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SC raises concerns over Covid relapse

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 direction by the beautiful and other direction by the beautiful and other direction by the beautiful and the superate space has been earmarked for the "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.

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.

"After Delhi and Maharashtra is that you are allowing marriage celebration during the pelabration during the pandemic mice, saying cases are rising there and the situation has worsened. What is that you are allowing marriage celebration during day time? You file an affidavit on the status report on steps taken as on date," the SC said.



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

HC DECLINES 'HALF-BAKED' PLFA FOR IMMEDIATE LOCKDOWN IN DELHI

LULADUWN 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
rising 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 pre-sented crucial Phase 3 interim results which show that it is effective a preventing Covid-19 and offers a high level of protection from the deadly virus.

Himachal enforces night curfew in worst affected 4 districts

Schools, colleges to remain shut till Dec 31 PNS SHIMI A

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With the hill state witnessing a sudden surge in
Covid-19 positive cases,
Himachal Government on
Monday imposed night curfew
in four districts and announced
closing educational institutions
till December 31.

The night curfew would be
imposed from 8 pm to 6 am

earlier ₹500 for not wearing face masks in public places. It is also decided that all social, political, cultural, sports and other gatherings in open areas would be restricted to 200 persons with social distancing, said an official spokesman. All the buses in the State would ply with 50 per cent of occupancy till December 15. The Cabbinet has further decided to restrict attendance of class-III and IV Government employees to 50 per cent. 50 per cent. 50 per cent employees would attend office for three days and remaining 50 per cent for next

per cent employees when attend office for three days and remaining 50 per cent for next three days till December 31, the spokesman said.

In the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the Government has decided to hold the elections to the newly constituted Municipal Corporations of Mandi, Solan and Palampur with the elections of Dharamshala Municipal Corporation in the month of March or April next year.

The Cabinet also decided to locate headquarters of one

Platoon of Home Guards volunteers at Kaza in Lahaul-Spiti district, so that Home Guard volunteers are readily available to the local authorities to meet any eventuality, the spokesman added.

A day before, the State had reported a record 19 deaths in 24 hours due to Covid-19. A high-level Central team has been deputed to Himachal Pradesh to support the State Government in Covid-19 response and management. Meanwhile, the Health Department made a presentation on "Him Surksha-IEC" campaign being launched and on "Planning or Strategy for distribution of proposed Covid-19 Vaccine' in the State. Presentations were also made before the Cabinet rezarding. Covid-19 Vaccine in the State. Presentations were also made before the Cabinet regarding six months targets till March, 2021 and next one year's target w.e.f. April, 2021 to March, 2022 by Technical Education

and Education Departments.

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Covid -ve report must for entering Maha

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

In a safety precaution taken in In a safety 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 for all domestic passengers travel-ling to Maĥarashtra by air, trains and roads from the National Capital Region and the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Goa to carry RT-PCR neg-ative test report with them. Amid a fear of a second Covid-19 wave gripping

virus from entering Maharashtra from Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Goa. Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray had, in his address to the peo-

amu Goa to carry RT-PCR negative test report with them.

Amid a fear of a second
Covid-19 wave gripping
Maharashtra in the wake of increasing incidence of Covid19 in New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Surat, the Maharashtra
Government put in place a
mechanism to prevent the passengers carrying Covid-19

medium Goal dress to the people across the State, said on sunday that his Government on increasing pandemic cases in increasing pandemic cases in the State, we cannot lower our updard. The State health authorities are well-equipped to tack-

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

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

HIMACHAL REPORTS HIGHEST EVER COVID FATALITIES IN A DAY

Shimla: A record 22 Covid-19 fatalities were reported in Himachal on Monday as 454 positive cases were detected in the hill State. "The death toll reached 550 while the total case tally stood at 34,781," stated Himachal's evening health bulletin.

In the last 24 hours, 12 deaths have been reported in Shimla, three each in Mandi and Kangra, two in Bilaspur, one each in Solan and Kangra, two in Bilaspur, one each in Solan and Kangra, two in Bilaspur, one each in Solan and Skullu. Of the 454 fresh cases, a maximum of 90 cases were reported in Solan, 88 in Kangra, 69

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 Cortol (LAC). Military ammunition bunkers, roads and prefabricated dwelling units have come up in eastern sector of the LAC besides Ladakh. These developments come

Ladakh.

