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USUALSUSPECTS

Fair distribution of Covid shots must

ast Inursday, India became the second country after the United States to reach the 9 million Covid-19 mark. This is not an achievement, although policy makers may take solace in the fact that it took 22 days for the deadly infection to travel from 8 million to 9 million. The earlier travel time for a million had at one time touched 11, 12 and 13 days. It is hardly worth reiterating that we have by no means crossed the danger mark. As the experience of Europe clearly demonstrated, it merely takes the people a small relaxation of vigil for the pandemic to resume its rampage. This was also the case with Delhi, India's national Capital, where the pre-Diwali festivities led to all the gains of the monsoon season being wiped out. It is unknown if the foul air of the city resulting from the burning of stubble in neighbouring States played a part in the Covid-19 spike, but certainly the air people inhaled didn't help.

However, it is difficult to make generalisations about mass gatherings – usually religious festivals – acting as super-spreaders. The Onam festival in Kerala certainly bushed up the numbers of those infected in a State that once claimed to lead the way in pandemic management. Yet, curiously, the secular festival of democracy in Bihar which experienced mass political railies and zero social distancing, dight have any visible impact on the spread of the coronavirus.

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which experienced mass political rallies and zero social distancing, didn't have any visible impact on the spread of the coronavius.

In West Bengal, the great fear was that the week-long festivities centred on Durga Puja would create a health crisis. The fear was legitimate since the ruling party in the State often conveyed the impression that celebrations took precedence over all other considerations. However, the High Court stepped in with draconian restrictions that the people—with the exception of a small group of the reckless — by and large adhered to. This week the High Court once again stepped in by imposing restrictions on the Chhath Puja, popular among the large Bihari community in the State.

Although Indian companies have negotiated agreements with multinational pharmaceutical giants for the supply of the vaccine, it is still uncertain when adequate supplies will be available in the country. It is certain that the relief over the availability of the vaccine will be coupled. vaccine will be coupled with fissures over who gets to the top of the queue. This is an important matter since non-availability of a vaccine that is bound to be in short supply - at least temporarily — will create political complications for any Government, not to mention rampant allegations of nepotism and even profiteering. Having braved the pandemic for nearly a year, the last problem the country must overcome is the fair distribution of a

been in place since March this year.
Part of this impatience stems from boredom, especially among the young. However, more of it can be attributed to the growing belief that Covid-19 is not guaranteed to be a killer disease. No doubt the aged and those with respiratory aliments are most at risk but others seem to get away

respiratory aliments are most at risk but others seem to get away reasonably lightly. Then there is legitly. Then there is concern with the serious economic consequences of the disruption of normal life. Apart from the slowdown and job losses, there is a legitimate belief that the greater the delay in getting back to normal life, the more will be the economic sufferings. In such situations, there is inevitably a temptation, there is inevitably a temptation of Government handouts. But there are mission to how mitigate sufferings of every individual evidence of the property of the prop

cure whose demand is certain to far exceed

supply
individual. However, to be fair, as the Bihar election demands on the Government haven't become overwhelming. Yet, sooner or later the economic devastation will have political consequences.

No wonder all eyes, all over the world, are on the pharmaceutical companies engaged in linding a vaccine that will ward off the virus. Almost every progress, whether in Oxford or somewhere in Nussia, is being loosely monitored. So far the results of the tests have been very encouraging and there is an expectation that people will start receiving the three transportance of the supply of the vaccine, it is still uncertain when adequate supplies will be vaccine, it is still uncertain when adequate supplies will be vaccine, it is still uncertain when adequate supplies will be vaccine, it is still uncertain when adequate supplies will be vaccine, it is still uncertain when adequate supplies will be vaccine by the vaccine will be coupled with fissures over who gets to the top of the queue. This is an important matter since non-availability of a vaccine that is bound to be in short supply – at least temporarily – will create political complications for any Government, not to mention rampant allegations of nepoitism and even profiteering, it is therefore imperative that along with logistical preparations – said to be already underway – there exists a defined category of who should receive the vaccine on a priority basis. Many countries such as the United Kingdom have already created a hierarchy of recipients based on objective criterion. India would do well to emulate this procedure.

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Stop backing terror, India tells Pakistan

Delhi summons Pak envoy to register protest

PNS NEW DELHI

Aday after Prime Minister

Avarendra Modi lauded
security forces for neutralising
four Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM)
terrorists in Nagrota, India on
Saturday summoned Pakistani
envoy here to register its protest
over Islamabad's continued
backing of terror activities
emanating from its soil.
Reiterating its demand that
Pakistan must fulfil its international obligations not to
allow any territory under its
control to be used by terrorists,
Pakistan's Charge d'Affaires
Aftab Hasan Khan was told
that the huge cache of arms,
ammunition and explosive
material indicated a detailed
planning for a major attack to
destabilise the peace and security in Jammu & Kashmir to
derail the polls to local District
Development Councils.
Registering its protest, the
Ministry of External Affairs
(MEA) said the attack was
prevented due to the alertness



of the Indian security forces. of the Indian security forces.
"India retirerated its long-standing demand that Pakistan fulfil its international obliga-tions and bilateral commit-ments not to allow any terri-tory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner. It was demanded that Pakistan desists from it coalize of nunocotive

demanded that Pakistan desists from its policy of supporting terrorists and terror groups operating from its territory and dismantle the terror infra-structure operated by terrorist outfits to launch attacks in other countries," the MEA fur-ther said.

ther said.
It also added that the
Indian Government was "firmly and resolutely committed" to

take all necessary measures to safeguard its national security in the fight against terrorism. The MEA said the JeM is

The MEA said the JeM is proscribed by the United Nations and several countries. The Government of India expressed its serious concerns at continued terror attacks by JeM against India. The JeM has been part of several attacks in India in the past, including the Pulwama attack in February 2019.

2019.

The four suspected Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists, who were hiding in a truck, were killed in a three-hour encounter with security forces on the Jammu-Srinagar NH near Nagrota early Thursday.

CASES: 90,92,308 DEATHS: 1,33,220 RECOVERED: 85.16.609 ACTIVE: 4.40.430



Maharashtra	17,74,455	46,573	16,47,004
Karnataka	8,71,342	11,641	8,34,968
Andhra Pradesh	8,61,092	6,927	8,39,395
Tamil Nadu	7,68,340	11,586	7,43,838
Kerala	5,57,442	2,023	4,88,437
Uttar Pradesh	5,24,223	7,524	4,93,228
Delhi	5,23,117	8,270	4,75,106
West Bengal	4,52,770	7,976	4,19,403
Odisha	3,13,323	1,678	3,03,897
Telangana	2,62,653	1,426	2,49,157
Rajasthan	2,40,676	2,146	2,16,579
Bihar	2,30,247	1,216	2,23,615
Chhattisgarh	2,19,404	2,691	1,96,896
Haryana	2,15,021	2,163	1,92,533
Assam	2,11,427	973	2,07,219
Gujarat	1,95,917	3,846	1,78,886

57 trainee officers test Covid +ve at **Mussoorie centre**

New Delhi: As many as 57 out of 428 trainec civil service officers have tested Covid positive at the Lal Bahadur Shashtri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) at Mussoorie in the last 24 hours, prompting authorities to close "all non-essential departments" there.

The co-curricular activities have been suspended till further order. Officers found infected have been quarantined and 162 people have been examined while the remaining staff were also investigated. Sanjeev Chopra, director of LBSNAA, said, "A total of 33 OTS (Officer Traines) tested Covid-19 positive on Friday."

However, the Ministry of Personnel Public

However, the Ministry of Personnel Public However, the Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances & Pensions said that 57 officer trainees have tested COVID positive at LBSNAA since November 20, 2020.

Covid reinfection unlikely for six months: Study

London: A new UK study on Saturday suggests that individuals who have previously had Covid-19 are highly unlikely to contract the illness again for at least six mounts following their first infection.

The study, done as part of a major collaboration between the University of Oxford and Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) NHS Foundation Trust, suggests that most people are unlikely to get Covid-19 again if they have already had it in the previous six months.

This is really good news because we can be confident that, at least in the short term, nost people who get Covid-19 and to find it against all foreign the confident that is the study of the confident of the property of Oxford's Nuffield Department of Population Health, one of the authors of the paper.

AIADMK, BJP to fight Assembly elections together

ADMK leaders announce decision

PTI CHENNAI

The ruling AIADMK in Tamil Nadu on Saturday said its alliance with the BIP will continue for the 2021 Assembly elections and exude confidence it will win a hatrick poll next year.

AIADMK top leaders O Panneerselvam and K Palaniswami made the announcement at a Government event here, attended by Union Home Minister and BIP veteran Amit Shah. Chief Minister Palaniswami is the AIADMK Co-Coordinator While Coordinator Panneerselvam is the deputy. The would like to inform through this meeting that in

"I would like to inform through this meeting that in the coming election (2021), the victorious alliance of AIADMK and BJP will continue," Panneerselvam said. Palaniswami, who said Prime Minister Modi and Shah were working towards making

were working towards making the country a superpower,

asserted that "the alliance formed for the Lok Sabha polls will continue"

"Our alliance will win

will continue."
"Our alliance will win maximum seats and AIADMK will retain power," he said.

The AIADMK and the BIP aligned for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, along with others, including PMK, but the combine could win only the lone Theni seat out of the 39 segments in Tamil Nadu, with the ruling party clinching it.

The top leaders assertion comes against the backforp of the Government's denial of permission to the BIP's Vel Yatra, aimed at exposing the DMK for Tending support' to an atheist group accused of denigrating Tamil hymn 'Kanda Sashii Kawacham', sungin praise of Lord Muruga, suiting the Covid-19 pandemic.

The AIADMK had recently lashed out at its saffron ally on the matter and accused it of attempting votebank politics.

BIP State president I. Murugan has been courting arrest in different towns after trying to take out the procession despite denial of

trying to take out the procession despite denial of permission.

Ayurveda PG doctors can now do ENT, dental, eye surgeries

Govt allows formal training in such procedures part of their curriculum

PNS NEW DELHI

In a move aimed to meet the shortage of doctors across the country, the Government has allowed the Postgraduate (PG) students of Ayurveda to perform a range of general surgery, including orthopedic, ophthalmology, ENT and dental.

The Centre has issued a gazette notification in this regard allowing Ayurvedic PG passouts to receive formal training for such procedures. The training modules for surgical procedures will be added to the curriculum of Ayurvedic studies.

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The amendments in the Indian Medicine Central Council Regulations, 2016 has been carried out to introduce formal training in these procedures as part of the curriculum for postgraduate students of shalya (general surgery) and shalakya tantra (diseases of ear, nose, throat, ENT, eye, head, oro-dentistry) speciali-



sations.

Union Ayush Secretary
Rajesh Kotechea explained the
Ministry has specified the procedures that an Ayurveda doctor can conduct while handling
a patient.

The Movember 19 stated
that during the period class
the PG sachelar of Shalya and
Shalaky shall be practically
trained to acquaint with as well
as independently performing
specified activities so that
after completion of his/her PG
degree, he/she is able to perform the procedures independently.

As per the legislation,
Ayurveda practitioners can
legally perform common procedures such as skin grafting,

As per the amendments, the complete list of procedures that will be taught in MS (Ayurved) Shyalya tantra will include perianal abscess, stallary abscess, scalallitis, all types of skin grafting, ear lobe repair, excision of the simple cyst and benign tumours (lipoma, fibroma, schwannoma, etc) of non-vital organs, excision/amputation of gangrene.

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They will also be allowed to take up traumatic wound management all types of suturing, haemostatic ligatures, ligation and repair of tendon and muscles, removal of metallic and non-metallic foreign bodies from non-vital organs among many other areas.

Under MS (Ayurved) Shalakya Tantra, the Ayurveda doctor can practice in medical areas pertaining to diseases of eyelids such as Glaucoma and trained to carry out various surgery, including cataract surgery.

The tractitioners will also.

surgery.

The practitioners will also be eligible to conduct local Anesthesia in the eye, and varied surgeries related to nose, ear, and dental-related medical issues.

CAPSULE

COMEDIAN BHARTI SINGH HELD IN DRUG CASE

Mumbai: 110
Narcotics
Control
Bureau (NCB)
on Saturday
Totad

comedian Bharti Singh following

seizure of ganja (cannabis) from her house in suburban Andheri, an official said. AIM TO REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINT BY 30-35%: PM

Gandhinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the country was moving forward with the goal of educing its carbon footprint by 30 to 35 per cent. He also said 30 to 36 per cent. He also said that efforts were on to increase the use of natural gas by four times in this decade and to double the oil refining capacity in the next five years. The Prime Minister said this while addressing the eighth convocation of Pandit

SHIVAKUMAR GETS CBI SUMMONS IN DA CASE Bengaluru: Congress Karnatal unit president DK Shivakumar on Saturday said he has and he will be appearing before the investigating agency on November 25.

(PDPU) here via video

Protesting Punjab farmers agree to lift rail blockade

Decision comes after meeting with Amarinder RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

A fter 57 days of standoff, protesting Punjab farmers' unions have agreed to lift rail blockade and decided to allow passage of all trains in the State from Monday evening for a fortnight. The decision by the members of a conglomerate of 30 farmer unions came after a one and a half hour meeting with Chief Minister Capital Amarinder Singh.

Railways are estimated have suffered a loss of over 72,220 crore, while industries in Punjab suffered a loss to over

₹30,000 crore due to farmers' protests. Now, farmers' unions will be concentrating their protests outside residences of BJP leaders and businesses owned by corporates, while preparing for their protest in Delhi on November 26-27.

Amarinder welcomed the farmers' decision and urged the Centre to resume rall services to Punjab forthwith. Had a fruitful meeting with kisan (farmers') unions. Happy "Had a fruitful meeting with kisan (farmers') unions. Happy the control of the control of

Government to resume rail services to Punjab forthwith,"

he added. The Chief Minister is now likely to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi next week to push for resumption of rail services in his State. The decision to lift the rail blockade was announced by Bharti Kissan Union (Rajewal) president Balbir Singh Rajewal president Balbir Singh Rajewal president Balbir Singh Rajewal control of the Wisan Union Sale was to the Chief Minister here to resolve the imbroglio over the rail blockade imposed by the farmers in protest against the Centrés laws. Rajewal, however, warned of resumption of blockade in the Central Government fails to hold talks with the farmers' representatives in the next 15 days to address their concerns on the agricultural laws.

agricultural laws.

Chouhan Govt mulls imposition of cow cess

To conserve cows, the BJP Government in Madhya Pradesh led by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is mulling to impose 'cow cess' on the public to raise funds for this cause.

For development and con-servation of cows in the state, servation of cows in the state, we are planning to impose a cow cess in the state, CM Chouhan said during a review meeting on Friday ahead of Gau cabiner's first meeting scheduled at Salariya in Agar Malwa on Sunday.

Reaffirming commitment to cow conservation, Shivraj government days ago has formed a cow cabinet. Prior to this, the BJP government in the

run up to 2018 assembly polls had announced formation of a cow ministry in the state.

As part of our plan, rearing of cows and milk and other by-products will be promoted, said Chouhan in the review meeting, Besides, desi breed of cows will be promoted.

Besides, products like Gau kastha (wooden sticks made of cowdung) will be promoted as an alternate to wood.

In addition to the five ministers who are part of the gau cabinet, the first meeting of the cabinet will be accompanied by a symposium to be attended by 14 cow experts who will be forwarding their suggestions to the state government.

According to the MP government figures, 627 cowsheds

ernment figures, 627 cows

are being run in the state presently which house 1.66 cows. Besides, there are 8.5 lakh stray cows in the state whose upkeep is our collective respon-sibility, said CM Chouhan. "Those who slashed cow fodder budget, planned golf course on land meant for cows and retracted after announcing cow ministry, are now talkine

cow ministry, are now talking about cow protection and development," MPCC chief Kamal Nath's media co-ordi-nator Narendra Saluja said.

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r-	Indore	492	37115	
	Bhopal	313	29051	
/- ls	Gwalior	112	13826	

HOME THEATRE

Predictable & boring



WATCHED Netflix

*ing: Prajakta Koli, Rohit Saraf, Muskkaan Jaferi, oarat, muskkaan Jateri, Devyani Shorey, Taaruk Raina, Vihaan Samat, Rannvijay Singh, Suhasini Mulay, Vidya Malvade Rated: 5/10 Rated: 5/10

Ratest: 5,10

This film is based on Sandhya Menoris book When Dimple Men Rishi and the series has been written by Gazal Dhaliwal and directed by Akarsh Khurana and Nipun Dharmadhikari. On the face of it, Mismatched is a light rom-com and at the heart of it are diverse students. This is something that the younger viewers are going to identify with. But then given the theme and the story of the movie, this one is totally for the teenagers—those between the ages of 16 to this one is totally for the teenagers

— those between the ages of 16 to

19 — young, angry, rebelling,
want to have fun, experimenting
and just being themselves away
from the prying eyes of their
parents.

Then there is the lead pair. A girl who only has one thing in mind – to excel and have a career — unlike her mother who only wants to see her daughter married. The boy, a romantic and a Bollywood movie fan is looking for But it is funny to see how he goes

a wine: res, at i.e. souther bizzile and there has to be drama and nothing But this is make-belief and there has to be drama and nothing comes easy in red life or real. There are bound to be twists and turns and there are several here.

But if you are the kind of person who likes to watch shows that have a clear-cut ending, this one be avoided since it is season one and given by how things end here, season 2 is definitely on the cards. When? Time will tell. Also, those who are always looking for meaningful content, this is predictable and somewhat boring, at least it will be for the adults. The teenagers are sure to find a connection and see themselves in at least one of the several at least one of the several

at teast one of the several characters.

While it is interesting to see diverse characters, since the focus is on the lead all the time, the back stories of the others have not been explored even when each has one. This means that there isn't much depth to the characters, at least for now.

least for now.
Overall, one can binge watch
these six episodes.— Shalini Saksena

A fun Christmas watch | Taut and gripping

Sets the Christmas mood

*ing: Vanessa Hudgens, Sam Palladio, Mark Fleischmann, Mia Lloyd, Nick Sagar, Suanne Braun, Lachlan Nieboer Rated: 6/10

Those who saw the original, this sequel will only be a takeoff where things left off. However, one does have to see the first one to enjoy this rather cute but preposterous love story. Preposterous because not only are there three Vanessa Hudgens but they switch again just so one from the original pair is able to spend time with her ex and they meed closure while everyone around them is hell bent on getting them together

HOLIDAY HOME MAKEOVER WITH MR

Rated: 610

Per though Christmas is more than a month away, people will tell you that there isn't enough time to ensure things are in place if you want to get into the spirit of this festival. Holiday Home Makeover with Mr Christmas with Benjamin Bradley who is known in the industry and his clients as a designer of incredibly detailed, atmospheric and beautiful interiors is a series just right for you if you want to know how things are done.

If you don't know how to do it right, then also, the show is interesting to

SonyLiv, 7 Episodes
*ing: Mohd Zeeshan Ayyub, Priya
Anand and others

A lot of content is being generated on the OTT platform and in a hurry at that. Reason is simple, once the cinemas open and start getting populated the relegation of alternate

Netflix

*ing: Benjamin Bradley Rated: 610

because they look sweet together.
Preposterous because one of the three Hudgens' is a villain and wants the crown for herself, steals all the jewels and disappear to a non-extradition country! Her own millions have sadly disappeared and her minions are not below stealing or kidnapping from the royalty even though she is one.

But it is a Christmas movie as well and everything has to be sweet and cute with plenty of love thrown in for good measure.

Also, one can't have a Christmas movie where the halls and the entire façade doesn't scream Christmas in bold letters. With everything warm and fuzzy around you, all you have to do is sit back with a mug of hot chocolate and enjoy this one.

— Stallini Sakesna

watch. So much so that one actually wants

to go out there but all the decorations there

wants. Stimstin so duration actuary wants to go out there but all the decorations there are so make one's home welcoming and full of the festival spirit with family and friends and good food to eat.

One can always tweak it to Indian tastes and we do love a festival and love to celebrate it with all its trimmings—tree, food and OTT decorations. And even if you don't have to go all overboard, Bradley gives little gems of advice on how one can still celebrate without being ostentatious and staying away from the commercial aspect of this festival.

But it is difficult to stay grounded when he goes around doing the absolutely beautiful home transformation. All one wants is to enjoy the brilliance of the reveal.

