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SC raises concerns over Covid relapse

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Apex court asks Centre, States to file status report in 2 days on steps taken to deal with situation; Maha told to be prepared for worst in Dec

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said that the Covid-19 situation has worsened in Delhi and gone out of control in Gujarat even as it warned Maharashtra to be prepared for the worst in December. Expressing concern over the surge in number of Covid-19 cases across the country, the court asked the Centre and all States to flie within two days status reports detailing the steps taken to deal with the situation.

Things have worsened in Delhi especially in November. You file a status report on what steps have been taken," a Bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan told Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain, who was appearing for the Delhi Government.

"In Gujarat, the situation is going out of control," said the Bench, also comprising Justices RS Reddy and MR Shah.

"There is spike in cases and this is only November. Prepare for the worst in December. You have to take steps," the Bench fold the lawyer appearing for Maharashtra.

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The Bench was hearing a matter regarding the need for proper treatment of Covid-19 patients and dignified handling of dead bodies in the hospitals. It has posted the matter for further hearing on November 27.

The court pointed out that Covid-19 cases have risen Covid-19 cases have risen across the country especially in Delhi, Maharashtra and Gujarat and noted the submissions of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta who said steps are being taken to deal with the

situation in Delhi. Iain told the Bench that as

per earlier order of the SC, an expert committee has been constituted and other directions have also been complied with by the Delhi Government. He said that a separate space has been earmarked for the cremation of 385 bodies. "We have no difficulty that you have compiled with orders of this court.

But looking at the present situation, what else are you doing," the Bench observed and asked Jain to file a status report.

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The apex court also questioned the Gujarat Government over its policy of marriage celebration during the pandemic time, saying cases are rising there and the situation has worsened in the State after Delhi and Maharashtra.

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"After Delhi and Maharashtra ituation in Gujarat has also worsened. What is that you are allowing marriage celebration during day time? You file an affidavit on the status report on steps on the status report on steps taken as on date," the SC said.

Those from NCR, Guj, Raj, Goa must carry RT-PCR -ve

report with them

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI In a safety precaution taken in

In a satety precaution taken in view of increasing Covid-19 cases in the national Capital and three other States, the Maharashtra Government on Monday made it mandatory



A health worker collects samples from a passenger for the Covid-19 test, as coronavirus cases surge across Delhi, at ISBT Kashmere Gate in New Delhi on Monday

Ranjan Dimri I Pic

Covid -ve report must for entering Maha

HC DECLINES 'HAI F-BAKED' PLFA FOR IMMEDIATE LOCKDOWN IN DELHI

LUCAUUWN IN DELHI
New Delhi: The Delhi High
Court on Monday declined to
entertain a plea seeking directions to the AAP Government
to immediately place the city
under lockdown in view of the
rhsing Covid-19 cases and air
pollution levels, saying the
petition was "half-baked" and
unnecessary".

OXFORD UNIVERSITY VACCINE 'EFFECTIVE' AT PREVENTING COVID-19: SHOWS 70% PROTECTION

London: The vaccine candidate being trialled by Oxford University on Monday presented crucial Phase 3 interin results which show that it is "effective" at preventing Covid-19 and offers a high level of protection from the deadly virus.

le the second pandemic wave if it hits the State. My request to people is to take all health precautions, he had said.

Amid speculation that started brewing a few days ago that Maharashtra may suspend train and air transport services between Mumbai and Delhi, Uddhav Thackeray made the first move when the State made compulsory for those arriving in Maharashtra by air, train and road to carry RT-PCR negative test report with them.

TOTAL

CASES: 91.75.627 DEATHS: 1,34,213 RECOVERED: 86,00,057

ACTIVE: 4,39,280

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Andhra Pradesh	8,62,758	6,948	8,42,416
Tamil Nadu	7,71,619	11,622	7,47,752
Kerala	5,67,204	2,072	4,99,338
Delhi	5,34,317	8,512	4,88,476
Uttar Pradesh	5,28,833	7,582	4,97,475
West Bengal	4,59,918	8,072	4,26,816
Odisha	3,14,629	1,710	3,06,726
Telangana	2,64,128	1,433	2,51,468
Rajasthan	2,47,168	2,181	2,20,871
Bihar	2,31,044	1,227	2,24,701
Chhattisgarh	2,23,436	2,732	1,99,311
Haryana	2,19,963	2,216	1,97,335
Assam	2,11,682	975	2,07,525
Gujarat	1,98,899	3,876	1,81,287

At least 5 die of MBBS, students, **Covid an hour in Delhi in 24 hours**

ovid-19 fatalities have increased in the draitonal Capital with at least five people dying of the deadly virus every hour on an average in Delhi in the last 24 hours. While a total of 511 Covid-19 deaths were recorded across the country in the past 24 hours. Delhi accounted for the largest churk of such fatalities with 121 fatalities, the data updated at 8 am showed.

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I his was accounted for the largest chunk of such fatalities across the country, which recorded an average of 21 deaths in this peri-od.

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The analysis was based on the data from the Union Health Ministry which gave the total number of deaths recorded in the country and all States and UTs due to Covid-19 in the past 24 hours.

dentists to assist in Covid-19 care

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday ordered the fourth-fifth-year-MBBS students and dentists to be allowed to assist in hospitals and Covid-19 ICU units to meet the manpower shortage.

His decision came after a surge in the coronavirus cases and fatalities reported since last week in the national Capital.

According to an official order, the fourth-and-fifth-year MBBS students and dental doctors will assist duty doctors at the honorarium of \$1,000 for an eight-hour shift and \$2,000 for a 12-hour shift per day.

The Delhi Government, in its order, had also said in the case of interns, the honorarium would

The Delhi Government, in its order, had also said in the case of interns, the honorarium would be over and above their stipend. According to Government database, Delhi has reported 40,212 active cases, 4,81,260 recoveries, and 8,391 deaths.

Row over private schools

ravelling to Maharashtra by air, trains and roads from the National Capital Region and the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat Manarashtra Chief Manarashtra Chief Manarashtra than Chief Manarashtra in the wake on a "high alert" in view and Coa'd-19 wave gripping waharashtra in the wake of increasing incidence of Covid-19 in New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Surat, the Maharashtra Government put in place a mechanism to prevent the passengers carrying Covid-19 trained to the State, we cannot lower unguard. The State health authorsities are well-equipped to tack-China's mad infra push along LAC alarms India

Bunkers, roads, dwelling units in eastern sector of **LAC** besides Ladakh

While efforts are on to resolve the seven-month-old stand-off through sustained dialogue, China continues with infrastructure development all along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), Military ammunition bunkers, roads and prefabricated dwelling units have come up in eastern sector of the LAC besides Ladakh.

These developments come

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These developments come
at a time when the two sides
are preparing for the ninth
round of Corps Commanderlevel talks soon. While both the
commanders reiterated their
commitment to continue talks, China's aggressive infrastruc-ture push has alarmed the



Indian security establish-ment.Earlier, rapid construc-tion was only confined to Ladakh sector of the LAC in the backdrop of the face-offs. However, the furious pitch of work in the East in Doklam near Sikkim is a cause of seri-ous concern, sources said here

ous concern, sources said here on Monday.

The Doklam region saw more than 70-day long face-off in 2017 after India objected to construction of a road by China there. The issue was resolved after intense negotia-

tions at the diplomatic and military levels. In the latest military levels.In the latest developments, satellite images show construction of hardened ammunition bunkers, two kilometers from Sinche-La (pass) on the eastern periphery of the Doklam plateau near the border between Bhutan and

of the Doklam pateau near une border between Bhutan and China.

The new structures will enable the Chinese troops to withstand intense cold there and face any challenge with sufficient logistical support, sources said here.High-reso-

lution images from Maxar Technologies indicate road access from the site of the bunkers to the Sinch-Lapass, which is then connected to an all-weather road constructed by Chinese workers that stretches across the 5 kilometer-wide Doklam plateau.

The new bunkers and construction of the road on the Doklam plateau after the stand-off in 2017, the construction of a "village" and 9-kilometre track adjacent to the plateau are strong indications that China has no hesitation in construction activity in territory which Bhutan claims to be its own.

A September 2020 study by STRATFOR, the worlds leading geopolitical intelligence platform, said the 2017 Doklam criss" appears to have shifted China's arpears to have shifted China's strategic objectives, with China more than doubling its total number of air bases, air defence positions and heliports near Indian border over past three years."

17 more die; **State Covid** toll now 1,657

■ 668 NEW +VE; TOTAL 3,14,629

■ 913 RECOVER; TOTAL RECOVERIES 3.06.726

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Seventeen more persons died in the State on Monday, with which the Covid-19 toll jumped to 1,657, the Health and Family Welfare Department said. Four persons each succumbed to the disease in Khordha and Sundargarh districts, three in Sambalpur, two each in Jharsuguda and Bargarh and one each in Balangir and Kendrapada. Meanwhile, 668 positive cases were reported on the day, with which the total tally

rose to 3,14,629. Of the new cases, 385 were from quarantine and 283 were local contacts. Nuapada district recorded the day's highest 68 cases followed by Khordha 56, Sundargant 55 Mayurbhanj 50, Angul 46, Baleswar and Keonjhar 38 each, Cuttack 37, Balangir 28, Jagatsinghpur and Sambalpur 25 each, Jharsuguda and Puri 23 each, Kendrapada 21, Bargarh and Jajpur 18 each, Bhadrak 15, Kalahandi 11, Nabarangpur nine, Nayagarh and Malkangiri eight each, Boudh seven, Dhenkanal six, Gaipatti four, Kandhamal three and Rayagada and Deogarh two Besides, 12 positives were reported from the State pool. However, 913 patients recovered on the day taking the total recoveries to 3,06,726. rose to 3,14,629. Of the new

fee waiver lingers HC adjourns hearing to Dec 2

PNS CUTTACK

The stalemate over collection of tuition fees by the private schools in the State for the lock-down period from March to June is likely to continue as the matter remained unresolved in the Orissa High Court on Monday and the court adjourned the case's hearing again to December 2. Seeking a direction to the State Government to pass necessary order asking both private unaided and aided schools not collect tuition fees for the

unaided and aided schools not to collect tuition fees for the lockdown period and not to increase any fee in the academic session 2020-2021, multiple PILs are filed in the court by parents' associations. Adjudicating one of the petitons, the court had asked the Government to resolve the

ing the school managements. The Government had submitted a report in the court stating that an MoU has been signed by all stakeholders proposing a fee waiver of different slabs.

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Stating that bereft of any statutory provision to deal with the fee fixations in private schools and the Odisha Education Act lacking any provision for the same, the Government had requested the Court to accept the MoU, which mentions about seven slabs of fee waiver for different schools. Although the Government claimed that 'near unanimity' had been reached among the stakeholders, a Bench of Chief Justice Mohammad Rafiq and Justice Biswanth Kant received several pleas questioning the modalities of the MoU.

When Adwocate General

When Advocate General requested court for some more time to get instructions from Government over new development, court adjourned case's hearing to next month.

37 new +ve in **BBSR**

Four more die, 53 recover; 15 infected in Cuttack city

Capital city Bhubaneswar con Monday registered 37 new Covid-19 positive cases, taking the total tally to 30,498, including 556 active cases. The new cases included 21 local contacts and 16 quarantine

cases.
Meanwhile, four more persons succumbed to the disease on the day, pushing the total tol 20.8 However, 39 patients recovered on the day, taking the total recoveries to 29,713.In Cuttack, 15 more positives were reported, increasing the city's total to 15,703.

Assembly passes 3 Bills

Strike by State staffers now punishable

⇒ 1-YR JAIL, ₹5,000 FINE OR BOTH

○ OPPOSITION DECRIES THE MEASURE

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Amid strong protests from Opposition BJP and Congress, the State Assembly Monday passed three Bills, including the controversial Odisha Essential Services

Odisha Sesential Services (Maintenance) Act Amendment Bill, 2020.

The Odisha Essential Services (Maintenance) Act Amendment Bill, moved by Minister of State for Home Divya Shankar Mishra on behalf of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, was opposed by the Bly and Congress members as it has provision of imprisonment and penalty for Government employees for

resorting to any strike that threaten's the safety of people. The Bill says any person found instigating and funding illegal strikes henceforth would be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and/or imposed a fine up to Rs 5,000. This apart, the Bill also has the provision to prohibit strike by any employees in any essential service like fire services, excise, forest, prison, reforms and electronics.

However, Minister Mishra defended the Bill saying that keeping in view the interests of the citizens, the Government introduced this so that they are not deprived of essential services.

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Opposition members disagreed with the Government alleging that it was an attempt to suppress voice of the workers, who would not be able to put forth their demands even

in a democratic manner.Leade

in a democratic manner.Leader of Opposition Pradipta Naik (BJP) said it is shocking to see the Government bringing such a mwastre just to shut the voices of people.

Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipati criticised the Government saying the Bill aims to suppress the people's voice on burning issues. He said the situation in Odisha is worse than what is being wit nessed in Pakistan.Outside the Assembly, different posed the of the proposed the of the proposed the organization of the State.

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The House also passed the Odisha Lokayukta (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and Odisha Local Fund Audit (Amendment) Bill, 2020 moved by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Bikram Aruka and Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari, respectively.

School norm applicable for KBK too

The State Government Monday informed the Assembly that the norms fixed for closure or merger of schools in the scheduled areas would also be applicable for such institutions. School and Mass Education. School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash stated this after Opposition BJP and Congress again raised the issue in the House. He said the primary and upper primary schools having less than 15 students would be identified for closure or merger in the scheduled area and also in the KBK region. The earlier notification in this regard would soon be revised.

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Earlier, it had been decided to close or merge schools having less than 20 student strength. After the modifica-tions, the student strength in the scheduled area and KBK region would be 15 instead of 20, he clarified.

6 universities get new Vice-Chancellors

overnor and Chancellor Gore

Governor and Chancellor Gof universities Prof Ganeshi Lal on Monday appointed Vice-Chancellors of six universities of the State.

Prof Aparajita Chowdhury. Prof Sabita Acharya, Prof Dinabandhu Sahoo, Prof N Nagaraju. Prof Kishore Kumar Basa and Prof Prafulla Kumar Mohanty were appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Rama Devi Women's University, Takir Mohan University, Gangadhar Meher University, North Odisha University and Khallikote University, respectively. In exercise of the powers con-

ferred by the Odisha ferred by the Odisha Universities (Amendment) Act, 2020, Lal appointed the Vice-Chancellors for a peri-od of four years with effect from the date they assume office or until further orders, whichever is earli-er.Prof Chowdhury is a for-mer Director, College of Development Council and Professor of Home Science, Berhampur University hav-

Professor of Home Science, Berhampur University hav-ing more than 37 years of teaching experience. Prof Acharya, former-ly Chairman, Post Graduate Council and Professor of Anthropology, Utkal University, has more than 31 years of teaching experi-ence. With more than 26 wears of teaching experiyears of teaching experi-ence, Prof Sahoo is present-

ly serving as Professor, University of Delhi. Prof Nagaraju is presently Professor in English, Central University of Karnataka, with 34 years of

Karmataka, with 34 years of teaching experience.
Prof Basa has 38 years of teaching experience and he is former Professor, Tagore National Fellow, University of Culture, Government of India.
Prof Mohanty, a former Professor of Zoology, Utkal University, has 35 years teaching experience.
The new Vice-Chancellors get at least seven days to join their new assignments as the tenures of the present Vice-Chancellors come to an end Chancellors come to an end this month.

PPE purchase scam

Industry Secy, OSMCL MD appear before Lokayukta

Two senior IAS officers, Industries Secretary Hemant Sharma and Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL) Managing appeared before the Lokayukta for hearing in connection with the alleged corruption in the purchase of PPE kits and masks by the the State Government, on Monday.

purchase of PPE kits and masks by the the State Government, on Monday. Meanwhile, the Lokayukta expressed its displeasure over Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy not submitting a detailed report over the matter and, instead, presenting some facts through presenting some facts through a letter.On November 5, the Lokayukta had served a notice to the Chief Secretary to fur-nish a reply over the allegations by November 23. The Lokayukta scheduled next

Lokayukta scheduled next hearing on the matter for December 7, sources said. It was for the third time that Sharma and Sarangi appeared before the Lokayukta in connection with alleged irregularities in the procurement of PPE kits.

The two officers had initially failed to respond to the notice by the Lokayukta on August 11 to submit their replies. Later, the anti-corruption ombudsman had warned tion ombudsman hau wa.... that it would proceed with the investigation if they did not

appear during the next hearing on September 14.Subsequently, both had appeared before the Lokayukta on September 14. Again, they appeared for the second time on November 4. Notably, the Government Ademoved Sharma from the supervision of procurement of masks and PPE kits required in the treatment of Covid-19 patients following allegations of corruption made by the State Congress, social organisation Odisha Bikash Parisada (OBP) had also alleged that many IAS officers were involved in the scam and demanded a fair probe into the matter.

CBI investigation sought in Puri custodial death

Rights outfit submits memo to OHRC

The Biswa Manabika Adhikar Sangathan (BMAS), a right outlit, submitted a memorandum at the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC) in Bhubaneswar on Saturday against role of police in the alleged custodial death of K Ramesh in Baselisahi police station on Wednesday last.

The BMAS demanded a probe by the CBI on role of police in death of Ramesh in custody. A team led by BMAS national president Avirna Hota, national president Avirna Hota, district advisor Manas Mohapatra and district president Gaurisankar Songhai Csukuta) in a letter raised the laxity of police behind the laxity of police behind the PS IIC Jibanadad Jena, who was already on a leave by then. They raised usspicions over the leave letter of IIC Jena, who according to them, was known present on that day in the PS. They wanted that the CCTV They wanted that the CCTV and the produced in the PS on the day be made public, said Singhari.

Interview of the week

PR is an art; one gets skilled on the job over the time



I derive bliss from my poetry

Rakshak Nayak, a senior Rmember of the Odisha Information Service, has elevated the PR (public relations) Service, has elevated the PR (public relations) Service, has elevated the PR (public relations) He managed the India International Trade Fair fairly on behalf of the Odisha Government. He has effective, coordinated the PR works of the Assembly Speaker and a dozen Ministers in a career spanning 25 years.

Besides his professional excellence, he has carved an inche for himself in the world of words as a remarkable poet and author. His ensemble includes a kaleidoscope of ten published books. He has won awards, accolades including the prestigious State Youth Award (Poetry) in 1997 and Odisha Sahitya Akademi Award in 2013.

Currently, he is working as PRO to the State's Governor. He strains his every nerve to build an ideal bridge of communication between the cloistered walls of the Raj Bhavan and the outside world. In an interview to The Pioneer, Nayak spoke to Sugyan Choudhury about the varied aspects of PR communication) be besides narrating about his creative journey.

How do you feel as the PRO to the Governor?

As a PR professional, I do my work as per the require-ments of the situation and demand of the time. The Hon'ble Governor is the State's first citizen

Hon'ble Governor is the State's first citizen. The Constitution has given him enormous powers and privileges. The Raj Bhavan is generally not easily accessi-ble. My role is to build a bridge between the Raj Bhavan and

between the Raj Bhavan and the public.

This is being done in various ways using traditional as well as modern communication tools. The present Governor is highly popular among the public for his erudition and humility. He has declared the Raj Bhavan to be a Jan Bhavan. My job is to articulate two-way positive communications. Indeed, it's a prestigious assignment. prestigious assignment.

PR works include diverse and varied fields. PR is an art. One gets skilled on the job over the time. One needs excellent the time. One needs excellent communication skill and creativity. Spreading information and managing relationship; through persuasion and articulation in clean and concise way is all about PR work. The focus is to show the best side of the concern you deal with and create positive vibes in a congenial atmosphere.

How do you cope with the media at a time of digital rev-

A PRO always needs to update himself both with tools and skills. Alertness, agility and ready response are his assets. We have observed the growth of new media which have got high speed and instant effect. PR can be made a leveraging tradition as well as new modes of communication.

What would you advise the new entrants to this field?

Listen more, speak less and write right; communicate correct and concise. Be knowl-edgeable and know the art of converting knowledge to your benefit. Learn from experi-ences and expand friendship across.

You have ten published books of poetry. What are the themes you deal with?

My response to the time I live in; my reactions to the happenings around me; my interpretation of lights and shadows that make the word, come out in form of poetry.

I am there very much in all of my poems; poems are fragmental parts of my existence. As I grow with time, the themes evolve, delve into varied areas. In my world of words; some themes may be recurrent that is not intentional; it is quite natural.

How poetry comes to What are your inspira-

I was born in a quintes-sential coastal Odia village, where life was a continuous cel-bertation. The people had spir-itual approach to life. Disasters, be it natural or manmade; poverty, deprivations, etc., never perturbed the natural gaiety of life. All these have great influences on me. In my childhood and ado-lescence, I was an introvert but a keen observer. Poetry came naturally to me. I read all that comes my way.

naturally to me. I read all that comes my way,
 I love to swim, not dive in the ocean of knowledge. This has certainly influenced my craft and voice over the years. I cannot specify the influences on me, but I know I am growing with my poetry. I derive bliss from my poetry.



How do you combine your arduous PR assignment with your creative writings?

with your creative writings?

I do give justice to both my passion and profession. Both complement each other. My profession takes me to different places, persons, events and situations. My engagement with time and society enriches me in various ways.

Not only ideas, seeds of poems, I get words from other lips. Rather, writing skill comes handy to handle the profession which demands agility and effective communication structure. I write poems in complete solitude which I manage in between.

Have you ever tried your hand in other languages for wider reach?

Ido not think it is possible to write poetry in any other language than mother tongue. Story, essay may be possible but not poetry. Poetry is the purest form of creativity; it is there in the DNA of the poet. Yes, many people have found success writing in English; but in reality, think these are poems in translation.

Some of my poems have been translated into English and Hindi. Still, Ibelieve poems cannot be translated; only a part of it could be made available in other languages. The poems are not just structure of words; it is imbibed in the psychic residue of the poets unconscious.

What's the position of Odia poetry in the world poetry arens?

I have inadequate knowledge to make any judgment. But what I know from some sample reading, Odia poetry is way above other Indian language poetry. It has got its own identity, idiom and narratives.

Are you working on any new book?

I keep writing without any plan. In one day, I may write five poems, and sometimes, I go without a line for weeks. But I always live in poetry.

During lockdowns, I have written around 15 short stories and they will come out in a book form in January next. I wish to write a novel, for which I am doing research on it. Poems keep coming and my last breadth will be a poem.

