from affluent families. This shows that population growth is more concentrated in economically weaker sections of society and poorer regions of the country.

**High youth unemployment:** India has the highest youth population in the world, i.e. around 28 per cent of the total population. This youth potential is often referred to as the "demographic dividend" which means that if the youth available in the country are equipped with quality education and skills training, then they will not only get suitable employment but can also contribute effectively towards the economic development of the country. Every year around 25 million people enter the workforce, but only seven million are able to secure jobs, resulting in huge unemployment rates. Around 18 per cent of the young labour force is unemployed in the country today and around 33 per cent of the total youth are not in employment, education and training (NEET), which is the highest in the world. This huge unemployed and NEET category of youth are turning the demographic dividend into a "demographic disaster" for India.

**The way forward:** Population growth constantly acts as a hurdle in effectively addressing the problem of poverty, hunger and malnutrition and in providing a better quality of health and education, with limited resources. COVID-19 has accentuated these challenges and also raised

concerns on the timely attainment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is, therefore, important to understand that in order to have a better future for all on a healthy planet, attainment of the SDGs is critical.

Family planning is an effective tool to ensure a stable rise in the population, which in turn is crucial for the achievement of some of these SDGs. The Government at all levels — Union, State and local, citizens, civil societies as well as businesses — must take the responsibility to promote awareness and advocate the sexual and reproductive rights of women and encourage the use of contraception. This would go a long way in ensuring that every child who is born would prove to be an asset for the country, as all the research shows that investing in family planning and well-being measures have significant benefits over per Rupee spent *vis-à-vis* other investments.

Additionally, the key stakeholders need to be committed to well-researched planning and implementation on how to harness the population growth for the maximum economic benefit of the society and country. Providing adequate education and training to the young population would make them productive, effective and competent, thereby making them key contributors to economic growth. The World Population Day, 2020, is an opportune time to discuss these important issues and raise awareness about safeguarding sexual and reproductive health needs and vulnerabilities of women and girls during crises like the pandemic, so that corrective measures can be taken to overcome these challenges towards the vision of New India and an Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

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# China the emerging ring master of Nepal?

It is time for the people to question the Government, especially KP Oli, for turning a blind eye to Chinese high-handedness



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The recent border issues raised by Nepal show structural deficiencies in building trust and willingness to keep relations with India healthy. The self-centred politicisation of centuries-old peaceful ties exposes the darker side of Nepalese Prime Minister KP Oli. He has not only derailed the prospects of peace and cooperation between Nepal and India, but his hollow projection of nationalism, solely based on anti-India manoeuvring, exhibits his short-sightedness to serve vested interests in the political and diplomatic space of Nepal. This includes his growing closeness and frequent interactions with China.

On the other hand, Nepal's ruling

Communist Party (NCP) has intensified its demand for Oli's resignation for failing to contain COVID-19, derailed the economy, endangering the right to freedom, including that of the Press, and accusing India of conspiring against him politically. Amid all this, Oli can be seen misusing his power to influence the office of the President in unilaterally issuing ordinances to ease the process of splitting a party to protect his position as Prime Minister in case his party splits.

Although the Standing Committee of the NCP has lashed out at Oli for misusing his power and accusing India, Oli has turned a deaf ear to such calls and is openly entertaining Chinese assertiveness in the domestic and foreign affairs of Nepal. If reports in the Nepalese media are to be believed, it is Oli's arrogance that has driven his pro-China campaign, at the cost of destroying friendly ties with India. While Oli's new-found love for China is a challenge to India, a proactive and meddling Beijing is a bigger concern for Nepal itself.

Even though China has penetrated the Nepalese political space, Oli is

not paying heed since recent moves by the Chinese Ambassador in Nepal are aimed to protect his interests. Ambassador Hou Yanqi has been meeting with the members of the NCP to keep Oli in office. Her direct meetings with the Prime Minister are cherry on the cake for China. However, Yanqi attracted criticism after she held a one-on-one meeting with the President of Nepal on June 5, a day before the Standing Committee of the NCP was to decide on Oli's fate. While the agenda of the meeting was not revealed, it is clear that China wishes Oli to continue as the Prime Minister.

On his part, Oli is hell-bent on bringing a Chinese-style one-party rule in Nepal. Members of the Communist Party of China were invited to provide training to the Central Committee members of the NCP before its second convention was to begin in Kathmandu on February 15. At the convention, NCP allegedly passed a resolution to amend the Constitution to make Nepal a "People's Democracy" from the existing "People's multi-party Democracy". In case, the NCP pushes to remove the word "multi-

party" from the Constitution, it will further lead the country towards a one-party rule.

This pro-China inclination may be considered an independent sovereign act of a country. But allowing Chinese intervention in the political affairs of Nepal is dangerous. While the high-handedness of Yanqi is not a hidden fact, pumping of Chinese funds through the Madan Bhandari Foundation, named after a late Communist leader seen as a source of Oli's political aspirations, needs to be seen.

It was Yanqi who had convinced Oli and his administration to sign an extradition treaty during Xi Jinping's visit to Nepal last October. While the treaty was not signed due to internal opposition, Oli gifted a Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters on the lines of the extradition treaty to China. The treaty has not only jeopardised the fate of 13,000 Tibetans living in Nepal but Kathmandu has also risked violating the pact with the UNHCR to protect the rights of Tibetan refugees.

The frequent meetings between

the Chinese officials and officers of the Nepal Army give a clear understanding of the Chinese mindset in Nepal for two reasons. One, the army has always been looked upon as the most stable institution in Nepal. No matter the political party in power, a stable relationship with the army will prove beneficiary for Chinese interests in Nepal. Two, in the last three years, the security cooperation between China and Nepal has moved from minimal to an advanced level. To promote ties in the security sector, China and Nepal have continued to strengthen cooperation through the exchange of visits of security personnel, joint exercises and training, disaster prevention and reduction, personnel training and supply of arms and ammunition to the Nepalese army.

Also, the Chinese business community in Nepal has been defying domestic laws of the host country, but local political support has kept it safe. Thamel, a tourist spot in the heart of Kathmandu known for lavish restaurants and hostels, has a complete area allegedly owned by the Chinese. They are known to lease properties from

Nepali owners on a maximum bid and these hotels and restaurants with all-Chinese staff, who allegedly visit Nepal on tourist visas. Similar cases of fraud have come into the public sphere where Chinese-run hotels in Nepal accept payments through the China-owned WeChat app. Meaning, the Chinese tourists do not make cash transactions in local currency or on local online payment platforms. Therefore, revenue contribution by the Chinese tourists has negative implications for the Nepalese tourism industry.

In December 2019, 122 Chinese nationals were arrested by the Nepal Police for their involvement in cyber-crimes and bank frauds. Later, these criminals were deported at the request of the Chinese Government and to provide an explanation to the media, the police claimed that it had failed to frame charges against them. China is known to have little respect for the laws of other countries but local support from the Prime Minister's office is indeed a sell-off. It is believed that Oli had personally attempted to avoid embarrassing China by deporting

these criminals. In February, the editor of a leading English daily in Nepal was also forced to resign after the newspaper ran an op-ed on the Coronavirus and questioned the Chinese Government's intentions in hiding its spread.

For years, leaders in Nepal have propagated a neutral position between India and China, knowing the importance of both the neighbours in trade, transit and security. They have also understood the geographical compulsions of a landlocked Nepal, but with his hollow acts of ultra-nationalism, Oli has merely served his personal aspirations.

In reality, a Chinese-style political system in Nepal will be a curse on Nepal's long fight for democracy, where thousands had sacrificed their lives. Nepal has examples of Chinese debt-traps in Sri Lanka and Africa and brain-washing in Pakistan. Therefore, it is time for the people to question the Government, especially Oli, for turning a blind eye to Chinese high-handedness.

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**REPRESSION OF MINORITIES IN XINJIANG**

# US sanctions Chinese officials, Beijing vows to retaliate

**Washington/Beijing:** The US has imposed sanctions and visa restrictions on three senior Chinese officials, including the regional boss of the ruling communist party, for alleged human rights abuses targeting Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, and members of other minority groups in the restive Muslim-majority Xinjiang province.

China is accused of mass detentions, religious persecution and forced sterilisation of Uyghurs and others in the resource-rich northwestern province.

Authorities there are thought to have detained about a million people in re-education camps in recent years for “vocational training” to counter radicalism and separatism in Xinjiang.

The three senior officials named by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in a statement were: Chen Quanguo, the communist party secretary of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and a member of the powerful Politburo; Zhu Hailun, party secretary of the Xinjiang political and legal committee; and Wang Mingshan, party secretary of the Xinjiang public security bureau.

Chen is the highest-ranking Chinese official ever to be hit by US sanctions. He is said to be the architect of China's harsh policies against minorities, and was previously in charge in Tibet.