YOUR HUNDR Voot Select *ing: Bryan Cranston, Hunter Doohan, Michael Stuhlbarg Rated: 7/10

Bollywood needs to take a leaf out of this miniseries to know how to make a show that word go. But then one carl expect anything less from Your Honor given that it stars Bryan Cranston. Those who have seen Breaking Bad, Cranston will be a familiar face. The show that has 10 episodes is based on the Israeli series Kvodo created by Ron Ninio and Shlomo Mashiach.

Interestingly, despite the fact that it is a thriller.

the pace is slow even though there is so much happening all at the same time. It is amazing to see how the makers have slowed the storyline without compromising on the tautness and the whole nail-biting thing to know what comes next.

There are so many characters and their stories and each intertwined rather beautifully to bring you

and each intertwined rather beautifully to bring you a tale of a father's love for his son and how a parent would go to any lengths to protect their child whatever be the cost, even it means at the cost of one's profession and belief.

It is definitely a show that is not to be missed. Unfortunately, one will have to wait and see what the final outcome of this one will be since only half will be aired from December 6, 2020. The series will also air on Zee Cafe.

Reality bites, and how! DAS CAPITAL - GULAMON KI RAJDHANI villages of Bihar where the BDO is king and

On Cinemapreneur
*ing:Yashpal Sharma & others
Rated: 5.5/10

Fateu: 5.5/10

If you don't mind added depression in these Corona days, Das Capital will grip you with a dark drama embedded in a complete loss of faith in humanity and humanness. Seeped in corruption, our society has nowhere to go except to hell and there is no gentle way of saying this. Das Capital encases the total ruination of manisintegrity, his existential compulsions and his ugly will to survive the life and times of modernity, whatever it takes. And if it takes selling his loving wife's dead body to skeleton sellers, so be it. Yashpal Sharma gives a stellar performance throwing up all this dirt at you with such convincing depression that you would be part of his society to not get affected.

This story of poverty, corruption and all that a rural society is beset with unfolds in the

villages of Bihar where the BDO is king and king-maker, a shark who has no qualms in biting away the last flesh of decency from a trait called scruples. He makes money and down the line the racket eats up the insides of everybody — the common man, the clerks and even the crops and vegetation of the

the clerks and even the crops and vegetation of the area.

What gets you in the end is the fact that all this is reality and it happens all the time as ocalled well meaning administrators, politicians and NGOs look the other way, if at all they are not party to the chain of organised corruption.

Yashpal as a reserve quota clerk trying to make ends meet gives a reality shap to the audience with his topline performance which brings tears to your eyes along with his.

You cry with him, for him and ultimately for yourself for living in such torrid times where the life and death of a common man is of no consequence whatsoever.

Das Capital is a very gripping drama but too negative to take in, in such negative times.

NOT SO SIMPLE AFTER ALL

entertainment avenues will become a natural process. Of course, committed OTT viewers will stay and carry on with their web series but the vertical surge of viewership will recede — equally vertically once life returns to normal.

Sensing this as no rocket science,

the producers are dishing out jiffies and also getting lapped up by home bound bored viewers. A Simple Murder, in that sense is not so much of a drag, but calling it run-of-the-mill small budget series would not be an exaggeration.

Greed is of course at the centre of Greed is of course at the centre of the producers of the pro

all aspects of what urban jungles ae all about.

Showcasing such wholesome negativity comes with obvious baggage and that's what A Simple Murder carries with a lot of unease.

The characterisation and the characterisation for it complement each

actors chosen for it complement each other with excellence but for a story to carry on through the seven episodes and then into a second season, there needs to be something more.

TELLYTALE

FUN FILLED DIWALI WITH ABHIGYA
While the pandemic might have
posed its own challenges for all of us this
year, Diwali brought with it a ray of hope.
To delight its viewers, Zee TV had a special Diwali surprise in store for audiences with a three-hour special



episode of Kumkum Bhagya, Jashn Milan Ka. Fans of the show had been waiting with bated breath for Prayay to return to Abhi's house. With the festival marking a new beginning for the audience's favourite on-screen Jodi, viewers got a chance to witness Pragya receiving a bahu-like velcome from Dadid rollowed by Abhi Pragya performing the Diwali rituals together with hope in their hearts.

followed by Abhi Pragya performing the Diwali rituals together with hope in their hearts.

The fun and entertainment quotient of the show doubled up as Abhi calls for a Diwali celebration at his house and joining him were all the popular Zee TV faces like Karan-Preeta (Dheeraj Dhoopar and Shraddha Arya), Ranbir-Prachi (Krishna Kaul and Mugdha Chapekar), Agasty-Chhoti Guddan (Savi Thakur and Kanika Mann) and Rishabh-Shrishti (Manit Joura and Anjum Fakih) along with TV stars like Krystel D'Souza, Surbhi Jyoti, Avinash Mishra, Yrushika Mehta and Deepika Singh.

During the shoot of Jashn Milan Ka, Sriti Jaha and Shabir Ahluwalia's passionate act left everyone mesmerised. The Kumkum Bhagya stars swayed to romantic songs like Ve Maahi and Tu Hi Yaar Mera and we have to say that their chemistry was out of this world. But what was surprising was that our ravourite Abhi and Pragya pulled off this flawless act without any prior rehearsals. Their steps, their co-ordination and their expressions were all on point as these seasoned actors danced in sync and complemented each other extremely well.

expressions were an on point as insee seasoned actors danced in sync and complemented each other extremely well. Talking about their Jashn Milan Ka act, Shabir Ahluwalia revealed: "It was absolutely fun performing with Sriti once again. We've done several acts together, but this one was special. However, we

didn't get any time at all to rehearse. First of all, we were shooting for Kumkum Bhagya back-to-back and after that, we wanted to avoid contact with a lot of people as much as possible during the pandemic. Hence, we came directly to the set on the day of the shoot, we went over the steps with our chreographers and then went for the take. It all went smoothly, and twas really fun." Srift Iha also added: "It was a beautiful act, and we had some really amazing songs, and the choreography was simple and sweet. So, it was easy to get into the groove of things without much effort. It is always great dancium the shooting for Jeshin Millan As."

While Sriti and Shabir have reunited, (Reyhnaa Pandit) is planning a new t. What will happen next in AbhiGya's

INDIAN IDOLS MEET KAPIL
With Indian Idol Season 12 on the
anvil, this weekend, The Kapil Sharma
Show will extend a warm welcome to the
judges Himesh Reshammiya and Vishal
Dadlani along with the charming host of
the show, Aditya Narayan. Apart from all
the fire and hearter there is a little the show, Aditya Narayan. Apart from the fun and banter, there is a little surprise in store for the viewers. The viewers will be privy to some of the Indian Idol aspirants of this season – Mohd Danish, Shanmukha Priya, Sire Bhagavatula, Ashish Kulkarni and Anji Bhagavatula, Ashish Kulkarni and Anjali Gaikwad. These talented singers had the



entire cast of TKSS in awe with their

unique jugalbandi!
If this is a teaser, then we can't keep calm for the upcoming Indian Idol S12 which is all set to premiere on November 28 and will air every Sat-Sun from 8 pm

onwards.

RAJU SRIVASTAV IS A FAN OF HAPPU
Known for his incredible comic
timing and excellent mass appeal, ace
comedian, Raju Srivastav recently of
disclosed how much he loves and enjoy
autching &TVS Babbil (Baha Par Hai and
Happu Ki Ultan Patlan, both which have
a strong Kanpuria flavour in dialect and
narrative. Raju being a Kanpur native, is a
"High Voltage Fan of both these shows.
On his two favourite shows, Raju
Srivastav says: "I am from Kanpur as you
all know, and my family and I throughly
enjoy watching the two shows. Dono hi



shows mein ek apnapan hai aur dhansu Kanpuria jumle hain joh sabhi ko hasate hain We have till date never missed a single episode. I especially love Happu Singh and his family, their constant nok-jinoks and typical Kanpuria one-lines Myocchavar Kar Do, Arrey Dada, Gurde Chheel Denge, Gulyaan Ke Khet Melin, Kantaap, Nimbu Nichod Denge, Bhaukal, Chiraand, are my Tavourites. Sabhi kirdaron ka chikal kame ka andaaz nirial ahin. Mein toh Kinata Hoon, agar aap UP ya Delhi ke nivasi hain toh you are very lucky as now both these shows are now available in all the pay packs of Den cable. Dono shows ke naye episodes dekh kar aap sabhi haste-haste lotpot ho jayegelm?" Replying to Raju, Ji Daroga Happu Singh (Yogeka Tipiah) from &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan says: "Thank you and feel elated to be admired by our own kanpur ke, aur bharat ke Itne bade aur mashqoor haasy abhineta. Ab iss Khushi ke saath, hum ek aur khushi bhi jod dete hain. Toh khoob haste rahiye aur &TV keshows ko apne poore parivaar se saath roz maaze se dekhet rahiye." shows mein ek apnapan hai aur dhansu

AECL SEASON 3 IS HERI

After the successful completion of

After La SEAGUR 3 to FIRE.

After the successful completion of IPL 2020, the fun is yet to continue for the cricket lovers. As the fans are eager to watch their favourite celebrities and arists, battling it out on the ground with bat and ball, Artist Event Cricket League (AECL) is soon to commence their upcoming Season 3 of the league. Formed in 2019, AECL has been a mega success with eight and 16 teams participating in the respective seasons. Eminent and renowned personalities including Sagna Choudhary, Hussain Kuwajeruvala, Millind Gaba, Shibani Kuwajeruvala, Millind Gaba, Shibani Kashyap, Ashok Mastle, Tarun Dutt and DJ Sumit Seth were present along with

Nashiyayi, Asilow Massir, Ialumi Duta and DJ Sumit Sethi were present along with the founder/MD of AECL Ashish Mathur to officially announce the launch. The matches will be played with a tennis ball with 12 overs for each side during the league stage and 15 overs for each side during the knockout stages.

'You should be able to convince audience'

RATI PANDEY, who plays Adi Parashakti on Dangal TV's Devi Adi Parashakti, speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about her fear of getting back to shoot, why she chose to do reality shows and her Bollywood plans

How tough was it to come back to shoot after lockdown opened?

shoot after lockdown opened?

As much as I was excited to be back on set but there was also a sense of fear. Actors don't have the luxury to always wear a mask so that was something I was scared of. But I was sure that our producers took all the precautions and sanitised the sets frequently. Our shots were also spaced out and only the people required were allowed on the sets. So yes, it was fun yet different How's your equation with the stars? Is there a bit of awkwardness to social distancing that needs to to social distancing that needs to be maintained?

maintained?

The equation was nice as I knew Kanan and Tarun and are good friends. Before the lockdown we had a really good time but after the lockdown we had to shoot separately to follow social distancing. We hardly met. We miss each other while shooting.

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■ Is the costume heavy to walk around in? How much time does it take to be ready?

Definitely the costume is heavy. It used to take two hours to get ready. We have assumed our Gods and Goddesses wearing heavy jewellery so I had to follow that according to the genre of the show. Also, after the lockdown I had to do my own make-up and it used to take time as we had to sanitise our rooms and maintain hygiene. It has already been four months and I have now started getting used to this.

■You have been part of many reality shows as well. What was the attraction? I have not been a part of many reality shows as well. What was the attraction? I have not been a part of many reality shows a part from two or three probably. It's a really different experience altogether. Working for daily soaps is a bit stressful, you are always sleep deprived and it's kind of monotonous. So, it was a really good break from that genre. The good thing about reality shows is that you get to be show your own talent. How dance shows but I don't think I'll be a part of any conversational show.

■ Did you have apprehensions in taking up Shaadi Mubarak?

I was a little apprehensive about the character as it was an elderly one. When I was clertly done anget and it's an interesting concept. The lead of the show is a weedling planner so we and it's a mixture of lot of new things daily as we interact with different characters and the a mixture of lot of emotions and

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relationships. It's a different show.

How easy is it to play Preeti JIndal?
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I don't consider any character as easy as I am still alearner in this industry. Even today I am nervous on the first day of shoots. It takes time for me to get into the skin of the character. But yes, now I am at ease. The main concern with Preeti Jinald was that it was a replacement and I have never replaced anyone before. It was a challenge as the audience has seen the character as some other person. I am sure I will leave a mark but let's hope the audience accepts me.

Is it okay to draw comparisons when actors are replaced?

Everybody has their own individuality and personality and pattern of performing. Comparing is like an expectation for the actor to be a mimicry artist. The most important aspect is to get into the skin of the character and then add in your element. You should be able to convince the audience by your performance and that is what matters.

Wou have hosted shows as well.

How has the experience been?

I have hosted a couple of shows and I love doing it. I would love to get such opportunities. It is very different from acting. I feel actors should not be bound to acting. They must explore all fields of this fraternity, So, I would love to do it again

What about Bollywood plans?

to do it again

What about Bollywood plans? Every actor dream's to be in Bollywood. So yes, still looking forward. Let's see what's there.

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MCTE holds convocation ceremony



Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE), held its convocation ceremony on Saturday, wherein 23 Officers of the Signals Officers Degree Engineering (SODE-109) course graduated from the portals of MCTE and were awarded B Tech degrees in IT and Telecommunication. The Officers were admitted to the fraternity of Engineers by Chief fraternity of Engineers by Chief guest, Lt Gen Milind N Bhurke,

day warfare. He emphasized that an officer's endeavor should be, first to become a good human being, a good soldier and a leader of men apart from being a good tenden and leader of men apart from being a good tenden and urged they young leaders to be more courageous and responsible. He exhorted the passing out officers to keep pace with the phenomenal changes in technology, especially in the field of information and Communication Technology and always strive for professional growth.

The event terminated with felicitation of award winners. Chief of Army Staff trophy and the SO-in-C Gold medal for the best student Officer was won by Capt Aditya Raman.

MCTE with it is impressive campus, state of art laboratories, committed instructional staff and relevant academic curriculum conducts both under graduate and postgraduate courses in a professional manner. MCTE takes pride in its contribution to the Indian Army by delivering job ready professionals.

'Society should be made aware of child rights'



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child is the future of the

A child is the future of the a country and he or she is a very fragile and soft part of the society. A child's rights can be taken over easily that's why the rights have been framed considering it.

Media students should have a sensitive approach while reporting in cases involving children. Their sentiments and privacy should always be kept in mind, said Member of Child Welfare Committee of Bhopal, Kripa Shankar Chobey, in an online symposium on 'Child Rights Protection', organised by the National Service Scheme unit of Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism of Communication today, as a decounter of the said of the control of the said of the control of the said of t Journalism and Communication today, as a keynote speaker. Vice Chancellor Prof KG Suresh chaired the pro-

chaired the pro-gramme.

Referring the
UNCRC agree-ment and the JJ
Act 2015,
Chobey shared

the provisions of child rights and t in case of viola-y should be made child rights. He

the provisions of child rights and punishment in case of violation. Society should be made aware of child rights. He appealed media students to take up issues like child rights and write to invite the attention of the administration. The country would grow if its children are educated. Vice Chancellor Prof KG Suresh said media students should have a sensitive approach and know more and more about such issues. In journalism, we do not learn only editing and reporting. We also learn how to have a sensitive approach to society. We also learn how to have a sensitive approach to society. The prime objective of Indian journalism is to make society aware.

NSS unit in-charge Gajendra Singh Awasya conducted the programme. Registrar Avinash Bajpai proposed the vote of thanks.



Hindu devotees perform rituals on the banks of Upper Lake as they worship the rising Sun while celebrating Chhath Puja estival in Bhopal on Saturday Pioneer photo

State Govt committed to overall development of STs, weaker sections: CM

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whitef Minister Shivraj Singh
Chouban has said that the
State Government is committed for overall development of
scheduled tribes and weaker
sections and to connect them
with the main stream of the
society. They should have faith
that the Government is always
standing with them. We have
to make them economically,
socially and educationally
strong Janjatitya Gaurav Diwas
are being celebrated in the
state to give benefits of various
schemes to the members of
Scheduled Tribe community
and to bnonur those who have
done excellent works in the
community. 'Janjatitya Gaurav
Diwas' will be celebrated on
November 25 in Umaria dis-

trict and in Barwani district on November 27

vember 27. Chief Minister Chouhan Chief Minister Chouhan was holding a meeting at Mantralaya on Friday in connection to arrangements of the programme. Chief Secretary Jebal Singh Bains, Principal Secretary Pallavi Jain Govil and other were present at the meeting.

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and other were present at the meeting.

On the 'Janjatiya Guarav
Diwas', One thousand forest right pattas in Barwani district and 28 in Umaria district will be distributed. Bhumi pujan for construction of buildings of newly sanctioned Government institutions will be performed and sale cum exhibition of products, produced by self-help groups will be organised.

In the programme, the students of Scheduled Tribe community, selected in IEE, NEET and CLAT will be honoured with 'lanjatiya Gaurav Samman'. Moreover, a film Ranbankure' based on saga of Tribal herose will also be screened.

Chief Minister Chouhan has said that along with the development of members of scheduled tribe community, its important to connect them with the main stream of the society. We want to establish harmony by eradicating casteism. For this 'Samras Chhatravas' should be established in the state, where along with the students of scheduler tribe community, the students of other sections of society will of other sections of society will also dwell.

and Clearance Divers. The

Indian Diving School of Indian Navy is located in

to utilise their knowledge for the progress of the country, good of mankind and glory of the Army. In his address to the passing out officers, the General Officer complimented all the graduating officers for their performance on the course. He stressed upon the importance of communication and IT engineers in today's era of net centric warfare. He also laid emphasis on use of Artificial Intelligence and Big data by armies worldwide in modern

The officers took a pledge to utilise their knowledge for the

Trane launches new suite of air cleaning solutions in India

Trane, a brand of global climate innovator Trane Technologies, and a leader in HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning), launched a new suite of air cleaning solutions in India. The solutions apply advanced technologies to help reduce pathogens and other contaminants in indoor environments, including particles,

contaminants in indoor environments, including particles, gases and viruses. The technologies are PCO+UVGI (PhotoCatalytic Oxidation+UltraViolet Germicidal Irradiation), high voltage del crostatic filtration, and Trane Catalytic Air Cleaning System

(TCACS).

As India enters the reopening phase of Unlock 6.0, these innovative solutions will help people get back to offices and popular hangout places like malls and restaurants with added safety and comfort during the pandemic. As a trusted partner, Trane is assisting its customers, including building owners, to improve indoor environmental quality, in line with guidelines on preventive measures from the India's Ministry of Health and ASHRAE's guidance on Indoor Air Quality.

According to Kishor Patil, Trane Technologies HVAC &

Transport, India & SAARC country leader explained, "As an American originated multinational company, Trane has a long history of industry defining innovations for indoor environmental quality and sustainability, going back to 1913. We are committed to helping communities and businesses create safer, healthier and more efficient indoor environments during this ier and more efficient indoor environments during this pandemic, and beyond. As the nation works towards opening the economy while keeping people's health and wellbeing at the center, we are confident that our new solu-tions help support this objec-tive.



top commuters not wearing face masks in a special drive to curb coronavirus in Bhopal on Saturo te Government had imposed night curlew in five cities of the State due to rise in COVID-19 cases

CUSTOMERS HONOURED ON CANARA BANK FOUNDATION DAY Bhopal: Customers were felicitated and discussion were held with

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customers during tire celebration of 115th establishment day of Ganara Bank. Under Corporate Social Satayieet Kumar Responsibility Deputy General Manager Regional Office 1 Bhopal provided two computers to Government Primary School Simaria Khurd.

On the occasion Divisional Manager Bhopal 1 Jawaharlal Jena and Chief Manager Bangrasia branch Sachin Gupta and employees were present.

SANJIV KUMAR JAIN AWARDED PH.D

Indore: Sanjiv Kumar Jain has been awarded Ph.D. from Maulana A National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal on the topic "Pow System Voltage Security Event Classification and Corrective Action

System vondep section years a classification and corrective Autoni using Fuzzy Decision Tree."

Currently Jain is working as Stisstant Professor, Indoor, He has done he engineering department of Medi-Caps University, Indoor, He has done he search work under the guidance of Professors, N P Patidar and Yogendra Kumra off MAIIT, Rhopal, Jain has showed his profound gratifude to almighty, Research supervisors, family, University management and friends for his success.