Governor's wife passes away

Overnor Prof Ganeshi Lal's
wife Sushila Devi passed
away at a private hospital here
late on Sunday night. Her last
rites were performed at the
Swargadwar in Puiri on
Monday.
The First Lady of the State
along with Governor Lal and
four of their family members
had tested positive for Covid19 on November 1 and werundergoing treatment at the
private hospital.
Chief Minister Naveen

Patnaik, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, PCC

'State farmers

got ₹60,837 cr

The farmers of Odisha have been provided Rs 60,836.97 crore in last six years from the Central Government by way of different agricultural schemes, MSP and insurance payment, said Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Pradhan said the Modi Government directly transferred to the farmers' accounts Rs 53,680.25 crore as minimum support price (MSP) by procuring their produce. He said the Government increased the MSP of their produce in the last

from Centre'

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president Niranjan Patnaik among many other leaders, expressed deep grief over Sushila Devi's demise.

Eight places

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coldest at

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The cold wave returned to the State with the mini-mum temperature plummeting below 15 degrees Celsius in many places in the last 24

many places in the last 24 hours.

As many as eight places recorded minimum temperature below 15 degree Celsius on Sunday night. While Sonepur continues to be the coldest place in the State with 11.2 degree , Phulbani and Daringibadi recorded 12.5 degree.

The mercury dipped in Iharsuguda, Baripada, Baripada, Balwampatran, Keonjhar and Angul to 12.6 degree , 13.2 degree to the control of the contr

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MONNA holds Nabakrushna birth anniv

Pleads for prohibition

The Milita Odisha Nisha Nibaran (MONNA) observed the 120th birth anniversary of former legendary Chief Minister late Nabakrushan Choudhury here. MONNA president Padma Charan Nayak said, "Throughout his life he (Choudhury) opposed injustice

Choudhury) opposed injustice and worked for benefit of the poor. He was a true crusader against liquor and passed 'The Orissa Prohibition Act, 1956' in the State Assembly during his

MoPSW finds

PPT most

suitable for

riverine port

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has given go-ahead to the Paradip Port Trust (PPT) for setting up a riverine port on the Mahanadi.

(PY1) for setting up a riverine port on the Mahanadi.

The proposed port would come up at Akhadasali village under Mahakalpada Block in Kendrapada district. Sources said the PPT had evinced interest to develop the riverine port as the Odisha Government had decided to set up such a port on PPP mode.

Accordingly, the MoPSW has green signaled the PPT to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Odisha Government in this regard, said sources.

This will be an all-weather and multi-user port at the river mouth of the Mahanadi, which will be built and main-

river mouth of the Mahanadi, which will be built and main-tained by the PPT, official sources said. In 2018, the Odisha Government had decided to go ahead with the first river-

XIMB holds Hult Prize campus round

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role.

In Odisha also, let the women come forward in large numbers and oppose

Port, Rimkesn Koy took a tot or efforts in this regard to convince the Union Government about the bright future of the proposed port on the Mahanadi.

In the first phase, two berths will be established for transportation of 18.43 Million Tons of cargo Per Annum (MTPA) for which expenditure is estimated to be to the tune of Rs 2,110 crore.

The requirement of land for the initial phase development of the port has been estimated at 175 hectares. The proposed port will be connected to the National Highways-53 and Haridaspur-Paradip Railway Line for transportation of cargo.

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liquor."Among others present liquor."Among others present were noted Gandhian Prahallad Sinha, Prof Dr Bhagawan Prakash, Adwaita Patra, Kahnu Charan Behura, Kabita Rani Parida, Malay Tripathy, Indumati Sahu, Saumya Ranjan Mohanty, Aparna Nayak and Ramakant Mandal.

In Nayagarh

PPT gets go-ahead Young woman found for Mahanadi port dead in house ine port. The port was to be developed in two phases. The PPT took interest in the project and Chairman Paradip Port, Rinkesh Roy took a lot of efforts in this regard to convince the Union Government when the bright fitter of the

Honour killing suspected

PNS NAYAGARH

Mystery shrouded the death of a 26-year-old woman in her house at Bijaynagar village under the Gania police station in Nayagarh district on Monday morning. The deceased was identified as Mamata Rout.

As per reports Mamata had her dinner and went to sleep as usual on Sunday night. This morning, she was found dead with multiple injuries on her head.

dead with multiple injuries on her head.
Her father Prahllad Rout Her father Prahllad Rout the Gania police alleging that some miscreants have hacked her to death. Though the exact reason behind the woman's death was yet to be ascer-tained, involvement of her fami-ly members is suspected in the incident.
Preliminary investigation reveals that Mamata was in a love relationship with a youth but her family members were opposing it.

but ner family memoers were opposing it. Hence, it is suspected that the family members might have killed the woman with sharp weapons.On receiving information, a police team led by Gania police station OIC Jayprakash Parida reached the spot and began a probe.

What's the role of a PR professional in present times?

Properties worth over Rs 2 crore have so far been detected in the name of Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the College of Engineering and Technology (CET) here Dr Prasana Kumar Mishra during a raid conduct-ed by the Vigilance police on Monday Mishra's wife Supriya Mishra works as a Biotechnology Lecturer at the CET and has many properties

₹2–cr assets in Math Prof possession

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

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Raid swere aslo conducted at Mishra's village at Kalupada Ghat in Khordha district.

ing their produce. He said the Government increased the Government increased the MSP of their produce in the last ix years which have benefitted the farmers immensely. While the MSP for paddy was Rs 1,310 in 2013-14, it was hiked in 2014-15. to Rs 1,360, in 2015-16 to Rs 1,410, in 2016-17 to Rs 1,470, in 2017-18 to Rs 1,550, in 2018-19 to R is committed to strengthening the economy of the country by ensuring welfare of the farmers of Odisha and other States, said

Team Annapurna emerges winner

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The Xavier Institute of M a n a g e m e n t, Bhubaneswar (XIMB), in association with the MyCaptain concluded the campus round of the Hult Prize on November

best from the campus The final on-campus round was judged by an esteemed panel of four judges including, AVP Marketing of Taj Hotels Sushnita Sarangi, co-founder and executive director of Milk Mantra Rashima Misra, Chief People Officer of PhonePe Manmeet Sandhu and director-marketing (Beverages, India), TATA Consumer Product Krishnadas Nandakumar. The winning team is now

The winning team is now looking forward to the regional finals which will be an exhilarating ride. Notably, the HULT Prize is a worldwide stu-



dent competition in partner-ship with the United Nations that challenges university teams to solve the most pressing global issues with viable busi-

ness ideas. It transforms how young people envision their possibilities as leaders of change in the world around them.

The Odisha BJP unit felici

The Odisha BJP unit felicitated newly-appointed State Pravari D Purandeswari in virtual mode on Monday. In a meeting presided over by party State president Samir Mohanty, general secretary Pruthviraj Hairichandan, MPs Jual Oram and Basanta Panda, BJP national vice-president Baijayant Panda, national spokesperson Sambiri Patra, Union Minister Pratap Sarangi, KV Singh Deo congratulated Purandeswari and the Saha Pravari as well-Purandeswari



BJP felicitates Pravari Purandeswari

maintained that she was grate-ful to national president JP Nadda for assigning her the new task and assured that she

would do her best to strength-en the unit. She also called upon party leaders and work-ers to observe November 26 as

the Constitution Day in the State, district and Mandal lev-els and expressed her respect for the father of the Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar. She exhorted the party work-ers to work together for the party's success in the coming ULB, panchayat and general elections.

U.B., panchayat anu genera-elections.

MPs Aparajita Sarangi and Suresh Pujari, former Minister Manmohan Samal, party State general secretary Rabi Naik. Co Morcha president Bibhu Prasad Tarai, State executive members, district presidents and Zilla Pravaris were present.

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152 Baleswar schools Bharat Ratna demanded may be closed

UBACHAK MOHATY ■ BALESWAR

As many as 152
Government-run primary schools which have students less than 40 will be abolished after the Government issued guidelines regarding closure of schools for not having adequate strengths.

According to reports while 81 schools have less than 40, 71 schools have less than 40, 71 schools have less than 20. They have been iden-

than 20. They have been iden-tified by the department. The students of the schools having less than 40 will be accom-

For less student strength modated in the schools within 1 km of radius, for the students less than 20 strength there is no such provision and they could take admission anywhere.

where.

Among the identified schools in different blocks which will be closed while Bahanaga has highest number with 31, followed by Baliapal 22 schools, the number of such schools identified in Soro, Basta, Baleswar Municipality, Nilgiri, Simulia, Khaira, Bhoga, Jaleswar , Oupada and Remuna are 19,14,15,2,12,6,10,10,3 and 8 respectively.

respectively.

The teachers of the closed The teachers of the closes schools would be accommo-dated in the nearby schools or wherever required. The vacant school buildings and estab-

lishments, following the merg-er, will be handed over to the Panchayati Raj Department. The Government's decision has evoked mixed reactions from the teacher community as well as parent bodies. OSSTA (Orissa Secondary School Teachers' Association district president Badal Patra said, "There are two reasons for not having adequate strength in these schools. One, not having adequate infrastructure; two, permis-

One, not having adequate infrastructure; two, permission to private English medium schools which stand as keen competitors. Hence, the Government should address these issues."

Santanu Das, a member of parents' body, welcomed the decision and said it would ensure qualitative education.

for Harekrushna Mahtab

PNS III BHADRAK

The 121st birth anniversary celebration of former Chief Minister Dr Harekrushna Mahtab was held at Bhadrak on

Mahtab was held at Bhadrak on November 21. Local MP Manjulata Mandal, Bhadrak MI.A Sanjeev Mallik, Sahitya Akademi awardee Dr Pabitra Mohan Panigrahi and Member of

Odisha Sahitya Akademi Abhay Sutar were present. The speakers unanimously demanded Bharat Ratna for Dr Mahtab. Rights activist Radhakanta

Tripathy was honoured with the "Best Corona Warrior" award on the occasion. Project Director Madhusudan Dash and Sangram Acharya among others spoke.

In Brahmapur Four bike lifters held; 9 vehicles recovered

14 gamblers arrested; lakhs seized in raid



PNS BRAHMAPUR

The Chhatrapur police in Ganjam district busted an inter-State bike lifter gang by arresting four persons in this connection on Sunday.The cops have also recovered nine stolen bikes from their possession. Later, the accused including Ajit Behera were forwarded to court.

Further investigations are on and the involvement of

Further investigations are on and the involvement of others in the racket are being probed. The accused are involved in bike lifting incidents in the Purushottampur and Chhatrapur police station areas and in others district, said Chhatrapur PS IIC Priyas Ranjan Chhatrapur PS IIC Priyas Ranjan Chhatrapur PS IIC Priyas Ranjan Chhatrapur PS IIC Priyas the gang was they used to steat the bikes, change their registration number plates and sell the motorcycles and their parts also, said IIC. In another incident, Brahmapur Town police conducted a raid on a gambling den at Dharma Nagar and arrested 14 gamblers. The cops also seized Rs 1.29 lakh cash.

M'giri Medical Officer held for corruption

PNS III MAI KANGIRI

PMS MALKANGIRI

Medical Officer of Padia
Community Health
Centre (CHC) in Malkangiri
district Dr Panu Charan
Mandal was arrested by the
Vigilance police for allegedly
taking bribe on Monday.
On October 20, Block
Programme Manager Srimant
Atibudhhi had landed in
Vigilance net for "taking" Rs
20,000 bribe from a person for
making a bill of a vehicle
engaged at CHC.

In Balangir Missina

dead in forest PNS BALANGIR

bizman found

PNS ■ BALANGIR

A businessman of Hatisara Village under the Deogaon police station in Balangir district, who had gone missing on November 5, was found dead in a forest on Sunday.

According to reports, jeweller Gajanan Meher went missing after he went out of his house informing his mother that he was going to Patnagarh. His family members had lodged a police complaint in this connection on November 6.The deceased's elder brother had on November 9 lodged another complaint with police alleging that one Sira Rana of Sarasbahal kidnapped Gajanan. However, Gajanan's body was found at Mudaghat-Chipakani forest with a motor-cycle near it. Police have sent the body for postmortem and initiated an investigation to ascertain circumstances under which Gajanan died.

INBRIEF

1 DIES AS TRUCK OVERTURNS IN GANJAM

Brahmapur: A truck overfurmed at Taptapani fisht under the Patapur police station in Ganjam district on Suday night killing the helper and leaving the driver critically injured. The maize-laden truck was on its way to Brahmapur from Chandragiri area. The driver lost control over the whole in the control over the control over the whole in the control over the control ov the wheels, following which the truck hit an electric pole and turned turtle. While the helper died on the spot, the driver was rescued by police and shifted to hospital.

AILING ELEPHANT DIES UNDER TREATMENT IN ANGUL

Angul: An ailing female elephan found unconscious in a paddy field in the Khamar Forest Range ned in the Knamar Forest Hange under Pallahars block in Angul district died on Monday. The jumbo was undergoing treatment at the farmland, but the veterinarians failed to save her life. The body of the elephant will be sent for postmortem to ascertain the cause of the death.



₹1L LOOTED FROM BIKE SIDE-BOX AT BARIPADA

Baripada: Miscreants allegedly looted Rs 1 lakh from the side-box of a contractor's motorcycle at Badabazar here on Monday. The contractor Jeevan Kumar Dandapat of Ward-17 had withdrawn the amount from Bank of India and kept it in the side-box of the motorbike. Dandapat parked the vehicle and went to a shop, during which a person wearing a mask broke open the side-box and decamped with the cash with the help of his associate by a motorcycle. Dandapat lodged a complaint with police. Efforts were on by cops to apprehend the looters.

COWS WORSHIPPED, FED IN B'PUR

Rehalmapur: On the eve of the auspicious festival of the Gopalashtmi festival, members of the Marwari Mahila Samit in association with the Sabiju Bahini here served the injured cows at veterinary hospital and provided them food. They worshipped cows at the Pataleshwar temple and Aga Sai Krishna Gosala and fed them. Then they planted trees at the Swarg Dwar cremation ground near the Neelkantheshwar levonte.

FIRE BREAKS OUT AT BARGARH PAEDIATRIC WARD



yet to be ascertained. The ward was only being used for storage of IV fluid and medicines, which were reduced to ashes.

Illegal ganja plantation in 52 acres destroyed

Ganja mafia escapes from custody; Four police personnel axed

PNS PARALAKHEMUNDI

Excises Department and police personnel on Sunday raided Hathipanka village under the Adaba police station in Gajapati and destroyed illegal ganja plantations in 52.4 acres of land. The drive was carried out on the instructions of district Collector Anupam Saha and Excise Superintendent Pradeep

1.04lakh trees were destroyed and set on fire in presence of Mohana Tehsildar Kalyani Sanghamitra Devi, who was incharge of Magistrate duty. Adaba PS IIC Anand Charan Patra was also present during the raid.

Kumar Panigrahi.As many as 1.04lakh trees were destroyed

the raid.

In another development,
Gajapati SP Tapan Kumar
Patnaik has suspended four
police officials in connection
with an accused ganja mafia
escaping from the premises of
the Mohana police station on
November 13.

The suspended cops were
Constables Biswajit Sabar,
Rama Shankar Sabar and
Home Guards Duryodhan
Karji and Sekhar Prasad Nayak.

Rare dolphin's carcass found in Kendrapada

Residents of Bhedisahi village under the Pattamundai police limits in Kendrapada district were taken aback when a carcass of a rare giant dolphin was spotted in the locality late on Sunday night.

As per forest officials, the rare Gangetic dolphin had strayed into the Gobari river from the Mahanadi delta and got trapped in a fishing net of Bhedisahi fishermen.

However, the aquatic mammal died since it was kept out of water for a while. Later,

out of water for a while. Later, the farmers threw the carcass on the road and went away.

Receiving information, forest

receiving information, forest officials reached the village, recovered the carcass and kept it in the Central Nursery at Sansarphala. Rajnagar Additional Veterinary Officer Debi Prasad Kunda reached the spot and initiated postmortem of the

Rich tributes paid to Mahtab on 121st Jayanti

Event held by Jayanti Committee

PNS III BHUBANESWAR

The Dr Harekrushna Mahtab Jayanti Committee organised the 121st birth anniversary of former Chief Minister, Union Minister and architect of modern Odisha Dr Harekrushna Mahtab here at PMG Square and Ekamra Niwas.

vas. Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan biswa Brinsian Harichandau who is the permanent president of the committee paid his trib-ute and reflected on the con-tribution of Mahtab for the development of Odisha through video conferencing. Union Petroleum Minister

Dead croc recovered

Illegal fishing by

reptile's death

PNS M ANGUI

explosives cause of

The Wild Life Department recovered a big dead mugger at the Satkosia gorge of the Mahanadi river at Angul. Getting information from the local people, the Wild Life officials rescued the dead crocodile from the gorge in a motor boat.

boat.
"The crocodile died around

in Satkosia



Dharmendra Pradhan recounted the role played by Mahtab in
the merger of Gadjats in
Odisha. Chief guest Assembly
Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro
said the dream of Bhubaneswar
as a developed city of Dr
Mahtab had been fulfilled.
Jatani MLA and convenor of
the committee demanded
Bharat Ratna for Mahtab.
Among others, Higher
Education Minister Arun
Kumar Sahu, scribe Prasanna
Mohanty and social activist
Captain Manmmath Routray
spoke. On the occasion, jour-

nalists, social workers and medical professionals were nalists, social workers and medical professionals were felicitated for their work dur-ing Covid time. The Paikas from different parts of the State showed their traditional martial art. Later, a moto cycle rally was taken out from the Lower PMG to the house of

Mahtab.
There PCC president
Niranjan Patnaik, State BJP
president Sameer Mohanty,
former PCC president Prasad
Harichandan and former
Minister Prafulla Ghadei spoke.
Paikas were felicitated.

Sundargarh minor yet to get justice

Accused at large

MALAY RAY III SUNDARGARH

Atribal minor girl of Sundargarh district, who was also an excellent athlete during her schooling days, is now a mother of six months; so we will be supported by the sundargarh sundargarh so we will be supported by the sundargarh s

na Hardina Minz, a resident of Karamdih Dungajor of Sadar police station, who had come to her village to work there in electrification of the village under the Biju Gramin Jyoti scheme. Later Arman had

shown his love for her and after promising her to marry, he used to keep physical relationship with her. However, when she told Arman about her pregnancy, he had not accepted it and fled the area.

The parents of the girl had taken her to Sabdega hospital in January for abortion but they could not do it as the doctor of the hospital allegedy demanded Rs 20,000 for terminating the pregnancy. Finding no other alternative, they took her to a relative's house near Rajiangpur.

her to a relatives nouse near Rajgangpur.
The girl delivered a child in May there. Meanwhile the girl has now turned a wage earner to sustain herself and her baby.
"We will soon do the coun-"We will soon do the coun-selling of the minor girl and her parents and will tell them to lodge a complaint in police sta-tion," said District Child Protection Officer S Jena. "The accused will be arrested and the victim girl will be provided jus-tice," he assured.

Sundargarh: 353 die due to snakebite in 5 years

Thanks to belief in black magic, snakebite-related deaths rise

PNS III ROURKELA

Belief in black magic is a Brakebite cases in the tribal dominated Sundargarh dis-

dominated Sundargarh district.

As the district is covered with dense forests, various types of poisonous snakes are found in the different parts of the district. Similarly, most of the people of the district and ependable in forest products and many have their hamlets near or inside jungle area. So, it is but natural that there would be frequent cases of snake bite. However, due to lack of education and unavailability of adequate medical three days ago due to explosives used for illegal fishing," told Satkosia Wildlife Division DFO Ramaswami P, adding that patrolling had been intensified in the gorge after the incident. dent.
Notably, Satkosia gorge is presently habitat of 105 muggers and eight Gharials. Fishing is prohibited in the gorge.

facilities in their surroundings they are forced to depend on black magic to recover from snake bite and finally lose lives. A bright example is an incident had occurred on October 24 in Kalunga area under Brahmani Taranga police limits.

On the fatal night Chhoki Kissan of Junahabahal village was bitten by a snake while he was sleeping. Instead of taking him to hospital, his family members preferred to undertake treatment through black magic. When his health condition deteriorated, he was shifted to the Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH) where he succumbed.

According to RGH sources in last five years, 353 persons have died due to snake bite. While in the current year 52 have already died, it was 90 in 2019, 91 in 2018, 67 in 2017 and 53 in 2016. Besides, many more deaths could have occurred which went unrecorded. The

Man sets daughter ablaze in Balangir informed that in Sundargarh district around 80 varieties of snakes are found out of which 17 are poisonous. It is said that the death figures in snake bite is much more than that of deaths innatural calamities. Even it is more than that of death in lightning and drowning. Experts say the ratio of snake bite is more between May and October. According to them as the hot is high in the district, the snakes prefer to roam out side during summer. Similarly, in rain days, water enters to their holes forcing them to come out and roam. So, during these days the cases of snake bite are more. If adequate medical ser-

Victim battling for life in hosp

PNS ■ BALANGIR

Aman allegedly set his Adaughter on fire at Debripali village under the Belpada police station in Balangir district on Monday.

The victim sustained critical burn injuries and was rescued by villagers as she screamed for help and rushed towards a neighbour's house. Later, she was rushed to the Bhima Bhoi Medical College Hospital here. Her condition was stated to be critical.

The girl's uncle has lodged a complaint with police alleging that her father Arakhita Nag took the extreme step in an attempt to kill her. Notably, the victim is the daughter of the first wife of Arakhita, who stwo wives. She was staying at the runcle's place since childhood but shifted to her father's house recently.

Bangriposilink likely

A long-pending proposal for Connecting Rupsa-Bangriposi railway line with the Tata-Badampahar line may become a reality. The demand for connecting Badampahar with Keonjhar is also likely to be fulfilled.

This has been evident from

more.

If adequate medical services with ambulance facilities are not provided and a rapid awareness programme is not undertaken throughout the district, basically in rural pock-

et, the death rate in snake bite can jump further, say the experts

This has been evident from This has been evident from the briefings of the senior rail-way authorities who recently completed their visits to Rairangpur railway station and some other smaller stations of western Mayurbhanj.

Chakradharpur Railway Division DRM Vijay Kumar Sahu recently had take stock of the conditions of different railway stations like Bahalda Road,

Gorumahisani, Anlajodi, Kuldiha etc besides the Rairangpur railway station. He, accompanied other administrative and engineering staff members, also monitored the pace of progress of electrification along the railway routes. During this itinerary, Sahu indicated that the idea of linking Rupsa-Bangriposi railway line with the Tata-Badampahar Iy line by connecting Bangriposi with Gorumahisani (Anlajodi) of Tata-Badampahar line was under active considered in Similarly, the proposal for Rairangpur-Keonjhar railway linking is also being seriously considered by higher authorities, he said.

In Nabarangpur

G'mahasani rly 2 die, 4 hurt as van crashes into house

PNS # ABARANGFUR

Two children were killed while four others were critically injured when a goods-laden pickup van lost control and crashed into a house at Jharabahal village under Chandahandi block in Nabarangpur district on Monday.

The van after being loaded at the village was on its way to a nearby market. However, the driver lost control over the vehicle and ploughed into a house on the roadside.

