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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

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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

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

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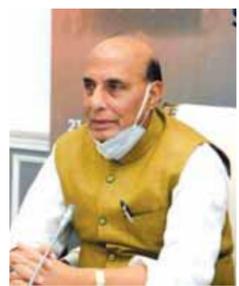
As the pullback by both the Armies on the tense Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh continued for the fifth day, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday took stock of the situation on the border with military top brass. India and China also reaffirmed their commitment to disengage and de-escalate 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 Marco 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 Marco 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

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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."

Govt to make changes in forest produce rules CM has directed to clear doubts in Jharkhand Forest Produce Rules 2020

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On the directions of Chief Minister Hemant Soren the State Government will soon clear some doubts over the Jharkhand Forest Produce Rules 2020 by making some changes in it. Principal Secretary, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department AP Singh said that the State Government will make some changes soon in the rules.

The Principal Secretary said that some doubts that were made on the wood used by villagers for firewood or other personal works will be removed. Directive in this context has been received by the Chief Minister, he said addressing media persons at a press conference here on Friday.

Singh said the Forest, Environment and Climate



Principal Secretary Forest, Environment and Climate Change AP Singh along with Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jharkhand, PK Verma in a Press conference in Ranchi on Friday

Change Department had brought transit rules in the month of June, under which Jharkhand Forest Produce Rules 2020 was enacted. There

Jharkhand Forest Produce Rules 2020, in which rate of Rs 25 / cubic meter will also be deleted for firewood.

He said it is clear in this rules that if the villagers use wood for firewood or other personal works within their village limits, then they will not have to pay any kind of fee or obtain license for the same. But, they will not be allowed to sell the wood. At the same time, if one uses wood for business, then a fee will have to be paid, he added.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jharkhand, PK Verma said that the use of wood within the village limits is allowed for firewood or private works and not for sale. But if you use wood obtained from forest cutting for road construction or other works in the forest area, permission will have to be obtained.

Over 1 lakh new Covid cases in 4 days

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

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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 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.

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.

Highest one day surge in Covid cases in State

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At a time when two legislators of the State Assembly and a former MLA have been found Covid-19 positive and the Chief Minister of the State along with several officials has self-quarantined himself, Jharkhand witnessed its highest ever one day surge in the Covid-19 cases on Friday.

As many as 156 new cases came into light on Friday in the State taking the total number of cases to 3,518 till date.

Highest number of Corona positive cases was detected from Ranchi district on Friday where 25 people were found positive. Also, 14 people from Chatra, eight from Dhanbad, one from Dumka, 21 from East Singhbhum, eight from Garhwa, three from Giridih, one from Godda, 13 from Hazaribagh, five from Koderma, two from Latehar, 14 from Lohardaga, 17 from Pakur, three from Palamu, two from Ramgarh, five from Sahebganj and 14 persons from West Singhbhum district were found positive.

As many as 14 patients recovered from Covid infection on Friday, taking the number of recoveries in State to 2,224, a



An artist wearing a coronavirus theme based jacket spreads awareness about the Covid-19, during the ongoing Unlock 2.0, in Ranchi on Friday

bulletin released by the National Health Mission (NHM) stated. The total count of active Covid-19 patients in Jharkhand reached 1,271 on Friday, the bulletin added.

As many as 2,191 migrants have tested positive for Covid-19 in the State since May 02. However, the number of non-migrants testing positive for Coronavirus has been on the rise, health officials said.

The Government has so far collected samples of 1.77 lakh suspects and tested 1.72 lakh of them. According to NHM, 2,224 people have been able to

defeat the virus and have been discharged by different hospitals till date.

The recovery rate in the State has dropped to 63.21 per cent against the national average of 62.41 per cent. The Covid mortality rate in Jharkhand is 0.65 per cent, which is lower than the national mortality rate of 2.72 per cent, the NHM bulletin stated.

The first Covid-19 case of State was reported from Hindipiri on March 31. A Malaysian woman, who had attended the Tablighi Jamaat congregation in New Delhi,

became the first Covid patient here. Soon, a flurry of cases in Hindipiri haunted the Government, and the locality was sealed. However, the cases have now reduced considerably in the locality and it is not a containment zone anymore, officials said.

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

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							181	170	156	176				
2	16	112	रैयती	बाड़ी दो	0.05	अनीता देव्या पिता स्वो सलीग्राम यादव (देवल के अनुसार)। नि। नि। ग्राम।	115	111	111	115				
							111	107	150	115				
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							241	239	242	240				
							242	241	249	240				
							243	242	244	249				
4	21	239	रैयती	बाड़ी दो	0.28	संजिया देवी पति स्वो जोधन महतो जो हरिनाथ महतो जो भुनेश्वर महतो जो बासुदेव महतो पिता स्वो बैजनाथ महतो जो प्रभादी महतो पिता स्वो धनुज महतो जो नहेन्द्र महतो जो अशोक महतो पिता स्वो भूपाल महतो जो राजेन्द्र महतो जो विन्देश्वरी महतो पिता स्वो निखल महतो जो भैरवल महतो पिता स्वो मोता महतो जो विरौ महतो जो किष्ण महतो पिता स्वो विरा महतो जो मेनुआ देवी पति स्वो योग महतो जो पुरन महतो पिता स्वो प्रतारु महतो जो महेश्वर महतो पिता स्वो उमा महतो जो नगदी महतो जो कैलाश यादव पिता स्वो शानी महतो। नि। नि। ग्राम।	161	241	160	223				
							154	रैयती	शानी एक	0.02	160	सिमा	1136	241
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9	38	189	रैयती	बाड़ी दो	0.20	नन्दी औसा बन्द दुखी औसा। नि। नि। ग्राम।	191	186	191	188				
							191	186	191	188				
10	40	100	रैयती	धानी दो	0.29	कान्देवर मंडल पिता स्वो कालेश्वर मंडल जो रजिया देव्या पति स्वो नरायण मंडल जो रामदेव मंडल जो फिर्की मंडल जो टेकलाल मंडल पिता स्वो जागेश्वर मंडल जो मोहन मंडल पिता स्वो लोको मंडल। नि। नि। ग्राम जमुआ।	1134	99	102	53				
							99	रैयती	धानी तिन	0.09	100	191	98	53
							53	रैयती	अहरी	0.04	1134	191	99	52
							55	रैयती	धानी दो	0.32	54	56	191	58
56	रैयती	अहरी	0.47	57	71	191	71							
11	51	105	रैयती	धानी एक	0.04	विनोद यादव जो उमापति यादव जो अनीता जो सुमिया देवी जो सोधिता देवी पिता स्वो नरायण महतो जो इन्द्रा देवी माता स्वो पदमा देवी जो समेली महतो जो तारणी महतो माता स्वो खनवा देवी। नि। नि। ग्राम जमुआ।	107	104	106	103				
							103	रैयती	धानी एक	0.24	107	104	105	103
							104	रैयती	धानी एक	0.06	105	94	122	100
							102	रैयती	धानी एक	0.05	101	104	103	100
101	रैयती	धानी एक	0.07	103	102	103	100							
54	रैयती	धानी एक	0.20	52	55	191	59							
12	57	87	रैयती	बाड़ी दो	0.24	बदी महतो पिता स्वो मुटका महतो जो शिव नारायण महतो पिता स्वो रामेश्वर महतो जो सहदेव महतो जो जयमंगल महतो जो बलदेव महतो पिता स्वो सोमन महतो। नि। नि। ग्राम।	रोड	191	191	86				
							170	रैयती	बाड़ी दो	0.09	180	161	169	171
							168	रैयती	धानी तिन	0.10	167	161	169	166
							163	रैयती	बाड़ी दो	0.03	168	162	161	164
167	रैयती	धानी दो	0.07	167	166	168	165							
166	रैयती	धानी तिन	0.01	170	164	168	165							
13	73	113	रैयती	बाड़ी एक	0.01	रायण महतो पिता स्वो अकलू महतो जो इन्द्रावती देवी पिता स्वो पंचकोडी महतो जो विष्णुदेव महतो जो दिनेश्वर महतो पिता स्वो जागेश्वर महतो जो नानुज यादव पोसपुत्र जो वरी देवी पिता स्वो मुनलाल महतो। नि। नि। ग्राम जमुआ।	सिमा	115	114	115				
							111	105	120	110				
14	79	107	रैयती	धानी दो	0.70	जानेश्वर महतो पिता स्वो सिंभो महतो। नि। नि। ग्राम। जा० ३०	108	100	107	191				

यह अधिसूचना भू अर्जन पुनर्वासन और पुनर्व्यवस्थापन में उचित प्रतिकार एवं परादर्शिता अधिकार अधिनियम 2013 (अधिनियम संख्या 30/2013) की धारा 11 (1) के उपबन्धों के अधीन सभी सम्बन्धित व्यक्तियों के लिए जारी की जाती है।
 भूमि की योजना का निरीक्षण विशेष भू अर्जन पदाधिकारी, मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजना, देवघर के कार्यालय में किसी कार्य दिवस को कार्यालय में किया जा सकेगा। झारखण्ड सरकार / समाहर्णालय - सह - समुचित सरकार उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 12 में यथा उपबन्धित एवं यथा विनिर्दिष्ट कार्य के समुचित निष्पादन हेतु अपेक्षित किसी भूमि का सर्वेक्षण एवं उसकी प्रविष्टि करने, किसी भूमि के किसी स्तर को मापने के लिए, अवमूिम खोदने या भू-वेधन-छिद्र करने सहित सभी अन्य कार्यों के संचालन करने हेतु विशेष भू अर्जन पदाधिकारी, मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजना, देवघर और उनके कर्मचारियों को प्राधिकृत करती है।
 अधिनियम की धारा 11 (4) के अधीन कोई व्यक्ति जिला समाहर्णालय के पूर्वीक अनुमोदन को बिना इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से प्रारंभिक अधिसूचना में विनिर्दिष्ट भूमि का कोई अन्तर्णन यथा क्रय/विक्रय नहीं करेगा या ऐसा कोई अन्तर्णन नहीं करवाएगा या ऐसी भूमि पर कोई अन्तर्णन नहीं उत्पन्न करेगा। अधिनियम की धारा 15 के अधीन यथा उपबन्धित इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से साठ (60) दिनों के अन्तर्गत भू अर्जन के बाबत किसी प्रकार की अपेक्षित विनिर्दिष्ट व्यक्ति द्वारा विशेष भू अर्जन पदाधिकारी, मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजना, देवघर के समक्ष दर्ज की जा सकेगी।
PR 230569 Deoghar विशेष भू अर्जन पदाधिकारी, उपायुक्त, (20-21)D मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजना, देवघर। देवघर। देवघर।