Three day webinar on 'Issues and Perspectives in Indology' held

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A three day webinar on Tissues and Perspectives in Indology. The webinar concluded on Saturday with a discussion on Natyashastra. Imdian Council for Cultural Relations ICCR in collaboration with the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune organised a three-day Webinar on Indology with participation of emment Indologists. The Convener of the Webinar is Prof. Sharad Deshpande.

The Webinar was featured on ICCR Facebook and Twitter handles.

Here on Saturday
Radhavallabh Tripathi,
(Former VC, Rashtriya Sanskrit
Vidyapeeth) talked about 'why
Natyashastra is a neglected
disciple of Indology. Then, Prof. Deepak Kannal (MS
University, Vadodara) talked
about Tradition of Anonymity
and Indian Sculptural
Tradition.

Indology is the academic tures, languages, and literature of India and as such is a subset of Asian studies. The term Indology (in German, Indologie) is often associated with German scholarship, and is used more commonly in departmental titles in German and continental European universities than in the anglophone academy.

In the Netherlands the rem Indologie was used to designate the study of Indian history and culture in preparation for colonial service in the Dutch East Indies.

Specifically, indology includes the study of Sanskrit literature and Hinduism along with the other Indian religions, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Pali literature. Dravidology is the separate branch dedicated to the Dravidian languages are considered disciplines in Indology.

House burgled at Dharampuri

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Valuables worth ₹25,000 were burgled at Dharampuri under Shyamla Hills police station area. The victim lodged a complaint

on Friday.

Police said that the victim Javed Ali had gone for some work and when he returned valuables were found bur-

gled. A complaint was lodged by the victim with the Shyamla Hills police and in his complaint, he stated that had gone some work and when he returned locks were found broken almirah carrying valuables were found bro ken.

Film Naval Divers screened at Shaurya Smarak

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After a rigorous training, the Indian Navy officers are prepared to conduct special operations and duties to save the country. The life of these brave Naval Divers was show cased in a film Naval Divers. Directed by MS Patwari, the film was screened at Shaurya Smarak here on Saturday. The movie unveils the life, training and other facts about Indian Navy Divers. These special forces serve the marine boundaries of the country and participate in different activities and wars.

The movie also discloses about what steps have to be taken to become a Naval Diver. It is shown in the movie about their training process like beginning from the school, to ormal training, advanced training and specialized training, Notably, each assignment they take on is crucial and backed by a steadfast dedicathey take on is crucial and backed by a steadfast dedicaThe movie also discloses about what steps have to be taken to become a Naval Diver. It is shown in the movie about their training process like beginning from the school, to normal

tion to teamwork.

Navy Divers are part of an extraordinary community. They journey anywhere from the darkest depths of the world's oceans to freezing arctic-like conditions undernath icebergs, accomplishing a number of tasks only few can perform, with no margin for error.

Their training is done in two categories Ship Divers

training, advanced training and specialised training

Indian Diving School of Indian Navy is located in Kochi.

The Naval divers have some responsibilities and duties. They have to perform a variety of diving salvage operations and special diving duties worldwide, take part in construction and demolition projects, execute search and rescue missions, support military and civilian law enforcement agencies, serve as the technical experts for diving evolutions for numerous military Special Operations units, provide security, communications and other logistics during Expeditionary Warfare missions and also carry out routine ship maintenance, including restoration and repair

Training to become a Navy Diver challenges their willpower, intelligence and physical strength and puts their desire to the test.

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30-year-old married woman commits suicide have started further investi-

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A 30-year-old married Woman pursuing Post Graduation in BAMS committed suicide by hanging from the ceiling at her residence in Sector-D under Piplani police station area on Friday.

According to the police, the deceased, Sarita Patel, was

found hanging by the family members. Police were informed and based on the information a police team reached the spot and started investigation.

The deceased committed suicide late in the evening when her husband who is MBBS doctor was out for some work. The deceased who lives

with her husband, brother-in-law, mother-in-law and father-in-law married four months ago and in the investigation police have not any reason behind the suicide which forced her to take commit sui-cide.

Police said that the deceased hailed from Chhindwara. After she was

found hanging by in-laws she was rushed to nearby hospital where she was declared dead. Police have not found any suicide note and the reason would be investigated. The body was sent for the post mortem after the prelim-inary investigation. The police have registered a case under section 174 of the CrPC and

have started turner investigation.

Meanwhile, a 31-year-old committed suicide by consuming poisonous substance at Chanakyapuri under Aishbagh police station area on Friday.

According to police, the deceased Gaurav Jain was found hanging.

Temperature falls in Bhopal

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eep decrease in the tem Departures was witnessed in the State Capital in the past 24 hours after cloudy weather conditions cleared following

conditions cleared following light showers; few regions in jabalpur, Hoshangabad, Ujiain and Gwalior divisions witnessed rainfall in the 24 hours. Cold weather conditions prevalled in the state capital on Saturday while night temperature dipped by 5 degree Celsius. The day and night temperatures were recorded at 25 and 12 degree Celsius. Under the influence of the trough from Bihar to South East Madhya Pradesh, light rain activities are possible during the next 24 hours in the

districts of Rewa, Shahdol districts of Rewa, Shahdol, Jabalpur in north-eastern Madhya Pradesh and Hoshangabad division of south-west Madhya Pradesh. A cyclonic circulation is present in interior Odisha and adjoin-

in interior Odisha and adjoining areas.

The night temperature in most parts of Madhya Pradesh is likely to fall by 2-4 degree Celsius during the next 24 hours and later the dip might fall more steeply.

The minimum temperature fell significantly in the districts of Bhopal and Gwalior and there was a slight change in the districts of the remaining divisions.

ing divisions.

During the next 24 hours,

During the next 24 hours, the minimum temperature is likely to fall by 2-4 degree Celsius in most parts of Madhya Pradesh and there-after a drop of 3-5 degrees.

First edition of Children's Literature, MP congress switches to Art & Music Festival underway

The first edition of the The first edition of the Children's Literature, Art & Music Festival is being organised by Get Set Parent with Pallavi, which is one of the fastest growing parenting YouTube channels in India. The event will be held from Nov 22 to 29 as part of Vishwarang 2020, the second edition of the unique literature, art and music festival in India that focuses on art and literature not only in English but in Hindi and regional languages as well.

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Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will be hosted online for two hours every day on Get Set Parent with Pallavi YouTube channel. The Festival is targeted towards school going children and registrations for the Festival will be free of cost. The week-long fun-filled car-

nival for children will open with an interactive session with Ruskin Bond, who is one of India's most loved chil-dren's writers. Children's writer Rohini Neelakeni will also be the part of one of the session during festival. Moreover, bestselling Indian mythological fiction

Indian mythological fiction writer Anand Neelakantan will be interacting with the audience during the closing session on the last day of the event.

Speaking about the upcoming Festival, Dr Pallavi Rao Chaturvedi, the Founder of Get Set Parent & the Director of Children's

Director of Children's Literature, Art and Music Festival, said, "Most people across the world have been confined to their homes for over 8 months now due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The lockdown period has been especially tough for children,

who are always inquisitive, have an active imagination and are eager to go out and explore everything around them. This sheer curiosity is what we want to celebrate through this online festival during the World Children's Day week. This week-long event will open a window of opportunity to kids and they will get to learn a variety of art forms as well as interact with their favourite authors while sitting safely in the comfort of their homes."

The second day of "Tagore International Literature and Art Festival" Vishwarang started with Bindu Juneja's Odissi Dance. Bindu Juneja wosenerised everyone with her performance "Narmadaskam Niriva" which "Narmadaskam Niriva" which "Narmadaskam Niriva" which "Narmadaskam Niriva" which

performance on "Narmadastkam Nritya" which glorified the holy river Narmada. The song elaborated the beauty and glory of river Narmada.

Chouhan to distribute bank

The Congress party in Madhya Pradesh has now switched to organisational restructuring by announcing Youth Congress polls on Saturday.

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In the order of Empowered Women Atmanitbhar Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will distribute bank loan of Rs 150 crore to the members of self-help groups formed under the State Rural Livelihood Mission on November 23.

Chief Minister Chouhan will also hold discussions with the beneficiaries of various districts. Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Shri Mahendra Singh Sisodia and Minister of State Shri Ram Khelavan Patel will also participate in this virtual programme. Additional Chief Secretary Panchayat and Rural Development Department Manoj Shrivastava informed that women members belonging to poor families residing in rural areas are being connected with self-help groups under Madhya Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission for their social and economic empowerment.

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tation of objections and claims will take place on Nov 27.

The date for polling and announcement of results will be announced shortly, a communique from the state election officer Maqsood Mirza said on Saturday.

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The organisational polls for Youth Congress and National Student Union of India are long pending in MP Congress.

Youth Congress polls on Saturday.

The membership campaign had started from Feb 27 and commenced on March 3, 2020.

However, the process of org polls was left unfinished as the Kamal Nath government had lost power in March third week amid a prolonged political turmoil.

Meanwhile, the filing of nominations will now take place on Nov 24-25 and scrutiny of nominations and presentations. India are long pending in MP Congress. However, there is also a buzz that party high com-mand posts the bypoll deba-cle had asked the Kamal Nath to quit one of the posts includ-ing MPCC chief and Leader of

Opposition in assembly. Leaders including Bala

loan worth ₹150 crore

Bachchan, Vijaylaxmi Sadho

Bachchan, Vijaylaxmi Sadho, NP Prajapati and others are in the hunt for the post of Leader of Opposition in assembly. Besides, the party is also planning to depute two contentious yet powerful youth leaders from the state unit to elsewhere in other states so as to reduce friction among the state unit office-bearers.

bearers.
Large numbers of newly appointed PCC office-bearers were removed after the grand old party lost to BJP with heavy margin in bypolls. Besides Youth Congress, the NSUI and Women Congress are also expected to see an organisational rejig shortly.

Nadda, Himachal CM review construction work of AIIMS

PNS SIMIMA

DIP president JP Nadda and Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Saturday inspected and reviewed the ongoing construction work of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIIMS) at Kothipura in Bilaspur district.
While holding the meeting with the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh and other senior officers and the representatives of the construction company, Nadda said that there should be no compromise with construction quality. He said that this institute would provide specialised health services to people of the State.

Nadda expressed satisfaction over the fact that despite Covid-19 crisis, the construction work of the AIIMS was going on smoothly and the work is likely to be completed.

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that 18 doctors from Himachal Pradesh had been selected for

committed to resolve all the issues relating to AIIMS and

would extend all assistance for fulfilling the requirements of water supply and power etc. at the earliest. He said that the State Government would also

Government has released Rs. 73 crore for power supply and Rs. 65 crore for water supply arrangements.

arrangements.

Thakur said the institute would prove to be a milestone

in strengthening the health services within the State.
Nadda and the Chief Minister also inspected various blocks of the upcoming AIIMS and gave necessary directions regarding the construction work.
Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh Dr Jagat Ram while making a presentation said that there would be 100 seats of MBBS in this institute and classes would be started in December this year and thereafter efforts would be made to be start OPD in January, 2021.
He said AIIMS, Bilaspur will have facilities of 750 beds, 183 faculty members and 600 nurses. He said that a temporary electricity sub-station had been established in the institute.

Ial Shakti Minister

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Jal Shakti Minister Mahender Singh Thakur, Industries Minister Bikram Singh, Health Minister Rajeev Saizal, Food & Civil Supplies Minister Rajinder Garg and senior officers were present on this occasion.

Classical musical performance held ple in rural areas are deprived of availing the schemes despite being eligible due to difficulties in documentation and other formalities in the banking service processes. In order to further simplify this process, the state government has also established extensive coordination with banks. Now self-help groups are being provided loans easily. Additional Chief Secretary informed that Rs 150 core have been disbursed to the groups by Chief Minister Chouhan on September 20, 2020, in the form of bank loans. He form of bank loans aces of the group through software, intensive monitoring and transparent process has been ensured. The target of annual bank loan disbursement to the groups has been increased to Rs 1400 crores. Financial assistance in the form of bank loan of Rs 1865

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On the third day of Gamak, classical musical performance was held on Saturday at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum.

Ustad Alauddin Khan Music and Arts Academy's Kalpana and Anuja Jhokarkar, Indore, presented the Swar Sarita theme and singing. The presentation started with Jhokarkar's lecture in which she said that these three genres are very popular and popular in music, classical, ecclesiastical and facile music. and facile music.

music, classical music. Whise is created with the sound of the sound of Brahma, the notes have their own importance, the music is the soul of music, so the melodious music is always popular and heard. It is said that our music has started with folk music, people say that music has started with folk music, people say that music in the started with folk music of music.

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In classical music, the first in classical music, the first singing of singing is sung, followed by Dhrupad, Dhamar, Ashtapadi, Tarana and then the tradition of Khayal singing started and continues till now.

CBI being exploited for politics, won't allow it to enter Punjab without permission: Amarinder

PNS CHANDIGARH

Citing the agency's "poor" track record in the Bargari case, which it had closed without any investigation, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Saturday said his gh on Saturday said his vernment will not allow the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into his state without

(CBI) into his state without permission. Pointing out that eight states, including Punjah, had withdrawn permission to the agency to enter without prior permission, the Chief Minister said the agency was being increasingly used to play politics, and a fair probe could not be ensured through CBI. Dismissing the BJP as a non-entity in Punjab's political arena, the Chief Minister told a TV channel that the BJP was welcome to contest all 117 Vidhan Sabha seats in the state though the party would not be weatome to contest an 117. Vidhan Sabha seats in the state though the party would not be able to win a single seat without an alliance partner. The Congress had, in fact, no challenge in Punjab, with even the Akalis and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) posing no threat, he said, adding that neither of these parties had ever talked about anything positive in the interest of the state.

With elections in the state still around 18 months away, it was not possible to say which issue will dominate the polls, said Capt Amarinder, while expressing the hope that the BP will resolve the farmers' grievances soon. Farmers want MSP to remain and the

MSP to remain and the Government of India should take steps to ensure that, he said, lamenting the adamant stand being taken by both the Centre and the farmers, lead-Centre and the farmers, leading to the prolonged agitation which was affecting supplies to the frontline soldiers while damaging Punjab's interests. He, however, said agitation was the democratic and constitutional right of farmers, which the Central Government had evidently realised, as apparent from their decision to call Kisan Unions for talks. The Chief Minister reiter-



ated that corporates were wel-come to buy foodgrains in Punjab as long as they follow the existing marketing system, built on close ties between farmers and Arhtiyas. He rejected the BJP charge of the Congress and other central Opposition parties were mis-guiding the farmers, pointing out that the entire Vidhan Sabha in Punjab had unani-mously rejected the Farm Laws, though some parties had sub-sequently made a U-turn due to political compulsions. When the Bills were brought in Parliament, the central gov-ernment should have consult-d all stakeholders, including the Punjab Governments. the Punjab Government, instead of passing them with-out discussion, said Capt Amarinder.

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Terming the dissent in Congress a sign of internal democracy in the party, the Chief Minister pointed out that those who had written a letter to the party high command had been included in key committees constituted by party chief Sonia Gandhi. On the issue of SGPC elections, the Chief Minister said he had been demanding those for long but the Akalis did not want polls to the body, which they had been using for their own political gains. Welcoming the ongoing joint Indian naval exercises with other countries, Capt Amarinder said China and Pakistan will not succeed in their nefarious designs against India. Punjab wants peace and development and will not allow pakistan to foment trouble at any cost, he added.

Punjab CM offers help to Delhi to fight Covid crisis

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Punjab Chief Minister Capt
Amarinder Singh on
Saturday offered help to Delhi
in managing its spiralling
Covid cases and also lauded the
insung heroes of Punjab for
their excellent work in handling
the pandemic in the state.
Lauding the healthcare and
frontline workers of Punjab for
their "excellent" work in handling
the pandemic in the state,
he assured full preparedness by
his government to augment
healthcare facilities to prepare for

a possible second wave of the pandemic. He said while nobody knew when the second wave of infection would strike Punjah, the experience of the NCR and other States and regions showed it was almost certain. The CM expressed confidence that the health department will noce again rise to the occasion to meet any challenge.

It was the duty of the state government to support the

government to support the healthcare and other frontline workers, many of whom have got infected and some have even lost their lives to COVID-19, he



said, exhorting the people to actively help the state in the fight against the pandemic by strict- "Mask is the vaccine, as a

resolve for the next few months till a vaccine against infection finally is available, he said. The Chief Minister also launched 107 health and wellness centres to boost the healthcare infrations in the state and to proto boost the neathcare intra-structure in the state and to pro-vide health services to patients at their doorsteps in both rural and urban areas. He said these new centers would take the state's health

1400 crores. Financial assistance in the form of bank loan of Rs 1865

form of bank loan of Rs 1865 crore has been provided to more than 33 lakh poor rural families through Livelihood Mission by connecting them to more than three lakh self-help groups so far.

infrastructure to a new level of efficacy amid the pandemic. Of the 3,049 centres planned in the state, 2,046 were now operational and 800 more would

become operational in the next two months, with the remain-ing to be opened in 2021, Capt Amarinder said.

He said the Stat Government was focused on strengthening healthcare facil-tities, especially levels two and three, with the aim to save lives through early testing and treat-ment. Urging people to avoid crowded places and not have large gatherings and social functions indoors, he stressed the need to observe all pre-cautions, especially washing hands and wearing face masks.

Punjab CS reviews preparedness for possible 2nd Covid wave

To combat fresh surge of Coronavirus infections in the state, Punjab Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan on Saturday directed the Administrative Secretaries to visit the respective districts assigned to them for monitoring Covid response efforts and to review preparedness in case of a second wave of infections, includof a second wave of infections, includ-ing contact tracing and patient tracking, protocols for referral, strengthening of Level-3 facilities and also ramping up Covid-19 testing across the State. Mahajan said officials concerned have been directed to ensure that min-mum 15 contacts of each positive patient must be identified and tested as

per the Covid-19 guidelines.

Health and all other concerned departments should be ready to tackle the possible second wave of the pandemic, said the Chief Secretary, adding that it was also the responsibility of the people of the state to actively participate in the fight against the pandemic by strictly following Covid appropriate behaviour. Till such time that a vaccine against Covid is introduced, 'Mask hi vaccine hai' is the mantra of Mission Fatch. ntra of Mission Fateh

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Police would remain at the forefront
of the fight against coronavirus, said DCP
Dinkar Gupta, adding that police will
work in unison with the civil administration to ensure implementation of
Covid-19 safety norms.



Protem Speaker of the Madhya Pradesh State Assembly chairs a meeting of the crisis manageme

Haryana CMOs asked to ramp up testing in NCR: DG Health

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Expressing concern over rising up
Covid-19 cases in NCR districts,
Haryana Director General of Health
Services Dr Suraj Bhan Kamboj on
Saturday said chief medical officers
have been asked to ramp up Covid19 testing in the worst-affected NCR
districts. NCR districts including
Gurugram, Faridabad, Rewari and
Sonepat are having Covid-positive
rate higher than the state's average of
6.82 per cent.

Talking to The Pioneer over the
phone, Dr Kamboj said owing to festive season, covid-19 cases increased
in the State. In addition to this,
Government and private schools
reopened and mow it has been shut
down. Since November 10, the State
have died.

Taking serious note of it, the
State Government as now decided
to conduct at least 1,000 tests daily
per district in these districts, while
its aim is to ramp up daily testing
across the State to 30,000 tests at

to conduct at least 1,000 tests and per district in these districts, while its aim is to ramp up daily testing across the State to 30,000 tests at least. Till date, Haryana's total count of Covid-19 patients had crossed 2,12,355 out of which 1,90,067 patients had recovered while 2,138 lost their lives. There were still over patients had recovered while 2,138 lost their lives. There were still over 20,150 active Covid-19 patients in the State that included 416 patients in a critical condition.

Haryana DG said, "Around 28,000 tests were being conducted in Haryana and it will keep increasing in the ongoing winter season. Necessary instructions have been issued to all the chief medical officers of all 22 districts of Haryana to ensure that minimum 10-15 contacts

of each positive patient must be identified within 24 to 72 hours and isolated as per the Covid-19 guidelines.

The health officials have also been instructed to visit bus stands, railway stations and other crowded places in their respective jurisdictions to check for all the SoPs to be followed with advantage testing feed.