These developments come at a time when the two sides are preparing for the ninth round of Corps Commander-level talks soon. While both the commanders reiterated their commitment to continue talks.



Indian security establishment. Earlier, rapid construction was only confined to Ladakh sector of the LAC in the back-

sector of the LAC. in the back-drop of the face-offs. However, the furious pitch of work in the East in Doklam near Sikkim is a cause of serious 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 here. The increases received

diplomatic and military levels In the latest developments satellite images show con-struction of hardened ammu-

struction of hardened ammu-nition bunkers, two kilometers from Sinche-La (pass) on the eastern periphery of the Doklam plateau near the bor-der between Bhutan and China. The new structures will enable the Chinese troops to withstand intense cold there and face any challenge with suf-ficient logistical support, sources said here.

High-resolution images from Maxar Technologies indicate road access from the site of the bunkers to the Sinche-La pass, which is then connected to an all-weather road constructed by Chinese workers that stretches across the 5 kilometre-wide Doklam plateau.
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that stretches across the s kilo-metre-wide Doklam plateau.

The new bunkers and con-struction 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 construc-tion activity in territory which Bhutan claims to be its own. A September 2020 study by STRATFOR, the world's lead-ing geopolitical intelligence platform, said the 2017 Doklam crisis "appears to have shifted Chinas' strategic objectives, with China more than doubling its total number of air bases, air defence posi-tions and heliports near the Indian border over the past three years."

stop minority votes' division

In a sudden development, a number of All India Majlise-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) men, including their senior leader Anwar Pasha, on Monday joined the Tiriamool Congress in an apparent bid tost op division of minority votes in Bengal by claiming Asaduddin Owaisi-led party was only acting as a "polariser of votes" to help the BJP The AIMIM, however, claimed, Pasha was just a "party worker", and the TMC leadership was trying to fool the masses.

masses.
Alleging that a few people are trying to steer the country towards destruction using religion, Pasha said those who are eyeing Bengal at present, whether "wearing saffron or green", should know that there is no place for creating religious

AIMIM leaders join TMC to

divisions in the State.

"AIMIM has played a hand in the polarisation of votes in Bihar and thus helped the BJP in forming the Government there, but this will not happen in Bengal," he said.

Pasha, who was welcomed to the TMC fold by Ministers Bratya Basu and Moloy Ghatak, said that 30 per cent of West Bengal's population are Muslims, asserting that the political developments in Bihar cannot be emulated in Bengal.

Urging Muslims in the State to stand by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, he said the AIMIM chief should not come to Bengal.

Owais had said on Sunday that the party is deliberating with the West Bengal with the supplement of well and the said of the said the said of the said had be such as the said the said of the said had be said to said the said

Owaisi had said on outside, that the party is deliberating with the West Bengal unit over contesting the assembly elections and will take a decision

created in the minds of minori-ties over CAA and NRC and the West Bengal CM "is fight-ing for us and has taken to the

ing for us and has taken to the streets to support us.

"Making a law in Parliament is not the end, it has to be implemented on the ground," he said.

Senior AIMIM leader and

ground," he said.
Senior AIMIM leader and
in-charge of Bengal, Asim
Waqar, declined to attach much
importance to the development and urged the TMC not
to fool the masses with their
"dirty tricks".
"Those who have joine
the TMC today are neither
leaders nor office bearers of the
state AIMIM unit. They are just
party workers, just like lakhs of
AIMIM workers across the
state. The TMC should stop
pursuing such dirty tricks.
Their joining would not have
any impact on our prospects in
Bengal, Waqar said.

CAPSULE

MINIMUM TEMP IN DELHI DROPS TO 6.3 DEGREES C New Delhi: A cold wave gripped Delhi om Monday as the minimum temperature dropped to 6.3 degrees Celsius, five notches below normal and the lowest in the month of November since 2003. November since 2003, according to the India Meteorological Department

KASHMIR RECEIVES SEASON'S IST SNOWFALL

Srinagar: Most of the plain areas in Kashmir experienced the season's first snowfall on Monday, even as the higher reaches witnessed heavy precipitation, leading to the closure of Srinagar-Leh road which connects the valley with Ladakh, officials said here.

CBSE CLASS 12 PRACTICAL EXAM DATES OUT

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New Delhi: The CBSE on
Monday released the tentative
dates for the Class 12th board
practical exams amid the
speculation of postponing or
cancellation of the exams in the
wake of coronavirus pandemic.