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 (CIN No. - U40108JH20135GC001704)
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e-Tender Notice
 e-Tenders in two parts Part-I (Technical and Commercial) and Part-II (price part) are invited from the reputed tenderers having good experience of following similar type of Civil works and having sound financial status:

NIT No.	Name of the works	Estimated cost in Rs.	Earnest money in Rs.-	Cost of BOQ (Non-Refundable) in Rs.-	Time of completion of work.
60/PR/JUSNL/20-21	Repair & Maintenance work in the room situated at Civil Division office and T&C division of Tr. Zone -I, Ranchi at Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi	4,71,710.00	9,500.00	1,000.00 + GST	90 Days
61/PR/JUSNL/20-21	Seepage proof treatment of walls including painting and flooring of the office of General manager (Finance) company Secretary, World Bank Section and O&M Section of JUSNL Hq. at Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi.	7,72,900.00	15,500.00	1,250.00 + GST	90 Days
62/PR/JUSNL/20-21	Construction of 06 nos. rain water harvesting unit at JUSNL Hq. building Kusai Colony Doranda, Ranchi	2,75,050.00	5,600.00	1,000.00 + GST	90 Days
63/PR/JUSNL/20-21	Provision of vitrified floor tiles in floor and chequered tiles in front of JUSNL Hq. building at Kusai Colony Doranda, Ranchi.	7,31,700.00	15,000.00	1250.00 + GST	90 Days

Availability of tender documents on website From 13.07.2020 at 04.00 PM to 03.08.2020 up to 3.30 PM
Last date and time for uploading of e-tender Up to 03.08.2020 up to 4.00 PM
Last date and time for physical submission of original Demand Draft towards cost of BOQ and Earnest Money. Up to 03.08.2020 up to 4.00 PM
Date and time for opening of Tender Part-I (Technical and Commercial) At 4:00 PM on 05.08.2020
Date and time for opening of Tender Part-II (Price Part) Will be Communicated later on
Tendering Officer and address for communication G.M., C&M (NWBPF), JUSNL, SLDC Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834 002

e-Tender documents and BOQ including terms & conditions, specification etc. can be downloaded and submitted online on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned (9431747672) during office hours. NIC helpline no. 0651-2400178.

स्थिति एवं संप्रति में ऊर्जा बचाव। कुमाय अर्जनी शिकारों को 18003445670 (कॉल सेंटर) पर दर्ज करायें।
Sd/-
General Manager, C&M (NWBPF)
JUSNL, Ranchi
 PR 230586 Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd (20-21)_D

कार्यालय, धनबाद नगर निगम, धनबाद

बन्दोबस्ती की नीलामी सूचना :-
 सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि धनबाद नगर निगम के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न सैरातों, पार्किंग स्थलों की बन्दोबस्ती प्रक्रिया वित्तीय वर्ष 2020-2021 के लिए दिनांक 15.07.2020 को खुली नीलामी बन्दोबस्ती प्रक्रिया के द्वारा सम्पन्न की जानी है।
 पंजीकरण शुल्क :-
 इच्छुक डाक वक्ता दिनांक 14.07.2020 तक पंजीकरण शुल्क 1000 रूपया डिमांड ड्राफ्ट धनबाद नगर निगम के नाम से बनाकर कार्यालय में जमा करें। पंजीकरण शुल्क पूर्ण रूप से Non Refundable होगा।
 जमानत राशि :-
 डाक वक्ता को जमानत की राशि धनबाद नगर निगम, धनबाद के नाम से बन्दोबस्ती राशि का (10%) प्रतिशत भुगतये डिमांड ड्राफ्ट के रूप में जमा करना होगा। असफल डाक वक्ता की जमानत की राशि एकरानामा के पश्चात लौटा दी जाएगी।
 डाक की शर्तें :-
 1. डाक वक्ता द्वारा बोली लगाने के पश्चात् बोली में उद्घृत राशि का 50 प्रतिशत Earnest Money के रूप में जमा करना होगा जो बाद में सामंजित की जाएगी।
 2- Earnest Money Demand Draft अथवा Cheque के रूप में जमा देना होगा। बिना Earnest Money जमा दिये बोली में उद्घृत राशि मान्य नहीं होगी।
 3. उच्चतम डाक वक्ता का शेष राशि एक मुश्त 24 घंटे के अन्दर जमा करना होगा अन्यथा सम्पूर्ण जमा राशि जब्त कर दी जाएगी।
 4. वेसे व्यक्ति जिनके पास धनबाद नगर निगम, धनबाद को किसी भी प्रकार का राशि बकाया है वे इस डाक में भाग नहीं ले सकते हैं। (निगम से निर्गत प्रमाण-पत्र संलग्न करें)।
 5. डाक में भाग लेने हेतु मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी धनबाद नगर निगम, धनबाद को आवेदन समर्पित करना होगा जिसके साथ पुलिस अधीक्षक धनबाद द्वारा निर्गत अद्यतन आचरण प्रमाण-पत्र एवं पैग कार्ड की छाया प्रति संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा।
 6. अशोहस्ताक्षरी को किसी भी डाक वक्ता के साथ बन्दोबस्ती करने या उसे रद्द करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा।
 7. अधिकतम बोली गई डाक पर वस्तु सेवा कर (GST) राशि अलग से जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा।
 8. डाक वक्ता निम्न दर वाहन से वसूली प्रति 4 घंटे के हिसाब से करेंगे।
 बड़ा वाहन, (बस एवं ट्रक) - 15 रूपया दर प्रति 4 घंटा।
 चार चक्का वाहन (छोटा वाहन) - 10 रूपया दर प्रति 4 घंटा।
 टेम्पु एवं दो पहिया वाहन - 5 रूपया दर प्रति 4 घंटा।

क्र. सं०	सैरात का नाम	बन्दोबस्ती की राशि 2020-2021, (रूपये में)	जमानत की राशि 10%
सिन्दरी अंचल			
1	परघाबाद बस/ट्रेकर / टेम्पु स्टेण्ड बन्दोबस्ती	1553336	155333
कतरास अंचल			
2	स्वास्तिक सिनेमा स्थित ट्रेकर स्टेण्ड बन्दोबस्ती।	508305	50830
3	कतरास बाजार एल0आई0सी0 ऑफिस के पास दो पहिया वाहन (मोटर साईकिल, स्कूटर) पड़ाव की बन्दोबस्ती।	1366410	136641
4	लोयाबाद वाई सं० 8 में हटिया स्थित पार्किंग स्टेण्ड एवं स्टॉल।	238050	23805
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देवघर समाहर्णालय
 (जिला भू अर्जन शाखा)

-: अधिघोषणा :-
 (अधिनियम-30/2013 की धारा-19 (1) के अधीन)
 अधिघोषणा संख्या 629/ नू. अं० दिनांक-09.07.2020

चूंकि झारखण्ड सरकार/समाहर्णालय को यह प्रतीत होता है कि सार्वजनिक प्रयोजनार्थ यथा परियोजना-धारा (ठाडी) से निराडीह भाया विक्रमटी पथ निर्माण परियोजना हेतु ग्राम-चिकनिया, थाना-साार, थाना सं०-517, अंचल-साार, जिला-देवघर के कुल-1.09 एकड़ भूमि अपेक्षित है।
 इसलिये अधिघोषणा किया जाता है कि उपर्युक्त परियोजना के लिए अर्जन के अधीन एक भू-खण्ड है, जो मानक माप से कम्प्लेक्स 1.09 एकड़ है और जो ग्राम-चिकनिया, थाना-साार, थाना सं०-517, अंचल-साार, जिला-देवघर में है, जिसका विवरण निम्नलिखित है :-