Following which, five members of a family Manisha Gopal (27), Sachin (10),



Satikanta (9), Nandini (7) and Ashok (9) and one Damurudhar Hati (60), who were standing near a bonfire outside the house, suffered critical injuries. All the injured, were rushed to a nearby hospital . However, two kids succumbed to the injuries.

BBP demands patta for Brahmapur homeless

The Bharatiya Bikash
Parishad (BBP) led by its
State president Surendra
Panigrahis ubmitted a memorandum to the district
Collector on Friday demanding
delivery of Patta
(mutation/ownership) to 172
poor homeless families who
have been residing in
Uttaramukhee Street under
Haradakhandi Revenue Mouza
of Brahmapur Tehsil for last 60
years.

of Brahmapur Tehsil for last 60 years.

The parishad mentioned that, the land on which the poor families are staying belongs to Anabadi Patita Kisam covering an area of 1.200 acre.

These families have been demanding Patta in their



favour over a long time but in vain. As per the State Government decision, several families settled on similar lands in every revenue village of Ganjam district were identified/treated as "Grama Kantak" and accordingly were distributed Patta. However, the Government ignored the case of the 172 families who are tribals and Dalits, Panigrahi alleged. If the district admin-istration fails to distribute Patta to these 172 poor families within 30 days from the date of receipt of the memorandum, the families will be forced to launch agitation, the memo-randum cautioned.



COVID-19

Solution to virus elimination lies in rapid testing (polymerase chain reaction) test, which takes up to 48 hours to return results, reduced infectiousness by only 58 per cent. When the amount of testing was the same, the rapid test always reduced infectiousness better than the slower, more sensitive PCR test. That's because about two-thirds of infected people have no symptoms and as they await their results, they continue to spread the virus. "This paper is one of the first to show we should worry less about test sensitivity and, when it comes to public health, prioritize frequency and turn-around," said senior co-author Roy Parker.

Testing half the population weekly with inexpensive, rapid-turnaround Covid-19 tests would drive the virus toward elimination within weeks — even if those tests are

toward elimination within weeks — even if those tests are significantly less sensitive than gold-standard clinical tests, claim researchers.

The observation holds importance in the context of India where while RT-PCR is considered the gold standard for Covid-19 testing because of the high sensitivity of the test, Rapid antigen testing (RAT) is preferred in areas where mass-scale testing needs to be deployed for it gives results in minutes and is cheaper. The test is highly specific, which means it can accurately detect true positive cases.

However, because of the limitations of the test in terms of not being that accurate in

true positive cases. However, because of the limitations of the test in terms for not being that accurate in detecting true negatives, the Indian Government has advised states to mandatorily test through RT-PCR all RAT negative samples of individuals hearing Covid-19 like symptoms. RAT is also quicker and gives results in minutes rather than hours taken to get RT-PCR which is a complicated test requiring a specialised aboratory.

Study lead author Daniel Larremore from the University of Colorado Boulder in the US

supports RAT test as he said, "Our big picture finding is that, when it comes to public health, it's better to have a less sensitive test with results today than a more sensitive one with results tomorrow."

people tend to experience symptoms, and when they become contagious. They then used mathemat-ical modeling to forecast the impact of screening with dif-ferent kinds of tests on three hypothetical scenarios in 10,000 individuals: in a university, true

inspace to december the tests on three hypothetical scenarios in 10,000 individuals; in a university-type setting of 20,000 people; and in a city of 8.4 million.

When it came to curbing spread, they found that frequency and turnaround time are much more important than test sensitivity. For instance, in one scenario in a large city widespread twice-weekly testing with a rapid but less sensitive test reduced the degree of infectiousness of the virus by 80 per cent.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah launches a mobile laboratory that will conduct free RT-PCR tests for Covid-19 here and the results will be available in six to eig

AstraZeneca: We will have 200 million doses by end of 2020

PNS NEW DELHI

Stating that its Covid-19 vaccine could be around 90 percent effective, and potentially cheaper to make, British drug-maker AstraZeneca on Monday said it will have as many as 200 million doses by the end of 2020 — around four times as many as US competitor Prizer.

Seven hundred million doses could be ready globally as soon as the end of the first quarter of 2021. The combined analysis from both dosing regimens resulted in an average efficacy of 70 per cent. The vaccine was 90 per cent effective in preventing Covid-19 when it was administered as a half dose followed by a full dose at least a month later, according to data from late-stage trials in Britain and Brazil. No serious safety events were confirmed, the company said. "This means we have a vaccine for the world," said Andrew Pollard, director of the Oxford University vaccine group that developed the drug.

The vaccine's cost works out at just a few dollars a shot, ut a just a few dollars a shot,

a fraction of the price of drugs from Pfizer and Moderna, which use a more unconven-tional technology. And it can be transported and stored at normal fridge temperatures, which propo-nents say would make it easi-er to distribute, especially in poor countries, than Pfizer's, which needs to be shirned

rents say whoun make a case ro distribute, especially is poor countries, than Pfizer's which needs to be shipped and stored at -70C, the sort of temperature typical of an Antarctic winter.

The effectiveness of AstraZeneca's vaccine depend-do nthe dosing, and fell to just 62 per cent when given as two full doses rather than a half-dose first. But scientists cautioned against seeing this as evidence that it would be less useful than rivals. Vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna each prevented about 95 per cent of cases according to interim data from their late-stage trials.

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"I think it is a real fools errand to start trying to pick these three (Pfizer/Moderna/ Astra) apart on the basis of snip-pets of phase 3 data from press releases," said Danny Altmann, professor of immunology at Imperial College London.

India Covid-19 caseload breaches 91-lakh mark

The Covid-19 caseload breached the 91-lakh mark

I breached the 91-lakh mark on Monday as India registered less than 50,000 infections daily since November 8, while the death toll climbed to 1,33,738 with 511 new statilities. The Union Health Ministry said that less than 50,000 cases trend assumes significance as several countries in the Western Hemisphere are witnessing a surge in cases at the onset of winter. The number of people who have recu-

perated from the disease has surged to 85,62,641 which exceeds active cases by 81,19,155.

Parker. The study also demon-

81,19,155.
A total of 44,059 people were found infected with Covid-19 in a span of 24 hours with ten states and UTs contributing to 78.74 per cent of the new infections.

the new infections.

Delhi reported 6,746 cases in a day followed by Maharashtra recording 5,753 new cases while Kerala reported 5,254 daily cases.

Of the 511 case fatalities reported in a span of 24 hours,

74.95 per cent are concentrated in ten states and UTs. Delhi, with 121 reported deaths, con-tributes 23.68 per cent to the new fatalities, the ministry said,

Maharashtra saw a fatality count of 50 while West Bengal followed closely with 49 new

fatalities.
India's present active case-load (4,43,486) comprises 4.85 per cent of the total cases, and has been sustained below the 5 per cent mark. The national Covid-19 recovery rate continues to be above 93 per cent as 93.68 per cent of all cases

Harming that the table t

CPWD using PEB technology at Africa Avenue in national Capital to cut pollution, water consumption in construction

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To reduce pollution caused by construction activities, the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) is using pre-engineered building (PEB) technology to build 44,000 sqm built up area in three blocks of G+8 storey at KG Marg, and 49,000 sqm built up area in four blocks of G+7 storey at Africa Avenue in the national Capital. The technology being used will also help to reduce water consumption during the construction.

PEB is the one which is engineered in a factory and assembled on site.

The Construction Material is Preplanned using advanced Modelling Techniques of BIM/Building Information System). Fab ricated at Shop and Brought to Site in completely knockdown (CKD) condition, assembled and Erected at Site with Nut-bolts reducing Time of construction.

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According to the CPWD, the foundation consists of reinforced cement concrete with crystalline admixture and zinc cathodic protection system to reduce porosity of concrete and corrosion of reinforcement bars, thus increasing its durability.

PM: Constructed key buildings within time

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra
Modi on Monday said his
Government initiated the conmany major buildings in the Capital which were
in limbo and were only on files
for the past two decades and
finished the work well before
the targeted time.

Inaugurating the new three
towers with 76 apartments for
MPs, Modi cited that many
important buildings like
National War Memorial,
Ambedkar International
Centre, National Police
Memorial and CIC building
construction of major buildings
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from mid 2014.

Modi said delay in con-struction of major buildings leads to economic burden. "It also leads to economic burden thus erious efforts to overcome this problem began especially after 2014.

The decades old problems

after 2014.

The decades-old problems can be resolved by finding solutions to them and not by

iding. Not only the accommoda-Not only the accommoda-tion for MPs, there were several projects in Delhi which had been lying incomplete for many years, and were in limbo. Construction of several build-ings began during this Government itself and was completed in the stipulated time, even before the scheduled time. When there was the Government of Atal Bihari



Vajpayee ji, discussion began on the Ambedkar National Memorial. It took several years for its construction and it was completed only after the formation of this Government.

"The Doctor Ambedkar International Centre was built by this government after a long wait of 23 years. The new building of the Central Information Commission was completed by this Government. The country was, for decades, discussing a proposal of the War Memorial. The brawe soldiers of our country were expecting and demanding this for a long time. Our Government also had the privilege of constructing a war memorial near India Gate in

memory of the country's mar-tyrs. Thousands of policemen in our country have sacrificed their lives to maintain law and order. Thousands of policemen order. Thousands of policemen have been martyred. The National Police Memorial in their memory was also built by this Government, said Modi, narrating several projects completed by his Government on time. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Union Ministers Prahlad Joshi and Hardeep Puri were present in the function. The 76 new residences for MPs have been built within 27 months at a cost of Rs 188 crore, in three towers named after Rivers Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati.

CBI books UP resident for impersonating agency official

The CBI has registered a case against an accused, resident of Jwal Khera, Bulandshahr and Shivpuri Choraha, Tehsil Kol, Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) on the allegations that he has been impersonating himself as RR Singh, DIG, CBI, Delhi for his

impersonating himself as RK sligh, DIG, CBH, Delhi for his personal gain.

The agency also conducted searches on Monday at the premises of the accused which led to recovery of two country made firearms and some incriminating documents in connection with the alleged crime.

The accused Rajiv Singh was impersonating as the CBI DIG for personal gains, officials said, adding investigation is continuing in the case.

Meanwhile, the agency on Monday arrested an absconding accused in an ongoing investigation of a case against a Kolkata-based Ponzi company.

company.

A case was registered

against the Ponzy company) and others. "It was alleged that the Managing Director of the (accused Ponzi company) in (accused Ponzi company) in pursuance to a conspiracy with other Directors of said Group of Companies (a Ponzi Company) had illegally collected Re 45-64 crore (approximately) from the investors under various fraudulent schemes on assurance of paying high returns on such investments on maturity, the CBI said in a statement.

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It was further alleged that the accused fled away after cheating the said investors and misappropriated the invested money.

money. The arrested accused SK Nazubuulla, Managing Director of Angel Agritech Group of Companies (a Ponzy Company), was produced before the Court of ACJM, Baruipur (West Bengal) and remanded to 10 days police Baruipur (West Bengal) and remanded to 10 days police custody, officials added.

Foreign Secy briefs envoys of key nations on attempts by JeM to carry out terror attack in J&K

to carry out terror attack in J&K

New Delhi: Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan
Shringla on Monday briefed top emoys of key nations,
including the US, Russia, France and Japan on the
planned terror attack by Pakistan-based terrorist
group JeM in Nagrota in Jammu which was foiled
by security forces on November 19, sources said.

The heads of missions were provided with a
comprehensive "information docket" giving the
details of the incident, and also list of items and munition recovered from terrorists, clearly indicating their
Pakistani origins. The envoys were sensitised about
India's concerns regarding Pakistans' sustained
efforts to "destabilise" the situation in Jammu &
Kashmir and to "subvert" upcoming local elections
and democracy in the union territory, sources said.

"In terms of the bigger picture, it was clear that
the terrorists were planning the biggest terror attack
in India since Pulwama in February 2019 and the
implications can be guessed, "said a source, adding
that details of JeM's involvement in previous such
incidents were also shared with the envoys.

Four suspected JeM terrorists, who were hiding in a truck, were killed by security forces near
Nagrota in an encounter on Thursday morning after
which the government asserted that a major terror attack was foiled by the Indian security forces.

It was the first of several briefings to be conducted by the MEA in small groups in view of the
Covid-19 situation, the sources said adding other
secretaries will also be holding similar sessions with

secretaries will also be holding similar sessions with heads of missions of other countries.

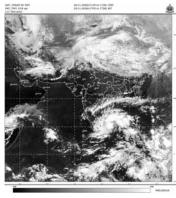
Nivar likely to make landfall along TN coast tomorrow

Cyclone Nivar is brewing in the Bay of Bengal and might make landfall along the Tamil Nadu coast between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram on the afternoon of November 25. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has upgraded the tropical threat to Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry coasts to a severe cyclone and issued an advisory to this effect.

This will be the first cyclone to make landfall on the Indian coast in 2020 and the second to form in the North Indian Ocean region after severe cyclone Gati in the Arabian Sea in 2020. The months from October to December are cyclone season' and see several originate in the Bay of Bengal.

According to the IMD, Nivar currently lies as a depression some 600 km south south east of Puducherry in the Bay of Bengal. I will intensify into a deep depression by the evening of November 23 and a cyclone by the morning of November 23 and a cyclone by the mage of 100-110 kollometres per hour, with gusts of up to 120 km. I mage of 100-110 kollometres per hour, with gusts of up to 120 km. I might bring heavy cainfall to the southern states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Padesh, Karnataka and Telangana from November 24-26.

The IMD warned that the severe cyclone may infilic damage to thatched houses/ huts with the possibility of rooftops being blown off and untattached



IMD satellite image captured on Monday shows a depression over the Bay of

metal sheets flying away. metal sheets flying away, Damage to power and communication lines could be expected. Kutcha roads may suffer major damaged while it would be less severe to pucca roads. Escape routes could get flooded after breaking down of tree branches and large avenue trees getting uproted. The severe cyclone can also cause major damage to banana and papaya trees, horticulture and crops, orchards and coastal crops.

The sea condition was 'rough to very rough' (wave heights of 8-20 ft) over South-

West and adjoining West-Central and South-East Bay along and off Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and south Andhra Pradesh coasts and over the Gulf of Mannar on Monday afternoon.
Fishermen are advised not to venture into South-West and adjoining West-Central and South-East Bay; the Gulf of Mannar, and along and off the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and south Andhra Pradesh coasts from Monday to Wednesday. Those out into the sea already are advised to return to the coast

Union Cabinet Secy chairs meet

Union Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba on Monday chaired a meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) to review the status of impend-ing Cyclone through video conferencing with the Chief Secretaries of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. The Chief Secretaries of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry briefed the NCMC about their prepared-ness and mentioned that the authorities are fully prepared to meet any eventuality. They also informed about the coor-dination with the NDRF and other agencies to meet this challence.

other agencies to meet this challenge.
"Director General, India Meteorological Department made a presentation on the present situation and men-tioned that the status is being shared with the concerned State Governments. He men-

and avoid the above sea areas.

Throughout August, the Arabian Sea was warmer than usual by two-three degrees Celsius. While the normal sea surface temperatures here are about 28-29°C, the temperatures this August reached up to 29-31°C. The sea surface tem-

tioned that the impending Cyclone is going to affect coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry between 24th to 26th November, 2020.

"The Cabinet Secretary mentioned that we all are aiming at zero loss of life and early restoration of normalcy in the affected areas. He mentioned that the advi-

early restoration of normalcy in the affected areas. He mentioned that the advisories to fishermen not to go into the sea should be strictly implemented. People living in 'kutcha' houses may be advised suitably according to the situation, he added; said Cabinet Secretariat in a statement.

Secretaries from Home, Power, Telecommunication, Civil Avviation, Shipping, Health Ministry, Chairman, Civil Avviation, Shipping, Health Ministry, Chairman, Railway Board, Member Secretary, NDMA, DG, NDRF and representative of Ministry of Defence also informed the NCMC about the arrangements and assistance to the concerned States.

peratures in the Bay of Bengal are also in the range of 29-30°C, according to IMD's latest cyclone update. A deep depres-sion in October had also carried much more rainfall than nor-mal, causing extremely heavy rainfall in many parts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Police challenging bail granted to man

rejects plea of Delhi

Riots case: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court dismissed the plea of the Delhi Police challenging the bail granted to a man, who has been accused of selling a SIM card on a fake ID to a Jamia Millia Islamia University student, which was allegedly used for inciting violence during the protests here in February against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA). A bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan rejected the appeal of the police against the October 23 order of the Delhi High Court granting bail to the October 23 order of the Delhi High Court granting bail to the accused, observing that the police have not shown that he was party to a conspir-acy to organise protests against the CAA.

Alleging that the SIM card obtained on a fake ID was used to coordinate protests against the CAA, the police had invoked the stringent UAPA against the accused. PTI

Palghar lynching case: SC adjourns to next week plea seeking CBI probe

Seeking CBI probe

New Delhi: The Supreme
Court on Monday adjourned to
next week hearing on the pleas
seeking a probe by the Central
Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
or a court-monitored SIT into
the Palghar mob lynching incident. A bench headed by
Justice Ashok Bhushan
adjourned the matter after
Solicitor General Tushar Mehta
requested for adjournment of
the case to the next week.
Maharashtra Government
had earlier informed the apex
court that all guilty police officials have been primised or supended from services.
"Departmental enquiry was
ordered against police personnel, who have been prima-facie
found negligent and derelict in
the performance of their duties
in handling the incident and
preventing the commission of a
crime at and around the time of
the incident," the Maharashtra
Government had submitted in
a status report.

SC extends parole of Rajiv Gandhi assassination convict

for medical check up for medical check up
New Delhi: The Supreme
Court on Monday extended by
a week the parole of AG
Perarivalan, serving life sentence in the Rajiv Gandhi
sasassination case, for undergoing medical check-up.
A bench comprising
Justices L Nageswara Rao,
Hemant Gupta and Ajay
Rastogi also directed the Tamil
Nadu Government to provide
police escort to Perarivalan
during his visit to the hospital
The parole, granted to the
convict by the Madras High
Court, was ending on Monday
and now stands extended by one
more week. As prayed for, we

and now stands extended by one more week. "As prayed for, we further extend the parole of the petitioner by one week from today and direct the respondent — State of Tamil Nadu to pro-vide the pressary police escort — State of Tamil Nadu to provide the necessary police escort to the petitioner to enable him to visit the hospital for treatment. List the matter on January 19, 2021, for final disposal," the bench said.

Recoveries outnumber new coronavirus cases in 24 hours in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram: Recoveries outnumbered the new Covid cases in Kerala in the last 24 hours as fewer sam-ples were tested. In the past 24 hours, with

In the past 24 hours, with 35,659 samples send for testing only 3,757 new Covid cases were reported taking the total tally to 5,00,089 while 5,425 people recovered from the virus.

According to a statement According to a statement issued by state Health Minister K. K. Shailaja, the active cases in the state were reported to be 64,166 whereas with 22 more



deaths due to Covid the total death toll reached 2,071. 3,14,543 people are under

608 recoveries in J&K in 24hrs against 351 new Covid cases

Fine for not wearing masks in Goa

Srinagar: Recoveries continued to outnumber the new Covid cases in J&K on the second consecutive day on Monday as 608 patients were discharged while 351 tested positive in the last 24 hours.
Out of 351 new Covid cases, 185 were reported from Jammu division.
He total tally of UT reached 1,06,899 while the total recoveries were reported to be 99,827.
So far, 1,641 people have succumbed to the deadly virus, including 12 who lided on Mondor 3 active cases is 5,431 out of which 1,882 are from Jammu division and 3,549 are from Kashmir division.

IANS

In Creased to ₹200

Panaji: Fine for not wearing masks in public places in Gao has been doubled from Rs 100 to Rs 200, Chief Minister Parmod Sawant said on Monday.
Sawant also said urged people not to visit beaches, airports, railway stations and bus stands without masks in order to control the pandemic.
"Ill now we have been charging Rs 100 (per offence). From today onwards the fine (for not wear public, people will have to wear masks or they will be compulsorily fined, Sawant said.

The cMis comments come after a busy tourist weekend in Goa, during which thousands of tourists the divident masks on beaches, bus stands, airport. If this happens, only then we will be able to control the pandemic, Sawant said.

Shut down Goa casinos amid increase in Covid cases: AAP

Panaji: Amid reports of more than a dozen persons testing positive for Covid-19 in Goa's offshore casinos, the Aam Aadmi Party on Monday demanded the closure of the industry, fearing an increase in novel coronavirus in the state. Addressing a press configuration of the coronavirus in the state of the coronavirus in the state. Addressing a press configuration of the coronavirus in the state.

ence in Panaji on Monday, Goa Aam Aadmi Party spokesperson Surel Tilve said, if the rush to the state's casinos is not controlled, the state may witness a second wave of infections. "It is already difficult to con-trol the flow of tourists to Goa's casinos. It is getting out of con-trol. Covid-19 cases in casinos have also increased. The gov-ernment is just trying to appease

the lobby by allowing this trend to continue," Tilve told a press conference in Panaji. "We fear that if the chaos

"We fear that if the chaos continues, Goa may witness a second Covid-19 wave sooner than later," Tilve said, Goa has a confirmed tally of 46,826 positive cases, while 677 persons have died in the state after testing positive for Covid-19.

Goa's state capital Panaji, off which most of the offshore casinos are anchored in the Mandovi river, witnessed chaos over the weekend with thousands of tourists making a beginned to the contract of the con

line for casinos without main-taining social distancing norms and wearing masks.
The melee even forced

Panaji M.L.A. Atanasio Monserrate to step out onto the streets with local municipality officials in tow, in a bid to manage the traffic chaos as well as fine casino visitors for not wearing masks.

When asked about the increase in Covid-19 cases detected in Goa's casinos, the Bip M.L.A said: "You can ask the Chief Minister that because he has permitted the casinos to open."

Casino operations, which were shut down in Goa in March due to the pandemic, restarted operations from November 1 this year. There are six offshore and around 10 onshore casinos operating in the state. IANS

Shah sharing lunch with tribal photo op: Didi | Minor arrested for | Goa BJP steers clear of cow

Bengal Chief Minister on OMOnday launched a scathing attack on the BJP Government, particularly Union Home Minister Amit Shah — for playing to the gallery while having lunch with tribal and poor people — inviting instantaneous attack from the State BJP leadership that hit out at her for unleashing a "criminal and cut money raj" in the State. Launching a no-holdsbarred attack on the Home Minister, Mamata said how he

Minister, Mamata said how he had shared lunch with a tribal family in Jangal Mahal only fora photo opportunity. "Recently the

Home Minister came and held a drama taking lunch with a tribal family which was told that he would stop at their house for having lunch — but fact to be the would stop at their house for having lunch — but fact to be flash first the would stop at their house for having lunch — but fact to be flash first the would stop at their house for having lunch — but fact to be flash first the wear with the state of Birsa Munda the great leader and honour him by clearing a holiday on his birth day. 'Holding the Centre responsible for rising prices of eatables like noinc, potato, and other groceries Banerjee said 'a day has three-day Bankrau visit said," in contrast I just made an unscheduled stop at tribal residences discussed their problems with them sitting on charpais the way the form of the people cannot were have rice and mashed potation to the people cannot with them sitting on charpais the same from the problem. Banerjee also promised free tributes and the problems are the problems and the problems

of the total vote percentage in jangalmahal the tribal people make for about 44 opercent vote share impacting about 45 seats. Incidentally the tribal population had overwhelmingly voted for the BJP in the 2019 general elections

tions.