Former security official in Xinjiang, Huo Lijun has also been named in the list.

As a result of the US move, they and their immediate family members are ineligible for

entry into America. It is now a crime in the US to conduct financial transactions with all of them, and they will have their US-based assets frozen.

“The United States is taking action today against the horrific and systematic abuses in Xinjiang and calls on all nations who share our concerns about the CCP's attacks on human rights and fundamental freedoms to join us in condemning this behaviour,” Pompeo said.

In a separate statement, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the US is committed to using the full breadth of its financial powers to hold human rights abusers accountable in Xinjiang and across the world.

“The United States will not stand idly by as the CCP carries out human rights abuses targeting Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs,

and members of other minority groups in Xinjiang, to include forced labour, arbitrary mass detention, and forced population control, and attempts to erase their culture and Muslim faith,” Pompeo said.

Before ramping up the CCP's campaign of repression in Xinjiang, Chen oversaw extensive abuses in Tibetan areas, using many of the same horrific practices and policies CCP officials currently employ in Xinjiang, the top American diplomat said.

Responding to the US move, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told media briefing in Beijing that the US decision amounted to “serious interference in China's internal affairs and grave violation of basic norms guiding international relations.”

“Reacting to this wrong move, China has decided to impose reciprocal measures on US individuals and institutions with egregious behaviours on Xinjiang,” he said.

Asked when the sanctions would come into effect, he said, “you will find soon enough.”

This is the third time this week US and China slapped sanctions and visa restrictions. China on Monday imposed visa restrictions on US individuals with “egregious conduct” on Hong Kong-related issues as a counter to American sanctions against unnamed Chinese officials deemed responsible for curbing freedoms in the city.

The US action came after China went ahead with the implementation of its new national security law for Hong Kong disregarding international condemnation to quell mass protests opposing growing

Chinese interference, marginalising “one country two systems” formula governing Hong Kong.

On Wednesday, Beijing said it would retaliate the US action to impose visa restrictions on Chinese officials involved in restricting access to foreigners to Tibet with visa bans on Americans with “egregious conducts”.

In recent months, the Trump administration has stepped up its actions towards China on all fronts, including clamping down on Chinese media entities, going after Chinese pharmaceutical and research cybertheft. Tensions between the US and China are already high over the coronavirus pandemic with Washington accusing Beijing of covering up the outbreak last year.

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(LC No. 00001323 of Delhi Janakpuri Branch) Sanjeev Kumar (Borrower) Deepa (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1806299 / ₹ Eighteen lakh Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine ) NPA (01-01-2020)	RZ-A-35 and 36, (UGF front side) Khasra No. 205 & 206, Village - Nasirpur Durga Park, New Delhi, New Delhi-110045, Delhi.
(LC No. 00004539 of Delhi Branch) Rahul Gupta (Borrower) Veena Gupta (Co Borrower 1) Deepika Gupta (Co Borrower 2)	21-01-2020 / ₹ 1762940 / ₹ Seventeen lakh Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty ) NPA (01-12-2019)	Plot No.rz-157 (entire For Back Side) Khasra No.55.village. Bindapur Santosh Park, Uttam Nagar New Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110059
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(LC No. 00000806 of Gurgaon Branch) Madan Enterprises (Borrower) Madan Singh (Co Borrower 1) Vandana Devi (Co Borrower 2)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1418732 / ₹ Fourteen lakh Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two ) NPA (01-06-2017)	M_MACHINE_NAME : Multineedle chain stitch quilting machine, AP_MODEL_NO : -, AP_INVOICE_NO : -1111
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(LC No. 00000157 of Bareilly Branch) Ram Avtar (Borrower) Santoshi (Co Borrower 1)	19-12-2019 / ₹ 1240894 / ₹ Twelve lakh Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Four ) NPA (01-11-2019)	Plot On Part Of Khet No 120, Kanjadaspur, Bareilly Bareilly Uttar Pradesh - 243001
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(LC No. 00043575 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Vinod (Borrower) Renu (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 856495 / ₹ Eight lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five ) NPA (01-12-2019)	Property No. 1519 Upper Ground Front Side Khasra No. 93 Gali No. 13 Govinpuri Kalkaji, Delhi, New Delhi-110019, Delhi.
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(LC No. 00005065 of Delhi Branch) Mohamad Saif (Borrower) Jeenat J (Co Borrower 1)	21-01-2020 / ₹ 756039 / ₹ Seven lakh Fifty Six Thousand Thirty Nine ) NPA (01-12-2019)	DDA Janta Flat No. 22, First Floor, Pocket-11, Sector-A6 Narela, Delhi New Delhi Delhi-110040
(LC No. 00004982 of New Delhi Branch) Ashraf Imamkhani (Borrower)	19-12-2019 / ₹ 695441 / ₹ Six lakh Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty One ) NPA (01-11-2019)	Flat No. 98, Second Floor Sector - A-6, Pocket - 11 Block - 2, Narela Delhi New Delhi Delhi-110040
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(LC No. 00000794 of Delhi Branch) Rajesh Kumar (Borrower) Rekha (Co Borrower 1)	21-01-2020 / ₹ 444601 / ₹ Four lakh Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred One ) NPA (01-12-2019)	WZ-16a, Ugf (back Side) Kh No-63/4 & 5/1, Gali No-7, vill-paliam Raj Nagar-1, paliam Colony New Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110045
(LC No. 00042294 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Mahesh Sharma (Borrower) Suman Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 417444 / ₹ Four lakh Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four ) NPA (01-01-2020)	Plot No 314, Pkt No C6, Sector 34, Rohini, Residential Scheme, New Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110085
(LC No. 00043704 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Jacob Cherian (Borrower) Nisha Jacob (Co Borrower 1)	19-12-2019 / ₹ 344865 / ₹ Three lakh Forty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five ) NPA (01-11-2019)	P.no-wz-39, F.f (I.h.s), Gali No.03, Kh.no.89 /16, 17/24, & 25 & 90/4/1, 4/2, 5/1 Vill.hastals, dayalsar Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi New Delhi Delhi-110059
(LC No. 00041706 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Mahaboo (Borrower) Samsiddha (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 282878 / ₹ Two lakh Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight ) NPA (01-01-2020)	Flat No. B-31, First Floor Krishna Vihar Apartment, Pocket - I Block - E, Sector-11, Pratap, Vihar, Ghaziabad, Gautambudh Nagar-201301
(LC No. 00042729 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Arun Kumar Yadav (Borrower) Abha Yadav (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 226189 / ₹ Two lakh Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine ) NPA (01-01-2020)	Flat No 4 Block B Pkt 3 Dda Flat, Delhi, South West Delhi -110010, Delhi.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

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**INT'L STUDENTS' STAY IN US**

## 136 Congressmen, 30 Senators seek reversal of Trump admin's decision

**Washington:** A group of 136 US Democratic congressmen and 30 senators, including Indian-origin Kamala Harris, has urged the Trump administration to reverse its “cruel” order that bars international students from staying in the country if they do not have in-person classes to attend.

The lawmakers, in separate letters to Acting Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, Chad Wolf and Acting Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Matthew Albence on Thursday, expressed concern over the ICE's recently announced modifications to the Student Exchange and Visitor Program (SEVP).

The new guidelines have created panic among interna-

tional students, a majority of whom come from China and India.

In its July 6 order, the ICE declared that nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 students attending schools operating entirely online or taking only online courses will not be permitted to take a full course load and remain in the United States.

The modifications also limited many students at normally operating schools from taking more than one class or three credit hours online in order to remain in the country.

The letter, signed by senators Robert Menendez, Cory Booker and Harris, the Indian-origin senator from California among others, expressed concern that the ICE's guidance is

## 22 people killed in Nepal landslides

**Kathmandu:** The death toll in the multiple landslides triggered by incessant rains across Nepal in the past 24 hours has risen to 22, the home ministry said on Friday.

Seven people, including three children, lost their lives due to landslides in Kaski district. Five of them were killed after a landslide swept away a house in Sarangkot area in Pokhara in the district in the wee hours of Friday, police said.

Around 10 people were injured in the same incident and are undergoing treatment at different hospitals, they said.

In two separate incidents of landslides on Thursday night, three members of a family were killed in Beshahar of Lamjung district and two others lost their lives in Aathbiskot area of Rukum district.

Three people lost their lives in landslides in Myagdi district.



## China rejects prospect of joining arms control talks with US

**Beijing:** China on Friday rejected any prospect of joining in nuclear arms limitation talks with the US, calling reports from Washington that it would do so a distortion of its stated position.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian told reporters the US was “neither serious nor sincere” in the proposed negotiations and should instead respond to Russia's call for an extension to the existing New START treaty limiting the number of nuclear warheads.

“China's objection to the so-called trilateral arms control negotiations is very clear, and the US knows it very well. However, the U.S. is persistent on the issue and even distorted China's position,” Zhao said at a daily news briefing.