क्र. सं.	खाला सं.	सर्वे नू. खण्ड सं०	स्वामित्व का प्रकार	भूमि का प्रकार	अर्जन के अधीन क्षेत्रफल (एकड़ में)	हिस्सेदार व्यक्ति का नाम व पता	सौगा (पृथक सं०)			
							उ०	द०	पू०	प०
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	16	1	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.23	सागर पोद्दार जो परमेश्वर कुमार पे० मोदी पोद्दार जो अकलेश्वर पोद्दार पे० जयनाथ पोद्दार जो किष्की पोद्दार पे० दिलीप पोद्दार जो उमा पोद्दार पे० धनेश्वर पोद्दार जो रमा पोद्दार जो बासुदेव पोद्दार जो सोखी पोद्दार पे० इमरु पोद्दार अंश समान सां० देह। सागर पोद्दार जो परमेश्वर कुमार पे० मोती पोद्दार जो अकलेश्वर पोद्दार पे० जयनाथ पोद्दार जो किष्की पोद्दार पे० दिलीप पोद्दार जो उमा पोद्दार पे० धनेश्वर पोद्दार जो रमा पोद्दार जो बासुदेव पोद्दार जो सोखी पोद्दार पे० इमरु पोद्दार जो जयलाल पोद्दार पे० द्वारिका पोद्दार जो सुभ 1ष पोद्दार पे० प्यारीलाल पोद्दार अंश समान सां० देह।	मौजा ठाडी बरमशो ली	अर्जित का का अंश	ठाडी	अर्जित दाग का अंश।
2	16	228	रैयती	धानी-1	0.05	सागर पोद्दार जो परमेश्वर कुमार पे० मोती पोद्दार जो अकलेश्वर पोद्दार पे० जयनाथ पोद्दार जो किष्की पोद्दार पे० दिलीप पोद्दार जो उमा पोद्दार पे० धनेश्वर पोद्दार जो रमा पोद्दार जो बासुदेव पोद्दार जो सोखी पोद्दार पे० इमरु पोद्दार जो जयलाल पोद्दार पे० द्वारिका पोद्दार जो सुभ 1ष पोद्दार पे० प्यारीलाल पोद्दार अंश समान सां० देह।				
3	13	2	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.08	बालेश्वर पोद्दार जो हरि पोद्दार सां० देह। तख्त।				
4	13	5	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.04					
5	13	3	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.05	बदी पोद्दार पे० भूषण पोद्दार जो राजेन्द्र पोद्दार जो अशोक पोद्दार पे० दीपक पोद्दार। अंश समान सां० देह। बालेश्वर पोद्दार पे० हरि पोद्दार जो बदी पोद्दार जो भूषण पोद्दार जो राजेन्द्र पोद्दार जो अशोक पोद्दार पे० दीपक पोद्दार। अंश समान सां० देह।				
6	13	4	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.14	पशुपति पोद्दार उर्फ विनोद पोद्दार पोष्यपुत्र पे० स्व० तारणी पोद्दार जो बालेश्वर पोद्दार माता मोधरी देवी। अंश समान सां० देह। हरिशंकर पोद्दार जो खुदू पोद्दार जो फणी पोद्दार जो मुनेश्वर पोद्दार जो प्रकाश पोद्दार जो मोला पोद्दार पे० राम पोद्दार। अंश समान सां० देह।				
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कुल रकबा-						1.09				

यह अधिघोषणा हितबद्ध व्यक्तियों की आपत्तियों के सुनने और अधिनियम सं०-30/2013 की धारा 15 में प्रदत्त यथा उपबन्धित सम्यक जांच के पश्चात् किया गया है। भूमि अर्जन के कारण पुनर्व्यवस्थापन के लिए संभावित परिवारों की संख्या जिनके लिए पुनर्व्यवस्थापन के क्षेत्र विहित किए गए हैं, जिसका संक्षिप्त विवरण निम्नवत है :-
 ग्रामX..... थाना X..... थाना संख्या X..... अंचल X..... जिला भूमि अर्जन पदाधिकारी
 .X..... के कार्यालय में किसी कार्य दिवस के दिन भूमि योजना का निरीक्षण किया जा सकता है।
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26 Jharkhand migrant workers trapped in Dubai

ASHIS SINHA ■ BOKARO

At least 26 Jharkhand workers, who migrated to Abu Dhabi (Dubai) for work are trapped there for the last four months. They have not been paid any salary and they were confined in a room, said a social worker.
 As they have no money and are struggling hard to return back to their home, he said. The workers, trapped in Oman, have sought help from the government through social media.
 They have sent a message to the Foreign Minister, Government of India and asked for help. The message also stated that the company in which they are working has stopped their payments. They were locked in a room and getting several threats, informed Sikander Ali, a member of Pravas Group who works in the interest of migrant laborers.

Death of a lady staff of pvt nursing home raises eyebrows in Palamu
DALTONGANJ: Death of a young lady staff member of a private nursing home under Panki police station has raised eyebrows of many in the town.
 According to SDPO Lesliganj Anup Kumar Baraik, "A 19 or 20 year-old unmarried girl staff (name withheld)

JMM, BJP spar over Govt initiatives in Corona crisis

PNS ■ RANCHI

The ruling party in the State, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) on Friday reacted sharply on the State Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) statement in which it termed the State Government inactive in dealing with the present Covid crisis despite the Central Government's Rs 20 lakh crore initiative of Self Reliant India Campaign.

Addressing mediapersons, the State BJP chief and Rajya Sabha MP Deepak Prakash today said that the self-reliant India campaign is not only a strong resolution under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi but also a new

identity of modern India but the State Government is talking a lot on its rights but it is failed in fulfilling its duties.

Prakash also said it is noteworthy here that the role of the State Government is very important in the constitutional system of India and in order to boost the MSME sector, farming sector and welfare for poor the Central Government has run several programme but in Jharkhand schemes are not materialising on the ground and poor are not getting benefit of it.

The State BJP Chief said that the State BJP demands the government to take meaningful and effective initiatives in the direction of making self-

reliant Jharkhand through self-reliant India campaign

In response to the allegations, JMM General Secretary, Supriyo Bhattacharya said that the Rajya Sabha MP again confused the people of the State like his predecessor. The truth cannot be established by speaking unconvincing declarations made by the Prime Minister of Rs 20 lakh crore at 20 million times with confusion, he added.

"Deepak Prakash spoke vociferously on the poor employment welfare scheme for the migrant labourers announced by the Prime Minister and only six states have been included under this scheme, including Jharkhand.



State BJP president and Rajya Sabha MP Deepak Prakash addresses media persons online at BJP headquarters in Ranchi on Friday. Ratan Lal I Pioneer

Prakash should have said that out of 141 selected districts in six states, only three districts of Jharkhand are included. While

36 districts have been included for benefit provided to Bihar due to impending Assembly election in this year. BJP should not do this kind of confusion in Jharkhand," said Bhattacharya.

Mocking on initiatives of the Central Government, JMM General Secretary said that the call made by Prime Minister to convert the time of global crisis into opportunity and talk of a self-reliant India can be understood by just two examples - first, in order to turn the crisis into an opportunity, it was decided to sell 151 pairs of trains to the private capitalist and industrial groups' hands, so as to provide direct benefits to the BJP's friends group and



JMM General Secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya. File Photo

turned it into an opportunity and second under the commercial mining of 44 coal blocks to provide benefited to friends like Adani-Ambani under the opportunity.

Bhattacharya said that he is appealing to the State BJP leaders that they not spread the political form of Coronavirus in this catastrophic period of Corona.

32 shops, establishments, closed; show-cause issued

Ranchi: Ranchi District Administration on Friday took action against 32 shops and establishments in Ranchi for violation of the guidelines given by the Central/State Government related to Covid-19. In the course of investigation it was found that the guidelines issued by the government for prevention of corona infection were violated by these shops and establishments, after which they were served notice and closed with immediate effect till clarification is received.

On the direction of Deputy Commissioner Ranchi Rai Mahimapat Ray, three teams were constituted to investigate compliance of Government guidelines related to Covid-19 by shops and establishments. PNS

INBRIEF

DRM REWARDS RRD EMPLOYEES



DRM Neeraj Ambashta on Friday felicitated 12 employees of the commercial department of Ranchi Railway Division with commendation letters and Cash reward on Friday. The employees were rewarded for their outstanding work during the operation of labour special trains and special trains, especially serving the passengers with all available resources. Among the employees six were from Ranchi, while six others were from Hatia Railway Station. Sr DCM Avnish, Sr DPO Manik Shankar, DCM Devraj Banerjee alongwith other officials were present on the occasion.

IWC ZEST SPREADS GREEN MESSAGE



Inner Wheel Club (IWC) of Jamshedpur Zest embarked on plantation drive at Parvati Burning Ghat in Bistupur. A total of 51 saplings were planted during the drive. Club's senior functionaries Neeta Agarwal and Nisha Gadia took the initiative. The club has taken up the initiative to add to the green cover of the city. "The movement towards a deeper commitment to environmental protection through planting new trees and taking care of the existing ones, is rapidly increasing all over the world. At the global level, trees and forests are closely linked with weather patterns and also the maintenance of a crucial balance in nature. Hence, the 'task of environment protection' is a universal responsibility of all of us," said Vaibhavi Adesara, editor, Inner Wheel Club (IWC) of Jamshedpur Zest.

ACB TRAPS EMPLOYEE IN GARHWA

A revenue clerk of Circle Office, Bishunpura was caught red-handed by sleuths of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Palamu while accepting a bribe of Rs 4,500, at his rented house Banshidhar Nagar on Friday. Based on a complaint filed by Deonath Kushwaha, a native of Pipari Khurd village under Bishunpura police station, two days ago, a case was registered, officials said. In his complaint, Kushwaha had accused the clerk, identified as Dilip Kumar Baitha, 52, a resident of Lalgarh village under Palamu district posted at halka no. 2 under Bishunpura Circle demanding a bribe of Rs 5,000 for mutation of a sold land.

FOUNDER'S DAY AT PAS BOKARO

The Pentecostal Assembly School Bokaro Celebrated its Founder's Day this year in a unique way as celebrations were shifted to an online platform seeking compliances of Covid-19 but there was no dampening of the spirits. In celebration of the life and contribution of the director Dr DN Prasad, the school organised a series of Special Assemblies for each class from Prep to Std. XII. The teachers and the students came forward to do their part, making the day a memorable one by reflecting on the school's past as well as present. Principal, Dr. Karuna Prasad urged students to learn from the life of Director.

VIRTUAL VAN MAHOTSAV AT SBPS

To commemorate Van Mahotsav, Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi observed Van Mahotsav by organising various virtual activities so as to create awareness among the people. Students of KG I- KG-II used hand painting techniques to create things from nature. Students of Std. I and II used different vegetables, leaves, flowers etc, to paint a message to save the environment. "Role Play on Save Environment" was the topic for the students from Std. III to V. The students enacted beautifully to demonstrate their reverence towards bountiful Mother Nature. Students of classes VI to VIII had to write a letter to benevolent Mother Nature expressing their gratitude and affection for her.