Attacking the BJP for bringing outsiders' (read the leaders from the sossession.

Attacking the BJP for bringing outsiders' (read the leaders from the sossession other States to supervise lecticioering in Bengal) to win elections Baneriee said 'they are bringing people from outside Bengal and will spend huge cash to get votes ... you accept that ill-gotten cash but don't vote for them as the cash they will give the Chief Minister.

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issuing threats to Yogi on WhatsApp

Lucknow: A minor has been arrested for allegedly sending a threat message to Utar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. A nobile phone and a SIM card were recovered from his possession in According to the police spokesman, the message was sent on the emergency helpdesk Whats App number and the accused had used abusive language, besides issuing threats to the Chief Ministre.

slaughter ban row in K'taka

Panaji: State BJP president Sadanand Shet Tanavade steered clear of queries related to an impending ban on cow slaughter in Karnataka and its impact on beef availability in Goa, which imports nearly all its slaughtered beef from the Southern state. "What they are doing in the Karnataka assembly it is their deci-

Karnataka assembly would be passing a strict law banning slaughter of cows in Karnataka.

Tanavade also said that just because the Goa desk in-charge has advocated the ban in Karnataka, it does not mean that the same norm would be applied in Goa, where begi is routinely creamed by the same norm would be applied in Goa, where beef is routinely consumed by more than 30 per cent of the states minority population and by thousands of tourists, who visit the state every year. "See he (Ravi) is an MLA, so what he needs to do (in Karnataka) is a dif-

ne needs to do (in Karnataka) is a dif-ferent matter. Just because they do it there, that means it will happen here. It is not the case. It is a different issue there," Tanavade said.

BJP flag removal from MLA's car: AMU to challenge court order in SC

In the matter of removing the BJP flag from the Scorpio vehicle of MJP MLA Dalvir Singh's grandson, the Aligarh Muslim University administration will challenge the matter in Supreme Court against the decision of the lower court

the decision of the lower court of High Court.
Professor Shafe Qidwai of the Public Relations Department of the University told that on 22 October 2019, Prof. Bibl Singh, the member of the university's proctor team, did his duty by taking off the did to the court of the court o

Hathras rape accused sent to Guj for narco, polygraph, brain mapping test

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Narco, polygraphy and brain
mapping tests will be conducted on the four accused in the
hathras rape case. After taking its
permission from the Hathras
court, the CBI took the four
accused from Aligarh jail to
Gujarat under the Police Guard
protection and will remain in the
Gandhi Nagar Jail of Gujarat.

The four accused in the
rape and murder of the girl in
Chandpa, Hathras were in the
Aligarh district jail. The Gli
interrogated the accused for
several days.

According to the sources, the
four had given consent to the
narco, polygraphy and brain
mapping test. After getting their
consent, the CBI sought permission to conduct these tests in
the ADJ-SCST Act from the
court of Hathras and requested

that these tests will be conduct-

that these tests will be conducted in a laboratory in
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
On this request of the CBI,
the court gave permission and
mentioned in the order that the
four will be kept in Gandhi
Nagar jail till the completion of test process as per the

In the test process as per the requirement.

After getting this order, CBI sought security from Hathras SP to transport the four from Aligarh Jail to Gandhi Nagar Gujarat. In this sequence, SP Hathras took the security guard from jail and sent them to Gujarat while arranging for the security guard and vehicle from the police line.

These four have now reached Gujarat.

Now the process of testing will be completed in a couple of days. Only then they will be brought back.

Victim's family living in fear of lives

withdrawn, their life might be in danger, claims a civil right body.

The People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) demanded security for the family through the Nirbhaya fund.
PUCL members Kamal Singh, Alok, Shashikant, Farman Naqvi and K B Maurya told that the whole family is in a way under house arrest conditions and their normal social life has been cut off.

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The victim's family members are in the fear for their lives that once the CRPF protection is withdrawn, their lives might be in danger. The upper caste people will not allow them to live in the village or they may threaten their lives.

PUCL members also said that case should be filed against the officials who cremated the victim's body in a hurry. They said that action should be taken against district magistrate Praveen Kumar, SP Vikram Veer and the area SHO

The victim's body was cremated in the middle of the night hurriedly. Her family members claimed that the cremation, was without their consent and they were not allowed to bring the body home one last time.

Couple found hanging from tree in Mathura

Mathura (Uttar Pradesh): A young couple was found hanging from the same tree in Mathura's Piprauli village. The decased have been identified as Pankaj and Jyoti, both 21-years-old. They were found hanging from a tree just about 100 metres behind their houses. Both belonged to the same caste. Preliminary investigations revealed that they were in a relationship for the past few years and wanted to get married. However, the girl's parents were not ready to accept their relationship as the duo was distantly related.

AMU faculty delivers keynote address

Aligarh: "The New Education Policy (NEP) Aligam: "The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has a commendable vision; it will enable the education system to constantly reform itself. This, in itself, will be a remarkable achievement," said Prof Nafees Ahmad Ansari, Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Aligarh Musting Injewsth. (AMIL)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Andhra registers 545 Covid cases, tally 8.62 lakh

Of the 8.62 lakn cases, active conditions to 13.394.

Andhra Pradesh has the highest ratio of Covid tests per million samples in the country. It has tested 1.8 lakh people for every million population while the national average is 95.590.

The southern state's positivity rate currently stands at 10.2 per cent.

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BOLLYWOOD DRUG MAFIA NEXUS CASE -Mumbai court grants bail to comedian Bharti, husband Harsh

TN RACHINATHA III MUMBAU

A Special court here on Monday granted a bail to television comedian Bharti Singh and her husband Harsh Limbachiya against a bond of Rs 15,000 each in the drugs seizure and consumption case filed against them by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

A day after they were sent judicial custody till December 14, 36-year-old Bharti and 33-year-old Harsh, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Esplanade Court allowed the bail application of Bharti and her script writer-producer husband Harsh and ordered their release against a bail bond for

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O Saturday evening, Harsh
was placed under arrest by the
NCB after 15 house of questioning on Sunday morning.
Their arrests came after the
NCB seized 86.5 grams of
Cannabis during the raids conducted on their office and residence in north-west Mumba
on Saturday. While the NCB
seized 65 gram of Cannabis
from Harsh sproduction house
at Versova. 21.5 grams of the
same drug and unaccounted
cash of Rs 1.49 lakh were
seized from the residence of
Bharti and Harsh at Andheris
Lokhandwala Complex.
Bharti is understood to
have told officers that she
would smoke weed procured
by her husban. Harsh told the
investigators that he purchased
Cannabis from a peddler. Of
the procured cannabis, he
would keep a part of the contraband at his office, while he
would keep he remaining drug
at his for consumption.

During their questioning by the NCB, Bharti and her husband reportedly confessed to having possessed and consumed cannabis (ganja).

Both have been booked under sections 20(b)(ii)(A) (involves small quantity of drugs) and 86(C) (possession of drugs) and 27 (consumption of the NCB officials had arrested earlier the day on Saturday. During the raid conducted at a location in Khar Danda area, the investigators seized various drugs including 15 blots of LSD (commercial quantity), ganja (40 gm) and Nitrazepam (psychotropic medicines).

Bharti and Harsh are being investigated in connection with the Bollywood-drug mafia case elegistered by the NCB in the

Bharti and Harsh are being investigated in connection with the Bollywood-drug mafia case registered by the NCB in the wake of the alleged suicide of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

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Sushant, it may be recalled, was found hanging from a ceiling fan in his closed room of his duplex flat at Mont blanc building at Bandra's Carter Road in north-west Mumbai on June 14.

Earlier, on November 9, the NCB had raided the residence of Bollywood actor Arjun Rampal on November 9, his and his live-in friend Gabriella Demetriades' questioning and the subsequent arrest of his Australian friend Paul Bartel was on Friday arrested by the NCB in the much-discussed Bollywood-drug mafia nexus

Rampal and Gabriella were questioned later. The NCB had earlier last month arrested a South African national Agisilaso Demetriades – the brother of Rampal's live-in partner Gabriella Demetriades from Lonavla near Pune. Agisilaos is allegd to be a part of a larger drug syndicate oper-ating in Bollywood, which is being investigated after the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. .. Rampal and Gabriella v

death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput.
Earlier on November 8, the NCB officials had carried out searches at film producer Firoz A. Nadiadwalais residence along Gulmohar Cross Road at Juhu Vile Parle Development (JYPD) Scheme in north-west Mumbai and seized a total of 171.1 em of various druss and

Mumbai and seized a total of 717.1 gm of various drugs and arrested five persons, including Firoz A. Nadiadwala's wife Shabana Saec.

Nearly twenty persons -including Sushant's girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty and her borther Showik: — have so far been arrested in connection with a case registered by the NCB on August 28, two days after it registered a case suo moto.

acte to ringgar was a common to the CB had registered a case suo motion. The CB had registered a second case after it told the Mumbai court that it wanted to "to uproof the dring citade lin Bollywood" subsequently. Rhea was granted conditional bail by the Bombay High Court in the Sushant death-related drug case on ctober 7, 2020. As part of the investigations, the NCB had earlier questioned Bollywoods prominent actresses Deeptka. Padukone, Sara Ali Khan, Shraddha Kapoor and Rakul Preet Singh.

BSF guns down intruder along IB in Samba

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A lert jawans of the Border Security Force (BSF) gunned an intruder along the International border in the Samba sector late Monday evening while foiling an infiltration bid from across the border.

On Sunday, a cross border

On Sunday, a cross border tunnel was detected by a joint team of BSF and Jammu and Kashmir police near the Regal border post in the Samba sec-

border post in the Samba sector.

In another related development, the DGP J&K police Dilbagh Singh Monday presented rewards to the personnel who were part of the Ban Toll Plaza encounter.

On the occasion, DGP also announced that shields already issued in Kashmir valley would also be provided to the personnel in Jammu zone. He said that protection jackets and helmets with higher level

of protection would also be made available to increase the safety and capability of J&K personnel fighting against ter-rorism. He said that BP vehi-cles with additional features rorism. He said that BP vehicles with additional features would also be provided to increase the efficiency of personnel on the anti-terror front. He also sought reports from the field officers and personnel with regards to the safety gears and other requirements and assured that highlighted requirements would be redressed on priority.

Meanwhile, a senior security expert in Jammu Brigadier (Retd) Anil Gupta Monday expressed grave concern on the repeated failure of the BSF and J&K Police to prevent infiltration through the International Border (IB).

In a written statement, Brig Gupta stated that this is the 4th or 5th time when a tunnel has been detected after the infiltration has taken place.

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Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh has registered 545 new Covid cases, increasing the State's tally to 8.62 lakh, even as 1,390 persons recovered from the virus on Monday. Guntur district accounted for the highest number of cases in the past 24 hours at 117, followed by East Godavar (104), West Godavari (76), Krishna (44), Chittoor (32), Kadapa (31), Nellore (30), Prakasam (25), Visakhapatham (21), Anantapur and Srikakhalm (19 each), Vizinagazarm (17) and Kurnool (10). With the new additions, East Godavari continues to shoulder the highest number of cases at 1.21 lakh. Meanwhile, 10 more people succumbed to the virus, raising the total number of Covid deaths in the state to 6,948.

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Chittoor district has witnessed the highest number of Covid deaths at 822.
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Of the 8.62 lakh cases, active cases have plummeted

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Good enough?

The AstraZeneca vaccine has been clinically tested to have an average efficacy of 70 per cent. We still need containment drills



ith India clearly in the midst of a third wave — some might even call it a tsunami wave — some might even call it a tsunami of new Coronavirus cases — we should not be surprised. Even a cursory glance of what happened during the 1918-1919 Spanish influenza pandemic should have warned us to be prepared for winter, because even a century ago, there was a massive increase in cases in winter when the cold compromises lungs thanks to congestion and any influenza virus can be devastating. With the Delhi and Gujarat governments in a state of panic, it is almost certain that cases will begin to increase across the country whether

the authorities admit to them or not. But there is some positive news with British phar-maceutical firm AstraZeneca, which has jointly developed a vaccine with University of Oxford to combat the Coronavirus, coming out with its trial results. That is because the Serum Institute of India (SII) has been a partner to this research as well and has promised that it will produce hundreds of millions of doses of this vaccine for Indians. Yet, the results have only indicated an average of 70 per cent efficacy with two full doses taken a month apart and up to 90 per cent when an initial half dose is combined with a full dose taken after one month. Promisingly, the vaccine doesn't need super-cold storage like the ones developed by Pfizer and Moderna, requiring only refrigeration. It also appears that as many as five other promising vaccine candidates might make it to the markets

However, as we have maintained, the development of a vaccine is not equal to its deployment. Also, if as the trials have indicated, with at least one-and-a-half doses required for maximum efficacy. India will need a whopping two billion doses. Even if costs are kept in check, this is looking at a time frame that might take well over three-four years to inoculate a substantial number of Indians in order to gain a decent amount of protection. At the same time, because efficacy is not the same as effectiveness, even with 90 per cent efficacy, the Coronavirus will continue to pop up, tens of thousands will continue to get infected and many more will die before the Wuhan pandemic truly settles down. Till then, preparedness and preventable behaviour are the only containment devices against an unexpected surge and given India's population density, we better rec-oncile ourselves to the fact that our crests will be a constant for some time. Maharashtra, which has been the worst-affected State in the country, fighting the longest battle and is now threatened with a new front, has finally released its new screening SOPs that make a RT-PCR test report mandatory for visitors who are travelling to the State from hotspots. All entry points to the State will have testing and screening centres for those not carrying such a report. This is the first time that international travel protocols are being followed domestically and perhaps would be adopted by other States, too, to keep the numbers down. It is a shame indeed that the Supreme Court has had to pull up State Governments on laxity and seek a status report on preparedness. The court also had to get into the nitty gritties of ensuring dignified treatment of the dead and vetting hospital conditions to treat the sick. A fatigue has undoubtedly set in, socially, psychologically and physically. Doctors are the worst affected, some of whom need to be relieved with younger colleagues now being drafted in to ease frontline pressure. Anticipation is the best defence now. The pandemic has forced Governments to invest in public health like never before but now investments in vaccine manufacturing and deployment will be the challenge. These are positive developments but let us not pretend that the news of a vaccine is a silver bullet that will magically cure the world.

Putin's *nyet* to Biden

Russia yet to acknowledge US President-elect given his past stance on sanctions. Can arms control break the ice?



In all world leaders are already confabulating with President-elect Joe Biden, Russian President Vladimir Detic in the confabulation of V President Vladimir Putin is not ready to acknowledge the US' chosen leader just yet. In fact, given his history with US President Donald Trump, his latest diplomatic stance portends what the latter might be up to. One that's serious enough for Putin to acknowledge Although the electoral certification process technically is still on. Biden has emerged the clear winner from the State-by-State vote tallies. And the Electoral College is expected to formally confirm the results on December 14. Trump may exhaust all legal options and challenge counts but the margins are by now too large to change the outcome in his favour. But he

sure is making the transition difficult, determined to make Biden's job difficult and most importantly, fairly decided about weighing his rival down with his flamboyance and show him as a weak leader, who doesn't deserve to be in a chair that demands his kind of robustness. Putin's words on State TV would seem like they were scripted by Trump himself as he said he would work with "anyone who has the confidence of the American people. But that confidence can only be given to a candidate whose victory has been recognised by the opposing party, or after the results are confirmed in a legitimate, legal way." The contrast is sharper as in 2016, Putin had wasted no time in congratulating Trump for winning the election. Of course, Clinton had conceded the day after the vote and the Russian involvement in influencing the election in Trump's favour is not quite a secret. So beyond the personal equation, Putin's continued deference to Trump as a world leader seemed less than diplomatic, considering the impact it could have on US-Russia relations and global geopolitics. Putin, of course, claimed that his latest stance wouldn't impact mutual relations much as they were "already ruined." The Trump Administration has already withdrawn from the Open Skies Treaty and the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. Thanks to the US, Russia is already under international sanctions for actions, including its annexation of Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 (one where Biden had a key role to play), interference in the US election in 2016 and reported involvement in a nerve agent attack in the UK in 2018. So unless Putin is humouring Trump in the run-up to 2024, which the latter is seemingly keen to contest, and investing for the future, little else makes sense. Besides, Trump's "America first" policy and withdrawal from global arenas of conflict had helped Russia somewhat regain its heft and self-worth in Europe in the power vacuum thus caused, all the way up to Turkey. With Biden's renewed commitment to world bodies, particularly NATO, Russia's clout could be considerably diminished. In fact, it could be blindsided again.

The Kremlin has historically not been comfortable with the Democrats and finds Biden an impediment, given his tough stance on Putin. As Vice-President, Biden had stridently pushed for sanctions against Russia in response to the 2014 Ukrainian crisis. With no signs of conflict resolution on that count, Putin now expects tougher counter-measures against him. Besides, given Biden's stance that morality must play a role in US foreign policy, Russia fears sharper US condemnation of its rights issues and what the US considers "subversive" activities in the neighbourhood. This brand of US exceptionalism is antithetical to Russia's newly extended sphere of influence. All through his campaign, Biden did mention Russia's meddling in US elections as also its alleged endorsement of Taliban attacks on US troops in Afghanistan. So rightfully, Putin does expect a hitback and is probably raising his stakes to deflect the US. Of course, Biden and his team are pragmatic and a balanced lot and would not want to precipitate a crisis, working on areas of mutual interest. The renewal of arms control could be a starting point. Biden has already said that he wants extension of existing or new treaties on reducing US-Russian nuclear arms. That works with the Russians, too

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Educating a global citizen

Character-building just cannot be envisioned in isolation unless linked to culture. The NEP respects Gandhi's vision of young Indians

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licies are formulated on the strong foundation of the outcomes of incisive analyplastrong foundation of the outcomes of incisive analysis of past experiences coupled with futuristic vision that could respond to emerging issues, concerns and aspirations. Gandhiji consistently articulated the India of the death of the concerns and aspirations. Gandhiji consistently articulated the India of the death of the concerns and his concerns about the impediments ahead. These are evident in the seven social sins he published in the Young India of October 22,1925. These are politics without principles, wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity and worship without scarling. No policy, the one education included, can ignore the contemporary severity of these sins. Irould also be withessed in the seven tension dentified in the report to UNESCO of the International Commission on Education for the Debores Commission Report. These are the tensions between global and

Delores Commission Report. These are the tensions between global and local, universal and individual, term and short term considerations, the need for competition and concern for opportunity, extraordinary expansion of knowledge and the human beings capacity to assimilate, and finally, the conflict between the spiritual and the material. One could, in the present context, reformulate them but it would be perious to neglect amy of these. The mulate them but it would be perilous to neglect any of these. The "sins" are taking stronger roots while the "tensions" are disturbing human habitation and systems that are already under severe strains and ing moral, ethical and humanistic

considerations.
An incisive scrutiny of the
National Education Policy (NEP
2020) would indicate the extent to
which both the sins and tensions
need to be responded to, as is essenment oou trie sais and reissons meed to be responded to, as is essential to prepare human beings imbued with character, commitment and concern. It acknowledges the guiding light it derived from the "rich heritage of ancient and eternal Indian knowledge, wisdom and truth is considered the highest goal of human life. The NEP mentions, "The aim of education in ancient India was not just the acquisition of knowledge as preparation for life in this world, or life beyond schooling but for the complete realisation and liberation of the Soul. World class



institutions in India, such as Takshashila, Nalanda, Vikramshila and Vallabihi, set the highest standards of multi-disciplinary teaching and research and hosted scholars and students from across backgrounds and countries. The ancient Indian system of education valued the pursuit of knowledge with the sole objective of utilising it for the welfare of humanity: "Let all be happy, let all be healthy; let all see good around and let none suffer pain of any kind." Could there be a better comprehension of the pain of any kind" Could there be a better comprehension of the essential unity of human beings as one family? And in a family, differences and diversities are accepted and respected. This is what the NEP has imbibed in word and spirit. It recalls how the products of ancient Indian edu-cation system strived tirelessly to make seminal contributions in diverse fields of knowledge, including mathematics, astrope-including mathematics, satvestop-including mathematics, satvestopmake seminal contributions in diverse fields of knowledge, including mathematics, astronomy metallurgs, surgery, health, architecture, engineering, ship building, maygation, yog, fine arts and so much more. Every hudian student—inheritor of this great legacy — must be made familiar with it and accept the responsibility to enhance it further through excellence in his chosen area of activity and experience in the control of the legacy of luminaries. Each one of them is an inheritor of the legacy of luminaries. Each one of them is an inheritor of the legacy of luminaries. Each one of them is an inheritor, and the support of the legacy of luminaries. Basharacharya, Brahmagupta, Nagarjuna, Gautama, Maitreyi, Gargi and Thritvalluvur.
Once the NEP 2020 is implemented appropriately, no Indian "Every learner would be exposed to modern knowledge that would be given to him/her in institutions following the most modern pedagogy, and with due mephasis on critical thinking, creativity and innovations. It would aim at developing a student of the control o

Higher education, the NEP-2020 acknowledges, must aim to develop good, thoughtful, well rounded and creative individuals. Obviously, the school education would take note of these aspects in the most sensitive years. Recommendations on multi-disciplinary universities, robust autonomy, revamping of curriculum and pedagogy, reforms in governance of higher education Institutions (HEIs), creation of National Research Foundation

Institutions (Fizis), retailution (NRF) and National Research Foundation (NRF) and National Educational Technology Forum (NETF) would be positive additions to the quality and contemporary relevance of the future model of Indian education.