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calls. The health officials were directed to strictly follow the ICMR protocol before recommending a Covid-19 patient for home isolation." Dr. Kamboj added.

The DG Health further said that the home isolation concept is useful as the major chunk of patients admitted are those who are critically ill. "A rapid response team is available round the clock for patients under home isolation. If a patient develops breathlessness or any other

complication, an ambulance is dispatched to his/her residence and the patient is referred to Government Hospital," he added "A post-Covid-care research centre has also been set up in Rohtak's PGIMS to address the problems faced by patients recovering from the infection," he added.

2,666 NEW CASES, 25 MORE
DEATHS IN HARTNAN
A Haryana on Saturday reported
2666 fresh Covid-19 cases, bringing
the infection tally to 215,021, while
the death toll from the disease rose
to 2163 in the state with 25 more
fatalities, according to a medical bulletin. Of the new fatalities, five were
from Faridabad, four from Bhiwani,
three each from Gurugram, Hisar,
two each from Gurugram, Hisar,
two each from Rohtak, Jhajiar,
Fatehabad, Charkhi Dadri and one
each from Jind and Sirsa districts,
according to the state health department's daily bulletin. Among the districts which reported a spike in
Covid-19 cases included Gurugram
(399), Faridabad (630) and Hisar
(179), Sonepat (110), Rohtak (101).
The State has an active case count of
20, 325 while the rate of recovery
from the infection is 89.54 per cent.

PENALTY FOR NOT WEARING MASK WILL BE \$500 ONLY: CM
Appealing people to follow covid-19 protocol, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday said that the penalty for not wearing a mask will be Rs 500 only. Talking to reporters in Chandigarh, the Chief Minister said that it is necessary for every person to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

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Exorbitant hospital charges caused more Covid deaths



"The committee, therefore, strongly recommends the Government to increase its investments in the public PNS INEW DELHI

Inadequate beds in Government hospitals and absence of specific guidelines for Covid treatment resulted in private hospitals charging exoritant fees, a Parliamentary panel on Saturday said as it yelled up the Government and asserted that a sustainable pricing model could have averted many deaths.

The first report by any parliamentary committee on the government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic was submitted by Chairperson of the parliamentary standing committee on health Ram Gopal Yadav to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkauah Naidu. Underlining that health Governments the public formal strongly recommends the forest metal-transparent to increase its investments in the public healthcare system and make consistent efforts to achieve the National Health Policy targets of expenditure up to 2.5 per cent of GDP within two years as the set time frame of year 2025 is far away and the public health cannot be jeopardised till that time schedule," the report stated.

The National Health Policy 2017 has set a target of government expenditure on healthcare up to 2.5 per cent of GDP by 2026 from just 1.15 per cent in 2017.

Stating that the public had to undergo trauma and distress due to absence of a dedicated healthcare system, the

Chairman M Venkaidh Naidu.
Underlining that healthcare spending in the country
with a population of 1.3 billion
is "abysmally low", the panel
said the fragility of Indian
health ecosystem posed a big
hurdle in generating an effective response against the pandemic. tress due to absence of a dedicated healthcare system, the committee observed that the number of Government hospital beds in the country were not adequate to handle the increasing number of COVID and non-COVID patients.

"... Cost of health service

delivery increased due to absence of specific guidelines for COVID treatment in private hospitals as a result of which patients were charged exorbitant fees," the committee noted in the report.

Stressing on the need for better partnership between the government and private hospitals in wake of the pandenic and shortage of staterun healthcare facilities, the report said, "The Committee is of the view that arriving at a sustainable pricing model to treat COVID patients could have averted many deaths."

The committee believes healthcare should never be limited to only those who can afford to pay but should move towards the noble vision of universal health coverage. For this to happen, the Government needs to be con-

this to happen, the Government needs to be con-siderate and support the pri-vate health care sector, the

vate health care sector, the report said.

The committee was all praise for healthcare workers and doctors for being on the frontline in handling the dead, by virus and said they should have defined working hours, predictably functioning relieveer rosters and scheduled off-duty days.

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The doctors, who have laid down their lives in fight against the pandemic, must be acknowledged as martyrs and their families be adequately compensated, it suggested in the report.

ED raids seven locations in Srinagar, Ananatnag in J&K Bank money laundering case



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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday conducted searches at

A Directorate (ED) on Saturday conducted searches at seven places in Jammu and Kashmir under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act in a case relating to suspicious transactions in J&K Bank.

Among these seven locations, six are in Srinagar and one in Ananatnag district.

The ED initiated investigation under PMILA after CID, Srinagar registered an FIR against officials of J & K Bank, unidentified public servants and private persons and others for suspicious transactions in various bank accounts.

It has been alleged in the FIR that the bank accounts were used for routing money of public servants as well as some private parties. Further, bank officials, in connivance with these public servants, deliberately omitted to raise the alerts as required under Anti-Money ately omitted to raise the alerts as required under Anti-Money

Laundering (AML) norms

Investigations conducted under PMLA so far have revealed that the transactions in many of these bank accounts maintained with J &K Bank were not genuine and these accounts were utilized for the purpose of laundering, the ED

accounts were utilized for the purpose of laundering, the ED said in a statement.

On the basis of specific information, searches at seven places belonging to accused Mohammad Ibrahim Dar, Murtaza Enterprises, Azad Agro Traders, M & M Cottage Industries and Mohd. Sultan Teli were conducted which resulted in recovery of evidence of money laundering as the bank accounts have been found to be used for routing suspi-

bank accounts have been found to be used for routing suspi-cious transactions, the agency said.

The individuals and enti-ties covered under searches are involved in hospitality and agro based Industries, civil construction and real estate, it said.

India's Covid tally breaches 90.5L mark with 46,232 new infections

India's coronavirus tally crossed the 90.5 lakh-mark on Saturday with 46,232 new infections reported in the last 24 hours, even as the total number of tests conducted across the States has crossed the 13-crore mark with the last one crose done in just 10 days. The

13-crow mark with the last one crore done in just 10 days. The total cases in the country now stand at 90,00,997 including 43,97.47 active cases and 84,78,124 recoveries. With 564 new deaths, the count mounted to 1,32,726.

The number of active cases remained below five lash for the eleventh consecutive day. The total recovery rate to 93,67 per cent, while the COVID-19 case fatality rate stands at 1.47 per cent.

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According to ICMR, the total number of tests conduct-ed in India for the detection of COVID-19 infection has crossed the 13-crore mark with last one crore done in just 10

days, while the cumulative positivity rate remained low and continues a downward trajectory, the Union Health Ministry said on Saturday. On Friday 10,66,022 were

Ministry said on Saturday.
On Friday 10,66,022 were tested.
The cumulative national COVID-19 positivity rate has declined and stood at 6.93 per cent as on date while the daily positivity rate on Friday was just 4.34 per cent.
Higher volumes of testing eventually lead to low positivity rate, the ministry said.
An average of more than 10 lakh tests conducted daily has ensured that the cumulative positivity rate is sustained at low levels and is presently following a downward trajectory, the ministry underlined.
Twenty-four states and Union Territories have conducted more tests per million population than India as a whole. Twelve states have lower tests per million population than the national average and they have been advised to substantially ramp up the levels of testing, the ministry underlined.

coronavirus cases of some of the north Indian states, the Centre has advised all states

and Union Territories to ramp up testing," the ministry said. Around 78.19 per cent of the new recovered cases was contributed by 10 states and

UTS.

Belli saw 8,775 people recovering from COVID, while Maharashtra and Kerala reported 6,945 and 6,398 new recoveries, respectively. Besides, ten states and UTS have contributed 77.69 per cent of the new cases of coronavirus infections. Delhi reported 6,608 cases in a day. Kerala recorded 6,028 new cases while Maharashtra reported 5,640 cases on Friday.

Maharashtra reported 5,640 cases on Friday.
Of the 564 new fatalities, 82.62 per cent have been reported from 10 states and UTs. With 155 deaths, Maharashtra reported 27.48 per cent of the new fatalities, Delhi accounted for 20.92 per cent of the daily toll with 118 deaths.

Country to increase natural gas use by 4-fold in decade: Modi

PNS/PTI ■ NEW DELHI/GANDHINAGAR

Maintaining that India was moving forward with the goal of reducing its carbon footprint by 30 to 35 per cent, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that efforts are on to increase the use of natural gas by four times in this decade and to double the oil refining canacity in the next

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"Our effort is to increase the share of natural gas in our energy needs by four times in this decade. Work is also on to nearly double the oil refining capacity in the coming five years," he added.

He also expressed confidence that the country will achieve its renewable energy generation target "before time." Today, per unit cost (of solar power) has come down to less than \$2 from \$12-13 earns to generate 175 giganwatt renewable energy and I am confident to generate 175 giganwatt renewable energy and I am confident

We have made a commitment to generate 175 gigawatt renewable energy and I am confident that we will achieve this before 2022," he said.

"Also, our renewable energy target of 450 gigawatt by 2030, a big aim, will be achieved before time...I am confident of that," he said.

Modi said that the oil and gas sector will see an investment of crores of rupees in this decade, which will create opportunities for the graduatopportunities for the graduat-ing students of the university in the fields of research, manu-facturing and others.

He also said that work is underway to strengthen the

He also said that work is underway to strengthen the start-ups ecosystem related to the energy security sector, and a special fund has been allocated for the purpose. "If you have any idea, product or any concept which you want to incubate, then this fund will be a good opportunity for you, and a gift from the government," he said.

The PM said that despite the hardships caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the graduating students should remember that their strength and capacities are much bigger than the challenges, and asked them not to lose confidence.

He asked the students to recall the period of the country, but for the saked them to similarly become a soldier for "Aatmaniribhar Bharat."

"There is a lot to do for the country, but your commitment, your aim should not be fragmented. You see that only they become successful in life who do something with a sense of burden. The youth of the 21st century should go ahead with

a clean slate. The concept that "nothing will change" will have to be cleaned...," he said. The PM asked the stu-dents to take sustained efforts as it will bring about positive results. sults.

He said the "Clean India"

He said the "Clean India" programme was an example of this, and said small efforts of crores of people turned it into a movement.

During his address, he also recalled how his decision to seg-

recalled how his decision to seg-regate domestic and agriculture feeders made it possible for the households to get 24-hour elec-tricity in Gujarat. Modi inaugurated five state-of-the-art facilities to mark the eighth convocation of

mark the eighth convocation of the PDPU.

The facilities he unveiled at the university are a 45 - MW production of monocrystalline solar photovoltaic panel, a tech business incubator, a sports complex, and a Translational Research Centre at the PDPU, as well as an Indo-EU bilateral project under Horizon 2020 'India-h20' for industrial waste and desalination.

Modi also suggested the

Modi also suggested the state government to change the name of the Petroleum University to Energy University.

Malabar maritime drill concludes on a high, friendly note Vikramaditya, indigenous destroyers Kolkata and Chennai, stealth frigate Talwar, Fleet Support Ship Deepak and the integral helicopters of these warships, indigenously built submarine Khanderi and P81 and IL-38 maritime reconnaissance aircraft. In addition to 'Dual Carrier' operations, advanced surface and anti-submarine warfare exercises, seamanship

The Malabar maritime exercise hosted by the Indian Navy in two phases concluded on Friday in the Arabian Sea. The Quad countries including India, the US, Australia and Japan took part in the prestigious drill. Australia participated for the first time after India invited it for the event despite Chinese protests. Giving details of the exercise, navy officials said here on Saturday the 24th edition of the annual Malabar was conducted in two phases. 20. Phase 1 of the exercise involving participation by Indian Navy (IN), Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) and Royal Australian Navy (RAN), was conducted of Visakhapatnam in Bay of Bengal from 3-6 November. The second phase was conducted in the Arabian Sea from 17-20 November.

The first phase witnessed participation of Indian Navy units with United States Ship (USS) John S McCain, Her Majesty's Australian Ship (HMAS) Ballarat with integral MH-60 helicopter, and Japan Maritime Self Defence Ship



(JMSDF) Onami, with integral SH-60 helicopter. Indian Navy's participation in this phase was led by Rear Admiral phase was led by Rear Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet and included destroyer Ranvijay, indigenous frigate Shivalik, Offshore Patrol Vessel Sukanya, Fleet Support Ship Shakti, submarine Sindhuraj, P81 and Dornier maritime reconnaissance air-craft and Advanced Jet Trainer Hawk.

During Phase 2 of the

During Phase 2 of the Exercise, the four navies par-

ticipated in joint operations centered on the Vikramaditya centered on the Vikramaditya
Carrier Battle Group of the
Indian Navy and Nimitz
Carrier Strike Group of the US
Navy. The two aircraft carriers,
along with other ships, submarine and aircraft of the
participating navies, engaged
in high intensity naval operations including cross-deck flying operations and advanced
air defence exercises by MIG
29K fighters of Vikramaditya
and F/A-18 fighters and E2C
Hawkeye from Nimitz.
The US Navy's Strike

Carrier Nimitz was accompa-nied by cruiser Princeton and destroyer Sterett in addition to P8A maritime t in aritime

addition to PSA maritime reconnaissance aircraft.

The Royal Australian Navy and JMSDF were represented by frigate Ballarat and destroyer Murasame respectively, along with their integral belignosters. licopters

helicopters.
Indian Navy's participation in Phase 2 was led by Rear
Admiral Krishna
Swaminathan, Flag Officer
Commanding Western Fleet
and included aircraft carrier

carrier opérations, avanited surface and anti-submarine warfare exercises, seamanship evolutions and weapon firings were also undertaken during both phases of the exercise demonstrating the synergy, coordination and inter-operation of the exercise demonstrating the synergy coordination and inter-operation of the exercise between the four first operation of the exercises, which began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between India and the US in 1992, has seen increasing scope and complexity over the years.

The 24th edition of MAL BABAR, conducted in a "non-contact at sea only format in the backdrop of 'COVID-19 pandemic, was reflective of the commitment of the partici-

the backdrop of COVID-19 pandemic, was reflective of the commitment of the partici-pating countries to support a free, open, inclusive Indo-Pacific as well as a rules-based international order.

Depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal during next 48 hrs: IMD

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal during the next 48 hours. A low pressure area, formed over equatorial Indian ocean and adjoining central parts of south Bay of Bengal on Saturday, may hit Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coast as a cyclone of lower intensity on November 25.

Predicting the possibility of cyclone, the IMD on Saturday said the depression is likely to intensify further during the subsequent 48 hours. This would expectedly revive horth-East monsoon yet again over the Tamil Baducoast from Monday itself.

Under the influence of the Tow pressure area, formed on Saturday, the rainfall activity is likely to increase over extreme south peninsular India from November 23 onwards with fairly widespread rainfall/thunderstorm activity over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Kerala & Mahe during November 24-26, and over south coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema during November 25-27.

PM Modi to virtually inaugurate multi-storey flats for MPs on Nov 23



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The wait of a number of firsttime Lok Sabha MPs for an
official accommodation in
Delhi will end soon. Prime
Minister Narendra Modi will
inaugurate multi-storeyed flatsthree towers known as Ganga,
Yamuna and Saraswati, which
have come in place of old bungalows at Dr BD Marg in the
national capital, for members of
Parliament on November 23
via video-conferencing. Lok
Sabha Speaker Om Birla will
also be present during the
inauguration.
A PMO Saturday said that three towers

Å PMO statement on Saturday said that three towers having 76 flats were con-structed on land housing eight old bungalows, which were more than 80 years old. The construction of these flats has been completed with savings of about 14 per cent from the sanctioned cost and without time overrun despite the impact of Covid-19, it added.

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The new flats have four bedrooms, offices for the MP and his or her secretary and parking spaces and are centrally air-conditioned. In addition, the flats have elevators that connect the basement parking, be ground floor office and living spaces and the first floor bedrooms.

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The PMO statement said several green building initiatives have been incorporated in the construction, including bricks made from fly ash and construction and demolition waste, double glazed windows for thermal insulation and energy efficient LED light fittings, occupancy based sensors for light control, air conditioners with VRV system for low power consumption, low flow fixtures for conservation of water, rainwater harvesting system and rooftop solar plant.

President to launch all-India Speakers' conference in Kevadia on November 25

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President Ram Nath Kovind

President Ram Nath Kovind will inaugurate the two day long all India Speakers' conference in Kevadia in Gujarat on November 25 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the valedictory function on November 26.

Addressing the media on Saturday, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that the theme of the two-day meeting will be harmonious coordination between legislature, executive and judicary. Vice resident Venkaiah Naidu will also address the presiding officers. Birla said that

This is the 80th meeting of presiding officers. Birla said that the All India Presiding Officers (Conference (AIPO) was launched in the year 1921 and since then, this Conference has been ceaselessly striving to strengthen the democratic way of life and promoting a sense of unity and oneness in the Indian Legislatures. This Conference provides a platform to share new dieas, views, and experiences with all the Presiding Officers in India. He said that the collective wisdom of our venerable legislators has helped the Legislatures to keep pace with the changing times. Many of the significant

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innovations in parliamentary democracy trace their roots to the deliberations that took place during the Sessions of these Conferences. Birla said that During this

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Birla said that During this
Conference, the Presiding
Officers of the Legislatures shall
discuss the need for better cooperation and coordination
between the three pillars of
democracy. This is in line with
our Constitutional obligations
that spell out the jurisdictions of
the Legislature, Executive and
Judiciary and the balance
amongst them. It is our collective efforts to maintain the constitutional sanctity, which is very
important for mulual coexistence
between the three organs of
governance and the sustenance
of democracy in the nation," he
said.

SC judge inaugurates 'North East Delhi Riots Claims Commission'



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Supreme Court Judge Justice OSurya Kant on Saturday inau-gurated the North East Delhi Riots Claims Commission Riots Claims Commission (NEDRCC) for providing com-pensation to victims of the com-munal violence that took place in February. Justice Kant inaugurated the commission online and said in



Communal clashes had broken out in northeast Delhi on February 24 after violence between citizenship law supporters and protesters spiralled out of control leaving at least 53 people dead and around 200 injured.

There are about 750 cases registered in north east Delhi and around 1,200 persons have been arrested in matters related to the riot.

Court asks if there is chance of settlement between Akbar. Ramani in defamation case

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A Delhi court on Saturday Asaked former Union Minister M J Akbar and journalist Priya Ramani whether there was a chance of settlement between them in a criminal defamation complaint filed by him against her. Akbar had filed the complaint against Ramani for allegedly defaming him by accusing him of sexual misconduct around 20 years ago when he was a journalist.

Ramani had said the allega-

a journalist.

Ramani had said the allega-tions against Akbar, made in the wake of #MeToo movement in wake of #McToo movement in 2018, were her truth and were made in public good. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Ravindra Kumar Pandey posed the query on Saturday as he started hearing afresh the final arguments in the case since the previous judge hearing the matter was trans-ferred to another court on Wednesday.

India set to resume talks on free trade agreements with EU, US

Iandia, which has not signed 2012, will soon revive talks on the possible free trade agreement (FTA) with the European Union and the US. Even as the Narendra Modi Government opted out of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), it is keen on inking trade deals with other economic blocs, a highly placed source said, adding that India could gain significantly amid a growing anti-Chian sentiment in many parts of the world. India, which has not signed of the world. The EU is India's largest

trading partner accounting for 11.1 per cent of total Indian trade, on par with the US and ahead of China (10.7 per cent).

"We are positive that FTAs with the EU and US will benefit India and talks will be resumed," Gopal Krishna Agarwal, the Bharatiya Janata Party's national spokeeperson economic affairs, said. Party's national spokesperson on economic affairs, said.
"India is not opposed to trade agreements with other countries, though now that seems to the the popular notion after we exited the RCEP, we understand the need to remain globally and regionally integrated," Agarwal added.

After intense negotiations

for an FTA with the EU, talks have been stalled since 2013 after differences on various issues could not be ironed out. Other Asian nations looking at trade deals with the west, Vietnam has already inked one Vietnam, which is emerging as a formidable competition to many economies, has already

to many economies, has already signed at a trade pact with the EU."The European economy needs now every opportunity to restore its strength after the crisis triggered by the coron-avirus," Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, said in a state-ment.

time now. It must act fast before other countries seal the deals," Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) president S.K. Saraf told

president S.K. Saraf told Indianarrative.com. "We must revive talks on the stalled FTAs and other trade pacts to cash in on the changing geopolitical order. The current anti-China sentiment in Europe could help India at this point and we must not waste an opportunity" ty."
Typically, trade agreements including the one with Association of Southeast Asian

Nations (Asean) have not worked in India's favour but experts opined that New Delhi

Foreign Secretary Harsh Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla's seven-day trip to Europe just a few weeks ago is being seen as an important development in this direction. On Thursday the first standalone India-Luxembourg summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart Xavier Bettel was held via video conferencing, where the former underlined the need to expand trade and economic to expand trade and econom-ic co-operation between India and the EU.