JPCC demands fee waiver for students from Central Govt

PNS ■ RANCHI

In a move to help students during the global pandemic, Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) on Friday demanded fee waiver for the students from the Central Government because the source of earning was severely impacted by three months of lockdown. The JPCC officials and workers organised a Speak Up programme to send their message to the Government.

Addressing the media after uploading his message on social platform of the party JPCC Chief and Finance Minister, Rameshwar Oraon, said that students, teachers, non-teaching staff and their parents especially belonging to economically weaker section hit hard by the COVID-19 lockdown which imposed by the Government to prevent the contagious virus. The teachers and non-teaching staff, working at private educational institutions like schools, colleges, universities, vocational courses, engineering colleges, medical colleges and management colleges, are also severely affected by it, he added.

Oraon said that the children of poor and lower middle class families are also studying in schools, colleges, university engineering colleges, medical



Finance Minister and JPCC President Rameshwar Oraon along with party Spokesperson Alok Dubey and others during a meeting at Congress office in Ranchi on Friday. Ratan Lal I Pioneer

colleges and other vocational courses but during the last six months, business activities have been affected in the lockdown, a large number of people have lost their jobs, while due to the non-opening of shops and business establishments, the problems of the people are growing rapidly. The party is demanding from the Central Government that it should announce a financial package for six months to all educational institutions, provide financial assistance to the teachers and staff and also ensure the education of poor children.

Oraon has also demanded from the Central Government that no examination should be conducted during the Corona crisis, because taking the examinations in view of the prevail-

ing situation of the present Corona crisis will not be free from dangers. The students should be promoted on the basis of performance, he added.

Meanwhile, JPCC Spokesperson Alok Kumar Dubey, Lal Kishorenath Shahdeo and Rajesh Gupta said that the party has tried to send the messages of millions of students and their parents in Jharkhand to the Central Government through Speak Up Students Program. They said that due to the Corona crisis, students studying in schools, colleges, universities, engineering colleges, medical colleges, vocational courses and other educational institutions have been badly impacted, while parents are also facing an economic crisis.

CITY STUDENTS SHINE IN ICSE CLASS X BOARD EXAMS

PNS ■ RANCHI

The much awaited results for Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) and Indian School Certificate (ISC) were finally declared on Friday afternoon by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE). The results came two days after the Jharkhand Academic Council declared the same for Class X.

As many as 7,500 students appeared for the class X and class XII exam from the State capital. Girls from Sacred Heart have had a tie for the top spot with the boys from St Thomas, School with students from both the schools scoring 99 per cent in standard X. Aditya Prakash from the latter has secured the top spot.

In Loreto Convent, the highest was scored Latisha Tiba with 98.8 per cent. Khushi Saumya from Bishop Westcott Girls School, Namkum was declared the topper in her school by securing 96.6 per cent.

Amongst the boys, for standard X in St Francis School, the topper was Ishaan Arya with 98.6 per cent whereas the highest in St Xavier's School, Doranda was 98.4 per cent.

For ISC- standard XII, the highest in science stream in St Xavier's was 98 per cent and commerce was 91 per cent. Loreto girl Shrayya Singh was the topper in her school in the Arts stream with 95.2 per cent.

In St Francis, the highest in Science was scored by Akansha Raj who got 85 per cent while Shreya Singh was the topper in Commerce with 85.5 from the same school.

Due to the imposed lockdown, the board was unable to conduct an exam for all the subjects.

For Ranchi, in class X four subjects namely geography, Hindi, computer and biology while



Students of St Thomas School. Pioneer photo

for class XII biology and geography were left in Science and Arts streams respectively.

"The council prepared a methodology for evaluating the papers. If a student has appeared for four subjects then the best of three has been taken and according to the percent the remaining papers have been marked. 70 per cent marks were taken from the finals while 30 per cent from the internals. This 100 per cent was then converted into 80 per cent and the remaining 20 were again taken from the internal marks sent by the schools," said St Xavier's School Principal Father Sanjay Kerketta.

Jharkhand Police launches portal for online contact with people

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand Police has developed a composite portal for citizens to submit their complaints and applications for various works to minimise police public contact in the wake of a large number of police personnel of Jharkhand tested positive for Covid-19 virus.

In the portal citizen.jhpolice.gov.in services are available under as many as nine sections namely complaint lodging, character certificate request, tenant/PG verification, permission for protest/strike, employee verification, procession information, event performance information domestic verification besides provision of download FIRs.

The portal has an embedded hyperlink for central citizen services like missing person search, no objection for vehicles and cyber crime reporting.

However, Jharkhand Police has the facility of online FIR but this user friendly portal is part of digital India initiative, covering all aspects of police public dealing. To avail facili-



Ranchi SSP SK Jha interacts with people during inspection of the city in Ranchi on Friday. Pioneer photo

ty users will have to create an account.

"The way Covid-19 is spreading among people personnel we are bound to take some immediate steps to protect the health of policemen.

Police department has a direct dealing with the public so this is impossible to shut-down police stations. For instance in Ranchi some police personnel from as many as five police sta-

tions of Ranchi were affected with the virus whereas in Hazaribagh similar cases were reported. So, we decided to change the system," said an official of Ranchi police.

For instance, drop-boxes have been placed outside of the police station where people can drop their complaint. Complaints can be lodged through WhatsApp message also.

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NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION
Quotation Ref. No. NH/RANCHI/QUOT/01/2020-21 Dated : 10.07.2020
As per direction of Chief Engineer, Central Design Organisation (CDO), Road Construction Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi vide his letter no. - 401 Dated 08.07.2020, sealed quotations are hereby invited by the undersigned from the Authorised Mining Lease Holder/ Authorised Dealers/ Manufacturers for the rate of different materials including Royalty & excluding GST for the preparation of Schedule of Rate (S.O.R.) of Road Construction Department, Jharkhand. Authorised Mining Lease Holder / Authorised Dealers / Manufacturers will have to submit their Authorisation Documents with the quotation. The quoted rates must be valid for six months.

- List of items may also be seen/ collected from the National Highway Division, Ranchi in the office hour.
- The rates of the items should be at the source. The quotationer should mention the source of the item in separate sheet.
- The quotationer will submit self attested photocopy of proof of dealing in the items for which they are quoting their rates.
- The quotationer will submit self attested photocopy of GST Registration/ PAN Card.
- If the last date of submission of quotation happens to be holiday then the quotation will be received by the same time on next working days.
- Sealed document with item wise quoted rate must be submitted in the office of undersigned latest by 3:00 PM of 25.07.2020.

Executive Engineer
N.H. Division, Ranchi
PR 230573 Road (20-21)_D

न्यायालय अनुमण्डल दण्डाधिकारी, सदर, हजारीबाग
:- आम इस्तेहार :-

क्र०	वाद सं०	वादी	प्रतिवादी	सुनवाई की अगली तिथि/निर्गत आदेश का अनुपालन
01	भवन नियंत्रण वाद सं०- 07/19	अनन्त कुमार आर्य पिता श्री रामेश्वर नारायण मेहता, ग्राम- चम्पाडी, थाना- बरही, जिला- हजारीबाग	पंकज कुमार सिंह पिता श्री राम बिलास महतो, बैंक कॉलोनी, रूपसपुर, थाना- दानापुर, जिला- पटना, बिहार	प्रतिवादी को दिनांक 04/02/2020 एवं 18/02/2020 को 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न में अनुमण्डल दण्डाधिकारी, हजारीबाग को न्यायालय में उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष रखने हेतु अंतिम अवसर दिया गया था। इस संबंध में प्रतिवादी को संसूचित करने हेतु प्रेस विज्ञापित के माध्यम से दिनांक 17/02/2020 को विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित किया गया। समाचार पत्रों में आम इस्तेहार के प्रकाशन के बावजूद प्रतिवादी न तो उपस्थित हुए और न ही अधिवक्ता के माध्यम से अपना पक्ष रखे। अतः वाद में Ex-parte (एकतरफा) कार्यवाही करते हुए एक सप्ताह के अंदर निष्काशन की कार्यवाही की जाएगी, जिसकी सूचना प्रेस विज्ञापित के द्वारा प्रतिवादी को दी जा रही है।

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City cyclists cover 27,842 kms in 15 days

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Bicycle Mayor of Ranchi Kanishka Poddar along with various cycling clubs of the City organised a Monsoon Distance Challenge- 2020 from June 25 to July 10. As many as 81 cyclists participated in the challenge and covered a total distance of 27,842 kms in the 15 days.

The challenge was divided in three different categories. In level 1 the participants had to ride for 250 kms whereas in level 2 and level 3 the distance was 500 kms and 750 kms respectively. Depending on their level of fitness, level 1 had 50 cyclists, level 2 had 22 while



Cyclists pose for a picture during their ride near Ranchi. Pioneer photo

only 9 participated in level 3. Out of all the participants 47 managed to complete the challenge. It was organised with an aim to inculcate the habit of riding regularly with special focus on new cyclists

who have taken up the sport during the lockdown. The senior most participant RP Shahi (72) covered 286 kms in 15 days and his longest ride was of 35 kms. Akansha Bhagar completed the chal-

lenge on day 12 and her longest ride was of 46 kms. The other female participants included Kanika Malhotra, Divya Malhotra and Pooja Bijyani. Ajit Kumar Singh covered the maximum distance of 1695 kms in 15 days and his longest ride was of 154 kms. The challenge has inspired many people to take up the sport for a healthy lifestyle. Two new cycling clubs namely Pedal Powers and enCYCLEpedia with 20 cycling enthusiasts in each have popped up during the lockdown. Over 100 new cyclists have also joined the Ranchi Cycling Club in the last two months.