Indian could finally turn into an international education hub and certainly attract attention of the corresponding international institutions. The proposed changes in structure, flexibility, autonomy, pedagogy, multi-dimensionality, assessment procedures, including transfer of credit systems, would remove several agonising technicalities. The availability of internationally relevant curricula in the history, heritage and culture of India, as also modern subject the availability of internationally relevant curricula in the history, heritage and culture of India, as also modern subject areas, could attract a sizeable number of foreign students, helping us achieve the goal of "internationalisation at home." Some well-thought out suggestions fike opening of foreign campuses by established Indian institutions and permitting top international universities to operate in India would effectively put Indian education firmly on the international podium, with dignity, credibility and expectations. Shared courses with reputed international institutions could pase the way for a much needed morale boost ing and encourage our young to compete with and excel among

cautious about certain aspects though. Global credibility and recognition would require certain minimum levels of infrastructure and facilities which, sadly enough, are still missing in a large number of education institutions across the board. The NEP 2020 assures availability of all of these: "Every classroom shall have access to the latest educational technology that enables better learning experiences." There can be no compromise on the professionally acceptable teacher-taught ratio. This raises several related requirements. Quality just cannot be raised by engaging guest teachers, teachers on lecture-based payments, para teachers and keeping more than a million posts of school teachers vacant for decades together! In HEIs, the quality of products, research and innovations would be greatly impeded if there are 40-60 per cent vacant academic positions. The NEP 2020 boldly acknowledges this concern and articulates." The teacher must be at the centre of the fundamental reforms in the education system. The new education policy must help re-establish teachers, at all levels, as the most respected and essential members of our society. Decause they truly shape our next generation of citizens. It must do everything the proposer teachers.

were indeed far ahead of others in their professional performance in schools and teacher education institutions. Unfortunately, the module was not replicated. In higher education, the policy acknowledges the "criticality, quality and engagement" of the faculty. It also accepts that "faculty motivation" remains far lower than the desired level. Several steps have been listed to attract "the best, motivated, and capable faculty in the HEIS." The right-teacher-student ratio, access to education technology, freedom to design their own cur-

The right-teacher-student ratio, access to education technology, freedom to design their own curricular and pedagogical approaches, incentives like appropriate rewards, promotions, recognition and movement into institutional leadership are included in the list.

In his book of 1932, Remakers of Mankind, Carl Washburne writes that when asked, "What is your goal in education when India obtains self-rule?", Gandhi answered, "Character-building, I would try to develop courage, strength, virtue, the ability to forget one-self in working towards great aims. This is more important than literacy, caademic learning is only a means to this great end. Character formation was the strength of the traditional Indian system of knowledge quest that included creation, generation, utilisation and transfer of knowledge to generations ahead. With all the experiences eained elob utilisation and transfer of knowly the dept of generations ahead. With all the experiences gained globally in varying contexts and approaches, it is now accepted globally that education in every country must be rooted to culture and committed to progress. Character-building just cannot be envisioned in isolation unless linked to culture. No culture would flourish in isolation and curyouth can become global citizens only when they are made well aware and conversant with our youth can become global citizens only when they are made
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comprehensively articulated by
Gandhiji in the Young India of
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opinion that no culture has a treasure so rich as ours. We have not
known it, we have been made
even to depreciate its value. We
have almost ceased to live it." Let
us hope that the proposed educational reforms would prepare
young people with credentials,
and they would be looking after
the masses. Education must lead
to human dignity for one and all.

(The courtors works in to human dignity for one and all.

(The author works in education and social cohesion)

SOUNDBITE

Virat Kohli will he missed But like I say, in adversity comes opportunity. There are a lot of young guys on the side and it's an opportunity for them.



You just cannot create the right atmospherics in a virtual concert. There is no intimacy, no immediate feedback and no interactio with the audience.

Singer —Pankaj Udhas

I hope we'll leave in history an example of how to deal with a global health threat and an economic crisis by applying the principle of universal brotherhood.



because use truly stage can tea-generation of citizens. It must do everything to empower teachers and help them do their job as effectively as possible. Expressing serious concern on the quality of teacher education, the recom-mendation is to replace by 2030 all of the present one-year school teacher preparation programmes by four-year integrated teacher education programmes. It may be worthwhile to recall that the four-year integrated teacher prepara-tion programmes began in the four institutions of the NCERT in 1964-64, and the products

I've got to learn next year to get off my devices. You scroll through social media for your news and it's just bad anyway which just brings you anxiety and puts you in depression.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will Cong ever act?

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Sir — The Congress Party has suffered a debacke in the just-concluded Bihar elections due to its political blunders and poor organisation. It has also suffered defeat in the byelections in different States.

Because of the worrisome state the party is in all over the country, senior leaders like Kapil Sibal and P Chidambaram have lashed out against the present leadership of the Congress. They have echoed the words of those members of the grand old party who wrote a dissent letter in August. The Congress Party has become weak because of the trust deficit, loss of public appeal, identify politics and political polarisation. There is a crisis of leadership due to the lack of vision and idealism. Brainstorming by senior leaders and dissenters in a democratic spirit of accommodation will help overhaul the party. A graceful and dignified change of leadership can also help open a new and meaningful chapter in its history.

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leaders..., new and meaningtui cumposits history. This, in turn, will help build a strong Opposition, which is essential for the growth of a healthy and vital democracy in

No room for divisive politics in TN

he announcement about the continuity of the AIADMK-BJP alliance in Tamil Nadu has finally laid all speculation to rest. The reception given to Union all speculation to rest. The reception given to Union Home Minister Amit Shah by the party's top leadership has confirmed that the AIADMK Government's led of the NOA Government's apron strings. This is partly attributed to the tear of Central agencies being unleashed upon its leaders. Interestingly, the number of AIADMK cadres out to greet Shah was more than the BJP's men. Significantly, the "Go back Amit Shah" hashtag hat was trending showed the strong and-BJP sentiment that is prevailing in the State as it is inhospitable terrain for divisive politics, sepecially on religious grounds. With the sealing of the AIADMK-BJP pact for the Asembly election, the prospect of any significant political realignment or formation of a third front, making it artingular contest has now receded. At the same time,

ical realignment or formation of a third front, making it atriangular contest has now receded. At the same time, the moves by late Jayalaithaa's companion, Sasikala, who will be out of jail by January 27, superstar Rajnikanth and MK Alagiri will be watched with interest. In the present political situation, the ideological incompatibility between a Dravidian party and a Hindufus-oriented party could get starker. This would be to the discribation of host the pocifice, it be election.

to the disadvantage of both the parties as the election nears. Obviously the State unit of the BJP has made the restrictions on idol immersion during the Vinayaka



Chaturthi an issue. It has invoked the traditional Tamil deity Lord Murugan and undertaken the Vetrivel Yatra (why bring Muruga Peruman from the shrine to the street?) despite the denial of permission because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As an ally, the AIADMK support COVIL-19 pandemic. As an ally, the ALAUMK SUpport-ed the BUP on the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act and the three farm Acts. True, the BUP holds sway over much of the country but it has only a negligible pres-ence in Tamil Nadu. In its eagerness to gain a toehold and build a base in the State by piggybacking on the AIADMK, the BUP could bangain for seats disproportion— ate to its strength. Overall, the DMK looks the firm favourite to occupy Fort St George. 6. David Milton

the country. Any nation that does not have a strong Opposition to keep the ruling Government in check is in trou-ble and can become totalitarian. Krishan Malhotra Ambala Cantt Help others in need

 We are being buffeted by yet another wave of the pan-demic. As feared by health experts, the cold, the pollution

and the cavalier attitude of the and the cavalier attitude of the milling masses roaming around in overcrowded mar-kets without masks during the festive season have led to this surge. Many States are again thinking of going into a lock-

down. This will be nothing short of a disaster for our country as the economy, which has been ailing for quite some time now, cannot take yet another hit.

Amid all this, we cannot income the poor who have been forced out of even daily wage and minimum wage jobs. Also, street vendors have been struggling. With the unlocking of the country, their lives were just about getting back on track again as people had begun spending.

Now, if there is another lockdown, the wheels of the economy will stop moving again and the poor will be left to starve and fend for themselves in a nation that does not have unemployment benefits or social security. Till we get a Universal Basic Income in India, we as citizens of the country, should find it in our India, we as citizens of the country, should find it in our hearts to help the underprivileged. We need to stop being so self-centred and reach out and

listress. **Ashmit Aaron** *Noida*

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Shape the future at cyber speed

Being prepared to weather any storm is possible with the right digital strategy and continuous, concerted effort



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The need for businesses to digitally transform themselves is something that has been discussed for years. However, as we saw in the 2018 Digital Transformation index that serves as a benchmark for computerisation technology adoption among organisations, many enterprises' digital transformation programmes did not keep up with the advancements in computing power and the influx of emerging technologies. Coupled with the imperative to adapt to today's unprecedented business disruption, the need to digitally it has form has never been more urgent and challenging. It is encouraging to see that many enterprises are rising to the occasion. In the 2020 Digital Transformation Index, it was found that 95 per cent of respondents in India have successfully accelerated at least some of their transformation programmes this year. This shows immense progress in computerisation. However, there is still a lot of work to be done. As it is, continuous digital transformation is not easy, with 97 per cent of Indian businesses facing entenched barries to cyber networked business processes as they navigate their future.

By committing to continual transformation — even amid uncertainty such as the kind the world is facing right now — businesses can help to shape their ideal future. The response to the COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated that organisations can be nimble and transform quickly. A third have already extended their business domain, however, what companies do next with digital transformation in grained in the DNA of their business, end-t-end. And even though they are leaders in cyber networked business processes, they recognise that change requires continuous effort — with he need for businesses to digitally transform themselves is

even though they are leaders in cyber networked business processes, they recognise that change requires continuous effort — with more "Digital Leaders" accelerating their transformation programmes this year compared to "Digital Laggards", meaning those that don't even have a computerisation plan or their investments in such technology are few and far between. Here is some inspiration from more mature digital businesses as they consider how to implement an ongoing advancement plan for their firm:

Data privacy and cybersecurity: These are constant and evolv-ing concerns that should not be overlooked. Mature digital busies recognise more often than others that data privacy and cyber security warrant proper consideration. In fact, 47 per cent Indian businesses are of the opinion that data privacy and cybersecurity are the major barries in their digital transformation journey. Budget and resources: Financial constraints — both budget

pressures and lack of economic growth — have not slowed down transformation for the more mature digital businesses. They posi-

pressures and lack of economic growth—have not slowed down transformation for the more mature digital businessess. They position Information Technology investments as strategic drivers for innovation instead of thinking of them as a cost. However, a whopping 32 per cent Indian respondents said that lack of budget and resources is a barrier to digital progress in their organisation.

Data is the fileblood of a company: As we move towards a Zettabyte era, the ability to extract insights from data will become a major stumbling block if it is let unresolved. There is hope that the recent disruption will ignite a new wave of data-first, data-anywhere businesses. We found that 94 per cent of Indian organisations agree that extracting valuable insights from data will be more important for their business than ever before as one of the great benefits of this is the ability to track metrics and analyse them. Using these insights allows firms to optimise their strategies and processes for better results. In businesses, two things matter more than most — costs and revenue. It's possible to make massive changes to both by integrating data-based insights into the company culture. However, working towards this change sooner rather than later is imperative.

Overal, businesses should be applauded for adapting so quickly to the extreme and sudden onset of disruption from recent events.

ly to the extreme and sudden onset of disruption from recent events. Some companies were poised to respond better than others, based on where they were on their digital journey. However, being prepared to weather any storm is possible with the right digital strat-egy and continuous, concerted effort. In this hyper-connected data decade, every business needs to be a cyber business to survive and thrive. With digital disruptors

snapping at the heels of many sectors, success will come to the organisations that ensure their workforce is skilled in the best practices of the digital age. Moreover, this change must be woven into the DNA of the firm and championed by its leadership to have a maximum impact. With a strong ally by your side, businesses of varying sizes, industries and digital maturities can find ways to adapt to new routines and push the frontiers of what's possible.
(The writer is president and MD, Dell Technologies, India)

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WITH THE AMENDMENT TO THE POLICE ACT. THE KERALA GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO SILENCE THE VOICE OF THOSE WHO CRITICISE IT. -LEADER OF OPPOSITION IN THE ASSEMBLY





MANY HAVE VOICED CONCERN OVER THE ACT'S AMENDMENT. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE **GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO IMPLEMENT IT.** -KERALA CHIEF MINISTER

Fertiliser DBT an illusion

Despite tall claims made by the UPA and the NDA dispensations since 2012, a gradual transition to direct cash or benefit transfer of subsidy to the farmers has not been done



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the additional provision of ₹65,000 crore towards fertiliser subsidy (over and above the ₹71,000 crore allocated in the Budget for 2020-21), that was announced by the Finance Minister under "Stimulus-III" on November 12, will help in clearing all pending dues to the industry. This has led the latter to believe that this is a present as are adult transition to direct cabo expenses to a greatly transition to direct cabo expenses.

cursor to a gradual transition to direct cash or benefit transfer (DBT) of subsidy to the farmers. This is illusory, as despite tall claims made by the UPA and the NDA dispensations since 2012, this has not been done. The dominant sumbling blocks are a threat to the viability of high cost units in the public sector, including revival projects viz Sindri, Gorakhpur, Barauni and so on. Plus there is the risk of inviting the farmers' wath if subsidy does not reach them in time. Bureaucratic red tape is a third major factor. Till these are addressed, DBT to farmers wont see the light of the day.

In the Budget for 2012-13, the then UPA Government had announced tracking the movement of fertilisers from retailers to farmers, and linking part of the subsidy payment to manufacturers for sale to farmers by retailers. In the mid-year conomic analysis of 2012-13, the Finance Ministry came out with a blueprint on modalities for implementing the Budget announcement. Pilot projects in 10 districts spread over nine States were to be launched, which were to be followed by DBT in these edistricts from April 1, 2013. Concurrently, the Government planned to track fertilisers movement in the whole country. A pan-India launch was contemplated from April 2014.

Even as the Department of Fertilisers developed the technology platform called e-Pertiliser Monitoring System (e-FMS) to execute the blueprint, the DBT remained on paper. Meanwhile, the DBT remained on paper. Meanwhi



ANNUALLY AS MOOTED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURE COSTS AND PRICES. IN ITS RABI REPORT AN a low level, unrelated to the cost of production and distribution, which is higher. It reimburses the manufacturers for the bontfall as subsidy on a "unit-specific" basis under the New Pricing Scheme (NPS). The current MRP of une as indiculously low at ₹3,360 per tonne even as the cost can vary from about ₹1,5000 per tonne to ₹2,5000 per tonne. Even as all units (31) sell urea at the same price, each one of them gets paid on the basis of its own production cost. Thus, a efficient unit producing at say ₹15,000 per tonne, gets a subsidy of ₹9,640 per tonne wherea another producing at \$2,500 per tonne, gets a subsidy of ₹9,640 per tonne wherea sanother producing at \$2,500 per tonne, gets a subsidy of ₹9,640 per tonne wherea subsidy of ₹9,640 per tonne wherea subsidies of \$7,500 per tonne, gets a subsidy of ₹9,640 per tonne wherea subsidies of \$7,500 per tonne, gets a subsidy of ₹9,640 per tonne wherea subsidies of \$7,500 per tonne, gets a subsidy of \$7,500 per tonne, for \$7,500 per tonne, gets a subsidy of \$7,500 per tonne, gets \$7,500 per tonne RABI REPORT FOR THE 2021-22 MARKETING YEAR, IT HAS PROPOSED A SUBSIDY OF ₹5,000 PER YEAR TO BE GIVEN IN TWO TRANCHES OF ₹2,500 EACH IN THE KHARIF AND RABI SEASONS. THIS SHOULD BE GIVEN ONLY TO THE SMALL AND THE SMALL AND GIVEN ONLY 10
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tem works. The Centre controls the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea at a low level, unrelated to the cost of pro-duction and distribution, which is high-

to fix the MRP at ₹24,000 per tonne. Now, if instead of routing through the Monufacturers, the subsidy is to be given directly to farmers, the transition in case of P and K fertilisers may not face much of a hurdle. The subsidy of ₹10,000 per tonne or ₹500 per bag (50 kg) of DAP can be credited to a farmers' account even as the manufacturer will sell at the market-based price, say ₹34,000 per tonne or ₹100 per bag, this being the cost of the most efficient producer (this could also be an average of all units depending only market dynamics evolve). However, the farmer will have to spend ₹500 per bag

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In the urea segment, however, the transition will be tough for manufacturers as well as farmers. For producers, since each one of them will have to sell at the market-based price, all those whose production cost is higher than that of the most efficient producer or the industry average, will either have to perform or wind up. As for the farmer, he will have to spend, at the time of purchase, at least thrice (based on the market price of ₹15,000 per tonne or ₹750 per bag) of what he is spending now.

The Government has fears on both counts. On the production front, there are several public sector plants, which fall in the high, cost zone and hence risk being chopped under the DBT. Even the revival projects, like Sindri, Gorakhpur and Barauni, on completion (2021) will have a production cost of over ₹30,000 per tonne. Hence it wort be viable under the new regime. As for farmers, it risks inviting their wath if subsidy money does not reach them in time, which is inevitable if the budgetary allocation is inadequate.

There are other roadblocks which are not so explicit. Under the present system of urea being available at a throwaway price of ₹5,560 per tonne, a mere one-fourth of the cost, dubious operators make a quick buck by diverting it to chemical industries or smuggling it to neighbourning countries. This wont be possible without the tacit consent of those inthe hot seat. Further, urea imports are canalised through State agencies like the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC), State Trading Corporation (MSTC) and there is a lot to gain for deci-

sion-makers. Clearly, there are vested interests in continuing with the status quo.

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hectares. Further, a cultivator must not be denied subsidy merely because s/he does not own the land tilled by her/him. The Gowernment should garner data on all 140 million farm households and put it on a web portal. This is an absolute must to ensure that no one is left out. At present, there is a voida seven under PM Kisan, just about 80 million farmers are receiving the eligible amount of 76,000. Under a business as usual scenario, leav-ing out 60 million from subsidy payments could be catastrophic. ing out 60 million from subsidy payments could be catastrophic. (The writer is a New Delhi-based pol-

BJP yet to consolidate Hindu votes down South

Success has been eluding the saffron party so far as its penetration has been restricted to Karnataka. It has failed in TN, Puducherry and Kerala



KALYANI SHANKAR

fter the big win in the Bihar Assembly elections this month Assembly elections this month, the BJP is now focusing on the South, where Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry are going to the polls early next year. Elections are scheduled for West Bengal and Assam, too. Will the BJP achieve its goal of gaining a foothold in the South? Success has been ability the offern sweet see fee West Bengal and Assam, too. Will the BJP achieve its goal of gaining a handle in the South? Success has been eluding the suffron partys of are as its penetration has been restricted to Karnataka. It has failed in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerab because of historic, religious, social and ideological reasons. The BJP firmed up its poll alliance with the ruling AIADMK during the weekend. Eyebrrows were raised at this early pactawhen the State's Deputy Chief from other parties. Recently, the

Minister and party coordinator O Panneerselvam announced it at a function attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Though the lad AIADMK Chief J Jayalalithaa had a good equation with Prime Minister Namer Alabame Minister Amit Shah. Prime Minister Namer Alabame Minister Shamed Sha Minister and party coordinator O

actor-turned-politician and Congress spokesperson Khushbu's joining of the party was a significant event. So the big question is why was the BJP unable to make inroads in Tamil Nadu till now?

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First of all, the saffron party had no tall leaders to match the iconic Dravidian leaders like M Karunanidhi. Jayalalihaa and MC Ramachandran. It is likely to be Modi versus DMK chief MK Stalin now. Second, the BJP is perceived to be a North Indian Brahminical party and the well brahminical party and the wall brahminical party and the wall brahminical party and the wall brahminical party and the word mani-limid agiation in the 60s. The Dravidian parties. Third, Tamil Nadu saw a huge mani-limid agiation in the 60s. The Dravidian parties in Findian the Modi Government is in favour of it: Fourth, influenced by the anti-Bahmin movement of the 50s and the 60s, many (dominant in north-west parts of Tamil Nadu, Thevars (dominant in southern part of the State in the Kongu belt in the west), have sprung up in the last three decades, resulting in the splintering of votes. Fifth, the Christianity and its hostility to Islam

and other religions has no takers in the South. The BJP's polarising tactics won't work in the South. Sixth, new parties have sprung up with two untested superstars – Kamal Haasan and Rajinikanth — on the horizon.

The DMK has been making poll preparations for some months now and MK Stalin has already announced an alliance with the Congress. The 2019 LOK Sabba, the Congress-DMK combination swept the polls. The State has been alternating between the DMK and the AIADMK and now it is the turn of the DMK. It was only is the turn of the DMK. It was only in 2016 that the AIADMK got a sec-

The neighbouring Puducherry often reflects Tamil Nadu's politics. In any case, it is a small Union Territory and has just one seat in the Lok Sabha. Currently, the Congress is ruling in the State.

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Kerala is a different story. The Left-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) and the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) alternate in power. It is the UDF's turn now. The BJP has not been able to penetrate much in the State despite the ground-work done by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

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Further, the Kerala electorate consists of a sizeable number of Christians and Muslims and they remain non-BJP voters.

In 2019, the LDF posted a land-slide victory, winning 19 of the 20 seats while the UDF won just one seat and the BJP got zero seats. The RSS tried on mobilise support on the contentious Sabarimala issue but the counter-mobilisation presented an effective alternative control.

With more literate voters, Kerala alternates between the Communists or anti-Communists. The BJP is seeing slow growth in the State because of it. While the minority communities in the State have successfully ensured the protection of their respective cultures, the Hindu community has relentlessly ceded its own cultural space. The BJP is taking advantage of it, but it is taking time to translate into votes.

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Also, the BJP is facing factional ism in Kerala. The RSS has cautioned the central leadership that the friction in the State unit could impact the performance in the polls.

Kerala won kudos in containing the COVID-19 pandemic. A few months ago it looked as if the LDF

could return to power but that came to a screeching halt in July after the Chief Minister's Office was found to be allegedly involved in a gold smugging scan. Several protests broke out across Kerala after the smuggling of 30 kg gold worth 14.82. Zoroe through diplomatic channels came to light on July 5. The case is currently being probed by the ED, the National Investigation Agency and the Customs Department. Another nail in the coffin was the recent promulgation of The Kerala Police (Amendment) Tordinance, 2020. Vide this Ordinance, a new Section 118A was introduced in the Kerala Police (Amendment) Gridmance, 2020. Vide this Ordinance, a new Section 118A was introduced in the Kerala Police (Amendment) Gridmance, a new Section 118A was introduced in the Kerala Police (Amendment) Gridmance, a new Section 118A was introduced in the Kerala Police (Amendment) Gridmance and of the Minister insisted that "no action would be taken against the media or critics who stay within the limits of the Constitution and in the end decided not to implement the amended Act, the damage has been done to the Government's reputation and credibility in a fiercely independent State.

Now, it remains to be seen whether the BJP can consolidate its Hindu votes in the South.

(The writer is a senior journalist) (The Guardian editorial)



sation against COVID-19 are developing fast. The last vaccination emotions, and immunisation may require fundamental rethink that many hoped this pandemic reappraisal of who and what is valued, and how we should be living and relating

'Biden to pick Antony Blinken as State Secy'

Washington: Joe Biden intends to pick his trusted foreign policy advisor Antony Blinken as the US Secretary of State and Jake Sullivan as National Security Advisor, media reports said on Monday, as the President-elect is poised to make his first round of Cabinet announcements on Tuesday.