Healing economy expected to keep markets high

Mumbai-Economic recovery along with hopes of a Covid-19 vaccine will keep domestic stock markets high during the upcoming trade week. Analysts opined that mar-kets are likely to oscillate between renewed fears of ris-ing covid cases globally and optimism over vaccine devel-opment. Besides, profit booking as well as expensive propositions

might dampen sentiments. Nevertheless, upcomi might dampen sentiments. Nevertheless, upcoming Q2FY21 GDP figures combined with sales push during the festive season is expected to arrest any major downslide movement. Going ahead, the market is likely to be volatile as sentiments oscillate between fear of frising covid cases globally and optimism over vaccine progress, 'said Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Retail

Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services. "Investors would closely watch out the development watch out the development over the US stimulus talks where the hopes are fading. However the overall structure of the market remains positive, as the economic activity continues to improve and Covid cases continue to decline domestically, except few regions." LANS

Centre okays ₹107.42 cr grant for 28 food processing projects

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The Government on Saturday said a grant of approved for implementing 28 food processing projects spread over 10 states that are likely to generate jobs for nearly 10,000 people.

A decision in this regard was taken in the virtual meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee (IMAC) chaired by Food Processing Industries Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Junior minister Rameswar Teli was also present

in the meeting.
The committee considered the projects applied through an unit scheme of Creation and Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) under the Pradhan Manti Kiena Sanpada Vajana

(CEFPPC) under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) for necessary grantsin-aid.

"28 projects with project costs of ₹30.03 zores, supported with a grant of ₹ 107.42 crore by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) were approved under the CEF-PPC Scheme by the IMAC," an official statement said.

Of this, a grant of ₹20.35 crore has been approved for six projects from north eastern states.

These projects are worth .87 crore, it said.

₹48.87 crore, it said.
The projects will create a
processing capacity of 1,237
tonne daily and are spread
across the states of Madhya
Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar
Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jammu Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Assam, and Manipur. These projects are likely to generate employment for near-ly 10,000 people, it added.

Focus on automobile aftermarket key to 'Atmanirbhar Bharat': Official

Focus on automobile after-market is the key to Atmanirbhar Bharat, a senior official said.
According to H.J.S Pasricha, Head CMD and Scientist F, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), "Indian OEMs as well as their component manufactures have delivered to a large extent towards the twi objectives of Atmanirbhar Bharat."

objectives of Atmanirbhar Bharat."
"Now, automotive after-market needs to be one of the key areas of focus. A well grad-ed plan aimed towards curbing counterfeits and substandard

products through proper cer-tification and enforcement could very well be the way towards vibrant aftermarket." Pasricha spoke at a webinar organised by Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers

(SIAM).

The webinar as per a SIAM

aimed to address

ness. It touched upon after-market tenets such as quintes-sential quality, curbing coun-terfeit, vocal for local, simpli-fying supply-chain, amplifying access and evaluating e-com-"Aftermarket business is

challenging with multiple play-ers right from OEMs at one ers right from OEMs at one streme to counterfeiters at the other end," said Prashant K. Barley-Davidson and Hero MotoCorp announced their marker of the mark

Harley-Davidson says working with partner Hero to ensure smooth transition for customers in India

A merican cult-bike maker Harley-Davidson on Saturday said it is working with its new partner Hero MotoCorp to "ensure a smooth transition" for its customers in India, including after-sale services and warranty. Last month, Harley-Davidson and Hero MotoCorp announced their partnership for the Indian market.

They have inked a distribution agreement, under which

parts and accessories and gen-eral merchandise riding gear and apparel through a network of brand-exclusive Harley-Davidson dealers and Hero's existing dealership network in India

business model in India, we are pleased to be continuing our journey in the country togeth-er with Hero MotoCorp. We are working closely with Hero to ensure a smooth transition for our riders."

Residents of Sector 48 raise demand for cancellation of marriage ceremony

strict restrictions have also been imposed on the events organised there. The people of Delhi have now of Delh have now
started organising
marriages in Noida Sector 48 park in question
Noida in Uttar
Pradesh instead of Delhi.
A similar case has come up
in Noida Sector 48. A Delhi
Resident

party is going to organise a wedding ceremony in Sector 48 Park of Noida this week. Residents of Sector 48 are

angry about this controversial

vent. Residents of Sector 48 have written a complaint letter in this regard to Ritumaheshwari, CEO of Noida Development Authority.

Launch of 'ANANDA' -Atma Nirbhar agents new business digital application

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Life Insurance Corporation
Lof India launched its first
Digital Application, "ANANDA", an acronym for Atma
Nirbhar Agents NewBusiness
Digital Application, on
Thursday, the 19th of
November 2020. The launch
was done by MR Kumar,
Chairman, LIC of India
through Video Conferencing,
in the presence of the
Managing Directors, TC Suseed
Kumar, Mukesh Kumar Gupta,
Raj Kumar and other Senior
Officials of the Corporation.
The Digital application is a tool
offor the on boarding process to
get the Life Insurance policy
through a Paperless module
with the help of the Agent /
Intermediary. It is built on

paperless KYC process using Aadhaar based e-authentication of the Life Proposed.
ANANDA is a first of its kind in the Indian Life insurance industry with LiC of India pioneering the process through its in-house IT enabled systems. This tool has been brought out at the right time, to enable and empower the Marketing force of LiC to face the current challenges and propel insurance selling to a higher level. With social distancing being the new normal, prospecer level. With social distancing being the new normal, prospec-tive customers can avail the facility of taking a New Life Insurance Policy in the comfort of their homes/offices without having to meet the Agent / Intermediary in person.

Puniab & Sind Bank to raise up to ₹5,500 cr via pref issue

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State-owned Punjab & Sind Bank on Saturday said its board has approved a propos-al to raise up to ₹5,500 crore by issuing shares on a preferential

. The board approval is in line with the Government sanction to infuse an amount of ₹ 5,500 crore in the bank towards contribution of the Centre in the preferential allotment of the preferential allotment of equity shares during FY2020-21. The board has cleared agenda to "offer, issue, create and allot equity shares up to ₹ 5,500 crore including share premium to the Government of India by way of preferential issue of equity shares", the bank said in a regulatory filing. The fund raising will help bank meet its regulatory and growth capital.

Name of work and location:

Drying-up FII inflows to weaken rupee

An expected slowdown in the rate of foreign fund inflows along with the upcoming Q2FV2I GDP figures is expected to weaken the Indian rupee during the coming week. Besides, expectations on a further stimulus has fanned fears of higher Government borrowings.

Nonetheless, rising virus infection in the US amid hopes of more stimulus is expected to

Nonetheless, rising virus infection in the US amid hopes of more stimulus is expected to keep the US dollar subdued.
Consequently, the rupee is projected to range between 73.70 to 74.50 per greenback. "Flows into equity markets have been robust and supported the rupee," said Sajal Gupta, Head, Forex and Rates, Edelweiss Securities.
As per estimates, more than Rs 25,000 crore have

tiown into the country's stock markets till now during November.

"However, we expect the flows to slow down going forward and that can put some pressure on rupee and rising imports owing to normalisation can also keep strong rupee in check."

Last week, rupee appreciated to 74.11 levels but saw strong support at 74 handle. Nonetheless, dollar purchases from RBI as reflected in the forex reserve capped further appreciation. On Friday, official data showed that India's foreign exchange reserves ross \$4.277 billion during the week ended November 13.

Accordingly, the reserves increased to \$572.771 billion from \$568.494 billion reported for the week ended November 6.

Petrol, diesel price hiked for second day in a row

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Petrol price on Saturday was hiked by 15 paise per litre and diesel by 20 paise, the sec-ond straight day of increase in rates after firming interna-tional oil rates broke nearly a two-month-long hiatus in price revision. The price of petrol in Delhi was hiked to ₹81.38 per litre

was hiked to ₹81.38 per litre from ₹81.23, according to a notification from oil marketing

notification from oil marketing companies. Diesel rates went up from ₹70.68 to ₹70.88 per litre. On Friday, petrol price was raised by 17 paise per litre and diesel by 22 paise. This is the first revision in petrol prices since Sentember

Therapeutic food

makers support

Poshan Abhiyan

New Delhi: With an aim to tackle the problem of severe acute malnutrition under the Poshan Abhiyan in the country, Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Association of India, commission security of the commission of

APPENDIX IV 3

APPENDIX (See proviso to Rule (8(6))

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Properties

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Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 200

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const/SERD-II, Northern Railway, 2" floor, NDCR Building, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:

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Bharti Airtel to acquire 5.2% stake in Avaada MHBuldhana for ₹4.55 crore

New Delhi:Bharti Airtel on Friday said it will acquire 5.2 per cent stake in solar power

per cent stake in solar power company Avaada MHBuldhana for ₹4.55 crore in an all-cash deal. Avaada MHBuldhana Private Limited is a newly-formed company and developing a company and developing a captive generating solar power plant in Maharashtra which will become operational by March 2021. It is a subsidiary of Avaada Energy Private Limited (AEPL).

(CMAM) Association of India, comprising manufacturers of ready-to-use therapeutic foods, has extended support to the Government to develop new products and implement feeding protocols. "CMAM Association is poised to align with various nutrition interventions through development of therapeutic products as prescribed by the Government and extending the PMS vision of a self-reliant India," said Akshat Khandelwal, president Akshat Khandelwal, president of CMAM Association.

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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of public provisions under the Rules R and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement Rules R).

Natives push for diverse Biden Cabinet

Washington: Native Americans are urging President-elect Joe Biden to make history by selecting one of their own to lead the powerful agency that oversees the nations tribes, setting up one of several looming tests of Biden's pledge to have a Cabiner representative of Americans.

OJ Semans is one of dozens of tribal officials and voting activists around the country pushing selection of Rep. Deb

activists around the country pushing selection of Rep. Deb Haaland, a New Mexico Democrat and member of the Pueblo of Laguna, to become the first Native American secretary of interior.

Tell Semans, a member of the Rosebud Sioux, that a well-regarded white lawmaker is considered a front-runner for the job, and Semans chuckles.

"Not if I trip him," Semans says.

says.
African Americans,
Mexican Americans, Asian
Americans, Native Americans
and other people of colour
played a crucial role in helping



Biden defeat President Donald Trump. In return, they say they want attention on prob-lems affecting their communities — and want to see more people who look like them in

positions of power.

"It's nice to know that a
Native American is under consideration," said Haaland, who

sideration," said Haaland, who says she is concentrating on her congressional work. "Sometimes we are invisible." In Arizona, Alejandra Gomez was one of an army of activists who strapped on face

BIDEN TURNS 78, WILL BE OLDEST US PRESIDENT

President-elect Joe Biden turned 78 on Friday. In exactly two months, he'll take

the reins of a politically frac-tured nation facing the worst public health crisis in a centu-ry, high unemployment and a reckoning on racial injustice.

Michigan election staff recommend state to approve Biden victory

Detroit: Michigan's elections agency on Friday recommended that the November 3 results be certified next week by state canvassers, a decision that would bless Joe Biden's victory over President Donald Trump but likely not cool partisan strife over the vote.

The recommendation was posted online with the formal Monday meeting notice of the

posted online with the formal Monday meeting notice of the Board of State Canvassers. The guidance came at the end of a stormy week in which Trump summoned Republican

state lawmakers to the White House on Friday in an extra-ordinary effort to try to set aside Biden's 154,000-vote vic-

aside Bidens 154,000-vote victory.

On Tuesday, GOP canvassers in Michigans largest county, Wayne, refused to certify local results but then changed their position after hours of intense public criticism over Zoom. Then after the county of the county of

Twitter to hand @POTUS account to Joe Biden on Jan 20

Los Angeles: Micro-blogging site Twitter will hand control of the presidential @POTUS account to President-elect Joe Biden the moment he is sworn Biden the moment he is sworn in on inauguration day on January 20, even if President Donald Trump has not con-ceded his election loss, the company has said. The @POTUS account is

The @POTUS account is the official account of the President of the United States and is separate from the @realDonaldTrump account that Trump uses to tweet.

Biden, 78, will be the 46th US President when he is sworn in

The handover requires no The handover requires no sharing of information between the outgoing Trump team and the incoming Biden team, Twitter said, adding that all existing tweets on those accounts will be archived and Twitter will transfer the accounts—reset to zero tweets — to Biden that day. PTI

Top Tibetan political leader visits White House for first time in 6 decades

The head of the Tibetan government in exile has visited the White House for the first time in six decades and met the newly appointed senior US official on Tibetan issues, the Central Tibetan Administration said on Saturday, a development that could enrage Beijing, which has accused the US of trying to interfere in China's internal affairs.

affairs.

Dr Lobsang Sangay entered
the United States White House
on Friday — a historic feat. on Friday — a historic feat This is the first time in the last 6 decades the head of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) has been invited into the White House, the CTA said in a state-

"It is a great honour to be the first political head of the Central Tibetan Administration to formally enter the White House," Sangay said in a tweet.

"Today's visit amounts to an acknowledgement of both the democratic system of the CTA and its political head...
This unprecedented meeting perhaps will set an optimistic tone for CTA participation with US officials and be more formalised in the coming formalised in the coming years," said the CTA, which is based in Dharamshala in India. Sangay, the President of the Central Tibetan

Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), was invited to the White House to meet the newly appointed US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues, Robert Destro, on Friday, it said.

Pak court jails 2 more aides of 26/11 brains

Lahore: A Pakistani court has jailed two more aides of Mumbai attack mastermind and Jamat-ud-Dawah (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed in a terror

chief Hafiz Saeed in a terror financing case.

The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) of Lahore on Friday handed down six and five-mode and a-half years of imprisonment to JuD leaders Muhammad Ashraf and Lucman Shah, respectively.

ATC Judge Arshad Hussain Bhutta also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on each of them.

On Thursday, the 70-wear.

them.
On Thursday, the 70-year-old JuD chief was sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment in two terror cases by ATC Lahore, Saeed's two close aides — Zafar Iqbal and Yahya Mujahid — were sentenced to

10 and a half years each, while his brother-in-law Abdul Rehman Makki was sentenced to six months of imprisonment in the sentences.

to six months of imprisonment in the same cases.
Saeed, a UN designated terrorist whom the US has placed a \$10 million bounty on, was arrested on July 17 last year in the terror financing cases. He was sentenced to 11 years in jail by an anti-terrorism court in February this year in two terror financing cases.

The July chief is lodged at

cases.

The JuD chief is lodged at Lahore's high-security Kot Lakhpat jail.

Saeed is wanted in India for planning the 2008 Mumbai attacks when 10 Pakistani terrorists killed 166 people, including six Americans, and injured hundreds others. PTI

Chief Afghan peace envoy says US troops pulling out too

Ankara: Afghanistan's chief peace envoy Abdullah Abdullah said on Saturday that the US said on Saturday that the US decision to begin withdrawing troops from Afghanistan has come too soon, as his country is still struggling to attain peace and security amid an ongoing conflict.

and stearly in an interview with The Associated Press, Abdullah also described as "shocking" an Australian military report that found evidence that elite Australian troops unlawfully killed 39 Afghan prisoners. He welcomed a decision by Australian authorities to pursue the perpetrators.

Abdullah spoke in Ankara where he sought Turkey's support for negotiations between

the Afghan government and the Taliban that are taking place in Qatar to find an end to decades of war. The talks have made little progress so far.

"This is the decision of the US administration and we respect it," Abduilah said of the US decision this week to reduce troops levels in Afghanistan from more than 4.500 to 2.500.

"Our preference would have been that with the conditions improving, this should have taken place." Acting US Defense Secretary Christopher Miller announced that Washington would reduce troop levels in Iraq and Afghanistan by mid-January, in line with President Donald Trumps pledge to bring US forces home.

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Thai students rally for edu and political reforms



A crowd flashes the three-finger protest gesture during a student rally in Bangkok

Bangkok: Secondary school students in Thailand's capital rallied Saturday for education-al and political reforms, defy-ing government threats to crack down with legal action against the country's high-profile protest movement.

protest movement.

The rally was called by a group that calls itself "Bad Students," mocking their status as rebels against traditional school rules and authorities.

Reflecting their light touch

toward protest actions, they used props including people in dinosaur suits and oversize beach balls standing in for

asteroids.

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dinosaurs, they pointed out, the old-fashioned members of Thailand's establishment impeding change will face a collision with the country's pro-democracy movement. Though the original goals of the Bad Students included abolishing outmoded regula-

abolishing outmoded regula-tions such as dress codes and reforming antiquated curricu-lums, they now also support the demands of Thailand's

the demands of Thailands broader pro-democracy movement, which seeks major political change.
Saturday's rally, held in one of Bangkok's busiest shopping areas, attracted a crowd of at least 1,000 people, many of whom were not secondary school students.

Trump's eldest son Trump Jr rests positive for Covid-19

Donald Trump Jr, the Deldets son of US President Donald Trump, has tested positive for COVID-19, this spokesperson said, latest in the First Family to have been infected by the deadly virus.

Trump Jr tested positive at the start of the week and has been "quarantining out at his cabin since the result," the spokesman said on Friday.

"He has been completely asymptomatic so far and is following all medically recommended COVID-19 guidelines," the spokesman added.



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G-20 summit opens with Saudi

Saudi Arabia's King Salman Opened on Saturday the Group of 20 summit as the coronavirus pandemic overshadows this year's gathering of heads of state, transforming it from an in-person two-day meeting of the world's more powerful leaders to a virtual eathering of speeches and decade in the state of the s gathering of speeches and dec-

The pandemic, which has claimed more than 1.37 million lives worldwide, has offered the

G-20 an opportunity to prove how such bodies can facilitate international cooperation in crises — but has also under-

crises — but has also under-scored their shortcomings. The G-20's member-coun-tries represent around 85 per cent of the world's economic output and three-quarters of international trade. "We have a duty to rise to the challenge together during this summit and give a strong message of hope and reassur-ance," King Salman said in his opening remarks.

Mortar shells hit Kabul residential areas, 8 dead

slammed into different parts of the Afghan capital on Saturday, killing at least eight people and wounding 31 others, an official said.

The shells were fired from two cars. Interior Ministry spokesperson Tariq Arian said. No see took immediate responsibility for the early morning attack that also tary morning attack that also targeted the posh Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul, which housed diplomatic missions. The Taliban issued a quick

statement denying any responsibility for the attack. The Islamic State group affiliate also operates in the area and has claimed responsibility for recent assaults in Kabul including the desagestating attacks on

recent assaults in Kabul includ-ing two devastating attacks on educational institutions that killed more than 50 people, many of them students. As well as insurgent groups, there are several heav-ily armed warlords with mili-tias living in Kabul with long-standing animosities against each other.

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Aus will respond 'very seriously' to war crime allegations: PM

Melbourne: Australia will respond "very seriously" to war crime allegations against is defence personnel, Prime Minister Scott Morison has assured the people of Afghanistan, a day after a long-awaited military report said the country's special forces unlaw-fully killed 39 people in the war-torn nation.

war-torn nation.

According to the report released on Thursday, there is "credible information" that at least 19 serving and former Australian special forces allegedly committed up to 39 unlawful murders during the conflict in Afghanistan. PTI

Around the Globe

Beirut: Nearly 70 inmates broke out of a prison in Lebanon Saturday after smashing their cell doors and attacking prison guards, police said. According to a police statement, five of the escaped inmates died when a car they stole while fleeling crashed into a tree during an ensuing police chase. Paris: Bioths campainners and

Paris: Rights campaigners and journalists organisations staged street protests in Paris and other street protests in Paris and other French cities on Saturday against a security bill that they say would be a violation of the freedom of information. The proposed measure would create a new criminal offense of publishing images of police officers with intent to cause them harm.



Mourners gather for the funeral prayer of Khadim Hussein Rizvi, an Islamist scholar and leader of Tehreek-e-Labiak Pakis in Lahore on Saturdav

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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited from registered/reputed/experienced firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work:- Name of Work:- Outsourcing of Manpower for operation of Central Heating System at Govt. Medical College, Anantnag from 27.11.2020 to 15.03.2021.