China, with the world's biggest nuclear arsenal after the US and Russia, has maintained it will not join in talks with Washington and Moscow on reducing its number of warheads.

## Russia skeptical about nuke pact extension prospects

**Moscow:** Russia's top diplomat said Friday he's not very optimistic about prospects for an extension of the last remaining U.S.-Russia arms control agreement because of Washington's focus on making China sign up to the pact.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov warned that Russia only wants to keep the New START treaty as much as the U.S. Does and will protect its security regardless of the pact's fate.

“We only need the extension as much as the Americans do,” Lavrov said during a conference call with foreign policy experts.

“If they categorically refuse, we will not try to persuade them.” The New START treaty was signed in 2010 by U.S. President Barack Obama and then Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

The pact limits each country to no more than 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads and 700 deployed missiles and bombers and envisages sweep-

## French accused of molesting 305 Indonesian minors

**Jakarta:** Indonesian authorities have arrested a French man for alleged sexual abuse of minors after finding videos on his laptop computer showing him molesting over 300 children, police said Friday.

Jakarta police spokesman Yusri Yunus said Francois Camille Abello was arrested late last month in a hotel room where he was found with two naked girls.

He said police had received a tip-off from nearby residents who suspected a foreigner at the hotel was exploiting children. Abello could face death by firing squad if found guilty under child protection laws, Yunus said.



## France urges Netanyahu not to annex parts of West Bank

**Paris:** French President Emmanuel Macron is urging Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu not to annex Palestinian territory in the West Bank, warning that it would violate international law and threaten long-term peace efforts.

The two leaders spoke by phone Thursday, and Macron's office said in a statement Friday that he told Netanyahu “to abstain from taking any measure to annex Palestinian territories.”

Macron also reiterated France's commitment to Israel's security and determination to work to calm tensions in the region.

Tensions have been high in the West Bank in recent weeks as Israel has vowed to proceed with plans to annex up to 30 per cent of the occupied territory, in line in President Donald Trump's Middle East initiative.

## Aus OK's Remdesivir as Covid treatment

**Sydney:** Australia approved the anti-viral drug remdesivir for treatment of COVID-19 Friday following a similar decision from the European Commission.

It is the first drug approved by Australian authorities to treat the virus and promised to reduce hospitalisation time for coronavirus patients, Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) said in a statement.

“By reducing recovery times, patients will be able to leave hospital earlier, freeing beds for those in need,” the TGA said.

The drug was given provisional approval for adults and adolescent patients and would be limited to those severely unwell from the virus, needing help to breathe and in hospital care, the authority noted.

## TURKEY'S PREZ FORMALLY MAKES HAGIA SOPHIA A MOSQUE

**Istanbul:** Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday formally reconverted Istanbul's sixth-century iconic Hagia Sophia into a mosque and declared it open to Muslim worship, hours after a high court annulled a 1934 decision that had turned it into a museum.

Turkey's high administrative court threw its weight behind a petition brought by a religious group and annulled the 1934 Cabinet decision that

turned the site into a museum. Within hours, Erdogan signed a decree handing over Hagia Sophia to Turkey's Religious Affairs Presidency. Erdogan has demanded that the the hugely symbolic world heritage site should be turned back into a mosque despite widespread international criticism, including from the US and Orthodox Christian leaders. The move could also deepen tensions with neighboring Greece.

**कार्यालय नगर पालिका परिषद कुम्हारी, जिला - दुर्ग (छ.ग.)**

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# Banks sanctions about ₹1.20L cr loans to MSMEs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Friday said banks have sanctioned loans of about ₹1,20,099 crore under the ₹3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the MSME sector reeling under economic slowdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, disbursements against this stood at ₹61,987.90 crore till Thursday (July 9) under the 100 per cent ECLGS for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The scheme is the biggest fiscal component of the ₹20-lakh crore Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in May. The latest numbers on ECLGS, as released by the finance ministry, comprise disbursements by all 12 public sector banks (PSBs), 22 private sector banks and 21 non-banking financial companies (NBFCs). "As of 9 July 2020, the total amount sanctioned under the 100 per cent Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme by #PSBs and private banks stands at ₹1,20,099.37 crore, of which ₹61,987.90 crore has already been disbursed," the finance minister said in a tweet. Under the ECLGS, the loan amounts sanctioned by PSBs increased to ₹68,145.40 crore, of which ₹38,372.88 crore has been disbursed as of July 9, she said. At the same time, private sector banks have sanctioned

₹51,953.97 crore and disbursed ₹23,615.02 cr. Compared to 4 July 2020, there is an increase of ₹5,596.79 crore in the cumulative amount of loans sanctioned and an increase of ₹5,896.72 cr in the cumulative amount of loans disbursed, by both #PSBs and private sector banks combined as on 9 July 2020," Sitharaman said.

Market leader SBI has sanctioned ₹20,788 crore of loans and disbursed ₹13,893 crore. It is followed by Punjab National Bank, which has sanctioned ₹8,977 crore. However, its disbursements stood at ₹2,975 crore as of July 9. State-wise, business units of Maharashtra have got the highest cumulative sanction of ₹7,035 crore from public sector banks, while disbursement was to the tune of ₹3,897 crore as of July 9. It is followed by Tamil Nadu, with a total sanction of ₹6,955 crore loans and disbursements of ₹4,153 crore. On May 21, the Cabinet approved an additional funding of up to ₹3 lakh crore at a concessional rate of 9.25 per cent through ECLGS for the MSME sector. Under the scheme, 100 per cent guarantee coverage will be provided by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company for additional funding of up to ₹3 lakh crore to eligible MSMEs and interested Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) borrowers in the form of a guaranteed emergency credit line (GECL) facility.

# Govt holds back full industrial output data for 2nd month in May

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has held back the release of complete industrial production data for the second straight month in May in view of the impact of the coronavirus-induced lockdown.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Friday released quick estimates of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) which showed the index value at 88.4 in May against 53.6 in April, indicating a gradual pickup in industrial activity. The index stood at 135.4 in May 2019.

The Ministry did not provide any comparable percentage data while noting that it is not appropriate to compare the IIP data with earlier months due to COVID-19 lockdown. The IIP data comes with a lag of six weeks.

"In view of preventive measures and announcement of nation-wide lockdown by the

Government to contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, majority of the industrial sector establishments were not operating from the end of March, 2020 onwards. This has had an impact on the items being produced by the establishments during the period of lockdown and the subsequent periods of conditional relaxations in restrictions," the Ministry said in a release.

The IIP for the month of May 2020 stands at 88.4 against 53.6 for April 2020.

The factory output index was at 135.4 in May 2019, which indicates a contraction of 34.71 per cent in industrial activity in May 2020. Last year, the IIP had recorded a growth of 4.5 per cent.

The Ministry said, "As mentioned in the Press Release for the IIP for April, 2020, it may not be appropriate to compare the IIP for May 2020 with those of months preceding the COVID 2019 pandemic."

# India moves up a rank to become second-largest source of FDI for UK

PTI ■ LONDON

India invested in 120 projects and created 5,429 new jobs in the UK to become the second-largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI) after the US in 2019, according to new UK Government figures released on Friday.

The Department for International Trade (DIT) inward investment statistics for 2019-2020 found India moving up from its previous third-largest spot, representing an overall 4 per cent FDI increase for the UK on 2018-2019 with 1,852 new inward investment projects in the 2019/2020 financial year. The US remains the number one source of FDI for the UK, delivering 462 projects and 20,131 jobs, followed by India, Germany, France and China and Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand were responsible for 72 projects and the Nordic and Baltic region 134, an increase for both regions.

The number of Indian projects at 106, resulting in a job

creation figure of 4,858 last year contrasts with 120 projects and 5,429 jobs for this year.

"During the COVID-19 crisis, we have been working with India to keep supply chains open and keeping trading routes alive and as we emerge from COVID, it is vitally important we don't move to protectionism," said UK International Trade Secretary Liz Truss, addressing the annual India Global Week 2020 virtual summit on Friday.

"On the trade side, we are not letting the grass grow under our feet and the UK and India are carrying on negotiations virtually given the current crisis," she said, in reference to a planned virtual India-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) summit this year.

The latest UK FDI figures show that while the number of new jobs as a direct result of foreign investment has declined – a global trend as seen in other FDI reports this year – the number of jobs safeguarded by FDI increased by 29 per cent.

# Govt's wheat procurement touches record high of 38.98 mn tonnes so far in 2020-21

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre's wheat procurement has touched an all-time record of 38.98 million tonnes so far in the 2020-21 marketing year (April-March), with Madhya Pradesh surpassing Punjab as the country's biggest wheat procuring state. The previous record was 38.18 million tonnes achieved in 2012-13. Wheat procurement stood at 34.77 million tonnes during the 2019-20 marketing year. Wheat marketing year runs from April-March, but the bulk of procurement is normally done in the first three months.