Tuesday.

Blinken, 58, has served as the Deputy Secretary of State in the second term of the Obama administration and National Security Advisor to Biden when he was the vice president.

president. A strong India-hand, Blinken was the top foreign policy advisor to the Biden campaign.

President-elect Joe Biden intends to nominate Antony Blinken to serve as secretary of State, turning to a trusted diplomat and foreign-policy adviser to oversee his work to rebuild US relationships around the globe, according to people familiar with the deci-

reported. "President-elect Joe Biden is planning to announce that he has selected Antony Blinken, one of his closest and longest-serving foreign policy advisers, as secretary of state," The Washington Post said.

"Jake Sullivan, another top Biden advisers, is expected to be named as national securi-ty adviser, according to two people familiar with the announcement," the daily said. Last week, Biden said he

had decided on his name for the Treasury Secretary. PTI

New Zealand's Ardern offers virus know-how to Joe Biden

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern on Monday became the latest world leader to congratulate President-elect Joe Biden on his election victory, saying she offered to share her nation's expertise on dealing with the coronavirus.

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Ardern said the tone of the 20-minute phone call was warm and that Biden spoke very favorably about how New Zealand was handling the pan-

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"What has been really at the center of our response has been some fundamentals around testing, contact tracing, isolation," Ardern said.
"That's over and above what we've done at our borders." New Zealand has been largely successful in eliminating the virus after imposing a strict lockdown in March and closing its borders. Only 25 people in the nation of 5 million have died from COVID-19.

US TROOP WITHDRAWAL

China worried Afghan may become hotbed for Uighur militants Kabul, saying "China will con-tinue to firmly support the Afghan government and peo-ple in their efforts to combat terrorism and safeguard the national stability and their own

Beijing: A wary China on Monday urged the US to with-draw its troops from Afghanistan in an "orderly and responsible manner" amidst responsible manner" amidst increasing concern here that the war-torn country, which shares borders with the volatile Xinjiang province, could become a breeding ground for Uighur Muslim militants.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian's remarks came after acting US Defence Secretary Christopher Miller last week said that the US

Miller last week said that the US would cut its milltary presence in Afghanistan to 2,500 troops from 4,500 by lanuary 15.

"China calls on foreign troops to leave Afghanistan in an orderly and responsible manner, give terrorist forces no breathing space and contribute to Afghanistan peace and reconcillation process," Zhao teolod a media briefing here.

He also condemned the recent Islamic State attack on

at US withdrawal from Open Skies **Treaty with Russia**

China lashes out



Beijing: China on Monday lashed out at Washington over its withdrawal from the "Open Skies Treaty" with Russia, say-ing the move undermined mil-itary trust and transparency and imperiled future attempts at arms control

national stability and their own security."

Observers say that America's latest plan to speed up the withdrawal of more troops from Afghanistan may have troubling consequences for China as Washington's withdrawal also coincides with its move to lift the ban on the Uighur militant group -- the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM).

Earlier this month, the and imperiled future attempts at arms control. The treaty, to which China is not a signatory, had allowed each country overflight rights to inspect military facilities. That leaves only one arms-control pact still in force between the former Cold War foes, the New START treaty, which limits the number of nuclear warheads each may have. That treaty will expire in February and the Trump administration had said it want interested in extending it unless China also joined, something Beijing says it will not do. AP Movement (ETIM).

Earlier this month, the Trump administration, in a sudden move, lifted the ban on the separatist ETIM, which has been designated as a terrorist organisation by the UN's 1267 counter-terrorism committee in 2002 for its alleged association with al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden and the Taliban.

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UK SC to decide if ISIS bride can be back to London

London: Britain's Supreme Court is set to decide whether a woman who ran away from her London home as a teenager to join the Islamic State group is Syria can return to the UK.

She says she married an

The British government is fighting to keep Shamima Begum from coming back to the country where she was

born.

At a hearing beginning on Monday, it is challenging a lower court's ruling that Begum can return to Britain to mount a legal challenge aimed at restoring her UK citizenship, which was revoked on national courties resourch.

which was revoked on national security grounds.

The Court of Appeal said in July that "the only way in which she can have a fair and effective appeal is to be permitted to come into the United Kingdom."

But James Eadie, a lawyer acting for the UK government, told the Supreme Court justices that Begum "is considered to pose a real and current threat

to live under IS rule.

She says she married an Islamic State member from the Netherlands and had three children, all of whom have died.

She resurfaced at a refugee camp in Syria in 2019 and told reporters she wanted to come home, but was denied the chance when then-Home Secretary Sajid Javid revoked her citizenship.

He argued that she was Bangladeshi by descent and could go there.

The situation has thrown into sharp relief the larger question of how Western societies deal with people who joined IS but want to go back to their home countries.

Begum challenged the decision, arguing she is not the clitzen of another country and that Javids decision left her stateless.

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First Americans could be vaccinated next month: House vaccine chief

Washington: The first (December 11).

Americans to receive a "Our plan is to be able to

Americans to receive a COVID-19 vaccine could be as early as the second week of December, according to the White House vaccine czar. American pharmaceutical giant Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech submitted an application to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on November 20 for emergency use authorisation for its COVID-19 vaccine candidate. An FDA vaccine advidate. An FDA vaccine advidate. didate. An FDA vaccine advi-

didate. An FDA vaccine advi-sory committee is slated to meet December on 10.
Dr Moncef Slaoui, the head of the US coronavirus vaccine programme said that it means, if authorised by the FDA, the vaccine could be rolled out the next day

(December 11).

"Our plan is to be able to ship vaccines to the immunisation sites within 24 hours from the approval, so I would expect maybe on day two after approval, on the 11th or on the 12th of December," he told CNN on Sunday.

The vaccine, which requires two doses, has been shown by tests to be 95 per cent effective. Pfizer hopes to produce up to 50 million doses by the end of the year.

US pharmaceutical company Moderna has also reported that its vaccine is nearly 95 per cent effective, according to the vaccine in the company is expected to seek approval for the vaccine in the coming weeks.

Burkina Faso counts ballots: extremist threats affected vote

Ouagadougou: Votes are being counted in Burkina Faso after Sunday's presidential and leg-islative elections, where threats of extremist violence linked to

islative elections, where threats of extremist violence linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State prevented parts of the country from casting ballots.

Election workers began the counting after polls closed by holding up the ballots up for observers and marking the votes on a chalkboard beside the candidate's name. Preliminary results are expected within the next two days.

While there were no reported incidents of major attacks, threats of violence prevented people from casting ballots in hard-hit parts of the country, in the North, Sahel and East regions. Nearly 3,000 polling stations expected to open yesterday didn't, preventing up to 350,000 people



Election officials count the ballots in at a polling station in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, for the presidential and legislative elections late on Sunday AF

from voting, said Newton Ahmed Barry, president for the National Independent Electoral Commission, on local televi-sion.

In Tapoa province in the , 224 polling stations out of 335 didn't open, according to a report from CODEL, a local

HK's Joshua Wong to plead guilty to protest charges

Hong Kong: Prominent Hong Kong pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong said on Monday that he plans to plead guilty to charges related to a demon-

that he plans to plead guilty to charges related to a demonstration outside police head quarters during anti-government protests last year.

Ahead of a court hearing Monday, Wong said that he and fellow activist Ivan Lam would both plead guilty to organizing, taking part in and inciting protest outside police head quarters in Wan Chai last funce. Both Wong and Lam were concerned about the situation in areas weakened by insecurity'. Local officials in the Sahel and Center North, the epi-centers of the volence, told the AP people were angry about not being able to vote.

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passion to whom we love, so much that we are willing to sac-rifice the freedom of our own. I'm prepared for the thin chance of walking free." Those found guilty of taking part in an unlawful assembly could face as long as five years in prison depending on the severity of the

long as five years in prison depending on the seventyl of the offense.

Wong rose to prominence as a student leader during the 2014 Climbrella Movement prodemocracy protests and is among a growing number of activists being charged for various relatively minor offenses since Beijing in June imposed a sweeping national security law on the territory that has severely restricted political speech. Pro-democracy supporters have said the legal charges are part of a campaign to harass and intiminidate them.

French ex-Prez Sarkozy stands trial for corruption

Paris: Former French
President Nicolas Sarkozy ges
on trial Monday on charges
of corruption and influence peddling in a phone-tapping scandal, a first for the 65-year-old
politician who has faced several other judicial investigations since leaving office in
2012. Sarkozy is being accused of

US provides missiles, renews pledge to defend Philippines

Manila: President Donald Maniia: President Donaid Trump's administration pro-vided precision-guided mis-siles and other weapons to help the Philippines battle Islamic State group-aligned militants and renewed a pledge militants and renewed a piedge to defend its treaty ally if it comes under attack in the dis-puted South China Sea. National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien represented Trump in Monday's ceremo-

ny at the Department of ny at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila, where he announced the delivery of the cache of mis-siles and bombs to the Philippine military. Trump pledged to provide the \$18 million worth of missiles in a phone conversation with

phone conversation with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte in April. O'Brien expressed condo-lences to the Philippines after

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back-to-back typhoons left a trail of death and devastation in the country and outlined US Help to the country battle the coronavirus pandemic.

The US assistance projects normalcy in Washingtons foreign relations as Trump worked to challenge the results of the November 3 presidential election, claiming he was a victim of fraud. Duterte had saked Filipino Americans to yote for Trump but congratulated Joe Biden, through his spokesperson, for winning the election.

O'Brien has represented Trump in a recent online summit between the U.S. And leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and an expanded East Asia summit of heads of state attended by China and Russia that was also held by video and hosted by Vietnam.

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Yemen rebels claim attack on Saudi oil facility in Jiddah

Dubai: Yemen's Houthi rebels said they struck a Saudi oil facil-

said they struck a Saudi oil facility in the port city of Jiddah on Monday with a new cruise missile, just hours after the kingdom finished hosting its virtual Group of 20 leaders summit. The kingdom did not immediately acknowledge any attack as videos on social media suggested a fire at an Aramco oil facility.

Brig. Gen. Yehia Sarie, a Houthi military spokesman,

tweeted that the rebels fired a new Quds 2 cruise missile at the facility. He posted a satel-lite image online that matched Aramco's North Jiddah Bulk Plant, where oil products are stored in tanks.

That facility is just south-east of Jiddah's King Abdulaziz International Airport, a major facility that handles incoming Muslim pilgrims en route to nearby Mecca.

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show a tank farm similar to the bulk plant on fire. Details of the

bulk plant on Inr. Details of the videos posted predawn Monday matched the general layout of the bulk plant.
Saudi state-run media did not immediately acknowledge the Houthi claim.

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Saudi Aramco, the kingdom's oil giant that now has a sliver of its worth traded publicly on the stock market, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Officials: 113 bodies found in secret graves in Mexico

Mexico City: Mexican authorities have recovered 113 bodies and additional human remains from a secret grave outside the western city of Guadalajara. Jalisco state Attorney Gerardo Octavio Solís said on

Gerardo Octavio Solis said on Sunday night that 30 of the vic-tims had been identified. The state is home to Jalisco

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powerful. More bodies have
AP been found in secret graves

there than in any other state in recent years. According to Mexico's

According to Mexico's Interior Ministry, from 2006 Interior Ministry, from 2006 through September 30 of this year, 897 bodies had been recovered from secret graves in Jalisco, 605 of those during the administration of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador who took office in December 2018.

The burial ground in E. Salto, southeast of Guadalajara, was found in October. AP

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 82205012 date :- 23.11.2020 Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system chief materials manager, Northern Raliway, New Delhi-10001, for and

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South Africa judge files criminal complaint against ex-Prez Jacob Zuma

Johannesburg: A South African judge said he will file a criminal complaint against former South African president Jacob Zuma after he staged a dramatic walkout while attend-ing a commission of inquiry looking into corruption during his tenure from 2009 to 2018.

Zuma left the commission after Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo dismissed an application asking him to recuse himself as chair of the inquiry. Zuma alleges Zondo is biased against him.

Zuma has been asked to respond to various allegations implicating him from at least 35 affidavits by witnesses who have appeared before the commission. Zuma left the commission

sion.
These include allegations, among others, that he was involved in ensuring that mem-bers of the controversial Gupta

bers of the controversial Gupta family secured lucrative state contracts and influenced his appointments of cabinet ministers. Zondo announced Monday that he would also file an application to the Constitutional Court, the highest court in the country, to enforce a summons issued against Zuma and compel him to appear before the commission.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Date- 23.11.2020

For and on behalf of UJVNLtd, Executive Engineer (Civil), Pashuloi Barrage Rishikesh, invites sealed & separate tenders from interested contractors for following work:-

1.Tender Notice Reference: NIT No.-14/2020-21/EE(C)/Pashulok Barrage:-Annual Horticulture Upkeeping & Sweeping Cleaning Work of Chilla Power House Premises at Chilla. 2. Estimated Value of Tender: - Rs. 24,29,445.51 Only

3. Date of availability of bid document on website: - 23.11.2020 4. Last Date for Submission of Tender: -14.12.2020 upto 14:00 Hrs. (IST).

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For eligibility criteria and full and further details kindly visit our web site. The tenders can be downloaded from our web site i.e. www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com and tender cost shall be paid at the time of submission of Executive Engineer (Civil)

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Anita D/o Pappu R/o House No. CN-4, Gali No. 11, Parasa House No. CN-4, Gall No. 11, Parasa Ram Ka Makan, Sushant Vihar, Delhi. Age: 15 yrs, Height: 5, complexion wheatish, face oval, Build thin. Wearing Blue colour suit and salwar and blue colour hawai chappal in feet is missing since 20.10.2020 from the area of PS Swaroop Negar, Delbi

In this regard a FIR No. 512/2020 dated: 20.10.2020 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Swarooop Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl, but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-230111334 Ph.: 011-23014046 011-23015218 P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-27811415, 7065036327

WESTERN RAILWAY E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/28/2020 Date 19.11.2020 Tender T.O.D. S. N. Short Description of item 723 Security Plate for Centre Pivot Arrangement 724 Resistor R P Q O P for Relay rww.wr.indianrailways.gov.in For Principal Chief Materials Ma For Principal Chief Materials Ma | For Principal Chief Materials Mater

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Date: November 24, 2020 Place: Delhi NCR



Markets march higher | Momentum of economic reforms will on vaccine progress

RIL, IT STOCKS **SPARKLE**

Equity benchmarks made a winning start to the week on Monday as positive results from another COVID-19 vaccine candidate bolstered investor confidence globally. A recovering rupee and unabated foreign fund inflows added to

traders said.
After touching a record intra-day high of 44,271.15, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 194.90 points or 0.44 per cent higher at 44,077.15.

Rupee extends gains by 5p to end at over 2-week high against dollar

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The rupee appreciated by 5 paise to settle at more than two-week high of 74.11 against the US dollar on Monday tracking positive domestic equities and weak American cur-

rency.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit traded in a narrow range as rising COVID-19 cases off-set positive sentiments surset positive sentiments sur-rounding the progress on the vaccine front.

AstraZeneca on Monday said that late-stage trials of its COVID-19 vac-cine were "highly effective" in preventing disease.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 67.40 points or 0.52 per cent to close at 12,926.45. ONGC was the top per-former on the Sensex chart,

surging 6.84 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finserv, Reliance Industries, HCL Tech and TCS.

and TCS.

Index heavyweight
Reliance Industries climbed
2.72 per cent, accounting for
most of the Sensex's gains,
after the Competition
Commission on Friday evening
said it has approved the conglomerate's proposed acquisition of Future Group's retail
assets.

On the other hand, HDFC, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, SBI

Gold futures gain on spot demand

Gold prices rose ₹45 to ₹45 to ₹50,257 per 10 gram in futures trade on Monday as speculators created fresh positions on firm spot demand.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange, gold contracts for December delivery traded higher by ₹45, or 0.09 per cent, at ₹50,257 per 10 gram in a business turnover of 5,544 lots.

Fresh positions built up

lots.
Fresh positions built up
by participants led to the rise
in gold prices, analysts said.
In the international
market, gold traded 0.03 per
cent higher at USD 1,878.80
per ounce in New York.

continue, FM assures industry

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday assured the industry that momentum of economic reforms will continue to make and M&M were among the main laggards, slumping up to 3.55 per cent.
Global equities were on the upswing after Oxford University and AstraZeneca announced that their COVID-19 vaccine candidate was found to be around 90 per cent effective in preventing the disease. This is the third major vaccine trial to have reported encouraging results, after Moderna and Pfizer came out with positive Phase 3 data.

"While global cues remained favourable, a sharp rebound in IT, pharma, metals and Reliance Industries led domestic equities to register curben are all these were verified. India a hotspot of global invest

India a hotspot of global investment.

India has turned the crisis created by COVID-19 pandemic into an opportunity to push the economic reforms, which remained pending for decades, she said while addressing the National MNC's Conference 2020 organised by the industry chamber CII.

"Even at the time (of COVID pandemic, the Prime Minister has not lost an opportunity to take deep reforms, to undertake those kinds of reforms which have not seen the light of the day over the decades.

"The momentum for

"The momentum for reform shall continue. Several more active reform-related steps are being taken up,"

Bank licences to corporates a

dations of the report are worth adopting the one to allow corporate houses into banking should not be taken up.
"To the contrary, it is even more important today to stick to the tried and tested limits on corporate involvement in banking," said the article.
Sharing the article on Linkedin, Rajan said that he thinks the proposal as a "bad idea".

idea".

It said that there are two primary rationales for not allowing corporates into banking, first being that industrial

'bad idea': Raghuram Rajan

Sitharaman said. government will continue with disinvestment agenda, she being professionalised and the added.

Govt's 'unprecedented' reforms to usher in new era of growth: Kant

governance and economic fronts by the government will usher in a new era of growth

usher in a new era of growth and prosperity.

Kant also stressed the need to increase expenditure on research and development and strengthen intellectual property rights (IPR) laws.

"The economic and gov-ernance reforms undertaken by the government have been quite unprecedented and they

New Delhi: Niti Aayog CEO
Amitabh Kant on Monday
said that "unprecedented" said. "We are making states
reforms undertaken on both
governance and economic
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business parameters. We are will usher in a new era of growth and prosperity, he said. We are making states compete on case of doing business parameters. We are ranking states and naming and shaming them; he said while addressing a virtual event organised by industry body CILListing out reforms undertaken by the government in recent times, Kant said as the world battles contraction in conomic growth. traction in economic growth, India has initiated reforms in key sectors including agri-culture, labour and mining.

India exports 11mn smartphones in Jan-Sep

Gurugram:The exports of smartphones from India is expected to cross \$1.5 billion (by value) this year - constituting 98 per cent of the total mobile phones exported from the country, a new report said on Monday. A total of 12.8 million mobile phones were exported from India from January to September this year and of these, 10.9 million units were smartphones, according to market research firm techARC. IANS

INBRIEF

DR BRIJ MOHAN MISHRA IS NDMC NEW SECRETARY
New Delhi: Dr. Brij Mohan Mishra, an IAS officer of the 2008 batch of
AGMUT cadre. assumed

AGMUT cadre, assumed charge as Secretary - Nev Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) today.Dr. Brij Mohan Mishra succeeds Shri Amit Singla who has been transferred as a Secretary (Health and Family Welfare), Department of Health and



Family Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Dr Brij Annon Mishra has held several important assignments in the past, serving in Municipal bodies and States Government/UTs in Delhi, Arunachal Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar Government/U is in Delni, Arunachiai Pradesh and Arunachiai or Inscordation Island. He has served in the Delhi Government in the capacity of Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) in East and South Delhi. He has also worked in South and East Delhi Municipal Corporations in the capacity of Deputy Commissioner and in North Delhi Municipal Corporation in

PUBLIC AWARENESS OFFICER TO ACCELERATE AWARENESS

Mahendra Soni said that to control the increasing number of corona waterions som said that to comin of the increasing intended in combined cases in the state, it is necessary that the common man is constantly made aware of the measures to fight the disease and prevent it. He said that in the fourth phase of this awareness campaign being carried out across the state, there is a need to take public awareness work out across the state, there is a need to take public awareness work more seriously and to spread the message through innovations. Shri Soni was addressing a meeting of District Public Relations Officers held through VC on Monday. He took detailed information about the various activities being conducted in his district from the District Public Relations Officers as part of the public awareness campaign against Gorona cross the state.

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NEW DELHI: Deliberations held on issues and
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MOTOR INSURANCE REVIVE ON FESTIVE AUTO SALES JUMI MOUNT INSOURNIES TEVILE OF TESTIVE AUT SALES JUHP New Delhi: They be up in auto sales during the festive season has revoed up the business of insurers with motor premiums increasing 3 per cent yoy in Cotober 2020. Motor premiums were down for most part of the current fiscal and it fell 4 pet cent yoy in 20F92. There has been a flurry of activity in automobile sales in October with four wheeler sales rising by 20 per cent and two wheeler by 15 per cent yoy. Robust festive demand and a gradual first in fright volumes and utilization rates supported premiums, Kotak Institutional Equities said in a report.

Days after an Internal Wew Diethi Chief of Reserve Bank of Indias (RBI) recommended allowing large Indian corporates to enter the banking sector, former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan and Deputy Governor Viral Acharya have hit back at the suggestion and questioned the timing for it. Terming the recommendation as a "bombshell", in a blogpost, they said that although several recommen-No respite from rising onion prices till Dec, potato prices decline

Due to the declining onion imports from abroad, the price of the staple vegetable is once again set to soar even while there is a large supply of onions coming from Rajasthan. The retail price of onions in the national capital is between Rs 50 to Rs 70 per kg while the wholesale price ranges from Rs 15 to Rs 47.5 per kg which had fallen slightly to Rs 42 per kg before the Diwali season.

According to traders, there are slim chances of getting a respite from the rising onion prices before December this year. However, there is some relief for the common man as

the prices of pota-toes sharply declined due to the

declined due to the new potato crop.

The increase in onion prices is being attributed to the decrease in imports even as the fresh supply of onions from Rajasthan is in full flow to various part

from Kajastnan is in full flow to various parts of the country, including north India.

Traders say that in the last few days due to the increasing supply of locally-produced onions, the pace of onion imports has slowed down.

Horticulture Produce

Exporters Association President, Ajit Shah, said the



import of onions has not stopped but it has considerably reduced. He said that onions have also been imported from Turkey this week. At present, although onions are coming from Rajasthan, its price will fall only when onions from Nashik in Maharashtra flood the markets, Shah added.

and Reliance Industries led domestic equities to register further gains. However, profit booking was witnessed in select heavyweight financials after recommendation of IWG (Internal Working Group) of RBI did not favour them much, which led financials to end in red today.

Reliance Retail's 'vocal for local' mission expands to 30.000 artisans

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Reliance Retail on Monday said it showcased more than 40,000 artisan-crafted products from over 50 GI clus-ters to its customers this festive season in a strong push to locally-made artisanal prod-

locally-made artisanal products.