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Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees): -200
Earnest Money (In Rs): -5600
Position of funds: -Available
1. The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 19.11.2020 (16.00 hrs).
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MHCHD, Srinagar

Hamstring is feeling absolutely fine: Rohit

The hullabaloo over his hamstring was confusing as well as amusing for Rohit Sharma, who says he always knew that the injury was not that serious and he would be battle-ready for the tour of Australia. India's white-ball vice-cap

tain, in a detailed conversation with PTI, opened about the left hamstring injury during the IPL, which became a matter of intense speculation after he returned to action within days of being left out of the Australia tour earlier this month. He was subsequently added to the Test squad.

squad.
"I don't know what was going on, to be honest and what all were people talking about. But let me put this on record, I was constantly communicat-ing with BCCI and Mumbai Indians," Rohit said. He hit a match-winning knock of 68 off 50 balls in the

knock of 68 off 50 balls in the IPI final against Delhi Capitals, playing through pain. Rohit is currently doing strength and conditioning work at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru before heading to Australia.



and I will be able to manage the situation quite nicely. Once I made my mind clear, it was all about focussing on what I needed to do," he said.

"Hamstring is feeling aboutley fine. Just started the process of getting it nice and strong. Before I play the longer format, I absolutely needed to

process of getting in ince aims strong, Before I play the longer format, I absolutely needed to be clear in mind that there is no stone that is left unturned, that's probably the reason, I'm at the NCA," Rohit added.

For Rohit, the chatter on the outside regarding his injury and his subsequent participation in the IPL play-offs, didn't matter much.

"So for me, it was not a concern what x, y or z was talk-cing about like whether he would make it to Australia," he said.

said.
"Once the injury happened, the next two days all I did was to figure out what I can do in the next 10 days — whether I will be able to play or not."

ground, one won't know how the body is shaping up, feels the five-time IPL champion cap-

Bereaved Siraj declines BCCI offer to fly back home

tain.
"But every day, hamstring (degree of injury) was changing. The way it was responding was changing, so I was feeling quite confident that I could play and that its the communication that I had with MI at that point.
"I told them that I think I Performance in the IPL, allow-performance in the IPL performance in the I

will be okay to play just before play-offs. If there is any dis-comfort, I won't be playing the

comfort, I won't be playing the play-offs?

All Rohit needed was three and half weeks to get ready for Tests and he fails to understand what the fuss was all about given that the series starts December 17.

"Of course, there is still some work that needs to be done on my hamstring. That's why I didn't go to Australia for the white-ball leg as there are back-to-back games. Around 6 games in 11 days," he said about the limited overs leg beginning November 27.

"So I thought if I get to work on my body for 25 days, I can probably go and play the Test matches. So it was an easy decision for me and I don't know why it became so complicated for others," he wondered aloud.

Mohammed Shami is in the "right zone" after his impressive performance in the IPL, allow-ing him to prepare for the big Test series against Australia

ing nim to prepare to the ong Test series against Australia "without any pressure". Shami had his best IPL season as his 20 wickets for truns in double Super Over game against Mumbai Indians, was one of the highlights of the tournament. "My performances for KXIP in IPL has given me a lot of confidence and put me in the right zone," Shami told BCCLT.V on Saturday. An artist with the red ball, Shami feels that a good IPL has taken off the burden from him.

him.
"The biggest advantage is "The biggest advantage is that I can now prepare for the upcoming series without any pressure. There is no burden on me. I am very comfortable at the moment. "I had worked hard on my

"I had worked hard on my bowling and my fitness in the lockdown. I knew that IPL would take place sooner or later and I was preparing myself for it." Shami made no bones that

Shami made no bones that Test matches are a priority for him on this tour as he is trying to get into the growe during the training session over last one week.

"We are going to have a long tour starting with the white ball followed by pink and red ball Tests. My focus area has been the red ball and I am working on my lengths and seam movement.

once you start pitching the ball at the lengths you desire, you can succeed in different for-

He feels that post IPL, his

mats."

He feels that post IPL, his white ball form is in control and that's why he required more preparation with red ball.

"What you need is control. I have done well with the white-ball and now spending time in the nets bowling with the red ball. You don't bowl in he same area since both formats are different but your basics don't change much."

With Steve Smith and David Warner, who were missing during India's victorious campaign in 2018-19, back in the mix, things will get tougher for the Indian pace quartet.

But the senior bowler is hardly perturbed by their presence." India have quality bats."

ence."
"India have quality batsmen and we bowl at them in the nets. We don't look at

names, we focus on our skills. You can be a world-class bats-man, but one good ball will still get you out," Shami said.

man, but one good ball will still get you out." Shami said. The veteran pacer said that the diverse skill sets makes for a very potent attack like the one India has with him, Urnesh Yadav, Ishamt Sharma and the menacing lasprit Bumrah. "Our fast bowling group can bowl at 140 kpn plus and you need that kind of pace in Australia. Even our reserves are quick, you don't get to see that kind of an attack." Shami reminded that the pacers have done well in all overseas conditions and have taken 20 wickets in a lot of away Test matches as well as in spin-friendly conditions at home.

"There is a healthy competition but there is no rivalry within the group. If you look at the numbers, we have managed to pick 20 wickets almost on all our away tours."

Motivation has never been a problem for Kohli: Stoinis

Virat Kohli is more than hundred percent charged up every time he takes the field and the Australian team is preparing in equal measure to counter the threat posed by the Indian captain, said all-rounder Marcus Stoinis.

Kohli, who is heading family way in January, will be returning after playing the six white ball games and the opening day/night Test scheduled

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Ton't worry about Virat. He is up for every
single game that he's playing. Yeah, maybe there
will be extra motivation, but I don't think there's
any extra motivation than 110 percent, 'Stoinis
was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo.

So let's see. I am sure he (Kohli) will be ready
to go. He is getting home for the birth of his kid,
which is the right decision in my opinion. So I
am sure he will be extra motivated.'

Stoinis said that coach Justin Langer and his
men will have foolproof strategy to counter the
India skipper, who is in a league of his own when
it comes to white-ball cricket.

"We've definitely got our strategies, we've had

India skipper, who is in a league of his own when it comes to white-ball cricket.

"We've definitely got our strategies, we've had things that have worked in the past, and at other times the same plans haven't worked and he's made some runs.

"Obviously, he (Kohli) is a great player, and to all these good players, you do what you want to do, you have your plans, and on the day, you get extra competitive and you hope it all falls in your side of the court."

On the personal front, Stoinis scored 352 runs and took 13 wickets for Delhi Capitals in the IPL and wants to replicate that performance in the limited overs games against India,

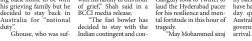
that performance in the limite overs games against India, starting Friday.

Asked what changed for him this season, Stoinis said: "I will hopefully continue to

there's nothing really too different (that I have been doing) petitions. I feel like I was going well in England before leading in as well, so hopefully the results keep coming my way, he said.

bring that form into

summer, but



Ferguson not worried

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BCCI secretary Jay Sh

Bon Saturday said that pacer Mohammed Siraj, who has lost his father, was given the option of fly-ing back home to be with

fering from a lung ailment, died on Friday. He was 53.

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had a discussion with Siraj and he was offered the option of flying back and be with his family in this hour of grief," Shah said in a BCCI media release.

"The fast bowler has decided to stay with the Indian contingent and con-

tinue performing his national duties. The BCCI shares his grief and will be supportive of Siraj in this extremely challenging phase, "Shah added. Board president Sourav Ganguly took to Twitter to laud the Hyderabad pacer for his resilience and men-tal fortitude in this hour of tragedy.

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overcome this loss..Lots of good wishes for his success in this trip... Tremendous character," Ganguly tweet-If Siraj had chosen to fly back to India, he would

have had to do another 14-day quarantine here in Australian under the local government rules on his

m movement. "I have alwavs felt that

'Pakistan ready to host top cricketing nations in 2021'

Pakistan until Zimbabwe became the first test-playing nation to play limited-overs series at Lahore in

2015.
Test cricket only returned to
Pakistan late last year when Sri
Lanka played two five-day games
at Rawalpindi and Karachi.

Bangladesh also played a Test match before its second test was called off due to Covid-19. In between the Zimbabwe and Bangladesh tours, a franchise-based domestic Twenty20 league— the Pakistan Super League— played a big role in pressing Pakistan's claims to host interna-tional games.

Pakistan's claims to host interna-tional games.
Players like Shane Watson,
Dale Steyn and AB De Villiers were among some big names that toured
Pakistan and have played for var-ious city-based franchise teams.
Khan believes these players had a significant role in portraying Pakistan's improving image among cricket-playing nations.
"A lot of these players go back to their own countries ... and say,

you know what? Pakistan is one of the safest places to play. Khan said.
"These are those cricketers who are associated with their own cricket boards, who are international cricketers, who perhaps had a (different) perception of Pakistan before they came here."

Khan also wants to organize a limited overs series against neighboring Afghanistan somewhere next year, after Pakistan Prine Minister Iman Khan, a former cricket captain for the country, visited Kabul and extended an invitation to Afghan national team this week.

week.
"We will do everything we can to find a slot in the calendar to arrange fixtures against Afghanistan," Wasim Khan said.

about missing Test spot

New Zealand fast bowler, who has not been named in the Test squad that plays West Indies next month is not too worried about it and says he will fight for a spot in the long-format side which already has a good pace-bowling attack.

The pace bowler who is

attack.

The pace bowler, who is undergoing quarantine after returning from the Indian Premier League, where he impressed with his pace but had a mixed tournament performance-wise, will play the T20 series that begins on November 27.

T20 series that web.
November 27.
"The Test side is a really tough team to break into, there is so much depth.
Obviously, our big three (Roult, Southee,

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big three
(Boult, Southee,
Wagner) have
been so successful for a long
period of time," Ferguson
told reporters in an interac-

"I've had chats through "I've had chais unough out. Steady (coach Gary Stead) and I talk a lot, I've got some family engagements that week, but even then,

certainly deserves a spot in that side," Ferguson said.
Ferguson picked six wickets in five games he played and conceded runs at just 7.46 in the IPI. for KRR.
"When you see the depth, Kyle Jamieson, one of my good mates, coming through and taking the opportunity and playing well, puts pressure on other bowlers to perform well all through the levels. I think it is great. For me, honestly, if it means I've got to work hard to get an opportunity and have a chance for that side, as I always do, take it game by game, keep putting the work in in the background and if

game, keep
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open arms,"
Ferguson added.
The rightarm pace bowler
had a forgettable
Test debut in
December last
year against

ear against Australia when he limped off the field field after bowling just 11 overs at Perth.

A fter nearly a decade of hosting no home Test matches due to a terrorist attack on a rival team's bus in 2009, Pakistan says it's ready to welcome major cricketing nations like South Africa, New Zealand, England and West Indies in 2021.

"We're working hugely in terms of building relationships, nurturing those relationships with (other) cricket boards," Wasim Khan, chief

cricket boards, 'Wasim Khan, chief executive of the Pakistan Cricket Boards aid. South Africa is due to visit Pakistan in January to play a two-Test series which is part of world Test championship, followed by three Twenty20s. New Zealand is penciled in for three ODIs and five Twenty20s in September, followed by two Twenty20s against England at Karachi. It will be Englands first tour to Pakistan since 2005.

The PCB has also plans a home series against West Indies in December.

December.
"We have a chock-a-block eight

to 10 months coming up for us on the road playing at home," Khan

the road playing at 1900s, said.
"We're also in discussions with Cricket Australia. They're due to be touring during the 2022 season, we're looking at them coming for an extended period of time."
When Sri Lanka's team bus came under a terrorist attack in March 2009, the doors of interna-tional cricket remained shut on

Malik, Hateez, Riaz, Amir to receive A category match tees

KARACHI: Senior cricketers Shoaib

KARACHI: Senior cricketers Shoaib Malik, Mohammad Haifeez, Wahab Riaz and Mohammad Amir have received a pay boost after being denied central contracts by the Pakistan Cricket Board.

The quartet has been informed that since they don't have central contracts they will now receive match fees in the 'A' category which they were previously being paid in the 'C' category.

"The four had voiced their reservations to the board's CEO. Wasim Khan that they are being treated unfairly that despite not being given central contracts they

are not being paid match fees in the highest category reserved for seniors," a well-informed source

seniors," a well-informed source said.

"Previously after the central contracts were announced and they were not named in the list, they were paid fees for playing for the national team in the 'C' cate to around 202,000 rupees for a ODI and lesser for a T20 international."

The source said that the four will now get match fees in the 'A' category which will be around 460,000 for ODIs and 330,000 for ODIs and T20ls approximately per match.

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The board, however, didn't entertain another request from the players that they also be given some compensation for missing out on foreign T20 league contracts because of national duty. "The board has said that it cannot give any compensation for this and the players have to give priority to national duty," he added.

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Hafeez recently suffered a loss of around 10 million rupees for having to pull out of the Sri Lankan premier league after he was named in the touring squad for New Zealand.

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World record holders Kosaei. Yeshaneh add to field for ADHM



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The Airtel Delhi Half
Marathon on Saturday
announced the entries of world
record holders Brigid Kosgei
and Ababel Yeshaneh for the
upcoming event, adding lustre
to an already star-studded field.
The event is part of the
countdown to the World
Atthetics Gold Label Race.
At the Chicago Marathon in
October 2019, Kenyaš Kosgei
stunned the world when she
broke the long-standing
women's world marathon record
by more than a minute, clock-

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ng 2:14:04. Yeshaneh was a distant sec ond on that occasion but still ran a superb personal best of 2:20:51.

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However, the tables were turned at the Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon in February this year when a contest between the pair in the final stages of the race saw Ethiopia's Yeshaneh prevail in a world record 64:31 with Kosgei second in 64:49. In their most recent outgis last month, the 26-year-old Kosgei won the rescheduled London Marathon in 2:18:58 while the 29-year-old Yeshaneh had to contend with misfortune and fell at the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships in Poland, with just over three kilometres remaining, which

in Poland, with just over three kilometres remaining, which took her out of medal contention although she recovered quickly to finish fifth.

While the elite runners will be at the start line at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, amateurs across the world will join the event using the new Airtel Delhi Half Marathon Mobile App.

Thiem downs Djokovic in instant classic

Dominic Thiem became the first player in four years to reach back-to-back championship matches at the Nitto ATP Finals on Saturday, as he earned a milestone 7-5, 6-7(10), 7-6(5) victory against World No. 1 Novak Djokovic. The 2019 runner-up falled to convert four match points in a dramatic second-set tierbreak, but held his nerve to rally in a final-set tie-break against Djokovic at The O2 for the second straight year. Thiem's victory was his 300th at tour-level and his fifth against a World No. 1. The last player to reach consecutive finals at the season finale was Djokovic (2012-16).

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Each set came down to just a few points and it was Thiem who claimed the biggest points in the decider. Thiem increased his aggression to win six consecutive points from 0/4 down in the final-set tie-break and converted his sixth match point with a powerful forehand approach shot. Thiem is only



the second player in 2020 to

. Thiem has now won five of Them has now won five of his seven most recent ATP Head2Head matches against Djokovic, which includes two wins at this event. The Austrian also earned a final-set tie-

win a tie-break against the World No. 1. Djokovic entered the third-set tie-break with a 15-1 tie-break record this sea-

year.

With his fifth win against
Djokovic (5-7), Thiem joins

Andy Murray as the only players to beat each member of the Big Three on five or more occaserito beat each member of the Big Three on five or more occasions. Thiem also owns six wins against Rafael Nadal (6-9) and has triumphed five times against Roger Federer (5-2). Either the sagainst Roger Federer (5-2). Either beat of the 2019 APT Four season (9-3).

In a tight first set, neither player was able to earn a break point in their opening five return games. As polykowic attempted to shorten points by coming to the net. Thiem made the crucial move at 5-5. The World No. 3 consistently fired backhands down the line to bjokovic's forehand volley and extracted errors to serve for the set. Thiem converted his first set point with an ace down the Thiem was put under pressure on serve in the second set, but he found big serves to save begints at 5-6, 15/40. In the tibreak, Thiem held four match.

points but he could not convert as errors began to creep into his game. Djokovic served with power and fired a forehand

Women's football camp from Dec 1

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The Indian women's senior team will undergo its first national camp since the coron-avirus-forced lockdown, in Goa from December 1, kitck-starting its preparations for the 2022 AFC Asian Cup with a host of health safety measures.

As many as 30 players have been summoned by head coach Maymol Rocky for the camp. The 2022 edition of the continental event will be hosted in India.

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Operating Procedure (SOP) has
been prepared for the resumption of the team training, which
lays down numerous Covid-19
protocols and guidelines in an
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National teams director
Abhishek Yadav said the team is eager to return to the field as soon as possible.

"The team is eager to get back on the pitch as soon as possible back on the pitch as soon as possible. The last few months have been unprecedented but we are taking cautious steps to take Indian football forward together." The AFC Womenis Asian Cup is in sight and we have to

be at the top of our preparations by the time the tournament kicks off."

He stressed that the safety of the team is of paramount impor

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"We have formulated the safety protocols from the proto-cols laid down by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India; Sports Authority of India (SAI), our medical team and other stake-holders."

The SOP, as prescribed by Indian team doctor Shervin Sheriff, mandates that incoming players and support staff must

players and support staff must get a COVID test (RT-PCR) done from an ICMR accreditat-ed laboratory prior to their departure from their home

ns.
If the RT-PCR test result

If the RT-PCR test result comes negative, they can proceed to travel with necessary precautions.

After reaching Goa, a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) has to be done and if the result is negative, they can proceed to their respective rooms for seven days of quarantine. They will be tested again on Day 8, before joining training.

As we learn to live with Covid-19 around, things have been particularly harsh for children who are finding themselves trapped and are struggling to get back to normal, writes KAARTIK GUPTA, as he suggests measures to ensure that our children remain healthy and emerge stronger from this crisis

DREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

ill now, the year 2020 has been a difficult one to say the least. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed everything around us. How we meet and greet others, type of clothes we wear, how we stand and even sit in public places, how often we go out; basically everything has changed. Months of uncertainty, lockdown, reports of chaos caused due to the pandemic all over media, restricted movements and forced isolations have taken a toll on the mental and emotional health of a large number of people.

As per recent reports, there has been a significant rise in people secking psychological help over the past few months. Anxiety, Depression, increased incidents of domestic violence, substance abuse, stress due to loss of livelihood and financial crisis,

domestic violence, substance abuse, stress due to loss of livelihood and financial crisis, escalation in the number of suicides were some of the grave issues for which people sought psychological help. People of all ages have been deeply impacted due to the changed world order.

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As the nation is in a gradual phase of unlock at present, most of the workforce and economy has opened up. People have resumed work with varied work days and shifts. However, children varied work days and snirts. However, children are still stuck at homes. They are unable to go their respective schools and colleges as Covid cases continue to rise and thus as a safety measure, educational institutions have not yet measure, educational institutions have not yet been given the nod to operate completely. Students, at different educational levels, are forced to continue with online classes. Some have even appeared for online exams, while few others wait for the technical glitches to be sorted. These have been challenging times especially for children as not just they had to adapt to a very different method of learning, they have also been deprived of the fun times they share with their friends in school and they snare with their rriends in school and college. Those belonging to the lower socio-economic strata have found it even more difficult to keep up with the teaching due to lack of resources like smartphones, laptops and

slower internet speed.

Problems faced by children due to the pandemic include:

• Online learning: Technological advancements made it possible for students to continue with their studies even from the space and safety of their own homes. Online classes, e-lectures, webinars replaced regular classrooms and lecture halls. However, it came with the side-effects of reduced attention span, virtual absenteeism as students would login for class but would be surching or equivine something. absenteeism as students would login for class but would be watching or playing something else rather than listening to their teachers, lack of writing skills as all the assignments or projects had to be virtually completed and submitted. Poor internet connectivity, concurrent online classes of sibling, lack of smartphone also affected the children's ability to attend e-schools/colleges. In addition to this, time-bound assignment submissions and exams heightened the childs anxiety if in case he/she is unable to upload the document for a reason beyond his/her control. Back-to-back classes also affected the children's ability to pay attention to what is being taught.