According to officials of the agriculture ministry, the wheat procurement target has been set at 40.7 million tonnes for the current year.

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) and state agencies undertake purchase of wheat at minimum support price (MSP).

"We have procured 38.98 million tonnes of wheat so far.

The procurement operations are almost complete in major states. Few thousand tonnes more will be brought in the next few days," a senior FCI official said.

According to FCI's latest data, Madhya Pradesh became the largest contributor to the central pool with 12.93 million tonnes of wheat, surpassing Punjab which procured 12.71 million tonnes.

Haryana (7.4 million tonnes), Uttar Pradesh (3.55 million tonnes) and Rajasthan (2.21 million tonnes) also made significant contributions to national procurement of wheat.

FCI has a total stock of 81.25 million tonnes as on July 8, of which wheat comprises 54.52 million tonnes and rice is at 26.72 million tonnes.

The central government had relaxed lockdown norms to start agricultural and related activities, with procurement commencing only from April 15 in most of the procuring states.

# Benchmarks wobble on weak global cues; log weekly gains

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Sensex and Nifty closed in the red on Friday, pressured by heavy selling in financial and banking stocks amid negative cues from Asian peers.

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 143.36 points, or 0.39 per cent, lower at 36,594.33.

The broader NSE Nifty shed 45.40 points, or 0.42 per cent, to close at 10,768.05. According to traders, domestic benchmarks followed the negative trend in other Asian equities as concerns over a fresh spike in COVID-19 cases and its impact on economic recovery weighed on investor sentiment. Axis

Bank was the top loser in the Sensex pack, skidding 3.14 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank, Titan, HDFC, ICICI Bank, ONGC and HDFC Bank. On the other hand, Reliance Industries, Sun Pharma, HUL and Bharti Airtel were among the gainers, rising up to 2.95 per cent.

# Room for more fiscal support in India in near term given severity of economic situation: IMF

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

A top IMF official has said that there is room for more fiscal support in India in the near term, particularly for vulnerable households and SMEs, given the severity of the country's economic situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vitor Gaspar, Director of the International Monetary Fund's Fiscal Affairs Department, told PTI that a complete and successful implementation of the existing support measures (in particular, food provision to households) is of paramount importance. "Given the severity of the economic situation, in the near-term there is room for more fiscal support, particularly for vulnerable households and SMEs (Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises)," he said.

Over the medium-term, India will continue to have a

very limited fiscal space, and a credible and well-communicated consolidation plan will be urgently needed once the coronavirus pandemic subsides, Gaspar said.

The economic impact of the COVID-19 in India has been substantial and broad-based, he said, adding that high frequency indicators point to a sharp decline in economic activity, as reflected in the industrial production, business sentiment (in the purchasing managers index), vehicle sales and trade. In the June World Economic Outlook (WEO), growth in fiscal year 20/21 was revised down to -4.5 per cent, he said. The downward revision compared with the April WEO was driven primarily by the continued rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in India.

"This led the International Monetary Fund to make spe-

cific two adjustments. First, the assumed length of the partial lockdown was extended somewhat. Second, and more important, we made more conservative assumptions about the speed of recovery given that the health crisis has not yet been contained," Gaspar said in response to a question.

He said that the near-term growth outlook in India continues to be clouded by the global and domestic slowdown and uncertainties relating to the evolution of the coronavirus pandemic. According to the senior IMF official, India's general Government fiscal deficit is projected to reach 12.1 per cent of the GDP in fiscal year 20/21, primarily due to weak tax revenues, as well as a denominator effect associated with the negative projected nominal GDP growth -- as with all other macro variables, estimates are highly uncertain.

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Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) I, Western Railway, Pralapanagar, Vadodara -390 004, invites E-tender as per the details given below: **Sr.No.1.Tender Notice No.:** Dy.CE/II/BRC/CTD-Dhar/10R **Name of Work :** Laying and linking of BG for Main & loop lines including points & crossing at various yards, spreading of ballast, supply of ballast, tamping of track with other incidental miscellaneous works and Transportation of P-way materials from various locations in Western Railway or outside with contractor's own vehicle including loading, unloading and stacking by mechanical means adjoining the formation at different location between Khanadala (Excluding Yard) to Jobat (Including Yard) in connection with "CTD-DHAR new BG Line project. **Approximate cost of Work:** ₹475.95 Lakhs **EMD:** ₹3,88,000/- **Sr. No. 2.Tender Notice No.:** Dy.CE/II/BRC/DB-CDD-KEW/36 **Name of Work :** Balance work for construction of minor bridges including misc. works like pilling work between Chandod - Kevadiya station in connection with "Dabhoi -Chandod Gauge conversion with extension upto Kevadiya (49.75 Kms). **Approximate cost of Work:** ₹1,605.33 Lakhs **EMD:** ₹9,52,700/- **Sr.No. 1 & 2 Availability of online Tender for bidding:** From 15.07.20 at 11.00 Hrs. to 29.07.20 at 15.00 Hrs. Regarding detailed nature of work, containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Manual offers will not be considered.

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# IRB Infra secures ₹2,193 cr project in WB under Bharatmala

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IRB Infrastructure on Friday said it has secured a ₹2,193-crore highway project in West Bengal under the Bharatmala Pariyojna.

The company said the project for widening of 63.83 km stretch on National Highways-19 is its first project in eastern India and marks its

entry in the ninth state in the country. The section is part of the Golden Quadrilateral Project "The company has emerged as a preferred bidder for BOT (build, operate, transfer) project of 6 laning of the national corridor NH-19 from Dankuni to Palait stretch of 63.83 kms in West Bengal, with a project cost of ₹2,193.23 cr," IRB Infra said in a state-

ment. The project is on design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) pattern, and the concession period is 17 years, including construction period of 910 days, it added. "We continue to look for opportunities to expand and diversify our presence. With this win, we will enter the eastern jewel of India.

We are committed to build

world class highway infrastructure for the development of eastern region and to bring quality connectivity with the rest of the country," IRB Infra Chairman & Managing Director Virendra D Mhaikar said. With the award of this project, the company's March 2020 order book stands updated at about ₹14,600 crore, the statement said.

# ITP contributes ₹50 L towards 'Swachh Bharat Kosh'

New Delhi: India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) has been contributing towards "Swachh Bharat Kosh" each year under the CSR activities.

For the year 2019-20, ITPO contributed an amount of ₹50 lakh towards "Swachh Bharat Kosh".

A Cheque was handed over to Rajeev Ranjan, Administrator,



Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India by Shri Rajesh Agrawal, ED, ITPO at North Block, New Delhi on July 9, 2020.

# 48th Special Task Force meeting held

New Delhi: Special Task Force was constituted by MoHUA on 25.04.2018 with an objective to comprehensively oversee effective and proper enforcement of the provisions of Master Plan, Unified Building Bye-laws for Delhi, ensuring compliance with the provisions of applicable Acts, Rules & Regulations and removal of encroachment and unauthorized construction. STF has now been

declared a statutory body under Section 5A & 57 of the DD Act, 1957. It comprises of 19 members team with Vice Chairman, DDA as its chairman and other senior officers from various Local Bodies. Regular meetings are being held on fortnightly basis since the inception of STF. In the 47th meeting of the STF held on 26.06.2020 through video conferencing under the chair-

manship of Mr. Anurag Jain IAS, the chairman emphasized that protection of land and removal of encroachments is of the utmost priority and all measures need to be taken in this regard. To be more effective in future, it was unanimously decided that all the Members/Departments would work in close coordination and prioritize the pending cases for taking action.

# SBI chairman: India's economic recovery started from June

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The country's economy, which Witnessed a disruption due to the coronavirus outbreak, has started recovering from June, State Bank of India's Chairman Rajnish Kumar said on Friday.

Speaking at the SBI Banking and Economics Conclave, Kumar said there is a need to wait for three to four months to see the trend of the

recovery. "COVID-19 has caused gigantic disruption of the Indian economy along with dislocation of the supply chain. April was the worst month. Things had slightly improved in May, while the recovery started from June," Kumar said at the webinar.

The industrially advanced states such as Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu were the worst affected due to the pandemic, he said.