HOUSE LOOTED AT RATU

PNS ■ RANCHI

As many as five armed criminals looted cash and jewelry from a house at Kamre locality under Ratu police station of city capital on Friday wee-hours.

An FIR was lodged by the police and investigation launched to nab criminals.

Incident took place at the residence of a local resident Vijay Gupta; a small time businessman.

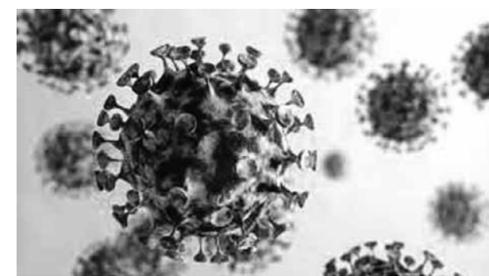
Vijay was out of town only his wife Neha Gupta was present at the house along with her three years old daughter.

जिला ग्रामीण विकास अभिकरण, हजारीबाग
आम सुचना
सबका सपना, घर हो अपना
प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना-ग्रामीण
प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना-ग्रामीण अन्तर्गत हजारीबाग जिले को वित्तीय वर्ष 2021-21 में 6816 नये आवासों का निर्माण हेतु लक्ष्य प्राप्त है जिसे हजारीबाग जिले के सभी प्रखण्डों में आवंटित किया गया है।
एतद द्वारा हजारीबाग जिले के सभी प्रखण्डों में निवास करने वाले सर्वसाधारण, जिनका नाम प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना-ग्रामीण 2011 के प्राथमिकता सूची में दर्ज है, को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे निम्नांकित दस्तावेजों के साथ अपने-अपने प्रखण्डों के प्रखण्ड कार्यालयों में प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी/ प्रखण्ड समन्वयक PMU से संपर्क कर आवास की स्वीकृति प्राप्त करें तथा जल्द से जल्द आवासों का निर्माण कर पूर्ण करावें :-

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- मनरेगा जॉबकार्ड की छायाप्रति,
- मोबाईल नम्बर,
- वर्तमान घर का फोटोग्राफ,
- भूमि प्रतिवेदन जमीन के मालिकाना हक के कागज

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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.

"We have been talking about the possibility of airborne transmission and aerosol transmission as one of the modes of transmission of COVID-19," Maria Van Kerkhove, technical lead on the COVID-19 pandemic at the WHO, told a news briefing.

In the 10-page brief that explored all possible modes of transmission for SARS-CoV-2, the global health agency admitted that aerosol transmission cannot be ruled out, especially in crowded and

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-

ratory 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-

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

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

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

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

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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.

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.

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-

tries have published an open letter to the WHO and other health agencies, calling for

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



ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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 adviser 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.

VIKAS DUBEY ENCOUNTER

Cong seeks judicial probe to bring out truth



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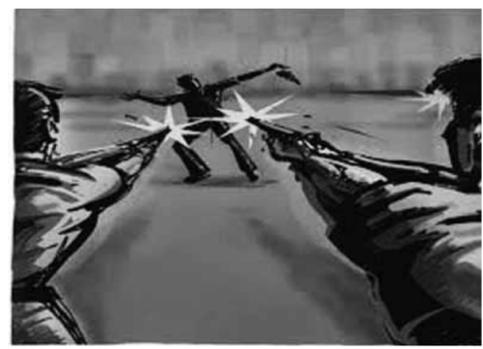
The Congress on Friday demanded a judicial probe by a sitting Supreme Court judge into the entire episode involving gangster Vikas Dubey's killing to bring out the truth about those who had granted protection to him and the alleged political-criminal nexus in Uttar Pradesh. While party general secretary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

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

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.

who nurtured and protected criminals like Vikas Dubey should come out. Till the time this truth and the nexus between politicians and criminals does not come out, justice will not be done to those eight policemen who were killed by him," she said.

Priyanka said the

conscience 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.

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,

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.

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

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 CSIR 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

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.

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.

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.

COVID-19 OUTBREAK

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 loc 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 re-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 Sevakh 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-

est number of persons tested positive on Friday-129. "There are 193 hotspots in the State while 472 persons were admitted to hospitals on Friday," he said.

The day also saw 35 jawans of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police based at Alappuzha getting infected with Covid-19. "We are facing a major disaster and undergoing a serious phase. While on June 15, the number of positive cases through social transmission were 9.63 per cent, as on July 9 the rate of social transmission was 20.64 per cent," said Vijayan.

He used a major part of the press meet to blame the Congress-led Opposition for their attempts to subvert the good work being done by his Government.

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

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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.

It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on e-tendering website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and get conversant with the process of on-line submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by the due deadline. No request for extension in due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained. The prospective bidders are requested to get clarification at e-tendering website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> or contact at nos. 0120-4001002/ 0120-4200462/ 0120-4001005/0120-6277787.

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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**

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 Sandie 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**

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**

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.

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1	Chief Technology Officer	Engagement of an agency for Onsite Support and Comprehensive Annual Maintenance of the Non IT Works/ Activities at the Disaster Recovery Center, Panchkula for five (5) years.	Opening 29-07-2020 (at 16:00 hrs) and closing 29-07-2020 (upto 15:00 hrs)	5,00,000/-	www.uhvvn.org.in	9317554907/bmsr-seprojects@uhvvn.org.in	NIT No. 32/ BMSR-APDRP/DRCC/ 2020

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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.

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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.

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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

private players, do not have to discard railway travel altogether. The Government of a "welfare state" like India should always remember that providing service at an affordable rate to the weaker section of the populace must be its priority. This cannot be compromised.

Kajal Chatterjee Kolkata

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)