A direct result of its three-year-old flagship initiatives 'Indie by AJIO' and Swadesh' - started to provide avenues for sales and employment to local craftsmen, the programmes now engage with more than 30,000 craftsmen, representing

over 600 art forms across a wide spectrum of clothing, textiles, handicrafts and handmade natural goods; the company said in a statement. Indie by AJIO is an online market-place for local artisans and handcrafted products. It features this distinctive idiom beautifully in the wide lifestyle products ranging from apparel to home furnishing and accessories such as jewellery and footwear, it said. The craft repertoire includes [kat, Shibori, Banarasi, Baph, Ajrakh to Jamdani, Tangail, Chanderi and many more.

houses can easily get financing, with no questions asked, in case they have an in-house bank.

HC TO AIR INDIA -

Consider paying one month's salary to terminated contractual pilots

The Delhi High Court on Monday asked Air India to consider paying at least one month's slary to its pilots, engaged on contractual basis, whose services were suspended in April and later terminated in August, saying that employees cannot be left to hang high and dry.

Justice Navin Chawla asked the counsel for national carrier Air India to take instructions on paying one month's salary to the contractual pilots, who

who have sought quashing of the April 2 order suspending the first services and the subsequent order of August 7 by advocates Lalit Bhardwaj, Kise a golden handshake', can be done for them.

With the suggestions, the court listed the matter for bearing on December 16.The court was hearing two pleas moved on behalf of the terminated contractual pilots ratings.

Google to delay 30% in-app purchase policy amid backlash

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Facing backlash from devel- Γ opers, Google said on Monday that it will postpone

Monday that it will postpone enforcing a 30 per cent commission on in-app purchases of digital content from its Play Store from next January to next September.

Under the new policy set to be adopted in late September, congle plans to take a 30 per cent commission on all digital content purchases by users from app developers.

Like Apple, Google also collects a 30 per cent commission on in-app purchases.

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Apple last week announced it will reduce the standard commission on its App Store from 30 per cent to 15 per cent for app developers with yearly proceeds of less than \$1 million Transport of the proceeds of less than \$1 million Transport of the proceeding the proceeds of less than \$1 million Transport of the proceeding the

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SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Sanjay \$fo Nirottam \$R/o\$ H.No.A-51-C, DDA Flats, Tagore Garden, Delhi Aged-45 Years has been reported missing since 12.10.2020 at about 09:00 AM from his residence vide DD No.45A Dated 12.11.2020 registered at Police Station Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. His physical description is as under. Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'5", Face: Round, Built: Normal, Clothing: Blue coloured shirt, Blue coloured jeans and White coloured shoes in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this



Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi FAX No.: 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-25448885, 25116102 DP/274/WD/2020 Mob.: 8750871127

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one male namely Pankaj, S/o Suresh, R/o Jai Kumar Ka Makaan, Suresh, R/o Jai Kumar Ka Makaan, H.No. 37, Village Sannoth, Delhi, Age: 25 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, wearing White colour Shirt & Blue colour Pant, has been

P.S. Narela Industrial Area

Ph. No.: 011-27787592, 27787593

missing from his house since 30.09.2020 at 10:00 AM. In this regard a DD No. 52-A dated 27.10.2020 has been registered at P.S. Narela ndustrial Area, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace ou

the male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned. Website : http://cbi.nic.in E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 2436864

Appeal for Identification

Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'2", Face: Long, Built Thin, Clothing: Cream Coloured shirt and White coloure

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Mandir Marg, New Delhi at

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Sunil S/o Late Sh. Gahinar R/o

namely Sunii S/o Late Sh. Gahinar R/o Shop Classic Chicken, Gole Market, New Delhi Aged-about 19 Years has been reported missing since 07.11.20 at 09:30 PM from his residence vide DD No.70-A Dated 10.11.2020 registered at Police Station Mandir Marg, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:

Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 FAX No.: 011-24368639 DP/157/NDD/2020



General public is hereby informed that one male Name: Unknown Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40 Years, Height: 5'5", Sex: Male, Complexion: atish, Injury Marks: Body damaged wiredash, injury marks; body daringed in different shaps, Wearing; Green and White Colour Checkdar Shirt and Black Colour Pant & Plastic Chappal in Feet, Place of Recovery; Found dead on 17.11.2020 at KM Pole No. 15/3, 14/31 UP Line Railway Track,

Near Under Pass, Mangolpuri Railway Station.

In this regard FIR/DD No. 1A, dated 17.11.2020 has been lodged at Police Station, Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign

SHO P.S. Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi Ph.: 011-28714802, 28711697 & DP/14/RLY/2020

BoneSav

Compared with people who ate meat, vegans wit lower calcium and protein intakes (on average) had a 43 per cent higher risk of fractures anywhere in the body, researchers have warned. According to the findings, published in the journal BMC Medicine, getarians and people who ate fish but not meat had a higher risk of hip fractures, compared to people who ate mea



DOCYARD DR KUSHAL BANERJEE

Consultant Homeopath

DR KALYAN BANERJEE'S CLINIC, NEW DEI HI



Take help from Homeopathy



India is considered as the Diabetes capital of the world. Approximately eight-point seven percent of Indians between the age of twenty to seventy years are Diabetic. The country suffers substantial loss of productivity and thus bears a huge economic burden because of Diabetes.

An exceedingly high number of Diabetics around the world are looking to complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) to act as an adjuvant or substitute for the management of their condition. Diabetes affects multiple organ systems resulting in a wide range of serious issues in patients. Many of these conventional medicine.

India is known for its larger than life festivals, and sweets and delicacies is a part and parcel of it. However, during this time, Diabetics should exercise caution and only consume extremely limited quantities of sweets or restrict themselves to food items which will not increase their blood sugar levels if they have very high levels of blood sugar. A temporary but sharp rise in blood sugar can cause irreversible damage to vial organs. Elevated blood sugar may take days to settle to its previous levels. We are also deprining to understand the correlation between Diabetes and COVID-19. Although research is still new, it is being postulated that diabetics have a higher chanace of severe clinical outcomes and mortality due to COVID-19. Again, experts recommend that patients should strive for good ontion of their blood sugar levels to prevent severe complications.

SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS

The symptoms of pneumonia can range from mild to severe. This depends on your risk factors and the type of pneumonia you have. Common symptoms are similar to the symptoms caused by a cold or the flu. They include:

■Cough ■Fever ■Bringing up mucus when you

igh ■Difficulty breathing

■Difficulty oreatning
■Chills
■Chest pain
You may also sweat, have a
headache, and feel very tired. Some
people also experience nausea,
vomiting, and diarrhea.

MYTHS

■It can always be treated with antibiotics

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■Elderly people are the only
ses required to receive vaccinations
■Healthy people can't get pneu-

monia

An individual with pneumonia must be hospitalised

■With many possible causes for pneumonia, treatment could include

multiple organs
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complications do not have any specific treatment in conventional medicine m specific treatment

earlier.

Doctors usually spend a lot of time explaining the importance of lifestyle changes, including diet, mealtimes, exercise and sleep patterns, in addition to advising homeopathic medicines. Many of these patients can report lasting blood sugar control with these modifications. There are many cases where homeopathic medicines can be completely withdrawn.

Some of the other complications which occur in chronic Diabetics are conditions like peripheral neuropathy (degeneration of the nerves in the periphery of the body), Diabetic retinopathy (degeneration of the retina and related structures) and diabetic nephropathy (degeneration of the retina and related structures) and displayed to the conventional medicines. However, homeopathy can address these issues in many patients. From providing relief to address these issues in many patients. From providing relief to pain, burning and loss of sensation of limbs, to improving or preventing further loss of vision. There is anecdotal data demonstrating improvement or arrest of degeneration of kidney functioning with homeopathic management in cases of Diabetic foot, where the foot of patient begins to degenerate into a gangernous condition due to poor blood supply. Patients are often able to avoid an amputation!

As the country takes some early steps towards an integrated healthcare system, it is important to consider homeopathy as an essential option for patients in all stages of Diabetes.

WARMFOODS

BROWN RICE: Brown rice are synthesise fats. It also benefits our nervous and reproductive rich in proteins, thiamine, calcium, magnesium, fiber, and potassium. For those trying to lose weight or those suffering from diabetes, oils are beneficial for the body as these healthful fats

it can prove a healthful staple given its low glycemic crating which rating which helps reduce i n s u l i n spikes

els. The fiber content of brown rice keeps bowel function at it's peak since it makes digestion that much easier. It is the perfect addition to the daily diet for those seeking bowel regularity. In addition, it also makes the tummy feel full which translates to smaller meal portions. in s u i i i spikes. It is rich in selenium which reduces the risk for devel-oping common illthe risk for uevaloping common ill-nesses such as cancer, heart disease and arthritis. One cup of it provides 80 per cent of our daily manganese requirements. Manganese helps the body

help normalise cholesterol levels.
The fiber

hile we all look forward to winfront of the fire, drinking tea and talking about everything under the sun; there are some annoying problems that crop up—dry skin and dandruff.

There are many products

many products available in the market but a few home remedies

home remedies work just as well with long lasting effect.

If you have dry skin, one of the best remedies is to mix two parts glycerin, two parts glycerin, two parts rose water and one part lemon juice. Keep this in a bottle. Apply on the skin. Avoid areas where there is a break in the skin. Leave it overnight. Wash

with warm water the next morning. One can use this on the face— the results are amazing.

amazing.
For cracked heels mix beeswax and mustard oil by heating them together in equal parts. Pour it into a container.
Let it cool.
Apply over the cracked heels.
Wear socks.
Wash feet the next morning.
Repeat till you get smooth heels.
Dandruff is another winter problem that many face. Mix orange peel powder and cocomat oil to make a mask. Apply this on the scalp. Leave it overnight or at least for an hour. Wash off with shampoo. Do this thrice a week till dandruff disappears.



Turn to breathing exercises

ike people say, prevention is better than cure. So is the case with pneumonia. Here are a few tips that can help.

Having good immunity is the single most important factor in prevention of pneumonia.

Healthy lifestyle — a good

more than just antibiotics

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People age 65 and older are at
a higher risk, but anyone can catch
neumonia at any age and therefore
should consider getting vaccinated
People who are considered
healthy have a lower risk, but could
still catch pneumonia

If the condition is less severe,
treatment may not include hospitalisation

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Bacterial: This is the commonest cause of pneumonia. There is a wide range of bacteria that can infection of the lungs - in children as well as adults

Viral: Nowadays due to COVID 19; everyone seems to have got alertda about viral pneumonia. Viral infections are rather common in children and there are dozens of viruses that cause infection of the lungs. Influenza related pneumonia are common in adults and various other viruses can cause lung infection in adults where immunity is compromised. COVID-19 related inflammation is not a pneumonia in true sense; its more of inflammatory condition of the lungs.— the discussion of which is beyond the scope of this article.

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breakfast; two square meals per day, having fresh fruit everyday; regular exercise with deep breath-ing exercises; adequate sleep are of utmost importance to maintain good immunity. —People with Diabetes; renal conditions; those on chemother-

The symptoms of pneumonia can range from mild to severe. This depends on your risk factors and the type of pneumonia you have. Common signs are similar to the ones caused by a cold or flu

compromised individuals. People who are suffering from Diabetes; chronic kidney disease; those having HIV/AIDS; or those who are on medicines that compromise the immunity; especially after organ transplant etc are immunocompromised neonle

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Tuberculous infections:
Infection caused by Mycobacterium
Tuberculosis (popularly known as
TB) is the biggest menace in front
of our country and needs to be tackled on war footing. There are other

apy should take regular guidance of their treating physician; to keep their conditions under control.

Mavoiding smoking.

Taking influenza and Pneumococal vaccines as per the advice of regular doctor/chest physician.

bacteria from the Mycobacterium family that can cause lung infec-

family that can cause lung infections.

Aspiration pneumonia: When one ends up aspirating contents of the stomach into the lungs via; breathing pipe — one gets — chemical pneumonitis.

How is pneumonia diagnosed? When a person reaches a doctor/hospital with above mentioned symptoms and after clinical examination pneumonia is suspected; Xray of the chest is done to diagnose pneumonia. At times a CT scan of the chest is necessary to see the extent of the infection. Sending sputum for culture test helps in deciding the causative factor of pneumonia.

How is it treated?

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As discussed above; depending on the Causative agent (Bacterial/viral/TB etc); and patients condition (stable or critical) medicines are prescribed to be taken orally (at home) or Intravenously (in the hospital). Patients also need supportive care in the form of hydration; control of Diabetes; vitamin supplements etc.

Supplements etc.

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DON'T MISS YOUR CHILD'S VACCINATION



Penumonia is one of the leading caussof sickness and mortality in children in developing countries especially under the age of 5 years. Pneumonia can be easily prevented by immunization, adequate nutrition, and taking care of some environmental factors.

As per WHO Pneumonia accounts for almost 15% to 18 % of all deaths (1.3 million deaths) globally of which 99% cases seen in 15 developing countries, in children under 5 years age. Approximately 3.7 lakh children die of Pneumonia annually in India. Pneumonia can be caused by viruses, bacteria, or fungi.

Pneumonia can spread in several ways like via air-borne droptets from a cough or sneeze from an infected person or the organisms which are normally present in one's nose and throat can become infective if conditions are unfavourable and can infect the lungs if they are inhaled. In addition, in young infants it can spread through blood also. Various factors that may influence the occurrence of pneumonia include, premature and low birth weight child, undernutrition, indoor overcrowding, poor hygiene, previous history of allergies, recent history of Measles and Chicken Pox, Pneumonia or hospitalisation and many more.

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The presenting features of viral and bacterial pneumonia are similar. However, the symptoms of viral pneumonia may be more when compared with bacterial pneumonia. In children under five years of age they can present with cough and/or fast and difficult breathing, with or without fever and there may be retraction of lower chest wall, Wheezing is more common in viral infections. Very severely ill infants may be unable to take feed or drink.

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Three strategic interventions include-vaccination, breastfeeding/nutrition and access to care and antiblotic treatment along with Parent Education Programs, Pneumonia awareness Programs for Community and health workers. Awareness of practices like hand hygiene-washing hands frequently, avoiding indoor pollution (smoking, usage of firewood, kerosene, incense, deo-sprays etc) as well as outdoor pollution.

Besides the general precautions as already discussed keep your child's vaccination upto date which starts from six weeks of age.

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All children should be given vaccines to prevent against bacterial infections like Pneumococcus and Hib. All children sixmonths of age or older should get a flu (Influenza) vaccine yearly at least up to eight years of age (MOH) because the maximum spread in the community is through allidren in this age group the start of the

redications.

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Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital

DadiKaKehna

Winters are here and with it the usual problems of dry skin, dandruff and cracked heels. A few simple ingredients available in your kitchen can help tackle the issue, says ROSHANI DEVI



Ultrasound is key

India is severely impacted by the sudden outbreak of highly infectious COVID-19 pandemic which is over-whelming our healthcare system & the number of patients being diagnosed with it is staggering, Amidst these unprecedented times; Point-of-care Ultrasound (POCUS) technology has emerged as a key screening tool for physicians to access the actual chinical conditions in the medically fragile patients.

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Nowadays, compact ultrasound machines are increasingly being used to diagnose, monitor and manage patients in ICQ, emergency wards and other inpatient services. For patients diagnosed with COVID-19 infection, it is an excellent adjunct tool for performing comprehensive head-to-toe clinical study & is an ideal device for bed-side examination of patients in isolation wards. COVID-19 primarily attacks the lung in the initial stages of the disease and it can also have significant

the later stages of the disease.

So, lung ultrasound and focused echocardiography has the potential to aid the diagnosis and management of patients with COVID-19 require airway management, or venous access under ultrasound guidance (to administer essential fluids & medications), or some patients in shock or trauma needs a proper shock assessment where ultrasound plays a vital role in clinical evaluation process.

Portable diagnostic ultrasound machine is like ultrasound machine is like a Swiss-army knife which has multiple advantages as it is non-invasive, posess no ionising radiations, can be quickly & repeatedly performed at the bedside, cost-effective and is easily sanitised as compared to other imaging modalities in indoor settings. Hospitals need to

employ proper set of clean-ing protocols for machine disinfection prior to use in COVID-19 isolation wards.

distinction prior to use in COVID-19 isolation wards. Because the utility of each application varies by setting, hospitals should consider how they can best use ultrasound within their specific environments.

As per the directive from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW) and guidelines of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), the portable ultrasound plays a significant role in clinical evaluation of COVID-19 patients and should be considered as an invaluable tool for isolation wards.

Major player in this

tool for isolation wards.
Major player in this
segment is Fujifilm
Sonosite company which
has partnered with different
medical societies across
India and assisting healthcare professionals in their
battle against this pandemic by providing them the
right technology, disinfection guidelines and ultrasound educational
resources.

INBRIEF

Therapeutic food makers in the country have asked for launching specific programmes at the community level to tackle the problem of Severe Acute Malutrition (SAM) in the country since Covid restrictions and reverse migration are feared to have led to drop in the nutrition levels in the vulnerable sections of society.

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CMAM Association of India, comprising manufacturers of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) globally used in community management of acute malnutrition (CMAM), has extended support to the Government to develop new products so as to eradicate SAM under the PoshanAbhiyan.

In a communication to the Ministry of Women & Child Development, CMAM Association of India has offered to support and implement any feeding protocols to be laid down by the Government in the upcoming nutrition guidelines using its R&D and product development prowess to ensure that the children receive adequate nutrition.

Feeding protocols that use a combination of home-based food and high-quality energy dense nutrition supplement, including all micronutrients, which are easy to transport to children need to be urgently explored, CMAM Association has stated.

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Sanjana to star opposite Aditya

Actress SANJANA SANGHI, who starred opposite Sushant Singh Rajput in *Dil Bechara*, is set to join actor ADITYA ROY KAPUR in the forthcoming action film, OM The Rattle Within

"Getting to delve into the action genre so early on, is something I view as an absolute honour. I have immense grati-tude for my produc-ers and my director Kapil (Verma) for the potential they have seen in me being able to pull off such a part in our

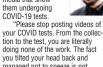
film," Sanjana said.
"After exploring
many scripts and
possibilities, *OM* felt just right since it was the spectrum for in terms of throwing myself into an entirely



'The beauty is Raikummaı (Rao) has never lost his humility and generosity that he always had

as an actor. He has remained that same person. What has . changed is that Raikummar has become really popular. I think the success has brought with it some limitations. But his success makes me happy. I feel like a happy parent.'

Comedian-actor VIR DAS feels celebrities should not post videos on social media that show



you miled your nead back and managed not to sneeze is not engaging content," he wrote. "Hear me out please. There's someone drenched in a full PPE kit one foot away from you who does this 30 times a day, door to door. You're not the one struggling. The test sucks for them more," Vir urged.

Swift wins 'Artist of the Year' at AMAs

Singer TAYLOR SWIFT won Artist of the Year award for the third year in a row at the American Music Awards but had to skip the cere-

mony.
In 2019, Swift expressed anger over her former record label, Big Machine Label Group, selling her master recordings to Scooter Braun, the manager of singers like

Justin Bieber and Ariana Grande. So she was busy re-recording the albums she made with the label

"Thank you so much for this. This is a fan-voted award, which means so much to me. You guys have been beyond won-derful all the years of ny career, but especially this one, when we've been so far apart, we haven't been able to see each other in concert, but I still feel really connected to you through the music," she shared.

BAFTA comes to India

taking its first step into India with a talent hunt initiative that lets the Academy identify and nurture up to five talents working in film, games or television in India. The exercise, known as BAFTA Breakthrough initiative, is part of the Academy's year-round effort to support new talent, operating alongside their Awards ceremonies. The programme has in the past supported artistes such as Tom Holland, Lettiti Wright, Florence Pugh, Jessie Buckley, Josh O'Connor and Callum Turner. Coming to India is part of BAFTA's global expansion effort of the initiative. BAFTA Breakthrough India aims at facilitating the development of relationships between British and Indian talents.

The chosen participants will be offered a year-long support programme from BAFTA and be showcased across India and the UK. By showcasing talent global-The British Academy of Film and Television Arts is taking its first step at global inclusiveness with a local talent hunt



industry, overcome barriers to

gression and network globally a people who can influence

The programme is a new inter-

national iteration of the successful Breakthrough initiative, which has been running in the UK since 2013 and Chima since 2019. The effort was launched in the United States this year, supporting over 130 emerging talents to date. Industry supporters of the initiative in recent years include actors Oliva Colman, Naomi Harris, Tom Hiddleston and Tilds Swinton, actory Tomburg Tendal Pitt, directors Tom Harder and Barry Enklans, gam designers Brenda Romewand Santon Horgan and Any Schumer.

"BAFTA is uniquely placed to facilitate creative partnerships

across the moving arts, being one of the only art charities to work across film, games and television and on a global scale," said Tim Hunter, Director of Learning and New Talent, BAFTA.

"India is one of the most prolific and accomplished industries and a fascinating centre for the screen arts with lost of creative diversity, which extends far beyond the world-famous Bollywood'S come of the best practitioners in the world work in Indian film, games and television — and practitioners from around the world have much to learn from them," Hunter added.

The initiative will showcase and support emerging stars of

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film, games, and television in India, supported by Netflix. "We share BAFTA's vision and responsibility in providing breakthrough opportunities to emerging talent. We're thrilled to extend our support to the programme in India and help amplify our country's new voices. This initiative will meaningfully bring together creative comfulls bring together creative comvoices. This initiative will meaning-fully bring together creative com-munities across borders, support their stories, unearth raw talent and provide them with recognition on the world stage," said Monika Shergill on behalf of the streaming

giant. Under the initiative, BAFTA will work closely with local cultural bodies and industry in India to reach each sub-region and identify excellent individuals. The programme will be supported by a series of craft masterclasses, which will feature British and Indian talent sharing their expertise and insights with the audience across India and the UK.

Directed by RAJAT KAPOOR, a rendition of the Shakespearean play As You Like It comes to screens for Aadyam's

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) is taking its first step into India with a talent hunt initiative that lets the

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many clowns does it take to reate a Shakespearean classic ow many clowns does it take to recreate a Shakespearean classic roles while doing his? Well, seven clowns across a runtime of 106 minutes, as seen in veteran director Rajat Kapoor's clowning glory, I Don't Like It As You Like It, a rendition Shakespeare's play As You Like It, all the shakespeare's play a Shakespeare's play was first bay was first by a Was first b

rendition shakespeares play As You Like II, will preniere on the screens with Aadyam's digital edition this December. A raging hit, this play was first staged during Aadyam's second season in 2016 and will be coming back for its digital edition as the theatre takes the stage to the screen. Maintaining the authenticity of its theatre going experience the digital showcase will be a striking affair—to be recorded with a multi camera set up, enveloped for virtual viewing for three limited edition screenings via Insider-in's digital streaming service for audience across the country.