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Dy. CE (Bridge Line) Dadar, Western Railway invites E-tender for the following works: **Sr.No.1. Tender Notice No.:** DY.CE/B/DDR/2020/15 **Date:** 07.07.2020 **Name of Work :** Providing side Pathway on major & important Br.No.240DN, 314DN, 324DN, 333DN, 351DN & 374 UP in Nandurbar-Jalgaon section of SSE(B)NDB under ADENB/BL Jurisdiction in Mumbai Division of Western Railway **Approximate cost of Work:** ₹2,22,77,235.54/- **EMD:** ₹2,61,400.00/- **Sr. No. 2. Tender Notice No.:** DY.CE/B/DDR/2020/16 **Date:** 07.07.2020 **Name of Work :** Providing Side Pathway on major & important Br. No. 170N, 112DN, 131DN, 134DN, 151DN, 163DN, 226DN, 288DN Between Udhana-Nandurbar Section of SSE(B) NDB Under ADENB/BL Jurisdiction in Mumbai Division of Western Railway **Approximate cost of Work:** ₹2,16,89,935.10/- **EMD Cost:** ₹2,58,400.00/- **Sr. No. 3. Tender Notice No.:** DY.CE/B/DDR/2020/17 **Date:** 07.07.2020 **Name of Work :** Replacement of corroded top flange plates and bracing members of Br. Nos. 360,369,370 and 372 UP&DN and replacement of corroded holding down bolts and bed plates of Br. Nos. 360,369,370 and 372 UP&DN in SAHPALE - SURAT Section of MMCT Division. **Approximate cost of Work:** ₹1,63,86,112.11/- **EMD Cost:** ₹2,31,900.00/- **Sr.No. 1, 2 & 3 Date & Time of Submission of e-Tender:** Up to 15.00 Hours of 07.08.2020. **Sr. No. 1, 2 & 3 Date & Time of Opening of e-Tender:** At 15.30 Hours of 07.08.2020. Regarding detailed nature of work, containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Manual offers will not be considered.

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# GAIL to invest in Start-Ups operating in area of Compressed Bio Gas

New Delhi: In a bid to support Start-Ups operating in the area of Compressed Bio Gas (CBG), GAIL (India) Limited today announced plans to invest in such companies through its Start-Up initiative 'Pankh'.

GAIL has opened a fresh Round for Solicitation of Investment Proposals from Start-Ups operating specifically in the area of CBG. The

Start-Ups that are interested in equity investment from GAIL can apply on GAIL's website [gailonline.com](http://gailonline.com). The Solicitation Round is open till July 24, 2020.

India has vast biomass resources and the Government is giving special emphasis on its utilization by encouraging setting-up of CBG plants. Further, Oil & Gas Companies are ready

to give commitment for offtake of CBG through issue of Letter Of Intent (LOI). Thus, it provides good business opportunity to Start-Ups operating in this area.

Start-Ups operating in any of the following areas of CBG can apply in this round:

- (i) Start-Ups providing technology,
- (ii) Start-Ups plan-

ning to expand their existing CBG plants

- (iii) Start-Ups planning to set-up new CBG Plants

GAIL had launched its ambitious Start-Up initiative 'Pankh' in July 2017 to invest in promising Start-Ups. So far, GAIL has made investments in 24 Start-Ups operating in various areas through four Solicitation Rounds.

# Delhi Transco Employees Contribute one day salary for Covid-19 relief

An amount of ₹9,92,825/- only contributed in LG/CM Relief Fund Delhi

New Delhi: Delhi Transco employees have always been on the forefront in extending help to the fellow countrymen

whenever need arised. Whether it was flood in J&K and Kerala or earthquake in Gujarat in the past, they have always contributed for the relief and rehabilitation of affected people. Covid-19 pandemic has created havoc worldwide and its impact in Delhi is very

alarming. Though Govt of NCT Delhi is doing its all efforts in treating the affected persons and checking its further spread. Sensing their responsibility, Delhi Transco employees have also come forward to extend their support to the Govt

# A total number of 75 patient admitted at Shakurbasti Covid Care Centre

New Delhi: In view of providing additional healthcare facility to the people of Delhi NCR, Northern Railway on demand of the state govt. is providing 503 isolation coaches equivalent to 8048 beds as Covid Care Centres at 9 different stations of Delhi area i.e; at Anand Vihar Terminal, Shakurbasti, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Safdarjung, Delhi Shahdara, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi Cantt, Badli and Tughlakabad. All these stations have good infrastructure for maintaining these coaches and also proper approach roads for movement of ambulances etc.

# Narendra Bhooshan now nodal officer for drinking water, communicable diseases, sanitation

Greater Noida: Narendra Bhooshan, CEO of Greater Noida Authority, the nodal officer of Covid-19, has now been appointed as the nodal officer in Gautam Budh Nagar for inspection of communicable disease control, sanitation campaign, provision of drinking water, water logging, fogging and flood prevention etc. ACEO Dipchand of the authority said the nodal officer will review communicable disease control, sanitation campaign, provision of drinking water, water logging, arrangement of fogging, flood prevention etc. in district by July 12.

During this time, he will meet with the public representatives and the general public and try to solve the problems.



Bhooshan on Friday inspected village Chithera, Primary East Secondary School, Chithera, Nyadarganj (Ward-11 Dadri) and Railway Road at Dadri.

He gave necessary instructions by visiting with the concerned officials, Municipality President, District Administration, Police and Medical Department and Malaria Department officials. Addressing the people of the village, he gave detailed information about Covid-19 and prevention and precautions against communicable diseases. He urged people not to use single-use plastic, follow social distancing rules and take special care of cleanliness.

He said that people should stay in their homes as far as possible to avoid Covid-19. Exit the house only under special circumstances. He asked to use masks, globs etc. with social distancing.

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Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to CGCL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further applicable interest from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to CGCL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

S.N.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
1.	(Loan Account No. LNCGCJGDTL0000008192, LNCGCJGDTL0000002506 of our Delhi Branch) <b>GANESH TRADERS</b> (Borrower) <b>Maruti Overseas, Mr. Sooraj Kumar, Mrs. Deepa Goenka, Mr. Mayooy Kumar, Mrs. Lata Rani Goenka</b> (Co-Borrower)	07-05-2020 Rs. 1,42,63,388/-	All that piece and parcel of Shop bearing No. 5223 on Ground floor, area admeasuring 350 sq feet, Part of Plot No. 20 and Plot No. 20-Asituated at Kohlapur Road, Delhi-110007 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH. AND All that piece and parcel of Office Space No. TF-04 (A) on third floor, super area approximately 840 sq ft, JMD Regend Plaza, M.G.Road, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.

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Place :- Delhi Date :- 11.07.2020 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) For Capri Global Capital Limited



**TAAPSEE PANNU**

2020 has been very disturbing. For many reasons but the fact remains that time waits for none. Or a better way to look at it is, this too shall pass. I have seen countless ups and downs in everything I tried to attempt in life but trust me that success tastes sweetest after you have had a taste of failure.



**RANDEEP HOODA**

*Extraction* was a huge success worldwide with a phenomenal reach. I really enjoyed working on it and got to learn so many new things from the amazing cast and crew. As every artist wants to reach out to as many people as possible, I'm very grateful and excited for these new horizons in international cinema opening up.



**BHUVAN BAM**

The feeling of helplessness and being stuck at home has been instrumental in the creation of my forthcoming single, *Heer-Ranjha*, to be honest. A lot of people are away from home and loved ones, unable to go visit them because of the COVID-19 outbreak and that's where the idea came to write this song.



**MANOJ BAJPAYEE**

I have been hearing that a lot of people are discussing me in the role of gangster Vikas Dubey. If the character and script are nice, then playing any real life character would be fun. The said person's life has been very theatrical and it would be very interesting to bring his life to the big screen. Let's see what happens. I am excited to play this character.

**PAUL RUDD**

My default is comedy but it's in my life that any kind of trauma, any kind of thing I'm doing, I tend to veer toward the humorous side of it. I have always enjoyed humour to tell a dramatic story.



SHORT CIRCUITS

CONVERSATION 45 MINUTES

Mixologist PANKAJ BALACHANDRAN tells AYUSHI SHARMA that the secret of a good cocktail is in the art of balancing. Even if it's just a whisky soda, the right dilution, the crisp bubbles of soda water and the ice that goes into it elevate the experience

The mix that matters

It isn't a time of social meetings. It is a time to work remotely and stay indoors as much as we can. Maintaining this norm of the year, Airbnb India has launched 'At Home With Airbnb,' a unique set of online experiences that brings together celebrities, artists and influencers. Each experience has been curated keeping in mind the diverse and engaging ways in which guests can connect with people across cultures and hone their skills through the platform. The experience allows guests to visit the hosts' personal space to learn their craft in small groups that allow for personal connections and conversations. We speak to Monkey Shoulder India's brand ambassador, Pankaj Balachandran, one of the hosts, about how the audience can make the best of their time and come together for a fun and nurturing session where they not only engage



with others but master the art of making cocktails at home. Excerpts:

**◆What fascinated you to host a web session?**  
The profession I am in, I feel like I am always the happiest when I am behind the bar and interacting with guests. This session will help me reach out to people of a whole new demographic, who I probably would have never met in person otherwise. It will be interesting to meet new people in a different setting while being able to teach

them. It's a fantastic idea with an interactive platform that brings together people from across interests and geographies, and helps build a cocktail community.