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

POINT COUNTERPOINT



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



BALWANT MEHTA

SIMI MEHTA

ARJUN KUMAR

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 run 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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Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 00000003 of Delhi Branch) Mitheel Venkater (Borrower) Rakhi S Patkar (Co Borrower 1)	21-01-2020 / ₹ 2038292 / ₹ Twenty lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two) NPA (01-03-2018)	Flat No. - R-401, 4th Floor Carnation- R, Terra Floor Terra City, Alwar By Pass, Bhiwadi, Alwar-301019, Rajasthan.
(LC No. 00001326 of Ghaziabad Branch) Manoj Kumar (Borrower) Shalini Gupta (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1956405 / ₹ Nineteen lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Five) NPA (01-01-2020)	Flat No. FF-1, F1 Front Lhs Plot No. C11/102, Block: C1 Dlf Dilshad Extn-2, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad-201009
(LC No. 00000690 of Delhi Rajouri Garden Branch) Sunil Nagar (Borrower) Ritu Devi (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1948348 / ₹ Nineteen lakh Forty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight) NPA (01-01-2020)	C-10 & C-10-a, Third Floor With Roof Front Side, Khasra No.836, block-h Anand Vihar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi, New Delhi-110059, Delhi.
(LC No. 00000800 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Kalu Ram Saini (Borrower) Shalini Saini (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1838920 / ₹ Eighteen lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty) NPA (01-01-2020)	Plot No. H-424, First Floor Rear Side Plot No. 9, Khasra No.-55/12, Raj Nagar 2, Village Palam, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045, Delhi.
(LC No. 00001823 of Delhi Branch) Parveen Kumar Mishra (Borrower) Pooja Mishra (Co Borrower 1)	21-01-2020 / ₹ 1818205 / ₹ Eighteen lakh Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Five) NPA (01-12-2019)	Plot No. 55 & 55a, Upper Ground Floor Back Side RSH Kh. No. 18/23, Vill. Matiala Gali No. 09, New T Block, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, 110059
(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
(LC No. 00041339 of Gurgaon - Sohna Road Branch) Bikram SINGH (Borrower)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1717755 / ₹ Seventeen lakh Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five) NPA (01-12-2019)	Unit 1407 14th Floor Block C Victory One Amara Gh 05C Sec 16, Greater Noida West, Gautambudh Nagar-201308
(LC No. GUR35017 of Gurgaon - Sohna Road Branch) BIKRAM SINGH (Borrower)	19-12-2019 / ₹ 1651852 / ₹ Sixteen lakh Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two) NPA (01-10-2019)	H/flat No.h.503, Floor No. 5th Flr., Plot No. Winder H Tower, Terra Castle, Sector. Alwar Expresshighway, Village, Bhiwadibahadri.haryana - 301001
(LC No. 00000200 of Raj Nagar Branch) Hridayesh Kumar (Borrower) Radhika Srivastava (Co Borrower 1) Girja Shanker Lal (Co Borrower 2)	19-12-2019 / ₹ 1561609 / ₹ Fifteen lakh Sixty One Thousand Six Hundred Nine) NPA (01-11-2019)	Unit No K7 0806 8th Floor Tower K7 Amrapali Golf Homes Plot No G H02 Sec 4 Dist Gautam Budh Nagar Greater Noida West Gautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh - 201307
(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
(LC No. 00043196 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Swadesh Deb Nath (Borrower) Priya Deb Nath (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1365481 / ₹ Thirteen lakh Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One) NPA (01-12-2019)	House No Rz-g-14-b 2nd Floor Flat No-103, Kh No-79/4 Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi, New Delhi-110045, Delhi.
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(LC No. 00001900 of Delhi Branch) Perfect Packaging Industries (Borrower) Manoj Kumar Bhasin (Co Borrower 1) Seema Bhasin (Co Borrower 2)	21-01-2020 / ₹ 1242676 / ₹ Twelve lakh Forty Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six) NPA (01-10-2019)	M_MACHINE_NAME : - Plastic Thermoforming Machine, AP_MODEL_NO : - HY-6106-20B_M_FGNAME : - Ruiian Honyin Machinery Factory, AP_INVOICE_NO : - HY20170424
(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
(LC No. 00001485 of Gurgaon Branch) Perfect Packaging Industries (Borrower) Manoj Kumar Bhasin (Co Borrower 1) Seema Bhasin (Co Borrower 2)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1233838 / ₹ Twelve lakh Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight) NPA (01-10-2019)	M_MACHINE_NAME : BOPS Thermoforming machine, AP_MODEL_NO : -, AP_INVOICE_NO : - LTN20160418
(LC No. 00000378 of Rohini Branch) Seema Yadav (Borrower) Satpal Yadav (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1195021 / ₹ Eleven lakh Ninety Five Thousand Twenty One) NPA (01-01-2020)	Flat No. A-153, First Floor Block 6, Street 7, Ashiana Green Hill Sp-1, Industrial Area Neemrana, Neemrana, Alwar-301001, Rajasthan.
(LC No. 00000490 of Delhi Branch) Sanjay John (Borrower) Shobhana Johari (Co Borrower 1)	21-01-2020 / ₹ 1174191 / ₹ Eleven lakh Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety One) NPA (01-12-2019)	Plot No.-r2 41, first Floor South Exten Part-3, Kh No 2 Uttam Nagar, Delhi, New Delhi-110059, Delhi.
(LC No. 00001905 of Ghaziabad Branch) Kailash Khander Khulvi (Borrower) Meenakshi Mathpal (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1152792 / ₹ Eleven lakh Fifty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Two) NPA (01-01-2020)	Flat No. 237, Ground Floor, Nyay Khand - 2 Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad -201014
(LC No. 00002313 of Rohini Branch) Sandhya Jindal (Borrower) Aman Jindal (Co Borrower 1)	19-12-2019 / ₹ 1135724 / ₹ Eleven lakh Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four) NPA (01-10-2019)	Plot No-198 & 199 First Floor Pocket-C4 Sector-6 Rohini Delhi New Delhi Delhi-110085
(LC No. 00043553 of Gurgaon - Sohna Road Branch) Laxmi Narayan Mahato (Borrower) Gyanji Devi (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1100460 / ₹ Eleven lakh Four Hundred Sixty) NPA (01-01-2020)	Plot No.-r2-39/41 West Sagar Pur Delhi, New Delhi, New Delhi-110046, Delhi.
(LC No. 00004445 of Raj Nagar Branch) Sokal Ali (Borrower) Naseem N (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 1097062 / ₹ Ten lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Sixty) NPA (01-01-2020)	Flat No 207 First floor Back Side LIG Plot No A- 15 DLF Ankur Vihar, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad-201010
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(LC No. 00002427 of New Delhi Branch) Somit Joshi (Borrower) Premta Joshi (Co Borrower 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 966225 / ₹ Nine lakh Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five) NPA (01-01-2020)	Flat No-T4-03, Ground Floor Tower-04, parsavnath Castle Rajpura Rajpura, Patiala Patiala-140401, Punjab.
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(LC No. 00041323 of Noida-sector 2 Branch) Usha Rani (Borrower) Sudhir Saluja (Co Borrower 1) Anju Saluja (Co Borrower 2) Deepak Saluja (Guarantor 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 893162 / ₹ Eight lakh Ninety Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty Two) NPA (01-01-2020)	Unit No. 2446 24th Floor North Eye Towers Capetown G H 01 A Sector 74, Noida, Gautambudh Nagar-201301
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(LC No. 00000126 of Dwarka Branch) Nesarjanga (Borrower) Nupur Banga (Co Borrower 1)	19-12-2019 / ₹ 806988 / ₹ Eight lakh Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Eight) NPA (01-11-2019)	Flat No 364, Janta Flat, 3rd Floor Pocket 3, sector B4, Group 1 Narela Delhi New Delhi Delhi-110040
(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
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(LC No. 00001211 of Gurgaon Branch) A Plus Print O Pack Industries (Borrower) Anshul Goel (Co Borrower 1) Panikaj Goel (Co Borrower 2) Yash Enterprises (Guarantor 1)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 592488 / ₹ Five lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Eight) NPA (01-12-2019)	M_MACHINE_NAME : - Automatic Paper Cup Punching machine, AP_MODEL_NO : -, AP_INVOICE_NO : -1
(LC No. DEL37139 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) YUGAL KISHORE (Borrower)	20-02-2020 / ₹ 459771 / ₹ Four lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One) NPA (01-01-2020)	H/flat No.543, Floor No. Ground, Plot No. H B Colony, Sector. 21d, Village . Faridabad, Faridabad-121001
(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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Place: Delhi
Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

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 deviated not by the public health considerations, but rather by animus towards non-citizens and immigrants.

It said that the move is a flagrant attempt to hold international students hostage in order to force schools to reopen even as COVID-19 cases are rising.

"The ICE's announcement of their plans to force out or deport international students who remain at US colleges and universities and who are taking a full online course load is cruel and unconscionable."

"These students are already in the United States, are established members of educational communities, and have been determined through the visa screening process to pose no danger to the United States," the senators wrote.

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.



In Jajarkot district, among the 12 people who had gone missing during the landslides, dead bodies of seven, including a 10-year-old child, have been recovered, the officials said.

Seven people were untraceable after their house was wiped out by a landslide in Myagdi district. Meanwhile, a landslide that occurred in Jogimara area has obstructed the Prithi Highway in western Nepal. Narayani and other major rivers in the country have swollen due to the continuous downpour for the last 48 hours.

Meteorological Department has forecast that the monsoon rains will last for another three days.

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-

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 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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कार्यालय अधिव्यता नगर पालिका परिषद कुम्हारी

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.

WESTERN RAILWAY
VARIOUS CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS

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-Dhar1/10R **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.irps.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.

WESTERN RAILWAY
VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS

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. 17DN, 112DN, 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 SAPHALE - 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.irps.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. 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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DEMAND NOTICE
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. LNCGGJGDTL0000008192, LNCGGDETL0000002506 of our Delhi Branch) GANESH TRADERS (Borrower) Maruti Overseas, Mr. Sooraj Kumar, Mrs. Deepa Goenka, Mr. Mayooy Kumar, Mrs. Lata Rani Goenka (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.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to CGCL as aforesaid, CGCL 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 CGCL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made thereunder, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

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

SHORT CIRCUITS



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.



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, artistes 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.)

IMMERSIVE 60 MINUTES

PREPARED FOR A NEW WORLD

Youth icon ANTO PHILIP tells SAKSHI SHARMA that his documentary, *Batch of 2020*, is a tribute to not only the current graduating batch but also to students, educators, parents or anyone across the world who have, through the years, succumbed to the pressure and anxiety of being defined by certificates and degrees

A farewell party, that last canteen self-scribbling each other's backs with goodbye notes, group hugs, tossing the robes and caps, gifts from juniors, that nervous walk out of the campus and so much more — the last days of college always remain etched in our hearts. No matter how far we've come, those who would always go back to the time to remember what made us. Yes, getting a degree and getting an education are two different things. You live through the experiences, explore a new world and go through a gamut of emotions during your college life. However, these are memories which the batch of 2020 will never be able to relate to or call their own. They will never have their one-of-its-kind, proud convocation.

Echoing students' sentiments that something fundamental must change, Anto Philip, co-founder of Under 25, ensured that India's batch of 2020 stands united against the odds.

Philip brought together artistes, journalists, comedians and leaders such as Armaan Malik, Anupama Chopra, Debosmita Majumder, Deepika Padukone, Faye D'Souza, Hritik Roshan, Roshan Abbas, Tanmay Bhat and others to create a graduation ceremony documentary — *Batch of 2020*.

Written and narrated by Philip, this docu-film addresses topics that the batch of 2020 will find worthy. These include chats around 'Everything you need to know about graduating in 2020', 'Lessons from other batches', 'First-Year after graduation', 'Dropping out',



'Qualities a graduating student must have in 2020' and others. The film is a tribute to not only the current graduating batch but also to students, educators, parents or anyone across the world, who have, through the years, succumbed to the pressure and anxiety of being defined by certificates and degrees. Here are the excerpts of our conversation with him:



Q How did you conceptualise the documentary, *Batch of 2020*?
 COVID-19 stole the batch of 2020 of their graduation. Students across the world have looked forward to their convocation ceremonies, especially after hustling for 21 years. It's an event that gives them some clarity on what awaits them in the real world. Having said that, we felt it's time to look beyond just an ordinary graduation. This presented an opportunity for us to curate something extraordinary, something unseen, an experience for students to take in and make use of in the new world.

Q What has been your inspiration behind the project?
 Over the last seven years, all the work we've been doing across our verticals is directed towards building a better environment for youngsters. The students of 2020 find themselves in a position that no generation has faced since our last pandemic almost a century ago. Now, more than ever, we realised it was time to step in and drive towards a change.

Q What was the idea behind bringing together so many artistes, journalists, comedians, actors and leaders?
 We put ourselves in the position of a student to understand what we'd like to take

away from this film. What followed was a series of questions which we wanted answers for from people with real life stories and credibility. We broke down these questions and paired them with real life stories from people we thought would be relevant to that story line. For instance, dropping out is taboo, the emotional pressure a student goes through to first take a decision to drop out is strenuous and then justifying that to the rest of the world is even harder, hoping that the choice made turns out in his/her favour. To share a perspective on this question, we spoke to Raghava KK, Anand Gandhi and Deepika Padukone, all of whom are college drop-outs and have succeeded in their pursuits and craft later.