With equal nervous and excitement about their Irist play, Shernaz Patel, theatre's returning artistic director says, "There is great excitement and challenge in reinvention. In taking a show that has been successful on stage and finding a novel way to reinterpret it for the camera. That's what we have set out to do with all three of our plays, the first of which is this hilarious and boisterous Shakespear eadaptation. We are lucky to have a good lineup of actors with impeccable comic tuning. They make clowning seem effortless. And a film and theatre director at the helm, who is a master of this genre. As with all our plays we dream big. We want our viewers to have a theatre experience with high production standards. That's why we are shooting the play professionally in an auditorium and on a set and not in isolation or on Zoom. This is the closest we can come to the magic of live theatre because the actors will be performing together on the stage, feeding off each other. So beat those pandemic blues and make the stage your world for a couple of hours. Laughter is

Indians.
"I remember that Dilbara was the first song to get locked for Dhoom and it was Ali's (Uday Chopra) song. At that time, the title was not fixed. Dhoom Machale was one of the songs which was banked for the film. I

Machaie was one of the songs which was banked for the film. I remember there was a meeting about the film's tile. We were all sitting and brainstorming and adic ame up with putting [Dhoom Machale Dhoom Machale Dhoom to the melody of what we had. I have forgotten what the scratch pircis were at that time. So, when Adi came up with that, everyone immediately locked onto it and said this is the title of the film and the title songli "says Pritam.

Pritam reveals that he did not expect the title track to become such a rage among the audience. He says, "We never thought that Dhoom will become so big. I never thought, I was just hoping that it



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On adapting his play for screen, director Rajat Kapoor adds, "This is one of the biggest challenges — the process behind retaining a play's identity as a theatrical experience. Traditionally, I have never really agreed to this idea of recording plays to be watched elsewhere because I feel something dies in transition. For me, the play exists for the purpose that it was designed for — to be watched live. Ensuring what we present and how we do it, I believe, will elevate its identity from a mere recording to then hold a deeper meaning for the production and the audience alike. With this firmly in mind, we move forward to present this new version of our play."

"This digital edition has been months

in the making. We have been evolving and adapting our efforts to suit the needs of the new viewing format. We are all very excited to see the final product and the audience reaction to it, "mentions Brian Tellis, Co-Founder and Group CEO of Fountainhead MKTG that produces and promotes Aadyam in India.

This is the Rajat's fifth Shakespearean adaptation that is retold through clown style theatre as the plot follows a group of clowns who endeavour to put up As You Like It. In the play, the troupe director has no faith in the tale itself and believes it to be a comedy that is 'two laughs and a death away from tragedy'. A lack of skill, rehearsal space and fondness for his troupe, creates a comedy of errors that takes the spectator on a hilarious ride, complete with gender role reversal led by the thought, 'Shakespeare made Rosalind Ganymede. What an underachiever. I will make all the men play women, and all the women play men.

This story explores the highs and lows faced by a circus troupe highlighting the fact that to find yourself, you must

This story explores the highs and lows faced by a circus trough highlighting the fact that to find yourself, you must become the other. It depicts that behind the smiles and entertainment, these are just ordinary people dealing with stress, angst and the madness that is life. It has some of the most talented actors It has some of the most talented actors Andalik, Cyrus Sahukar, Fazezi Jalali, Joy Fernandes, Rytasha Rathore, Shruti Vyas and Vinay Pathak. (The play opens on Insider's streaming platform on December 7. Tickets are available on Paytm Insider.)

Sumeet recalls his defining moment



Actor Sumeet Vyas recalls the defining moment when he decid-ed to become an actor, two decades ago. 'I think it was 20 years ago, I think it was 20 years ago.' I think it was 20 years ago.' I think it was 20 years ago.' I think it was 20 years ago, I and a grew up watching heatre, surrounded by people who were constantly taing about plays, literature, art, history and culture. I took them as a part of my life, without thinking of taking it up professionally. Then one day, I watched a play in Prithiv Theatre, in which my father acted. After the play ended, when I was returning home, I just told myself I will live to perform—that this is the true calling. I have beat a constant of the property of the professional than the pro

— that this is the true calling. I have been acting seriously, since then," he said.

Sumeet will soon be seen in the web series Dark 7 White, produced by Ekta Kapoor.

"It is interesting that in the two shows (with Ekta), I play drastically different characters. Previously on The world: State is Namavait, I played the lawyer Ram Jethmalani, a much older character. With heavy prosthetics and a different body language, I was almost unrecognisable. In this show, Dark 7 White, I play a young man from a royal family who starts off as an aimless brat and turns into a manipulative individual with a great plan. My idea is always to play something different and challenge myself," Sumeet said. About playing his role, he added that it was "interesting to tap into a mindset that is so multi-layered." The series, which also features Nidhi Singh, Jatin Sarna, is on ZEE5 and ALTBalaji.

The Dhoom series of films became the adrenaline pumping, edge of the seat, anti-hero entertainers and true visual spectacles for the Indian audience. Well, the most loved one, Hrithik Roshan-starrer Dhoom 2, is now celebrating its 14th anniversary. And Pritam, who composed the music for the Dhoom series, opens up about how he composed Dhoom Machale, a track that has entertained generations of Indians. "I remember that Dilbara



cuts through and becomes popular because it was important for me at that time. It's always important for a song to become popular but at that time! I was just hoping and praying. I remember the day Dhoom was releasing. I was going to Shirdi and on the way I

heard in two places — one was a car back horn with the *Dhoom Machale* tune and the other when somebody in Shirdi was singing it. Then I knew, *gaana toh popular hogaya!* It was a great gig.⁸. Recounting his experience of choreographing two of the most

good-looking superstars, Hrithik and Aishwarya (Rai Bachchan), Shiamak says, "I had worked with Aishwarya in Taal and before she became Miss World, I'd worked with her already in a Suff jazz piece, so she was already quite close to understanding my style

and delivering it really well. Hrithik was very new to what I do, but the best part about Hrithik was that he is just so natural with dancing and my kind of style on him worked so well. I think he was also quite excited with the fact that he could do such a different, unusual kind of work from what unusual kind of work from what he was normally doing, which is a very strong Bollywood dance. Suddenly, we were to put a little bit of jazz and contemporary. It was quite a thought process to see him and Aishwarya interpret the song. I was very happy that they both did a good job. I was very proud of them because when they both came in together, it was electrifying!

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Vijay Krishna (Viktor) Acharya, the writer of the series, says, "The success of Dhoom told us that there was a possibility of a cooler style of an action film in India. However, Adi was very clear that we should never make a film only to satisfy the idea of a franchise. We have tried to stick that principle throughout. Dhoom 2 had everything pushed up a couple of notches, in every department. I think we managed a racy screen-play one that keeps you wanting to know more and personally. I really enjoyed writing all the characters and their minor quirks.

He adds, 7 tremember when Dhoom 2 was announced, every-

one felt that this will have a natural continuation — since the first part had bikes and this one has cars. But the fact is that you don't make a film about inanimate objects. Even if there are bikes and there's action, we are always trying to encapsulate a feeling. You are always trying to encapsulate a feeling. You are always trying to convey an emotion, whatever that might be the standard of the character and that helps the actor embody something. It helps the director visualies something, It helps the director visualies comething, It

Dhoom 2 turns 14

At 34, my days are numbered: Warner Virat bhai said that tough situation will make me stronger: Siraj

Australia's big-hitting opener David Warner on Monday said his 'days are numbered' in international cricket and continuing an approach of keeping his aggression in check, he would rather ignore than engage if Indian players attempt to sledge him during the upcoming series. Warner, in a virtual press conference on Monday, touched upon his evolution as a batsman in the past couple of years.

years. "I've just recently turned 34, so my days are numbered, when you're in the 30s. There's obviously a fixe feet obviously a cricket solviously a cricket smarts element to it as well," the explosive opener said ahead of the limited-overs series against India starting with the first ODI on November 27. Warner, who has had his share of aggressive on-field showdowns, said he would prefer to look the other way if Indians try to get chatty with him. but there's

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much as I can and at a good strike-rate as well. I think last year was probably the most disciplined I've batted in Test match cricket as well.

"I really took pride in the last 12-24 months, to apply that discipline and you keep learning as you get older... You've got to be on top of your game to be able to adapt to that.

Talking about the Indian team, which will not feature in-form opener Rohit sharma at least in the ODIs and T20Is, Warner said it would a big hole to fill but Virat Kohli's men do have the wherewithal to manage.

"...Obviously he is a big piece of their team, that they are going to be missing, but they have got great in-form guys KI. Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan and Mayank (Agarwal), these guys

nd is focussed on maintaining a strong strike rate.
"For myself, it's about getting off to a good start and taking calculated risks in that middle-overs period if we're talking about 50-over games," he said.
"For me, it's about making sure that I am batting as much as I can and at a good strike-rate as well. I think last

trying to take it on board and using it against them by using your bat, 'he added. "It's probably something I've learnt over time. And you don't know the effect it can have on your teammates as well. You've got to be a bit more humble in that respect." Warner said at 34, he has become a calculated risk-take and is focussed on maintaining a strong strike rate. "As I MELBOURNE the five uncapped players, has made a strong case for selection in the playing XI with back-to-to-back double centuries for vicet.com.au." "At the moment I didn't hink loe did anything worg last summer." Ve had some repart partnerships and average man Burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had some great partnerships and average man burns, however, has had been dearly the first probable to be a bit more humble in the sheffield shield. "The probable of the first prob

mer" but the left-handed batsman insisted hell embrace uncapped prodigy Will Pucoski if selected for the much-anticipated first I fest against India to be played at the Adelaide Oval from December 17.

Burns — who is Warner's incumbent partner — and Pucowski have been named in the 17-member squad for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Pucovski, who is among

played in the IPL, so you have got guys who are in good touch," he said.

Indian captain Virat Kohli will be flying back to India for the birth of his first child after the first Test, starting December 17 in Adelaide, and Warner lauded the decision. The batting main-stay also had words of praise for India's Test vice-captain Ajinky Rahane and said he brings a calm and measured approach. Asked how different the Test contest would be with Rahane expected to lead after Virat leaves, Warner said, "He's calm and very measured in his calm and the said after t and. Indian captain Virat Kohli

calm and very measured in his approach. He's got a very good cricket brain.

quoted as saying by cricket.com.au.

"At the moment I didn't think Joe did anything wrong last summer. We had some great partnerships and averaged over 60. And that's what you want from your opening partnership. And at the end of the day I have to be happy with it and embrace (whoever they pick)," he added.

Warner and Burns have Right-handed Queensland batsman Burns, however, has had a highest of just 29 in his five innings this season.

"If they go the way of Will, he has batting fantastic and been in and out of the Test squad. He is in the right frame of mind at the moment. It probably is an opportunity for him to come into the team. But as we know it's harder to get out of this team than get in," Warner was

handless and Burns have combined six century opening stands and average more than 50 for the first wicket till now— record bettered only by Warner's combination with Chris Rogers.

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"...It's like chalk and cheese
with them two (Kolhi and
Rahane) and as a player to try
and engage him on the field, as
we're talkling about engaging,
and getting into that contest as
players, it's obviously lots to
think about how do that
especially with Ajinkya as captain.

"The great thing from
India's perspective is that you've
got three if not four very good
players who could captain the
team at any time. With him,
he'll bring a calm and measured
approach with his nature."

Warner was seen playing
aggressively at the back end of
the IPL and he stressed that he
won't be changing his game. "Yeah definitely: What do you want to see? 100 of 10 overs or something? In the one-day stuff, I'll still come out and play the way I normally do. There's probably going to be no change to that," he said.
"Here in Australia, it's a bit different, in 50-over cricket, you can still play the normal way you do and I think I showed that last year, the way I played against Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Srì Lanka."
"I played pretty much the same way as I did during the backend of that IPL. I won't be changing my game and will go out and tackle it the way I always do," added Warner, who has 5,303 ODI runs.

A way from family while grieving the recent loss of his father, Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj says skipper Virat Kohli's abdiect to be strong' has helped him stay afloat as he gears up for a gruelling series against Australia. Kohli is no stranger to overcoming personal tragedy while carrying on with professional duties. In 2007, Kohli, then a teenager, lost his father in the middle of a Ranji Trophy match but he came back next day to score 97 for Delhi, and wowing his mental for the stranger of the strange

Delhi, showing his mental fortitude.

Siraj's father Mohammed Ghouse, 53, died due to a lung allment in Hyderabad last week and despite BCCI offering him the option to return home, the fast bowler decided to stay upt on pational duty.

home, the fast bowler decid-ed to stay put on national duty.
"Virat bhai said 'Miyaan tension maat le (don't be tense) and be strong. Your dad wanted you to play for India. So, do that and don't stress," the 26-year-old Siraj told beci. IV.

"The skipper told me, 'If you can be strong in this sit-

"The skipper told me, 'If you can be strong in this situation, it will only help you'. So those were positive words from the Indian captain and it felt nice."

Sirajs father drove auto rickshaw during his formative years as a cricketer and has been the single biggest influence on the Hyderabad man.

"It's a huge loss for me as

"Mom said that everyone has to go one day. Today, it's your dad, tomorrow it will be me. Just do what your dad wished for you. Play well for India."

wished for you. . . ., India"
"May be, he is not physi-cally present but I can feel that he is always there with me," Siraj said.

he was the biggest support system of my life. He wanted me to shine for my country and my mindset now is to ful-fil his dreams," he said.

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Siraj thanked his team-mates, who have rallied around him.

"I am indebted to my teammates as they stood by me in these tough times and every thing was well taken care of," he said.

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Siraj said even his mothe-the assignment, which starts with the limited-overs leg from November 27.

"Mom said that 'everyone has to go one day. Today, it's

"I'll always draw from that mate. To try and get engaged, that's the way they like to play as well," he said. "We're learning over time,

trying not to engage in that. Probably try and reversing the effect by trying and ignoring it,

Stoinis playing five times better | Mitchell Marsh hopeful of than a year ago: Ponting

PTI MEI BOURNE

Batting legend Ricky Ponting believes all-rounder Marcus Stoinis is playing "five times better" than what he was a year ago and could take up "multi-ple roles" for Australian crick-et, including the job of a finish-

Stoinis scored 352 runs and snapped 13 wickets to play a big role in Delhi Capitals, coached by Ponting, reaching the final of the recent IPL in the UAE. He is in Australia's ODI and T20I squads for the series against India starting on Friday. Ponting said it was Alex Carey who had told him about Stoinis' incredible turnaround during the IPL.

Stoinis' incredible turnar during the IPL. "From the moment he turned up at the IPL, having come straight from England ... he was pretty keen to show me improvements that he'd made. And his first made. And his first few net sessions, I could just tell then," Ponting told crick-et.Com.Au.

"Having spent a fair bit

of time with him over the past couple of years, what I saw from him at the IPL at the IPL suggests to me that he's a five times better player than he was 12 months ago." The 31-year-old Stoinis was dropped from Australia's T20

from Australia's T20 squad after a disap-pointing 50-over World Cup last year. But, he made a suc-

Liverpool were not derailed by an injury crisis as Jurgen Klopp's men produced a dom-inant display to beat Leicester

3-0 and move level on points with Premier League leaders

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with Premier League ...
Tottenham.
Klopp was missing seven
first-team regulars through
injury and top scorer
Mohamed Salah due to a positive coronavirus test, but
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itive coronavirus test, but Liverpool still swept aside a Leicester team who had start-ed the weekend on top of the

essful comeback, riding on his cessfu comeback, riding on his incredible performance for the Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League where he scored 705 runs in a single season and also smashed tournament's highest individual score of 147 not out. Ponting said Stoinis has proven himself as a finisher but believes he should open the innines.

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"I think the future for him either at Delhi or whoever he plays for in T20 cricket will be at the top of the order. I think he can do (the finishing role.) I think he's proven that he can do multiple different roles now," said Ponting.

"And I think the more expansibility he gets in the

"And I think the more responsibility he gets in the white-ball team, the better he'll be as well. We'll see what happens over the next few weeks (against India), but if he gets a decent chance at it, I think he'll impress

everyone.

"With the way
he's thinking about
the game, with a
bit of experience
and the consisthe Aussie
guys, I
don't think
it really
matters
where he
plays."
Ponting
also said Stoinis
looks "alot more
positive and
aggressive against

aggressive against spin bowling now" compared to the past.

comeback in warm-up game

PTI MEI BOLIBNE

Recuperating from an ankle injury, Australia all-rounder Mitchell Marsh says he is 'hope-ful' of playing next months warm-up game against India X as he eagerly waits for a clear picture to emerge this Friday. The 29-year-old Marsh suffered an ankle injury in the opening match of the Indian Premier League in September and has been out of action since then.

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He was included in the
Australia 'A' squad which will
play two three-day tour games
against India 'A' on December 6-8 and December 11-13 respec-

tively.
"I'm hopeful, I'll probably
find out this week whether I'm

ruled in or out," Marsh was quoted as saying by *The West Australia*.

"I'll probably know on Friday, I've got a few things to tick off rehab-wise and then go from there."

Marsh said he won't be able to bowl and might play as a batsman.

man. "I started running last week and I've got a few kilos to shed before I start playing. It's been a pretty slow process but speaking to a few AFL players about it, it gets pretty good quickly at the end so hopefully that's the case in the next couple of weeks. "At this stage it will just be batting. I wouldn't imagine I would be bowling until midway through the Big Bash at this point in time."

Surva should've made cut in Indian team: Lara

West Indies great Brian
Lara feels that a
batsman of Suryakumar
Yadav's calibre should
have been in the
Indian white-ball
squad for the tour of
Australia.
The Mumbai
Indians batsman's

on-inclusion non-inclusion, despite being seventh in the IPL run-getters' list with 480 runs at a strike-rate of 145 plus, has become a major talk-

ing true on reason why, looking at the (Indian) squad, he can't be a part of it. Lan eaid on four Spore. The car's said he is impressed not just by the runs but also the manner in which Yadav has scored them.

them.

"Yeah,
definitely. He
is a class player. I don't just
look at players
that score runs, I look at
their technique, capabilities
under pressure, positions under pressure, positions that they are batting and for

"Suryakumar Yadav has done such a wonderful job for

done such a wonderful Job for Mumbai."

The only explanation that has come for the 30-year-olds exclusion is the lack of space in the line-up. Lara said he fits the bill for the No 3 slot.

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"He comes to bat on the back of Rohit Sharma, and Quinton de Kock and every time, they are under pressure, he comes in at No 3," he said.
"Just remember, other than the openers, the No 3 batsman in any cricket team is normally your best player, your most reliable player and for me, he (Surya) has been that for Mumbai Indians," he stated.

CA confirm full BBL 10 schedule

IANS MELBOLIBNE

Western Australia, New South
Wales and Victoria have been
confirmed host matches in the upcoming edition of the Big Bash League
(BBL) in January next year "subject to
the public health situation and associated impacts including border restrictions," Cricket Australia announced on
Monday.

Earlier this month, the board had
announced the schedule for first 21
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announced the schedule for first 21 BBL matches in December in which it confirmed that bubbles in Hobart and Cambera will host the initial games starting December 10 before venues in Queensland (Dec 23) and Adelaide (Dec 28) join the party. Five matches will be played at Optus Stadium in Perth, with the first to be beld on January 3. Four of these

to be held on January 3. Four of these matches will be Perth Scorchers home

games.
From January 13, the BBL will travel to Sydney and Melbourne for the run to the finals. Eight matches will be played in Sydney, with the Sydney Cricket Ground and Sydney Showground Stadium to host four each.

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To combat Covid-19 threat, SA cricketers training in two groups

JOHANNESBURG: Fast bowler JUNANCESUM: Fast DOWIEF Kagiso Rabada revealed on Monday that the South African cricket team are training in two groups to minimise the risk of further Covid-19 infections ahead of

Covid-19 infections ahead of their series against England. Two members of the South African squad have tested positive for Covid since the squad assembled last week and two other players had to go into isolation because of their close contact with one of their infected players. "It's been quite bizarre," Rabada told an online press conference from the team hotel in Cape Town. "We have to train in groups — a group of non-

groups — a group of non-contacts and a group of close

Mark of champions

Under-strength Liverpool still too strong for Foxes

"It doesn't mean anvone is

"It doesn't mean anyone is positive but we have to take that extra precaution." Rabada did not reveal how many players were in each group but planned intra-squad matches on Saturday and Monday were cancelled, presumably to reduce the risk of infections.

presumably to reduce the risk of infections. He said more Covid tests would be conducted with the players 'soon'.

Despite the unusual training arrangements, Rabada said 'training is going smoothly' ahead of the first T201 against England at Newlands on Friday. The team is doing well at sticking to strict rules'.

Rabada is undergoing his second "bio-bubble" experience in a short period of time

after starring for the Delhi

after starring for the Delhi Capitals, and becoming the leading wicket-laker, in the recent IPL. Rabada said living in the bubble was tough but added a note of realism.

"It's like luxury prisons that you are in but at the end of the day you have to remind yourself that you are fortunate," he said.

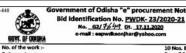
"People have lost their jobs and people are struggling."

"It try to remind myself that we must be grateful for the opportunity to earn some money and do what we love."

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Jonny Evans's own goal was just reward for the Reds' bright start before Diogo Jota set a record-breaking start to life at Apfold life at Anfield.

The Portuguese international became the first Liverpool player to score in his first four home league games when he headed home Andy Robertsons inch-perfect cross.

Kasper Schmeichel in the Leicester goal kept the score down as he made a series of second-half saves, notably from Sadio Mane and Jota, while Evans had a lucky escape as the post prevented him from scoring a second own

him from scoring a second own goal.

Roberto Firmino thought he had been thought he had been goal in 24 games when the Brazilians shot came back off the post and his follow-up was cleared by Marc Albrighton with just 10 millimetres of the ball not over the line.

But Firmino rounded off a

But Firmino rounded off a brilliant team performance by rising highest to meet James Milner's corner. Another muscle injury suf-fered by Naby Keita was the only negative for Klopp on a night when his side showed they will not give up their title easily despite losing centre-backs Virgil van Dijk and Joe Gomez for the rest of the sea-son.

Inspirational **Ibra**

Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored twice to bring his tally to 10 league goals this season before limping off with a muscular strain as AC Milan stayed top in Serie A on Sunday with a 3-1 win at ten-man Napoli. Milan move back two points ahead of Sassuolo — 2-0 winners earlier at Hellas Verona — with Romat hird after Henrikh Mkhitaryan scored twice in a dominant 3-0 win over Parma.

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Ibrahimovic continued his fine form, heading in a Theo Hernandez cross after 20 min-utes, sending in the second with his knee nine minutes after the break. But the 39-year-old pulled up clutching his left hamstring and was substituted after 79 minutes.

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The Swede has scored in all six games he has played this season, having missed two after contracting coronavirus.

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