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Restricted outdoor activity: Childhood is a period where an individual grows not just by learning things at school, but also by engaging in play activities with his/her peers, it is a treasured time of the day and almost all children look forward to going out and playing with their friends. But the pandemic forced them to stay indoors and thus restricted their ability to play with friends and siblings. This has been one of the most important factors for children having more psychological and behavioural issues during the past few months. Regular exercise and playing activities ensure adequate production and secretion of endorphins and

growth hormones which are vital for a child's overall health and well-being.

• Lack of privacy: With everyone being at home for most part of the day, one's personal space has also been compromised to a certain extent. This is especially true for adolescents as more family time, less time with friends has been tough on some teenagers. Although, many have utilised this time well to bond with their family members, some found it difficult which often led to an increase in arguments and conflicts at home.

• Increased screen time: Ask any parent of a teenager or even a child and they will tell you how fed up they are due to their child's excessive phone/laptop usage. Social media, OTT platforms, messaging apps, online games; this cocktail is any parents' worst enemy and ironically their child's go to thing. Excessive screen time has been an issue for a very long time now, but due to the pandemic when even studies started happening online things just went from had to yorse for children and time now, but due to the pandemic when even studies started happening online things just went from bad to worse for children and adolescents. As per a recent pre-Covid times study, an adolescent on an average spends around 6-7 hours watching or using phone/laptop screen; much higher than the healthy usage. Children and adolescents are completely hooked onto the screen which has adverse effects on their psychological well-being.

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adverse effects on their psychological well-being. Restricted socialisation: Due to the pandemic, our social interactions and gatherings have been severly affected. Humans are social animals and we need to socialise for us to feel safe and secure. Adolescents and young adults, especially the ones in their last school or college year, are apprehensive if they would be able to meet their friends and teachers properly one final time before they pass out from the educational institutions. Children have reported feeling isolated and lonely during the past few months as they have not been able to go and meet their friends in person. Increased risk of child abuse: The pandemic has increased the prevalence of many common

has increased the prevalence of many common sources of family stress, placing children at risk of abuse and neglect. As per recent reports, the incidents of domestic violence and abuse had incidents of domestic violence and abuse had significantly gone up during the lockdown period placing children at a greater risk and adversely affecting their impressionable minds. A child who has been a victim or even a witness to abuse at home can experience a variety of psychological and emotional issues both as a child and even later on as an adult. Providing a safe and nutruing home environment for a child to grow in is each one's responsibility and we need to take adequate steps to ensure the same. Any incident of abuse needs to be reported to the police and Child Welfare Committee so that the child can be immediately secured and the perpetrators be punished.

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As the number of new cases has lessened over the past few weeks and we all learn slowly getting back to normal; a new normal. As a child/adolescent going through any of the above mentioned issues, you can take the following measures to ensure that you remain healthy and emerge stronger from this crisis:

• Communication: Talk to your parents, siblings or friends about how you are feeling about the current scenario. Confide in the one you trust. Share whatever you are feeling or thinking about, no matter how trivial you might think it may sound to them. As a parent, be patient and a good listener to you child/adolescent. Hear them out and try to understand what he/she is going through. Encourage them to talk about their feelings, their thoughts, any apprehensions or anything they are worried about. Listen to understand, rather than to reply. Provide a caring, supportive rather than to reply. Provide a caring, supportive and non-judgmental environment at home for him/her to feel safe and secure at home. Do not

AS PER RECENT REPORTS, THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT RISE IN PEOPLE **SEEKING** PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. ANXIETY, DEPRESSION INCREASED INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, STRESS DUE TO LOSS OF LIVELIHOOD AND FINANCIAL CRISIS. ESCALATION IN THE NUMBER OF SUICIDES WERE SOME OF THE **GRAVE ISSUES FOR** WHICH PEOPLE SOUGHT PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP. PEOPLE OF ALL AGES HAVE BEEN DEEPLY IMPACTED DUE TO THE CHANGED WORLD



Use the current situation to your benefit and try to get involved with some tasks at home. Learn new skills, take up responsibilities and responsibilities and help out at home in whatever way you can.

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Get involved at home:

• Limit screen time: It might be difficult with online classes but reduce your screen time as much as possible. Attend classes sincerely rather than trying to multi-task or fool your teacher as you are the only one wholl suffer because of it. Take short breaks between classes. Always sit on a chair or floor and do your work; use you bed only for sleeping. Be mindful of your posture, as long usage of phone-platop can lead to problems like cervical spondylitis.
• Read books: Do not limit your learning only through phone-platop. Put in the extra effort and prepare through books as well; reading throughly helps in concept clarity and thus can be better recalled during exams.
• Maintain a routine-Having a structured day will lessen the anxiety or boredom you may feel.

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Go to bed and wake up at the same time everyday, do some physical exercise for half an hour at least, eat healthy home cooked food. Fix a thobies regularly.

Socialise but responsibly: Gradual unlocking of the country has begun and thus it has become easier to meet your friends. Once in a while you can go out and meet your friends for lunch or dinner provided you are following the safety guidelines laid down by the government for prevention of spread of Covid-19. It will be a good change for you and you can catch up with your friends in person after many months. If not

this, you always have the option of being in touch with them over video calls or normal phone calls. The important thing is to be in touch with your loved ones and not be withdrawn or isolated.

• Avoid substance use: Teenage is a time when the individual wants to explore and experiment different things in life. The new found sense of independence and an emotional roller-coaster driven by the hormonal changes can tempt one to seek thrill even at the expense of their well-being. Substance or drug use, which can rapidly develop into an abuse, is a major issue which plagues our children and adolescents. With the glorification of such activities in popular songs and movies, it poses a major threat as engaging in such things is wrongly considered to be cool and youngsters give into it just to be a part of a group. Please be advised to stay away from such tiff and use your intelligence and smartness wisely.

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Seek Professional Help: If you notice a significant change in your child's behaviour which is affecting his/her personal, social, academic/occupational functioning please be academic/occupational functioning please or advised to consult your nearest Mental Health Professional like Clinical Psychologist, Child Psychologist, Psychiatrist, Psychiatric Social Worker or Counsellor. When the going gets tough, the tough get going! Let us all do our bit to ensure that we all emerge stronger and wiser from this pandemic.

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ACCOUNTING FOR KARMA

The law of karma provides a system of justice in which one is rewarded for good karma and punished for bad ones, writes SANT RAJINDER SINGH

arma is like opening a bank account. We have choices on how much money we want to put in to add to our balance or how much we wish to withdraw. We can choose to put different investments that result in interest to increase what we

choose to put different investments that result in interest to increase what we have available in our account. We and also choose to use credit card in which we pay interest on what we spend. The choice is ours to make. Similarly, we have a karmic account. Each day we can choose whether we want to engage in thoughts, words, and deeds that are going to result in good that comes back to us. We can also engage in thoughts, words, and deeds that are going to result in good that comes back to us. We can also engage in thoughts, words, and deeds, for which we must pay the consequences. Byond creating good and bad karmic accounts, we can also choose to do things that creat a badance of zero so that we do not have to return to this world to either reap the benefits or pay the consequences.

GAN WE HEUUCE OUR KARMA?
WHAT ARE NEH-KARMAS?
We can reduce our karmas by living mindfully of the karmic law. That means doing things that do not incur good or bad karma. However, if we are still not living life in a neh-karma or karma-less way, it is better to have good karma than bad karma. There are many examples of people who can directly see the rewards that came back to them from a deed of good karma. Many times, we cannot read the correlation between what we have done what we received in return. Sometimes the effects span several lifetimes. At other times, what happens to us is a result of something we set in motion years ago.

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Everything we do is recorded in karmic accounts. There is a strict the karmic accounts. There is a strict accounting of our every thought, word and deed. It is wise to make sure that we do not commit any actions, thoughts or words that can rebound to us with consequence. Instead, we must have thoughts, words, and deeds that are good so that good can come back to us.

CAN WE MAKE BETTER CHOICES TO SPEED UP OUR JOURNEY BACK TO

However, if we are on the spiritu-al path, we do not want to return to this world to reap the rewards of what we do. There is a better plan. We can do good but do so without having to come back to reap the rewards. The solution is do good in the Name of God, without wanting any reward for ourselves. This means we are doing good in the



world, but the credit is being passed on to God. We do not want material gains for what we do. We only want to accumulate spiritual benefits and the love and pleasure of God. These are termed acts that are neh-karma or karma-free. How can this be done? We can have good thoughts, words, and deeds in life but we pass on the credit to God. We do good things because it is the right thing to do, not to make name for ourselves or earn money. We say good things to thers because it is the kind and loving thing to do, just out of good-hings to others because it is the kind and loving thing to do, just out of good-hings and the search without expecting anything in return. We think good things about others as an expression of the spiritual love we are developing in which we recognise all people as members of the same family of God. We still do good, but our deeds are selfless without us wanting any material rewards. We do get benefits, but they are of the spirit. These benefits come in the form of spiritual progress, the love of God, earning the pleasure of God, and the burning of our karmas without creating new ones.

Another activity in which we can spend our time without creating more karma is Meditation. When we sit with a still mind we are not creating more karma. Sit Meditation.

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ing critical and hurtful thoughts of others is not karma-less meditation. It is sitting and thinking thoughts that create more karma. That is why simram or repetition of the name of God is an important helping factor in preventing karma in meditation.

If we repeat the name of God, our mind is focused and does not have a chance to create karma by thinking negative thoughts against anyone. Simram helps us forget the past hurt or future worries, helps us to focus on being in the present moment in which we are meditating to progress on the spiritual journey back to God. That analogy is like keeping our car in neuspiritual journey back to God. The analogy is like keeping our car in neutral at a red light. We are not using up our gas, but we also not moving in any direction.

LAW OF KARMA AND JOURNEY OF OUR SOUL

OUR SOUL

The soul undergoes a long journey through various forms of creation from the moment is separated from God until it returns to God. This journey involves transmigration of the soul in which it accumulates karma, a record of all its thoughts, words, and deeds. Karmas accumulated can be good or bad's good thoughts words. good or bad: good thoughts, words, and deeds, or bad thoughts, words, and

deeds. The law of karma, or the law of action and reaction, provides a system of justice in which one is rewarded for good karmas and punished for bad karmas. A soul must pay off all karma to get back to God.

The realities of the karmic law should sink into us so that we make better choices in our thoughts, words, and deeds. If we want to make spiritual progress, the roadmap is laid out for us and is our choice as to whether we put our car into drive and move for-

to a pingess, inc toxical as to whether we put our car into drive and move far wards, stay in neutral and remain idle, or drive in reverse. Our free will means the choice is ours to make. Let us remember that whatever we do will come back to us, whether good or bad. Let us also realise that others, sepecially our children, are watching us and will model their behaviour upon ours. Let be aware of the effect of our thoughts, words, and deeds and ensure that we do not do anything that will come back to us as karmic debt in the future. It is better if we do everything good in the Name of God without wanting any material rewards. In this way, we will not be creating karma and we will find the twe will wind up our karmas, reunite with God, and enjoy eternal peace and happiness.

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Rama's lessons to remember



The legend goes that Divali is celebrated to mark Lord Rama's return to Ayodhya after slaying Ravana. We have been celebrating Divali for ages. But it is important is to remember that more than Rama's victory, it is the values he stood for that needs to be recapitulated and imbibed. Lord Rama lives not only as an incarnation of God born to end evil prevailing in the world during those times. Lord Rama lives as Maryada Purushottam, the noblest among human beings who stood for certain values and principles. rather epitomised them. Let this Divali remind us of those values and, may be, give us the will and the ability to practise those. Rama and Ramayana need to be the source of strength and sustenance for us to practise righteousness. Thinking of those principles that Rama stood for may then be a timely reminder to help us reinvent ourselves. The sum and substance of Rama's character lie in this one story that has been narrated and recounted time and again. The story goes that when Rama returned to Ayodhya after killing the mighty demon king, who was the most powerful of the kings on the globe in those days, people were discharged. So the citizens of Ayodhya asked out of disbelief how Rama could kill someone as invincible as Ravana. The reply that the Lord gave is worth pondering over. Lord Rama very humbly said that I did not kill Ravana. I is the "I that killed Ravana. I, the bloated ego doused in arrogance. It was the ego of Ravana that proved his undoing. In fact, one big difference between Rama and Ravana was humility was the goof Ravana that proved his undoing. In fact, one big difference between Rama and Ravana was humility can be such as a construction of the summary of the provention of

Find your peace post a fight

If we handle our disagreements in the right way, we can help our own selves to bounce back and emerge with a stronger bond, says DR ANJU SHARMA

bisagreements can arise in any relationships. The consequence of such disagreements sometimes leads to arguments, that are the worst moments to come across. But if we handle such situations in the right way, we can help us to bounce back with a stronger bond. Here are some tips to deal with anxiety after arguments with loved ones:

GIVE SOME TIME AND SPACE
After an argument, you should give some time and space to each other. This is important to resolve the conflict. To avoid further heated arguments, give a breathing room by stepping away for a glass of water or a breathing exercise. This will give time to calm down the emotionally charged up individuals.

FIGURE OUT THE ROOT CAUSE OF ANXIETY

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When you are away from your loved
one giving time to cool down, try to understand the reason behind the other persons
behaviour. If they are being anxious, then
understand what triggered their anxiety leve
and what you can do to calm down the situ-

COMMUNICATE, DO NOT ARGUE
When the time is right, extend the olive branch. Talk to each other calmly and discuss each other's point of view. Talkling and apologising to each other means that you acknowledge that both of you have been hurt and want to heal the relationship.

BE A GOOD LISTENER

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During the fight, both the individuals are trying hard to get their respective point across and this makes the situation worse. To resolve the argument, try to listen to your loved ones' perspective. If you still disagree with the other person's perspective, then you can acknowledge their emotional hurt and



pacify with statements like 'I am sorry (topic) made you feel bad.' Most importantly do not get into defensive mode when the other person is speaking about your role in the argument

i AND MAKEUPOne of the most important steps is ore or while communicating, hug the

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person and rub the spinal cord. Massaging the spine will help in the flow of hormones and calms down the cells of the body. It relaxes the stressed muscles and the person will settle for better communication.

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Ten questions to ask self

For good life, we need God's blessings. There is no other way to exist well, writes AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI as he encourages us to look within

There are some questions that each one of us must answer for our own well being. The first question being. To you accept that you are small? If you don't, you are far removed from reality. For example, if you consider yourself very big or important and you come down with a contagious disease. Just watch the reaction of all near and dear ones. They will try to help surely but only after making sure that they are safe. The wise persons take shelter of the omnipotent God. I do so because I have realised that without a good connection with God, I am helpless.

out a good connection with God, I am helpless.
The next question is: "Are you part of the creation or an independent enti-ye?" Lord Krishna states in the Bhagawad Gita that we all are parts of God. (15.7) He knows because He is the creator. When you accept this fact, then, others become equally important to you. You need to cooperate with them. Only then, you will get their help. The third question is: "If you don't, then, can you exist on your own?" My experience tells me that I cannot. It has been estimated that human beings need help from upwards of twenty persons to exist well ed that human beings need help from upwards of twenty persons to exist well on a daily basis. The fourth question is: "Do you know everything you need to know?" Only a silly person would answer in the affirmative, because there is so much knowledge. Therefore, wise persons take shelter of the omniscient God, who provides the required information through intuitions, etc. or arranges through some other sources like human beings, media, etc. The fifth question is: "Can you do whatever you desire?" My answer is a firm no. I am very limited in what I can accomplish on my own. Therefore, I have chosen to take shelter of God, and



I seek His help very frequently. God guides and helps as only He can. Suppose I need some favour from some person and he is not keen to oblige. God can and does change that persons mind if God feels that it is for general good, not just for my selfish reasons. The sixth question is: "Can you control results?" Unfortunately, the answer will be in negative mostly than positive, such is the nature of this changing world. Therefore, Lord Krishna has instructed us to not try to predetermine result. (2.47) But one thing is certain and that is one can cross all impediments by God's grace, which can be attained by developing God consciousness. (18.58) There are many ways the same can be achieved.

The seventh question is: "What

achieved.

The seventh question is: "What does taking shelter mean to you?" To me it means turning to God and praying for His guidance and help for whatever is troubling me. God is very meriful. He guides and helps. The eighth question is: "What do you really want

in life?" One seeks the benevolence of God so one's family should remain healthy, peaceful and happy. The ninth question." What does the word protection mean to you?" We need to be safe from whatever could threaten us, owing the way to control. For example, we need assurance that no one which we have no control. For example, we need assurance that no one should physically harm us. That brings us to the last question." Can you gain at will whatever you need by way of resources to exist well?" The answer has to be a firm no, because we need so many types of resources throughout lives. However, God has promised in the Gita that for His advanced devotees. What did you learn by answering these questions? My experience tells me that for a high quality of life, I need God's shelter. I have found no other way to exist well. God must guide and help ne at all times. For me, this is an absolutely necessity.

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Women in a just society in New India

"The awkward fit of theory to actuality is most vivid for poor women in poor economies. These women may depend on others, but lack the supposed securities of dependence. They are impoverished, but are often providers. They are powerless, yet others who are yet more vulnerable depend on them for protection. Their vulnerability reflects heavy demands as much as slender resources." resources."
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Concerns about inequality and injustice women face in various societies don't require a league consisting only of economists and policy-analysts. Both historically and contemporarily, philosophers and literary figures world over have reaffirmed their interest through their characters in these overwhelming problems. I will like to initiate this article by bringing into picture two characters: Sissy lupe from Charles Dickens's novel Hard Times and Vasilisa. Arsenyeva from Salman Rushdie's novel The Golden House. One may wonder what these novel-ists writting in different centuries have to do with women and a just society. Both Dickens and Rushdie in their own way handled hard facts of life with an unfailing appeal to their readers.

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ders. Mr M'Choakumchild was Mr M'Choakumchild was exploring Sissy's knowledge about national prosperity. "Now, this schoolroom is a Nation. And in this nation, there are fifty millions of money. Isn't this prosperous nation, and an't you in a thriving state?" Sissy pleaded ignorance but nevertheless explained her ignorance. She said she could not answer the question unless hek new, "Who had got the money, and whether any of it was mine." Obviously Sissy Jupe, not happy with sad affairs of distributive justice chose to lament it. chose to lament it. Rushdie, in V Arsenyeva, finds

a different version of a woman. Rushdie captured her emotions while she delivered a monologue on pover-ty, love and need. Let me quote from her monologue. "Please. I require no sympathy regarding the poverty of my origin..." Poverty is a disgusting condition and to fail to emerge from the label discussion. condition and to fail to emerge from it is also disgusting. Fortunately I excelled at all things both physical and mental and so I have been able to come to America... I know my presence here is the fruit of my own labour... The past is a broken cardpresence here is the fruit of my own labour... The past is a broken card-board suitcase full of photographs of things I no longer wish to see. I am the general of myself and my body is the foot soldier that obeys what the general commands."

The two characters share some commonalities. First both are women: one a young school-going girl and the second V Arsenyeva; a relatively adder Busstan did with ori-

wonter: one a young school-gogid and the second V Arsenyeva; a relatively older Russian girl with origin in Siberia, and living in America. Next both concern themselves with resources: their distribution and empowerment. Both characters, through their outpourings, set the ball rolling; an emotive story of real agony and anguish of a little girl who would be a woman a few years later and a young woman who was a little girl a few years earlier. Sissy for her age was quite wise; poverty taught her wisdom from very early stage of childhood; it gave her farsightedness early in life. She could distinguish between finer nuisances stage of childhood; it gave her farsightedness early in life. She could
distinguish between finer nuisances
of micro and macroeconomics and
had no qualms in believing macro
affluence did not suo motu convert
itself into micro affluence and socioeconomic comfort. The monologuof V Arsenyeva is a reflection on
overcoming paucity of resources
and ignorance by dint of "great selfdiscipline" and the acquired ability
or build a house" so that "one can
live in it (this being an example)."
Sissy lamented lack of empowerment, Arsenyeva believed in selfdetermination and relentless pursuance of her dreams.

Both these women used their
experiences to remind the world it
fell short of being completely just.
History bears us out the world has
always fallen short of being completely just particularly when it
comes to women. The exclusion of
women outside the realm of opportunity to partner in building prosprocess societies and economies is

tunity to partner in building pros-perous societies and economies is enial of a just society to them and

others too.