Q How challenging was the process?
 As we were heading into the project, we understood the limitations that we were working with. We took those into consideration and built the film around that. However, factors like the launch date for a documentary like this always has a hard stop to it. The relatability of this content lies in that particular time period for a student. So time was definitely our biggest challenge.

Q How important is the college experience for the youth and how has it suffered due to the pandemic?

It is the most critical part. The learning truly happens in conversations with your friends, some inspiring teachers and experiences outside the classroom. This life possibly teaches you more than any other phase of your journey. It's definitely hard for students not to be around each other but that also leaves us with an opportunity to invent and adopt newer ways and means of learning. We must treat 2020 as a year of unknown opportunities that requires us to break the shackles of our traditional formal education system and on its debris, build a new India that measures success on its own terms.

Q What does the film aim to achieve?
 This documentary is the first step we're taking to build a movement and drive conversations on what more our education system can offer to accommodate students' needs. Our education system is built on fear and grades. It's essentially someone else's journey mapped out for us to get from one point to another. While this method works and is efficient for most, it also exposes the lack of attention to human emotion and the world's dynamic environment. A good start would be the introduction of mental wellness hours in our early years of schooling.

Q What message would you like to give to this batch?
 You've graduated in the toughest of times, you've graduated in the midst of a pandemic and that's why no one else but you will know the struggles of it. It's unfortunate that you didn't get to celebrate your graduation but know that it is because of you that we can now have fruitful conversations around building a more dynamic education system. I believe that you can be the changemakers we need, let's collectively build a more responsible environment to live in.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

S. No.	Particulars	Half year ended March 31, 2020 (Unaudited) (refer note 2)	Half year ended March 31, 2019 (Unaudited) (refer note 2)	Year ended March 31, 2020 (Audited)	Year ended March 31, 2019 (Audited)
1	Income from operations				
	(a) Revenue from real estate operations	6,769.72	7,604.50	10,443.25	14,723.08
	(b) Other Operating revenue	1,062.53	101.23	1,216.24	344.94
	Total Income from operations	7,832.25	7,705.73	11,659.49	15,068.02
2	Expenditure				
	(a) Cost of land/ development rights	19.00	-	18.00	-
	(b) (Increase)/ decrease in project work in progress	3,778.03	3,376.27	5,692.85	6,658.92
	(c) Project approval charges	(334.58)	40.83	(307.70)	93.89
	(d) Employees cost	818.50	813.95	1,614.36	1,672.75
	(e) Depreciation and amortization expense	118.59	80.60	229.12	155.52
	(f) Subcontractor, material and labour charges	144.00	293.66	191.46	1,143.97
	(g) Other Expenditure	624.74	1,016.79	1,106.59	1,700.92
	Total expenditure	5,162.28	5,622.10	8,545.68	11,425.97
3	Profit/(loss) from operations before other income, finance costs (1-2)	2,669.97	2,083.63	3,113.81	3,642.05
4	Other income	718.51	1,134.29	1,614.17	1,502.81
5	Profit/(loss) from operations before finance costs and exceptional items (3+4)	3,402.48	3,217.92	4,727.98	5,144.86
6	Finance costs	2,010.31	2,914.75	4,608.50	5,102.27
7	Exceptional items	-	-	-	-
8	Profit/(loss) from operations before tax (after exceptional items) (5-6-7)	1,392.17	403.17	1,119.48	42.59
9	Tax expense				
	Current tax expense	-	-	-	-
	Deferred tax expense/(credit)	357.61	922.69	879.30	1,447.06
10	Net Profit/(loss) for the period (8-9)	1,034.56	(519.52)	(759.82)	(1,404.47)
11	Other Comprehensive Income/(loss) (net of tax)	3.21	2.74	3.58	(10.24)
12	Total Comprehensive Income/(loss) for the period (10-11)	1,037.77	(516.78)	(756.24)	(1,414.71)
13	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs.10 per share)	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
14	Paid-up preference share capital (face value of Rs.10 per share)	-	-	-	-
15	Paid-up debt capital/ outstanding debt (refer note 5)	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,600.00
16	Net worth (refer note 13)	26,365.09	27,213.33	26,365.09	27,213.33
17	Debiture redemption reserve (refer note 16)	18.86	18.86	18.86	18.86
18	Capital redemption reserve	321.70	321.70	321.70	321.70
19	Earning Per Share (EPS)				
	Basic (In Rs.)	-	(638.44)	(638.44)	(638.44)
	Diluted (In Rs.)	-	(638.44)	(638.44)	(638.44)
20	Debt Equity Ratio (refer note 13)	-	1.06	1.12	-
21	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (refer note 13)	-	0.64	0.56	-
22	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (refer note 13)	-	1.08	1.04	-

Notes: (1) The above financial results for the half year ended March 31, 2020 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on July 09, 2020. The statutory auditors of the Company have carried out the audit for the year ended March 31, 2020. The Company's debentures are listed and traded in Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), 2015 as applicable to the Company. (2) The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of Indian Accounting Standards ("IND AS") as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 (read with relevant rules thereunder). The figures for the half year ended March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2019 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of financial year ended March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2019 respectively and the unaudited published figures for the half year ended September 30, 2019 and September 30, 2018, which were subject to limited review. (3) In line with the provisions of Ind AS -108 'Operating Segments' and basis the review of operations being undertaken by the senior management, the operations of the Company primarily fall under 'real estate development', which is considered by the management to be the only reportable operating segment. (4) CRISIL has assigned CRISIL BBB-Stable (Reaffirmed) rating for Non-Convertible Debentures vide letter dated December 26, 2019. (5) Paid up Debt Capital represents: (a) 4,600 Series A Fully Paid, Rated, Listed, Secured, Redeemable, Non-Convertible Debentures of Rs.100,000 each amounting to Rs. 4,60,00,000. The proceeds have been utilised for the purpose as mentioned in the offer documents and there is no material deviation in the utilization of the proceeds. (b) Series B-2,300 debentures of Rs.100,000 each amounting to Rs.2,90,00,000 issued by the Company and pertaining to the M/s. underwriting, that have been transferred to Subalta Developers Private Limited (the Resulting Company), pursuant to Composite scheme of arrangement as approved by the Honourable High Court of Punjab and Haryana vide order dated March 31, 2017 and accordingly, the same have not been included in Paid up Debt Capital under Note 5. The Company's management is in the process of completing procedural formalities for effecting the transfer of such debentures to the Resulting Company and in pursuance thereof, the Company has filed a settlement application with SEBI on June 14, 2020 which is currently pending disposal. The management is confident of obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals in the said matter shortly and believes that no adjustment (other than that already made) is required in these standalone financial results at this stage. (6) The Series-A Non-Convertible Debentures are secured by way of first ranking exclusive charge over Amritsar MIP project land, receivables from sale of Amritsar MIP project and Faltahabad project, insurance receivables - Penguin and Ambrose, the escrow accounts and monies lying to credit thereof. (7) As per the relevant terms and conditions of Information Memorandum (IM), the annual interest payable to the Series-A NCD holders had got revised to 0.00% effective January 31, 2019 once RBI approved ('Waiver') was achieved by the Company's erstwhile wholly owned subsidiary company - Ruchi Mals Private Limited. During the current year, the Series-A NCD holders vide their letter dated November 15, 2019 waived off the interest for the period November 13, 2018 - November 13, 2019 alongwith redemption premium payable as per the terms of IM upto November 13, 2019 and the impact thereof has been duly accounted for in these standalone financial results. Considering that the Company has achieved the above-mentioned milestone, the management basis ongoing discussions for modification of terms of Series-A NCD believes that no adjustment (including for redemption premium beyond the waived off period) is necessary in these financial results at this stage. Further, the said Series-A NCD of Rs.4,60,00,000 lakhs continue to be classified as 'Non-Current borrowings' in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at March 31, 2020 in accordance with the tenure of such NCD as per the IM considering the accounting related to modification, if any, of Company's financial liability as per Ind AS -109 'Financial Instruments' is dependent on conclusion of Company's discussions with its debenture-holders, that are currently in progress as on the date of approval of these standalone financial results. (8) Effective April 01, 2019, the Company has adopted Ind AS 116 - 'Leases' and has applied the same to all its existing lease contracts as on that date, using modified retrospective approach. Accordingly, the previous period comparatives have not been restated and instead the cumulative effect of initial application of this standard has been accounted as on April 1, 2019, by recognizing Right-of-use asset of Rs.254.20 lakhs (including reclassification of the Company's lease liability of Rs.248.51 lakhs). The adoption of the said standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial results for the half year ended March 31, 2020 and on the earnings per share for the said period. (9) Net due dates for repayment of interest and principal of non-convertible debentures (NCDs):

S.No.	Name of Series	Type	Previous Due date of payment	Next Due date of payment	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Series - A	Interest	November 12, 2019 (Paid Rs.657.80 lakhs)	November 12, 2020	0.02
		Principal along with premium on redemption	November 12, 2019 (Waived)#	November 13, 2025*	14,550.00