**◆What has been your mantra of mixology?**  
Learn the basics and rules so that you can break them. Mixing drinks is a science, too, as much as it is an art.

**◆How important is the presentation of a drink?**  
Presentation of a drink is as impor-

tant as making the drink itself. A person's first sip is with their eyes! In today's day and age, where everything is put on social media, as barkeeps, making a good-looking drink is a must. I am not a big fan of smoke and mirrors. I prefer my drinks to be clean. The focus is more on glassware, garnish or even something as simple as a block of ice. I feel the choice of the right glass makes a lot of difference. It has become important for all drinks to be presented well for them to be #InstaWorthy, essentially that is how you get conversation

started around a drink on social media.

**◆It's much easier to get inspired while travelling and meeting new people. Since that is not on the cards for now, where do you find inspiration for new cocktails?**  
This is probably the longest that I have stayed at home in my adult life. Thanks to all the cooking that I have been up to, most of my current inspiration comes from the kitchen. Ingredients that I have never used before are slowly starting to find their way into my glass.



**◆What are some of the ingredients that people can use? Since everybody is spending more time at home, how will you convince the audience that even usual, everyday ingredients can be used in different and innovative ways?**  
My session focusses on using simple ingredients which you can find in your kitchen. Sugar, honey, coriander, mint leaves and lime, if mixed well and thoughtfully, can make some phenomenal drinks. Once you understand the principle of making drinks, balancing the sweetness and sourness or bitterness — the world (read: kitchen) is your playground!

**◆How do Indians like their cocktails?**  
People in India are now well travelled and slowly they are looking out for quality drinks and cocktails. Things have changed over the last few years. Our consumer trends have moved quite far from drinking sweeter cocktails to well-constructed spirit-forward drinks, which focus more on delicate flavours. The change is at a slower pace, but we are moving forward and in the right direction.

**◆Some tips and tricks to make a great drink...**  
Making a good cocktail is in the art of balancing. Even if it is just a whisky soda, the right dilution, the crisp bubbles of soda water and the ice that goes into the drink will elevate the experience. The complexity comes in when you are balancing sweet and sour ingredients or bitter and sweet ingredients. Playing with umami is opening another dimension. As long as you stay within these boundaries, you can experiment and make fantastic cocktails. (The next online session will be on July 24.)

STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES



**Were you a fan of the Alex Rider books before you got the part?**

Yes! Every single boy in my class read *Alex Rider* at some point and pretty much everyone's favourite was *Point Blanc*, which this series is based on. It was the second book and the one where things started to get a little more detailed. I loved it. It's one of my favourites in the series. I remember when I was nine, in my English class in primary school, I drew the front cover of *Stormbreaker* in my English textbook for a book review. So, to be cast in one of my favourite childhood books is an absolute dream.

**What is it about the series of books that really spoke to you?**

I think the best thing about Alex Rider as a character is that he's flawed. Yes, he's a highly trained super-spy but he doesn't know it. He doesn't know he's been trained to do that; he can just do things. And sometimes he doesn't do them well. He usually ends up battered, beaten, and barely alive. But he still manages to do the job that needs to be done. That was the thing that I really related to as a kid. I thought, "He has not done it perfectly but he did what he set out to do."

**Did you and Otto hit it off immediately?**

Absolutely! He's an absolute dream to work with. As soon as I went for the audition, I said to myself, "Well, there's the Alex. I have just got to hope that I'm the Tom to go with this Alex." And luckily, I was! Otto and I walked out of the audition together. They hadn't told us that we'd got it. We ended up going to the same train station and exchanged numbers. I actually waved him off, saying, "See you later, Alex." And he replied, "See you, Tom." He's still saved on my phone as Otto Rider — that's how much faith I had that he was going to get it. We

Living the dream

Actor BRENOCK O'CONNOR talks about how incredible playing Tom Harris has turned out for him for the *Alex Rider* series, his school-time favourite. By TEAM VIVA

promised each other that we'd text each other as soon as either of us heard that we were selected in any way. And luckily, we got the phone call at the same time on the same day.

**And you have been firm friends ever since?**

Yes. We've both just been on this incredible whirlwind of a journey. For me, what I'd got myself into didn't really sink in until Otto and I went for lunch with Anthony Horowitz. That was insane. To think that I was sat down talking as an equal to a guy whose books I'd read as a kid!

The fact that he said he was happy to have us involved in playing the characters that he'd lived with for coming up to 20 years now — that was crazy! To get the respect and admiration of someone who owns those characters and made them up, for him to say, "Yes, you're right to play him," is incredible! So I think in that moment, Otto and I went, "Yes, we have got to do this right."

**How would you characterise Tom?**

Tom is just an average boy at an average school who is best friends with another average boy, who turns out as not so average. He's thrown into this world with Alex but more as a guy in the chair, a sort of nerdy sidekick who gets to stay home and worry

about him most of the time. I relate to Tom quite a bit because he's a massive film geek and he wants to be the next Quentin Tarantino. So that was really fun to research and get to watch all these classic films for the role.

**So you took the opportunity to watch lots of classic films for the part?**

I did. As soon as I was told I had got the part, Otto and I bonded instantly. I actually went around to Otto's for a sleepover — like getting back into the teenage years — and we watched *Reservoir Dogs*, which is the first Quentin Tarantino film I've ever seen. And it's insane! It's amazing! That was Tarantino's first film. I'm doing them in order! Then we went to the BFI to see *Clockwork Orange*. So I've been doing loads and bits of research into classic cinema to get into the head of Tom.

**What other traits does Tom have?**

I see Tom like a Labrador. Tom is outgoing, fun and energetic, but wears his heart on his sleeve. If someone's got to him, he'll let them know, which can make him quite vulnerable but that's teenagers for you. When you're 16, you are incredibly vulnerable to everything. But the extreme changes these boys are going through within this story make them even more susceptible to emotional trauma.

**What is Tom like at school?**

Tom is more outgoing than Alex, who is more reserved, keeps to himself, but somehow gets more attention. Tom is more desperate for attention until he gets it because he always gets it for the wrong reasons. Mainly it's from the teachers. Tom wants to be better with girls and people in general. So he dresses a little bit flashier, tries a little bit harder, wears more colours than Alex would. But as soon as anything works, Tom always shies away from being noticed. He's that guy who wants to be seen.

**Does your character add a bit of humour in the story?**

Yes. I see Tom as the light relief of the show. He's always there with a quip or a little joke here and there to make Alex feel better who goes through some rough times. Tom is there to try and help him through that.

There are so many different plot lines and twists and turns in the series that sometimes all you need is a teenager messing around and being a bit of a git — which is what Tom provides.

And I think my favourite thing about Tom is that sense of humour. In the darkest moments where Alex is beaten and broken, Tom makes a stupid joke about it. Not because he's being mean but because he knows it will make Alex feel better. Well, that's why their friendship works so well, I think.

**Do you think the audience will identify with Tom and Alex's relationship?**

Yes. The two are just usual kids going to school. They're not cool enough to be in with the cool kids gang but they're not quite nerdy and geeky enough to be on the outskirts of them. They're just in limbo. No one really pays them much attention. If they get in trouble, no one cares. If they do something good, no one cares. They're complete-

ly average in every way or so people think.

**Tell us about the phone moment in more detail.**

In the process of trying to find out where the party is going on in episode one, Tom gets his phone confiscated by a teacher. His first port-of-call is to go to Alex and say, "I need you to get it back. It's in a locked room in a school surrounded by teachers. Only you can do this." So, Alex, very casually, just scales the building, breaks into the window, opens the locked drawer and gets the phone back. Tom's very much aware that Alex isn't your normal boy. He's had a very interesting upbringing. But he's got no idea of how that potential could be used in a real-life situation. He just wants his phone back! (Laughs)

**How do you think this is going to compare with your time on Game of Thrones?**

*Game of Thrones* was incredible, one of the best experiences of my life. I was very lucky to be involved in that show and work with some great names and legends of the industry. But I am thrilled to try something new on this job and work with a younger cast. I was the only child in my scenes on *Game of Thrones*, and in this I've got a lot of time at school, there's a lovely talented young cast, and there's the *Point Blanc* classmates. I don't get to meet them in the show but I've met them in real-life and they're a lovely, talented bunch of people. So working on *Alex Rider* has just been a very exciting experience.

**How would you describe the show to your friends?**

Do you remember those books that you loved as a kid? Yeah, we've made them into a brilliant TV series and I am in it! Watch it, yeah? It's just a beautiful service to the fans. (The series airs on SonyLIV.)