Much work both in theory and practice has been done for exploring the methods to improve the lot of the weak, the exploited and the marginalised. Looking at the recent history of empowerment, a conference that took place at World Institute for Development Economics Research in Helsinki in 1988 to deliberate upon issues like what is meant by "quality of life", and the requirements in terms of socio-economic policy for improvof socio-economic policy for improv-ing and ultimately achieving it there-



by empowering the deprived ones, started a lively discussion on way ahead. Helsinki conference unequiv

ahead. Helsinki conference unequivocally stressed on the need to assess a number of distinct areas of human life in determining how well people are doing rather than measuring quality of life by hinging on single index of per capita national income.

From Helsinki conference the world travelled through Millennium Development Goals and reached in 2015 more comprehensive and inclusive Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Goal 5 of Sustainable Development Goals 2015 aims to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women in the and violence against women in the and violence against women in the public and private spheres and to undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources and access to ownership of property. Descent work, equal access to education, and representation in political and economic decision making processes are the rights women must enjoy, Investment in the empowerment of women results not consist in suchiaus resources of God 5.

ical and economic decision making processes are the rights women must enjoy. Investment in the empowerment of women results not only in making progress on Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals but also in fuelling sustainable economic development. Let us have a look at Indian scenario.

On August 14, 1947, Jawaharlal Nehru reminded the nation about the task ahead i.e. "...the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity." But unfortunately for close to six decades (which indeed is a long period) the tasks identified by Nehru remained largely unaccomplished with not much success. Many countries like Cuba, South Korea, Taiwan Thailand, Costa Rica, etc., following different growth strategies could achieve huge reduction in human deprivation and inequality. In these countries much stress was laid particularly on expansion of basic education and health care. Indias performance was certainly not worth bragging about and not very enthusing in the field of opportunities for women and their empowerment. When it comes to women, where does the problem lie particularly in traditional societies like ours?

Julia Annas, Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University, in an essay titled "Women and the Quality of Life: Two Norms or One?" tries to answer above question by analysing the existence of "two actual norms for human life". She gives examples from traditional societies where certain practices have withheld benefits accruing to

gives examples from traditional soci-eties where certain practices have withheld benefits accruing to women. For example, unfortunate-ly it is still believed that resources should not be "wasted" on educating daughters. The reason adduced for

this as cited by Annas is "...the women in the traditional society, with their domestic futures, don't desire education." Annas further gives similar examples like, to quote Annas, "...women may justly be kept from participation in public life because they are more self-centered and less capable of impartial thought than men." This example shows how such reasons adduced result in various assertions of differences between men's and women's natures. Annas ridicules this reasoning and Annas ridicules this reasoning and asserts that "superficial desires" as compared to "informed desires" compared to "informed desires" where all positive aspects of education are known to women must recede and thus women will show desire for education. What the learned philosopher means is, "injustice results from the existence of two norms," and harps on mitigating superficial desires "resting on an unreflective view of their circumstances."

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Even how it has been a knowledge practice in many households that the woman who cooks food is the last to eat it and that too whatever meagre is leftover. They are not expected to complain and they are ever ready to compless that their nutritional status and physical heath are good even when they have physical ailments. Thus desires adjust to deprivation and division of functions. This sort of exclusionary neglect needs immediate attention and equipping women with adequate information not justifying "superficial desires" is the first crucial step towards eliminating cases of exclusionary neglect. Annas rightly concludes in any society ctice in many households that th rightly concludes in any society gender issues are not focused on women alone but the relationship

women alone out the reasonship-between men and women.

Current efforts afoot in India under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflect on concerns expressed by philoso-phers like Professors Julia Annas and Onora O'Neill. Narendra Modi has Onora O Neili. Narendra Modi nas visualised through his vast experience as leader of Gujarat and afterwards the nation the use of comparative per-spective by going beyond the limited. For example, the need to under-

For example, the need to under-stand the nexus between social con-ditions and economic opportunities has been properly appreciated. He has realised the crucial linkages between creating basic educational facilities and opening up of new eco-nomic opportunities and expanding the scope for better use of labour and skills. Most importantly, it has also been recognised that social oppor-tunities are influenced by a host of factors like the state of health and educational services, the nature and availability of finance, the presence

of markets, including policies to pro mote and restrict these markets, pres-ence of middlemen in markets and very importantly gender injustice. Therefore, the Prime Minister insists on unified approach to empower-ment and this is reflected in various programmes launched by present Government.

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The commitment of India to implement the Sustainable Development Goals was spelt out through the speech and commitment made by Prime Minister of India at the UN Summit for the adoption of post 2015 Development Agenda. In his speech the Prime Minister said, "Today, much of India's development agenda is mirrored in the Sustainable Development Goals." Further with reference to empowerment, he said, the attack on poverty includes not only expanded conventional schemes of development, but also a new era of inclusion and empowerment, turning distant dreams into immediate possibilities. He further spoke about new bank accounts for 180 million; direct transfer of benefits, million; direct transfer of benefits micro enterprises and micro finance, drawing on the strength of digital drawing on the strength of digital and mobile applications with the focus on basics, housing, power, water and sanitation for all. These are important not just for welfare, but also human dignity. Development is intrinsically linked to empowerment of women and it begins with a massive programme on educating the girl child that has become every family's mission.

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He clarified these are goals with a definite date, not just a mirage of hope. Thus the broad agenda towards empowerment with reference to SDGs in India is set.

The Prime Minister's constant emphasis on inclusion and inclusiveness is at the root of developmental efforts progressing in India. Sincere, honest and transparent efforts to achieve overall development for all with no exceptions are clearly visible. The Prime Minister's historic speech makes it amply clear that overall human development that much to do with making structure. has much to do with making struc has much to do with making struc-tural changes to conquer the inequities and exploitations that characterise society. This in turn con-stitutes an efficient and effective blend of meeting "basic needs" and equipping people with "capabilities." Efforts aim at planning and inter-twining capabilities created now with a bigger expansion of capabil-ities in the future. Possible conflicts between immediately enhancing ities in the future. Possible conflicts between immediately enhancing capabilities i e meeting basic needs and long-term expansion of capa-bilities in the future i.e economic prosperity cannot be ruled out and

need be addressed in time. Though SDGs cover all human beings, for the purpose of this article and due to paucity of space, I will limit myself with some important schemes launched in recent past to enhance opportunities for women empowerment.

The Government of India has recognised, amid others, two important ways to empower women: Economic empowerment through participation in economic activities and opportunities and second through mitigation of educational deprivations. The schemes chalked out and implemented broadly address these requirements and out and implemented broadly address these requirements and thereby endeavour to ensure that women gain equal rights, opportunities and access to resources. The first and foremost thing is their safety, security and economic empowerment. Towards that end, schemes like Mahila Police Volunteers (MPV) envisaging engagement of Mahila Police Volunteers in States/UTs who act as a link between police and community and facilitate women in distress; Pradhan Mantri Ujiawala Vojana empowering women below Yojana empowering women belov poverty line and protecting their health by providing LPG cylinder

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Working Women Hostel (WWH) ensures the safety and socurity for working women by providing safe and conveniently located accommodation. Pradhan Mantri Sukanya Samriddhi Yojna aims at economic empowerment of girls by opening their bank accounts and enabling their parents to save funds for their female child's education and marriage. Under this scheme the account can be opened at any post office or a branch of an authorised commercial bank in India between the birth of the girl child and till the age of ten by a parent or guardian. The account offers 8.6 per cent interest with the girl child able to operate the account allows for years old and the account allows for years old and the account allows for years old and the account allows for fifty per cent withdrawal at the age of eighteen for higher education. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana aims Pradham Mantri Awasa Yojana aims at prioritisiing housing for women. Launched in 2016, Mahila-E-Haatis a bilingual marketing platform intended to help aspiring women entrepreneurs, NGOs and self-higroups to showcase their services and products. Mahila Shakit Kendra was launched in 2017 to provide women with opportunities for skill devolution, and digital literacy.

Each Mahila Shakti Kendra working at National, State, District and Block levels, provides an opportunity to women to approach the

Government for their entitlements through capacity building and train-ing. Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Yojana ing. Betl Bachao, Betl Padhao Vojama that came into being in January 2015, drives at generating awareness and improving the efficacy of welfare services for grif child. Most important components of the scheme include addressing the issue of declining child sex ratio, gender-based sex-selective eliminations and protecting survival, protection and education of the grif child.

These schemes resonate well with the sustainable targets on gender equality and are marked by inclusionary coherence. For example, the Government has identified ending violence against women and pro-

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as a key national priority. Beti
Bachao Beti Padhao scheme aims at
equal opportunity and education for
girls, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana aims
at prosperity of girl child and Janani
Suraksha Yojana provides safe motherhood intervention under National
Health Mission with the objective of
goderne material, and gesential reducing maternal and neo-natal mortality among poor pregnant

women. The most novel feature of these schemes is generally these don't flow from a common perception that problems faced by women are cases of more general difficulties of the deprived and marginalised population. Each and every scheme with its distinct identity and full-fledged mission is intended for girls and women and aims at establishment of intended for first productions. a just society for women without any discrimination.

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The crux of recent efforts in India in the field of women empowerment is reduction of women inequality and injustice by providing them resources and opportunities and equipping them with decision-making power including political powers. Onora O'Neill suggests, 'aserious account of justice cannot gloss over the predicaments of impoverished providers in marginalised and developing countries." That is an important lesson for policy makers who plan for creating a just society or making society less unjust. An emerging New India very well addresses the issue raised by Onora O'Neill. The concept of a just society is firmly embedded in the multi-peaked idea of a New India.

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ARIES March 21-April 19

This week is all about right action at any given moment. You may feel you are the master of your destiny. You have a shining personality and are likely embark on a new path. By being in tune with the environment and new path. By being in tune with the environment and with others, you never or wrong with the judgment. Professionally, there is a good chance of realising your potentials and opportunities. There is a need to be attentive and afert. For some of you, a feeling of stagnation, dissatisfaction is taking a tion you. Your career is on the state. There is a need to socialise, and to reconnect with the people. Connections and convensations sometimes prove rewarding. On the personal front, a new love interest is possible. The existing relations will bloom to.

Lucky number 12



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week health looks promising. This is a great time to try a new health care approach, especially preventative care. Exercise, eat well, and make sure that you get enough sleep. Don't hesitate to try a new healer or seek a enough slep. Don't hesitate to try a new haaler or seek a second opinion, should he need arises. On the career front, additional duties and responsibilities may cause work pressure to increase. If you are in such a situation, don't hesitate to ask for help or delegate workloads. This way your efficiency will increase and the outcome will be desent. On the personal front, you will enjoy unconditional love and affection this week. There is purify in relationships. Those looking for love, soul mate in their life, this is the time to embrace the opportunity with open arms.



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

his week you will feel healthy, free and may experience hange of perspective. Negativity replaces optimism. w possibilities can be foreseen. This is also a time to New possibilities can be foreseen. This is also a time to utilise your creative energies. On the work front, you will find prest success. Promotion or his in status is very likely which will make you confident, secure and well-established. You are self-disciplined, renepted and would exert dynamic control over life. You are a motivator and an inspiration to your colleagues. This is the time when your intelligence, wisdom and experience will pay you rich dividends. On the personal front, your dynamic personality exudes charm. Love is in the air. Appreciate your spouss. Sweet words will rejuvenate your relationship.

Lucky number 18 Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Wednesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week your passion for creative pursuits will consume your time and energy. You spend your time fruitfully. You are inspired and productive in your pursuits. There is satisfaction and a positive environme surrounds you, helping you to enjoy the bliss of good health. On the career front, there is a wake-up call for health. On the career front, there is a wake-up call for you to change yourself for the better, to get the realisation, to get over the period of confusion or misunderstanding. Do not stress over things. Stop thinking too much and start letting things simply be. Wait for the good times. On the personal front, you have to be presentable, withy, enthusiastic and ready to win the heart of your loved one. There could be challenges, accusations and your spouse may be demanding.



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You are healthy, smart and reflect a good personality this week. You prefer to stay ache and are constantly attempting to make things happen. You know how to utilise your skills to create the world you want. Your skill of being able to talk your way through and adaptability to any situation is at its best. On the work front, you may feel stagnated. If you feel there is no chance of growth in the present organization that you are working with, then consider switching your job. The time is right. You are a creative and Jogical person. You would be an asset to any company, Just realise your potential. On the relationship front, you will enjoy an entertaining and rewarding week. You will spend happy and quality time with your loved ones. You are healthy, smart and reflect a good personality this



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week some water-borne diseases may trouble you. You are a sensitive person, therefore, keep yourself safe from any kind of infection. Action, luncate water, injuries should be avoided. If you feel physically low, take timely action. It is not advisable to ignore your health. On the work front, a recent period of confusion could be the reason for your current conflict. You feel indicasive, under-confident as a person. You need to come out of illusion and take intuitions. There may have been mistodings, but they will eventually be revealed. There are internal conflicts that need to be resolved soon. On the personal front, you will feel optimistic, upbeat, and hoppelf about your relationships. Committed hopeful about your relationships. Committed relationships may rise to new and better heights soon



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This will be a very hectic week for you. Do not get physically violent, otherwise, you could hurt yourself. You are highly perceptive and intultive too. You need to control your emotions and ambitions. Avoid agnession and any kind of arguments with the people around you. On the professional front, there may be serious problems at your workplace. This doesn't have to be the end of the world or the end of your job, but ignoring these problems will not make them go away. You have reached a point where you can now see wheth. rgioting uses proteins will not make their go away You have reached a point where you can now see what is best for you. Take some quiet time to decide your next move. On the personal front, this is a very good week for you. Warmth and affection of the near and dear ones will increase.



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

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This week you need to get a thorough check-up of your heath. Stress may be overpowering you and be causing heath problems. Be sure that you are paying adequate attention to diet, excress, earl seep, Keep a positive attention to you may need some time alone. You will find depth and wisdom in solutide. On the caref tront, you have excellent energy to accomplish work. Financially you will feel secure. The money will come from more than one source. You may consider investing in properly at this point. A new project could be assigned to you, making you busier and financially richet. The week is not very good in terms of a relationship. Troubles may arise in existing relationships. You lend to find faults in your partner. Trust and faith are missing. Work on this aspect.



AOUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week you are sentimental, emotional and may get worried over small issues. Physically you remain healthy, but mental tension, anxiety could cause concern. You may even turn moody, temperamental, and unsocial. You wish to be left alone. Spiritualism, moditation, and other works precise could behalve. and unsocial. You wish to be left alone. Sprintalism, meditation and other yogic practices could help you gain your balance. On the work front, you have to put your best not forward. Whether it is your energy, time or money investment, you have worked with full dedication and now waiting for the dividends. A good message which could enhance your career is foreseen. On the personal front, relationships are smooth and easy-joing. People around you feel relaxed. Romance, love and a new excitement are in the air.



CANCER June 21-July 22

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This week you will experience new energy, stamina with good health. Vou are a very positive and grounded person. Put your energy in creative pursuits. You never know what your creations during this time might come to. You will enjoy yourself and this task will deepen and enrich your life. On the career front, some old acquaintances may prove beneficial for your professional life. If you are boding for a riph, old connections, associations will bring a smile on your face. Recommendation and favour will work well for you, griying you an upper hand. Deep your eyes, be alert, and remember lost opportunities are never regained. On the personal front, relationships may be troubling, and you will leef frustrated. The unhealthy mind of your near and dear ones may hut your feelings. dear ones may hurt your feelings



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week your determination and strong will power would help you overcome health challenges, and put you in the right direction for a disciplined life. Alcohol, Junk and spicy food should be avoided. Routine exercises, morning walk and planned field would work worders for you. Sick to It. Timely medical care will cure you of your existing aliments. Protessionally, you will establish your strength. This is a rewarding week in terms of your profession and job. People will listen to you and respect your views. Those who are in a job may have the reason to feel pride after the accomplishment of an important project. On the personal front, you feel bissend, looked project. On the personal front, you feel blessed, looked after and share cherishable moments with the loved



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

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This week your generosity, kindness, concern, and care for others would be appreciated. Health remains good for you, and you may devote good time in looking after your alling parents, relative or a friend. You are likely to follow meditation, Yoga and Pranspara and other practices. You feel released, cain, and in tune with your body, mind, and soul. On the career front, expect fairly a good period. New venues for money earning could be opened for you. A new job opportunity with better prospects will excite you, and those who are unemployed will be getting an opening for themselves, too. Old contections and association will be helpful. On the personal front, prestige, glory, and status in the society shall enhance. Relatives will appreciate your endeavours.



Know what you are worth

A girl was vying for an Engineering course. She, however, could not get through her 12th examination in the first attempt. In her second attempt, she scored good marks but could not get through the Engineering entrance test. Frustrated, she came along with her father asking." Sir, I wish to take up Engineering course. Please suggest a puju that may help me successfully get through entrance test next year. "Instead of wasting one whole year, waiting for another chance to get into Engineering, why don't you look for another alternative options available?" I asked. "Sir, I am good at Mathematics and other Science subjects. So, I can do well in this discipline," the girl responded. "If I look at your track record, you

well in this discipline," the girl responded. "If I look at your track record, you failed your 12th examination, scoring poorly in Mathematics. Of course, you improved your score in your next attempt. But have you analysed why you failed in your first attempt?" I asked. "May be my time was bad." She replied. Well, you can't simply blame time or destiny indications for your failure. Better look into your own fault line. A look at your chart reveals that the basic reason for your failure has been lack of

focus. Your monkey mind keeps flirting with varying ideas, which you keep breeding non-stop. Being so deeply engaged in those thoughts, mostly irrelevant, your mind doesn't allow the space vanit, your mind doesn't allow the space necessary to be focused towards your studies. Consequently, you fail to absorb what you have studied, and with obvious consequences. This inherent habit tendency will chase you even in the future, not allowing you time and mind space necessary to do justice to your studies, unless otherwise consciously addressed. It will not be out of place to mention here that consistency is the key to any discipline of science. One missing link in between, and you are lost. But there are subjects, which you can absorb well with just a short spell of attention. Better look for other options that you can cope with.

just a short spell of attention. Better look for other options that you can cope with. The problem these days is that often children, and even their parents get drawn towards the ongoing trend. If Engineering followed by Management is the going thing, parents get tempted to push their children towards that course. Seldom do they care to identify child's indwelling potential. Often desire trend comes in conflict with inlaid potential. Consequently, the child fails to put in



one's qualitative best, and when they fail to make it to their desired destination, they end up frustrated. "Agreed sir, I realise that I lack focus.

But isn't there a puja that can help me overcome this weakness?" Asked the But isn't there a puja that can help me overcome this weakness?" Asked the girl. Well, the problem is with your mind-trend. So, it can be corrected through a mental process only. And habit dies hard. So you need to continuously work upon your inherent infirmities. It is difficult to digest that a pundit can enter your mind space by conducting a puja, to make necessary amend. You can yourself do it better by following a method 1 am going to suggest what were discipline you take, focused attention will always help you. But at the same time, you should also check upon your own worth. "What does the chart suggest?" asked the girl's father.

Lagna lord Mars is in the lagna itself that makes out a very strong headed girl and stubborn also. Incidentally Mars happens to be the 3rd cusp sub-lord, identified with natural inclinations. Mars occupies the constellation owned by Mercury, which is placed in the 7th house. Linkage of Mars to Mercury suggests that she would be inclined towards Engineering. But Mars being opposite

Mercury means that she is a restive character. She suffers from attention

deficiency.

Mercury is placed adverse to mis-Mercury is placed adverse to mischievous Neptune as well, which accounts for her insensible reasoning and judgement. Mind signifying Moon is posited in an airy sign Libra, and placed adverse to Rahu. So, she though has a fertile mind who would be continuously breeding thoughts, but shall be engaged in unnecessary brooding and contemplating over them. With this state of mind, you can't do justice to the callings of Engineering or any science discipline.

To figure out a course corresponding

To figure out a course corresponding to her inherent worth, the 4th cusp coordinates will throw light. 4th lord Saturn is in a Venus owned sign Taurus. The constellation lord is Jupiter in a Ine constellation lord is Jupiter in a Mercury owned sign Gemini. The 4th sub-lord is again Venus. Saturn, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury seen in togetherness point to Commerce, Insurance, Psychology, philosophy, and office man-agement.

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