Series-A NCD holders vide their letter dated November 15, 2019 had agreed to waive interest for the period November 13, 2018 - November 13, 2019 alongwith redemption premium payable upto November 13, 2019 and the impact thereof has been duly accounted for in these standalone financial results. *As per the terms of issue of 4,600 Series-A NCD as per the IM, the NCD are redeemable after 10 years from the deemed date of allotment i.e. November 13, 2019. However, the Company has the option to redeem these debentures at any time after the expiry of 3 years from the deemed date of allotment. (10) There is no investor grievance pending or received during the period under review. (11) World Health Organization (WHO) declared outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19) as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. Consequently, this Government of India declared lockdown effective from March 24, 2020 and the company suspended the operations in its ongoing projects in compliance with the lockdown instructions issued by the Central and State Governments. COVID-19 has impacted the normal business operations of the Company by way of interruption in Project execution, disruption in material supply chain and unavailability of personnel during the lockdown period. The Company has made detailed assessment of its liquidity position for the next year and the recoverability and carrying value of its assets comprising property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, right of use assets, investments, inventories, advances, trade receivables, deferred taxes, other financial and non-financial assets etc. The management has performed sensitivity analysis on the assumptions used and based on current estimates and current indicators of future economic conditions, expects the carrying amount of the above assets to be recovered. The situation is changing rapidly giving rise to inherent uncertainty around the extent and timing of the potential future impact of COVID-19 pandemic which may be different from that estimated as at the date of approval of these standalone financial results. With the recent easing/lifting of lockdown by the Central and State Governments, the Company has resumed its business activities by adhering to the prescribed guidelines for commercial operations. Construction at sites has already commenced in compliance with the Government directives. The Company's management remains positive on the long-term business outlook as well as its financial position and will continue to closely monitor any material changes to future economic conditions as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve in India and globally. (12) The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 issued by Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) dated September 20, 2019 (the 'Ordinance') has introduced changes in tax laws wherein the Company has an option to elect to pay corporate tax under newly inserted section 115BAA effective Financial year 2019-20, subject to certain specified conditions. The Company in consultation with its tax experts has decided to pay tax under the new provisions of section 115BAA and the consequential impact has been appropriately accounted for in these standalone financial results. (13) Ratios have been computed as follows: (a) Debt equity ratio = paid up debt capital/ equity, where 'Equity' represents issued, subscribed and paid up share capital, equity component of compulsory convertible preference shares and reserves and surplus. 'Reserves and Surplus' includes capital reserve, securities premium and retained earnings. Paid up debt capital represents long term and short term borrowings excluding deferred payment liabilities. (b) Interest service coverage ratio= Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation/ finance costs. (c) Debt service coverage ratio= Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation/ (finance costs + principal repayment of paid up debt capital during the period). (d) Net worth represents Equity. (14) Statement of assets and liabilities:

	As at March 31, 2020 (Audited)	As at March 31, 2019 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Non Current Assets		
Property, plant & equipment	1,152.52	1,236.06
Right-of-use assets	182.00	-
Other intangible assets	4.42	5.01
Rights in development properties	133.10	133.10
Deferred tax assets (net)	866.11	1,566.62
Tax assets (net)	154.55	316.81
Financial assets		
Loans	1,209.81	1,010.32
Investments	1,224.90	1,120.80
Other financial assets	-	34.11
Other non current assets	216.45	233.87
	4,977.97	5,834.24
Current assets		
Inventories	53,461.06	59,153.91
Tax assets (net)	58.69	-
Financial assets		
Trade receivables	1,260.02	2,773.46
Cash and cash equivalents	633.94	2,096.64
Bank balances (other than cash and cash equivalents)	1,676.70	1,534.37
Loans	1,592.13	1,722.89
Other financial assets	2,963.05	2,388.13
Other current assets	2,593.91	3,819.08
	64,239.50	73,488.48
Total assets	69,217.47	79,322.72
Equity and liabilities		
Equity		
Equity share capital	11.90	11.90
Other equity	26,353.19	27,109.43
Total equity	26,365.09	27,121.33
Non-current liabilities		
Financial Liabilities		
Borrowings	26,200.28	28,662.69
Lease liabilities	77.16	-
Other financial liabilities	974.05	407.47
	27,251.49	29,070.16
Current liabilities		
Financial Liabilities		
Borrowings	2,604.37	2,960.72
Trade payables	-	-
-total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises*	19.94	14.86
-total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	1,296.78	2,077.89
Lease liabilities	88.43	-
Other financial liabilities	812.14	1,633.57
Provisions	442.37	166.85
Other current liabilities	10,636.86	16,277.34
Total liabilities	15,600.89	23,151.23
Total equity and liabilities	69,217.47	79,322.72

* To the extent of information available with the management (15) During the year 2020, the Company had received a demand for Rs. 1,440 lakhs from Municipal Corporation, Amritsar (MC) towards the levy for Change in Land Use Fee (CLU fee) in relation to Company's erstwhile retail mall at Amritsar that had got transferred to the Resulting Company pursuant to Composite scheme of arrangement as approved by the Honourable High Court of Punjab and Haryana vide order dated March 31, 2017. The Honourable High Court of Punjab and Haryana (Hon'ble High Court) vide its order dated March 3, 2019 had adjudicated that the basis of levying CLU fee is untenable and the amount deposited by the Company i.e. Rs. 1,260 lakhs (net of Rs. 180 lakhs recovered from another party as their share of the said demand) is liable to be refunded with simple interest @ 9% per annum from the date of collection by the authorities till the date of payment. Subsequently, the MC had preferred a Letters Patent Appeal (LPA) against the order of the Hon'ble High Court before the Hon'ble High Court on May 12, 2019 and the same was disposed off in favour of the MC. Pursuant to another order by the Hon'ble High Court in year 2010, the money deposited by the Company was refunded in lieu of furnishing of a Bank Guarantee by the Company in favour of the Registrar of the Hon'ble High Court, with the condition that if the MC succeeds in the LPA filed in the aforesaid Hon'ble High Court, the Company shall be liable to pay the amount to MC with the same rate of interest which had been awarded by the single bench in its order dated March 03, 2010. The Company had preferred a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the LPA that was disposed off by the Hon'ble High Court in MC's favour, which got admitted and against which the Hon'ble Supreme Court has issued notices to both the parties and restrained the MC from enforcing the bank guarantee. Subsequently, the Company in compliance of the order passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on August 18, 2017 had deposited a sum of Rs. 200 lakhs consequent to which the amount of bank guarantee furnished by the Company in favour of the Registrar of the Hon'ble High Court had got revised to Rs.1,240 lakhs. Based on expert legal inputs, the management is confident of obtaining favourable orders from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the said matter. Further, in accordance with the 'Facilitation and Collaboration Agreement' and 'Termination-cum-Settlement Deed' entered into with the landowners, the liability in relation to the 'Change of Land Use' is to be borne by the landowners. Accordingly, while finalizing these standalone financial results, no provision has been considered necessary at this stage. (16) In terms of Rule 187(b)(ii) of Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 as amended by Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Amendment Rules, 2019 notified on August 16, 2019, Debenture Redemption Reserve is not required in case of debentures of listed companies.

PLACE: GURUGRAM
 DATE: July 09, 2020
 For Alpha Corp Development Private Limited
 Ashish Sarin, Director & Chief Executive Officer (DIN: 00897673)

PUBLIC NOTICE

We M/s Aakarshan Estates Pvt. Ltd. in Collaboration with Adani M2K Projects LLP having its office at Adani House, Plot No 83, Institutional Area, Sector 32, Gurugram-122001 has proposed to migrate Licence no. 97 of 2012 dated 07.09.2012 granted for setting up of Commercial Colony on land measuring 2.5 acres situated at Sector-102, Gurugram for taking licence of Plotted Commercial Colony under the migration policy dated 18.02.2016 of Town and Country Planning Department and we have not created any third party rights on the applied land under migration policy on an area measuring 2.5 acres. If allotee (If any) of the licenced colony (under Licence No. 97 of 2012 dated 07.09.2012) has any objection to the above said migration, the same may be submitted in the office of District Town Planner, Gurugram within 30 Days from the date of issue of this Public Notice.

Place: Gurugram
 Date: 11th July, 2020

Rajeev Kumar Jha, Authorised Signatory
 For Aakarshan Estates Pvt. Ltd.
 in Collaboration with Adani M2K Projects LLP

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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CGCL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(Loan Account No. LNCGCDELTL000002396 of our Delhi Branch) Delhi Trading Company (Borrower) Vinay Mittal, Vipin Mittal (Co-Borrower) Namrata Sahni (Guarantor)	All Piece and Parcel of HOUSE NO - 12, SECOND FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF, ROAD NO -27, EAST PUNJABI BAGH, DELHI -110026	28-01-2020 Rs. 4,04,31,619/-	07-07-2020
2.	(Loan Account No. LNMEKDDTL000016745 of our Karkardooma Branch) Saraswati Educational And Social Welfare Society (Borrower) Naveen Kumar, Yashoda (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of All Piece and Parcel of Land Municipal/Plot No. 40 area admeasuring 684 sq. Yds. Out of Kharsa No. 286 situated at Chhipanya Bujrge, Tehsil Dadri, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201307 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON		

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 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

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

Josh King's push on Harry Kane in the penalty area went unpushed 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 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.

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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.

SOCHI, 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.

SEVILLE 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 Atlético 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 WI build their lead

AFP ■ SOUTHAMPTON

The West Indies are building a handy lead over England on the third afternoon of the first *#raisethebat* 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 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.

Verona snatch late 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 leading 1-0 and missing a penalty — a performance which left Conte fuming. AP

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हमारी जिम्मेदारी है.
आओ ये जिम्मेदारी निभाते हैं.

जहाँ सपने सिर्फ सजते नहीं,
सच हो जाते हैं,
एक ऐसा प्लान बनाते हैं.

परिवार को अपना बोझ नहीं,
अपनी ताकत बनाते हैं.
आओ जिम्मेदारी निभाते हैं.
प्लान बनाते हैं.

सही उम्र में शादी करते हैं
और सोचकर बच्चे.
एक खुशहाल परिवार
बनाते हैं.

जोड़ी जिम्मेदार
जो प्लान करे परिवार

"परिवार नियोजन विकास, समानता और सतत विकास की दिशा में पहला कदम है।
छोटे परिवारों का भविष्य ज्यादा स्वस्थ और समृद्ध होता है,
जो राज्य को आर्थिक रूप से मजबूत बनाता है।"

स्वास्थ्य, चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग,
झारखण्ड सरकार