Kerala puts on hold changes in Police Act after criticism

PTI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The CPI(M)-led Left front The CPI(M)-led Left front Government in Kerala on Monday decided to put on hold a controversial amend-ment to the Police Act as the law triggered a political storm across the country with many describing the measure as an assault on freedom of expres-sion and media.

assault on freedom of expres-sion and media.

Shortly after CPI(M) gen-eral secretary Sitaram Yechury announced in New Delhi that the amendment providing for up to five years jail term to those making defamatory social media posts would be reconsidered, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said his Government was not "intend-ing" to implement it now.

ing" to implement it now. Further action would be

taken after detailed discussions in the Assembly and hearing views from various quarters, he said, with the announcement coming amid widespread criticism of the amendment and protests by Congress and threat by BJP to legally challenge it.

While the Government has said it brought the amendment through an ordinance to check cyberbullying, opposition par-

through an ordinance to check cyberbullying, opposition par-ties and even Left sympathisers have slammed it, saying it was against the freedom of speech and media. Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Ramesh Chennithala dubbed as a "hoax". Vijayan's statement that his Government was not intending to implement the not intending to implement the act and demanded that it be repealed at the earliest.

Gogoi succumbs to post-Covid disease

Veteran Congress leader and a three-term former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi died here on Monday while undergoing treatment for post-Covid-19 complications, State Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. Gogoi, thrice Chief

Biswa Sarma said.
Gogoi, thrice Chief
Minister of the state from 2001
to 2016, breathed his last at the
Gauhati Medical College and
Hospital (GMCH) at 5.34 pm,
Sarma said. He was 84 and is
survived by wife Dolly, daughter Chandrima and son Gaurav.

survived by wife Dolly, daugh-ter Chandrima and son Gaurav, a Lok Sabha member.
The veteran Congress leader was first admitted to the hospital on August 26 after test-ing positive for Covid-19 and was discharged for a brief peri-od before being admitted again on November 2.
His condition deteriorated on November 21, following

on November 21, following multi-organ failure and was put

on invasive ventilation. Gogoi was given dialysis on Sunday. His condition deteriorated further over the past few hours and the hospital where he was admitted said he was "very, very critical".

"Extremely sad to know of the demise of Shri Tarun Gogoi, former Chief Minister

Gogoi, former Chief Minister

TARUN GOGO

of Assam. The country has lost a veteran leader with rich political and administrative experi-ence. His long tenure in office was a period of epochal change in Assam," President Ram Nath tweeted.

VEMBER 23, 2020

Expressing his anguish at the death of Gogoi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi

described him as a popular leader and veteran administrator who had years of political experience in Assam as well as at the Centre.

Modi tweeted, "Sri Tarun Gogoi li was a popular leader and a veteran administrator, who had years of political experience in Assam as well as the Centre. Anguished by his passing away. My thoughts are with his family and supporters in this hour of sadness. Om Shanti."

"Shri Tarun Gogoi was one of the tallest leaders of the Congress party, admired and respected for his extraordinary wisdom, vision and ability. With his long years of experience as an MLA, an MP, a Central Minister of Assam, he was someone to whose unfailingly wise counsel and a dvice we could always turn to," said Congress chief Sonia Gandhi. said Congress Sonia Gandhi.

Capital's air slips to 'very poor' as wind loses speed

STAFE REPORTER NEW DELHI

The worsening of the air in Delhi for the next two days has been attributed to slow winds and low ventilation as on Monday Delhi's air quality deteriorated to the "very poor" category after nearly 10 days, Government agencies said.

Stubble burning, which accounted for 12 per cent of Delhi's PMZ.5 pollution on Sunday, contributed six per cent on Monday.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) mobile app, SAMEER, the city's air quality index (AQI) was recorded at 281 on Monday morning and deterio-

rated to 302 in the evening. It was 274 on Sunday, It was 251 on Saturday, 296 on Friday, 283 on Thursday.

An AQI between zero and 100 "satisfactory", 101 and 200 "moderate", 201 and 300 "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor", and 401 and 500 "severe".

However, according to the Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor, SAFAR, "Stubble burning share in PM2.5, in national

Stubble burning share in PM2.5 in national Capital's air is estimated as six per cent for today (Monday), mainly because calm wind is likely to hold intruded mass for a day." SAFAR said.