# VAR dominates Premier League results

Man Utd continues winning run after Bruno opens scoring from controversial penalty decision; Kane denied again in goalless draw for Spurs

AFP ■ BIRMINGHAM

Manchester United were given a controversial helping hand by VAR in their 3-0 win at Aston Villa, while Tottenham suffered fresh frustration at the hands of the review system in their 0-0 draw at Bournemouth on Thursday.

United were far too strong for lowly Villa, but their opening goal came from a dubious penalty that left the hosts fuming.

In the 27th minute, United midfielder Bruno Fernandes spun into Ezri Konsa before tumbling in the area despite little evidence of a foul by the Villa defender. The penalty stood after a VAR review and Fernandes slotted home his eighth goal since joining from Sporting Lisbon in January.

United doubled their lead in first half stoppage-time when 18-year-old Mason Greenwood scored his fourth goal in three games with a fierce finish. Paul Pogba got the third in the 58th minute, the France midfielder bagging his first goal of an injury-hit season with a low curler from 18 yards.

Fifth placed United move to within one point of fourth placed Leicester in the race to qualify for the Champions League.

United, unbeaten in their last 17 games in all competitions, are the first team in Premier League history to win four consecutive matches by a margin of three or more goals. Second bottom Villa are four points from safety and haven't won in six games since the restart.

There was more VAR controversy at Dean Court, with Tottenham left in danger of



Manchester United's Paul Pogba, centre, celebrates with teammates after scoring his team's third goal against Aston Villa. AP

## Henderson season is over: Klopp

**Liverpool:** Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson has been ruled out of the rest of the Premier League champions' campaign after the midfielder sustained a knee injury in their midweek win at Brighton, manager Jurgen Klopp said on Friday.

Klopp was forced to withdraw Henderson 10 minutes from fulltime after a collision with Yves Bissouma but the German said the 30-year-old does not require surgery.

"It is the best possible of the bad news. He does not

missing out on European competition for the first time since the 2009-10 season.

Jose Mourinho's side were off-key for long periods, but could feel hard done by after



need surgery," Klopp said. "He will not play again this season."

I'm pretty positive he will be with us for the new season, he is a quick healer.

"We all felt for him, awful moment. We knew immediately. Hendo is an animal he fights for everything. He deals well with pain but in this moment, he knew something had happened. It was a complete mood killer.

"The boys were happy with the result but then the boys realised Hendo was hurt. No surgery needed is the good news. He will lift the trophy, he deserves to lift trophy." AP

Josh King's push on Harry Kane in the penalty area went unpunished despite a VAR review in the first half. Just a week after Tottenham were the victims of a harsh VAR decision in their

loss at Sheffield United, Mourinho felt they were the victims of another bad mistake by the replay official.

"The same referee who did the VAR decision against

"In the world, everybody knows that is a penalty. And I say everybody, I mean everybody."

— JOSE MOURINHO (SPURS MANAGER)

"Anybody who has played the game knows what (Bruno) Fernandes is trying to do. He does the turn and he gets it wrong. He puts his stud on Konsa's shin. It changed the game."

— DEAN SMITH (ASTON VILLA BOSS)

"The performance of the referee was like my team, not so good."

— CARLO ANCELOTTI (EVERTON MANAGER)

## BRUNO EMULATES RONALDO'S FEAT

**New Delhi:** Manchester United playmaker Bruno Fernandes on Friday was rewarded for his fine run in the English top-flight as he was named the Premier League's player of the month for the second time in a row.

Fernandes had earlier won the prize for June as well. In doing so Fernandes emulated compatriot Cristiano Ronaldo, who had achieved the same feat in 2006 during his trophy-laden stay at Old Trafford. PNS

Sheffield United, Michael Oliver. Opinions matter, it's not only mine. Everybody knows that's a penalty and when I say everybody, I mean everybody," Mourinho said.

# Real-Juve, Barca-Bayern clashes in the offing

**NYON:** Barcelona and Bayern Munich will meet in the quarter-finals of the Champions League should both sides make it through, Friday's draw for the final eight confirmed.

Both teams still need to complete their last-16 ties, with Bayern almost there having won 3-0 away to Chelsea in the first leg, while Barcelona are due to host Napoli after a 1-1 draw in Italy.

Meanwhile, if Man City can finish the job in their last-16 tie against Real Madrid, Pep's team will go on to a quarter-final against either Juventus or Lyon. City won 2-1 in Madrid in the first leg in March, while Juventus must overturn a 1-0 deficit from the first leg of their last-16 tie against Lyon.

Postponed in March as the coronavirus pandemic took over, all remaining last 16 second legs are due to be played on August 7 and 8. The winners will advance to the Final Eight, which will be held as a unique straight knockout tournament in Lisbon due to the difficulties caused by the coronavirus.

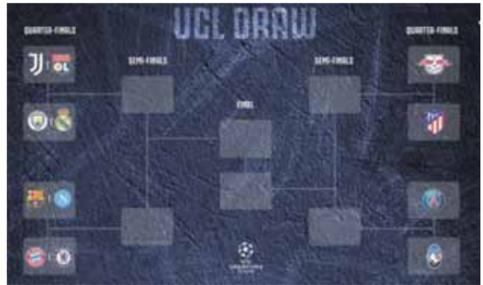
The draw threw up the possibility of a Clasico semi-final, with Barcelona and Madrid on collision course to meet in the last four should both make it that far.

The other side of the draw is clearer. First-time quarter-finalists RB Leipzig will meet Atletico Madrid, runners-up to city rivals Real the last time the Champions League final was played in Lisbon in 2014.

The winners of the Leipzig vs Atletico quarter-final will face either Paris Saint-Germain or Atalanta in the last four.

The quarter-finals will be played between August 12 and 15 in the Portuguese capital, with matches shared between Benfica's Estadio da Luz and Sporting's Estadio Jose Alvalade.

The semi-finals are scheduled for August 18 and 19, with the final on August 23 at the Estadio da Luz. AFP



## English, German clubs on opposite ends of UEL draw

AFP ■ NYON

Manchester United could find themselves facing English rivals Wolverhampton Wanderers in the semi-finals of the Europa League in Germany in August, after Friday's draw for the latter stages of the tournament put the teams on a collision course.

While the Champions League is to be completed with a straight knockout mini-tournament in Lisbon, the Europa League will be played to a conclusion with an identical format in Germany.

The Europa League final will be played in Cologne on August 21. The quarter-finals and semi-finals will be played as one-off ties with Cologne, Duisburg, Duesseldorf and Gelsenkirchen all hosting games.

Before that, all last-16 ties must be completed. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's United, who have been in fine form since the Premier League season resumed last month, are effectively already through to the last eight having won 5-0 away to Austrian side LASK in the first leg.

Assuming they progress, the 2017 Europa League win-

ners will take on either Istanbul Basaksehir or FC Copenhagen in the quarter-finals on August 10 or 11. The Turkish side beat Copenhagen 1-0 at home in the first leg in March.

Meanwhile, Wolves drew 1-1 away to Olympiakos in the first leg of their last-16 tie. They are due to host the recently-crowned Greek champions in the return and would then need to beat Sevilla — who have won the Europa League and its precursor, the UEFA Cup, a record five times — or Roma in the quarter-finals.

There are three German teams left in the Europa League, including Bayer Leverkusen. They won 3-1 away to Rangers in the first leg of their last-16 tie and will be confident of advancing to the last eight.

Leverkusen is barely 40 kilometres from Cologne, where the final will be played. They would play either Inter Milan or Getafe in the quarter-finals.

Only six of the eight last 16 first-leg matches were played in March. The other two ties — Inter vs Getafe and Sevilla vs Roma — will be decided as one-off matches on neutral ground.

## SINGLES

### WIMBLEDON TO ALLOCATE PRIZE MONEY

**WIMBLEDON:** Wimbledon will pay out \$12.5 million in prize money to 620 players despite the tournament's cancellation because of Covid-19 pandemic, the All England Club said on Friday. After consulting with its insurance provider, club officials said 256 players who would have competed in the main draw will each receive 25k pounds (\$31,000), while 224 players who would have competed in qualifying will each receive 12,500 pounds.

### PORTO EDGE CLOSER TO PORTUGUESE TITLE

**LISBON:** Porto moved within touching distance of claiming the Portuguese league title as they won 3-1 at struggling Tondela on Thursday and need three points from their last three games to guarantee being crowned champions. Captain Danilo Pereira opened the scoring two minutes into the second period before Moussa Marega added a second midway through the half. Ronan pulled one back for Tondela with a penalty but Porto got a spot kick of their own deep in stoppage time which Fabio Viera converted. Porto moved up to 76 points from 31 games, leaving defending champions Benfica trailing in second place with 70 points from 31.

### SOCI, MUGELLO TO HOST F1 RACES

**SPIELBERG:** Formula One's governing body the FIA added two new confirmed races at Mugello and Sochi to its coronavirus-truncated season on Friday. Mugello in Italy will stage a Grand Prix for the first time on September 13 with Russia's Sochi circuit following on September 27. Mugello will appropriately mark Ferrari's 1,000 Grand Prix.

### SEVILLA MOVE CLOSER TO CL SPOT

**SEVILLE:** Sevilla rallied in the second half to beat Athletic Bilbao 2-1 in La Liga, moving closer to a Champions League berth. The come-from-behind victory in Bilbao on Thursday left Sevilla tied on points with third-place Atletico Madrid and increased its gap to fifth-place Villarreal to six points with three rounds to go. Only the top four qualify for next season's Champions League.

### WTA ADDS TWO EVENTS TO 2020 CALENDAR

**FLORIDA:** The WTA has announced that two more additional tournaments, the Prague Open in the Czech Republic and the Top Seed Open in Lexington, have been added to the 2020 calendar, which now features 21 tournaments. The WTA Tour, which has remained suspended since March 19, will begin with the Palermo Ladies Open on August 3, followed by events in Prague and Lexington a week later.

### JAMIE DOUBTFUL FOR US OPEN PARTICIPATION

**LONDON:** Seven-time Grand Slam doubles winner Jamie Murray became the latest player to express doubts about travelling to the United States for the US Open that starts on August 31. Murray said that the US seems to have regressed in the battle against coronavirus and the increased number of cases in the country means that he would be more comfortable staying back.

### VERSTAPPEN BEST IN 2ND PRACTICE

**SPIELBERG:** Red Bull driver Max Verstappen posted the fastest time on Friday and Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton lacked pace in the second practice session for the Styrian Grand Prix. Verstappen was .043 seconds quicker than Valtteri Bottas - Hamilton's teammate at Mercedes and .217 ahead of Racing Point driver Sergio Perez. Hamilton was only sixth fastest, about .7 seconds slower than Verstappen. He spent a chunk of time in the garage while his team worked on his car. Agencies

# Slow and steady Windies build their lead

AFP ■ SOUTHAMPTON

The West Indies are building a handy lead over England on the third afternoon of the first #raisthebat Test, moving 5-31 in hand at the Ageas Bowl.

Responding to 204 all out they were 5-235 at tea on Friday, with Roston Chase and Shane Dowrich sitting on an unbroken stand of 49.

Spinner Dom Bess took two of the four wickets to fall on the day, carrying more than his share in the most batsman-friendly conditions of the match to date.

The West Indies began on 1-57, 147 short of England's mark, with Kraigg Brathwaite and Shai Hope chipping another 42 off the deficit in the first hour of play.

Hope earned a reprieve just before the drinks break, a



Jofra Archer lbw chalked off after the paceman overstepped for a no-ball.

England were not made to pay for that error, with Hope aiming a big drive at Bess just a few deliveries later and sending

ing a sharp slip catch in Stokes' direction.

The arrival of Shamarh Brooks lifted the run-rate, with the new batsman helping himself as Archer and Bess offered some loose fare.

Brathwaite was looking resolute at the other end, converting his overnight 20 into the first-half century of the match from 113 balls.

It was also his first Test 50 since July 2018 but his hopes of progressing towards three figures ended when Stokes pushed him on the back foot and rapped him high on the knee roll. He was given out for 65 by Richard Kettleborough and when he called for the review the dismissal was upheld on two counts of 'umpire's call'.

While that was enough to justify the decision, the West Indies would be forgiven for harbouring frustration at the number of tight calls that have gone against them in this match — the first since the ICC relaxed its rules on the use of 'home' officials.

An inside edge off Chase's

bat took the score within 50 of England by lunch.

The brakes were successfully applied at the start of the afternoon session as Anderson and Bess built up pressure with dot balls. It took nine overs to build to a head but when it did Brooks wafted at Anderson and nicked to Jos Buttler for a useful 39.

England kept the squeeze on and it did not take long to exhaust Jermaine Blackwood's notoriously small reserves of patience. The number six swung hard at Bess as he wheeled away, hacking to Anderson at mid-off to make it 186 for five.

Chase slowed to a crawl to reach 27 not out in 115 deliveries but Dowrich kept things moving, going after Bess with three boundaries down the ground, to begin the job of taking the game away.

## Broad 'frustrated, angry, gutted' at being dropped

**SOUTHAMPTON:** Seasoned England pacer Stuart Broad on Friday said he felt "frustrated, angry and gutted" after being dropped from the opening Test, adding that he sought clarifications over his future in the team.

The hosts opted to go for James Anderson, Mark Wood and Jofra Archer alongside stand-in captain Ben Stokes and spinner Dom Bess, leaving out Broad from the first Test which started at Ageas Bowl on Wednesday.

Broad, who is England's second highest wicket-taker of all time with 485 scalps, last missed a home Test eight years ago when he was rested against West Indies in 2012.

"I found out about 6pm the night before the game. Stokesy told me just that they're going with extra pace in these conditions," Broad said on Sky Sports Player Zone.

"I've been frustrated, angry and gutted — because it's quite a hard decision to understand. I've probably bowled the best I've ever bowled in the last couple of years. I felt like it was my shirt having been in the team through the Ashes and going to South Africa and winning there," he added. PTI

## Red Bull dash Vettel's hopes of a return

**Spielberg:** Red Bull have given "a definite no" to four-times F1 world champion Sebastian Vettel's hopes of returning to them next year, team boss Christian Horner said on Friday.

The German, who is out of contract with Ferrari at the end of the season and facing an uncertain future, had said on Thursday he would say yes to a Red Bull drive if one was offered.

Vettel won his titles with Red Bull from 2010-13 and remains on good terms with the Austrian energy drink brand's senior management.

"We had a brilliant time with

Seb," Horner told Sky F1 television during practice for the Styrian Grand Prix at Austria's Red Bull Ring. "He will forever be a part of our history."

"We didn't expect him to be on the market this year and our commitment is to our existing drivers. We think we've got a great pairing in Max (Verstappen) and in Alex (Albon). We think that has great potential for the future as well."

"So unfortunately it's not something we are going to be able to accommodate. That is a definite no, I'm afraid. Sebastian I think is aware of that." Agencies

## Verona snatch late 2-2 draw vs Inter

**Verona:** Inter Milan allowed yet another game to slip from their grasp as Verona snatched a late equaliser to hold them to a 2-2 draw on Thursday.

Antonio Conte's side appeared to have done the difficult part when they came from behind to lead 2-1 early in the second half only for Miguel Veloso to level for Verona with five minutes left.

That means Inter stay fourth with 65 points, having been overtaken by Atalanta after their 2-0 win over Sampdoria on Wednesday, and



are 10 adrift of leaders Juventus with seven games to play. Verona are ninth with 43.

"It's disappointing because we deserved to win the match and instead we have lost more

important points," said Conte. "The fact that we have lost 20 points from leading positions must give us pause for thought. We've lost so many points in a stupid way — if we hadn't, the table would look very different."

Since the Serie A restart, Inter have been held 3-3 at home by Sassuolo after conceding twice in the last 10 minutes and on Sunday they lost 2-1 to visitors Bologna after getting 1-0 and missing a penalty — a performance which left Conte fuming. AP

## Spinners are being taught new methods to shine ball: Mushtaq

IANS ■ WORCESTER

Former Pakistan tweaker and Mushtaq's current spin bowling coach Mushtaq Ahmed on Friday stated that players have responded well to the new regulations put forward by International Cricket Council (ICC) in the wake of coronavirus pandemic.

The Pakistan cricket team is currently in England, acclimatising themselves ahead of their much-anticipated series which includes three Tests and as many T20Is starting August.

The visitors are currently under a 14-day quarantine period, following which they will travel to Derbyshire on July 13.



They had started their preparations for the series with a two-day inter-squad scenario-based practice match played on July 5-6 at Worcester.

"Despite the Covid-19 relat-

ing with the new regulations with regards to shining the ball as well.

"Historically, spinners have used saliva to shine the ball now they are being taught new methods in lieu of the revised ICC rules and regulations.

"What makes me really happy is that the players and support staff are working together on team goals and objectives and I am sure in due course the players will be fully aware and ready for the new challenges as we prepare for what is expected to be a tough series against a strong English team in their own backyard.

"I am confident we have the players that can not only compete but also win the series."

## PCB forced to sell logo rights for lower price

**Karachi (PTI):** The Pakistan Cricket Board has managed to rope in a sponsor for the national team ahead of its England tour but it had to settle for a far less amount than what it envisaged.

According to a reliable source, PCB has decided to sign a one-year contract with Transmedia, a company which has been buying various sponsorship and media rights for the last few years.

"Transmedia has offered 600 million rupees for a three-year deal for the main logo on Pakistan team's jerseys and kits. The Board after facing disappointment on several fronts has now decided to sign a one-year deal for ₹200m on a pro-rata basis," the source said.