Educational institutions shut down till Dec 31, syllabus slashed by 30% for final exams

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I, Ashim Khan W/o Hafizullah Khan, House-334/5, Daria, Chandigah inform that in my Agriculture Landigahe deed of village Daria, Chandigah my father name wrongly recorded Hamidulla. My father correct name Hafizullah Khan. Kindiy correct.

Notary at Hoshiarpur.

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I, Smt Machla Kathalt Spouse
of HAV Shant Singh Resident of M8
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I, Jangsher Singh Sio Roshan
Lal Rio Village Barchpur, Tehsil
Ladwa (Kurukshetra) declare that
Jangsher Singh and Narata are two
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Before Executive Magistrate
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I, Pardeep Singh Mand R/o VII
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I, Kulwant Kaur W/o Santoki Singh R/o H.No. 544/2/7 New Shi Puri Main Road (Ludhlana) change my name to Kulwant Kaur Dhillon.

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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co- Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Price Time of Property Money Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	
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(Lean Code No. 90002001) (Karnal Branch) Jatinder Pal Singh (Borrower) Balvinder Kaur, Janpal Singh (Co-Borrowers/ Guerantons)	All that parcel & property of: Khewat No. 542, VPO Dacher, Tohell Nissing, Distt Kamal-132024	16-Jun-2020 for Rs. 14,00,460/- (Rupees Fourteen Lac Four Hundred Sixty Only)	18-11-202
(Loan Code No. 00001232)	All that parcel & property of: House in Plot	16-Jun-2020 for Rs. 11,30,962/-	18-11-202
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(Loen Code No. 00001284)	All that parcel & property of: Plot No. 19,	18-Jun-2020 for Rs. 18,52,452/-	18-11-202
(Yerrumanagar Branch) Rajesh Kamboj	Wake Khate No. 345 Wake Khasere No.	(Rupees Eightsen Lsc Fifty Two	
(Borrower) Manju Kamboj, Bebu Ram	21//12, Mauje Mamidi Jammu Colony,	Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Two	
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(Loen Code No. 00001508) (Yamunanagar Branch) Krishna Udyog (Borrower) Lateral Devi, Vilveik Geerica, Mariol Kamer Goerica, Vilkei Georica, Jyanti Timber Industries (Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors)	All that parcel & property of: M_MACHINE_ NAME-1) Core Dry Press 2) Peeling Machine 3) PLC Cont. Hydraulic Hot AP_MODEL, NO >-1) 13X4X24 Q.1. 2) MACHINE + DEBARCER + CONVEYOR SET 3) (SXXX12 DrL. AP_INVOICE_NO >-1) R29 2) 0910 3) R29.	07-Jul-2020 for Rs.59,57,705/- (Rupses Fifty Nine Lac Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Five Only)	16-11-202
(Loan Code No. 0000172) (Yamunanagar Branch) Sushii Kumar (Borrower) Bindu Devi (Co- Borrowers/ Guarantons)	All that percel & property of: Plot No.35/2, Kh No 20//1, Mauje Pensara Co-Operative House Building So, Yamunanager-135001	16-Jun-2020 for Rs.7,04,257/- (Rupees Seven Lac Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven Only)	18-11-202
(Lean Code No. 00005080) (Kamal Branch) Satpal S (Berrower) Santosh S (Co-Borrowers/ Guerantons)	All that parcel & property of: Patti Kaithel Soth, Khewat No. 295 Min. Khatoni No. 331, Saini Colony, Neer Dhand Road & Hari Filling, Kaithel-136027	16-Jan-2020 for Rs.12,43,657/- (Rupees Twelve Lac Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven Only)	19-11-202
(Loen Code No. 00006278) (Karnal	All that percel & property of: Residential	16-Jun-2020 for Rs. 10,88,177/-	20-11-202
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(Loan Code No. 00001725) (Karnal Branch) Prem Singh Machhal (Borrower) Sona Devi, Tarsem Kumar (Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors)	All that parcel & property of: Kheare No. 76, Kille No. 11, 12, Near Revidess Mandir, VPO Rair Kellen, Penipet-132140	15-Jun-2020 for Rs. 19,47,590/- (Rupses Nineteen Lsc Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Only)	20-11-202
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Branch) Chandi Rem (Borrower) Kelo	Plot No. 54, 55 Residential Bounded Plot	(Rupees Twenty One Lac Twenty	
Devi (Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors)	Property Ward No. 18, Kalthel Heryene-136027	Five Thousand Twenty Eight Only)	
(Loan Code No. 00000752) (Karnel	All that parcel & property of: Khata No.	16-Jun-2020 for Rs.15,05,996/-	21-11-202
Branch) Ajay Kumar (Borrower) Sonia	219/267, Dinarpur Tehsil Barare, Distr.	(Rupees Fifteen Lac Five Thousand	
S (Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors)	Ambala-133102	Nine Hundred Ninety Six Only)	



spokesman said.

Teachers would continue to work from home till further orders. Offices of High Schools, Senior Secondary Schools and Colleges would function with effect from November 26 and Principals would be at liberty to call faculty members as per local requirement, the spokesman added.

Further, it is decided that

Further, it is decided that winter closing institutions would remain closed from January 1 to February 12. The

online studies would continue even during the winter time. Apart from this, session would be extended in case of winter closing schools and students of classes 1st to 4th and classes 6th and 7th would be promoted as per the provision of RTE, 2009. As the students of the winter closing schools or colleges would not be attending the classes, therefore winter vacation 2021-22 would be allowed to the teachers posted in winter closing institutions.

Winter Session of Himachal Assembly likely to be postponed

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The winter session of the Himachal Assembly scheduled to be held from December 7 in Dharamsala town may be postponed.

The session may be combined with the budget session next year.

next year.

After the state cabinet, the After the state cabinet, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Bhardwaj on Monday said that the assembly session may be postponed due to the sudden surge in COVID-19 cases in the state Labinet led by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur authorised Bhardwaj to call an all-party meeting early to decide on holding the winter session or not.

session or not.

Bhardwaj, while talking to the mediapersons said, "I will call an all-party meeting to

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decide on whether to hold the winter session of the Himachal Assembly or not. Its duration can be shortened and even it can be shifted to Shimla rather than holding in Dharamsala."
"It may also be postpomed since no major legislative business has been pending," the Minister said.

The Governor Bandaru Dattatreya has convened the winter session from December 7 to 11.Notably, the Himachal Pradesh Assembly has two premises - Shimla and Tapovan near Dharamshala. The winter session of the Assembly is held at Tapovan in Kangra district.

Earlier, a 12-day monsoon session of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly was held in Pradesh Assembly was held in September in Shimla under BEFORESHIKI WOGESH KUMAR.

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Railways start services in Punjab | Farmers Delhi Chalo

Even as the Railways on Monday resumed freight trains services in Punjab while trains services in Punjab while announcing to possible recom-mencement of passenger trains from Tuesday, the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC) refused to budge from its stand of now

Committee (CMMS) Feitsbett to budge from its stand of now allowing movement of passenger trains till the farmers' demands of repealing the new agri acts were met.

Expressing serious concern over the decision, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh said that this would put the people to major inconvenience and could have grave consequences for the state.

Notably, the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (Piddi) has announced that they would not budge on their rail blockade of passenger trains till the Farm Laws' issue is resolved.

"By striking this discordant

By striking this discordant note, the Union is acting against the interests of Punjab

and its people," he said.

"When all the other 31 farmer organizations have decided unanimously to withdraw from the tracks to allow draw from the tracks to allow both goods and passenger trains to move in the State for the next 15 days, this one unionis decision is not understandable," said Capt Amarinder, adding that this would altenate Kissan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (Piddi) from the people.

He cautioned the Committee (Piddi) from the people.

He cautioned the Committee against taking such a harsh stand, which could lead to them losing the support of the masses, who had so far wholeheartedly backed the farmers' agitation against the Farm Laws. "When the State Government and every person

Government and every person in Punjab have been extending their full support to the farm-ers, why is this Union taking a stance against their own state" he asked.

Given that both the Centre had taken conciliatory steps to resolve the crisis triggered by ☐ Lone farmer organisation refuses to call off protest

☐ Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee refused to budge

CM says it will cause serious problems for people of Punjab

the agricultural laws, the Kissan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (Piddi) should not do anything to derail the process of negotiation and dis-cussion, he added. It was in the interest of all,

including the farmers them-selves, to find a solution to the selves, to find a solution to the problems unleashed by the central laws, on which every section of Punjab's populace, as well as his government, was standing shoulder to shoulder with the farming community, said the Chief Minister.

The message that was ema-

nating from the contrarian and adamant stand of the Kissan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (Piddi) was that the union was not really interested in breaking the stalemate on the Farm Laws issue, Capt Amarinder said.

Amarinder said.

In any case, said the Chief
Minister, blocking one-odd
track would serve no purpose
even for the Committee, which,
incidentally, had chosen to
stay away from the meeting stay away from the meeti convened by him on Saturd to urge the farm unions to lift their blockade.

Haryana Police lodges FIR against Panipat SP

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Fulfilling his commitment to establish libraries in district headquarters and villages in the state. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Monday approved the project to establish Panchayat libraries under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan. In the first phasyatilibraries will be set up in villages under Mahagram.

This decision was taken in a meeting held regarding the setting up of libraries under the chair manship of the Chief Minister here.

Khattar directed the officers concerned that members of Panchayat should also be involved in setting up libraries in the villages. Also, a person associated with the education sector or retired officer from defence belonging to the village should also be included, he added. He said that this will encourage participation of common power in governe.

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around 9.15 am on November
19. To save him, his associate
Rajesh Sharma jumped into the
canal and died from drowning.
Harish Sharma's family
members alleged that he had
jumped into a canal on
November 19 after being
allegedly harassed by police in
connection with the case. His
family member said Sharma
was upset after a police case
was registered against him, his
councillor daughter and eight
others.

others.
Sharma's daughter alleged Sharma's daughter alleged that her father was harassed by the SP and the two other police officials. Despite the order of a Haryana Minister on November 17, the police continued to pressurise her family on November 18 night. CCTV footage also showed four police vehicles roamed around her house on the night of November 18, she claimed. Soon after this incident

Haryana CM approved project

of setting up panchayat libraries

residents had placed the body on the NH-44 and had refused to cremate him until a case was lodged against the SP and the

added. He also directed the officers of the School Education Department to explore the possibility of using the school library for the villagers after the schools get over and on holidays.

Information about library correction in schools currently operating in schools.

Minister Bhupendra Singh Hooda and Congress leader Randeep Surjewala along with Bip leaders met and consoled the family members. Demanding justice to the aggrieved tamilies, Hooda raised the question of deterio-rating law and order situation in the State. Surjewala had hit out at the Haryana government over the incident, saying Sharma was "forced to take the extreme step due to the alleged darassment by the state author-ities". State Police receiving all-

State Police receiving all State Police receiving all-round pressure, a case has been registered under Sections 306, 34 of IPC against Panipat SP Manisha Choudhary, Tehsil Camp Police post in-charge Baljit and SI Mahabir at Model Town police station on Monday in the suicide case of former councilor Harish Sharma and

protest on Nov 26-27 Appealing the farmers not to be misled by any misinformation or distorted efforts, the AIKSCC stated that as the collective resolve of farmers from across India demanding repealing the "anti-farmer and "anti-people" laws has become a headache for the Central Government, "it would use various agencies under its control, like the Delhi Police, to thwart our peaceful and democratic agitation program". IONIKA MALIK CHANDIGARH

tation program".

"All the federations and

Our fight is on; join in huge numbers — that's the Onumbers — that's the appeal the farmers, protesting against the Centre's agriculture laws across India, made on Monday, while clarifying

laws across India, made on Monday, while Carifying that there was no change in the 'Delhi Chalo' call for November 26-27.

At the same time, the farmer's Delhi Chalo' programme has garnered support from a cross-section of society with not just the political parties and leaders, but the social activists, singers, actors, film makers, and even common man tocoming forward to be part of the 'indefinite' agitation.

The All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC) — a pan-Indian umbrella organization comprising 250 farmers' organizations — issued a clarification making it clear to the farmers from across the country that the combined 'Delhi Chalo' program, from November 26 onwards, "will be held as planned and no changes in the program has been done?

The clarification follows unsubstantiated reports that the farmers had called off the 'Delhi Chalo' andolan, after the initial suspension of rail root total 31, farmers' bodies on Saturday agreed to suspend their protest for 15 days, and allow movement of passenger trains in Punjab. allow movement of pa trains in Punjab.

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Monday said that panchayats elections in the State will be held in February

PANCHAYAT ELECTION -

black laws and join jap (recitation) of satnam vahiguru to shake atma (soul) of BP lead-ership. Come on nearby roads. Thanks all," tweeted Rajewal. Notably, the farmers have already warned that they will block all roads to Delhi fauthorities stop them during their march on November 26 and 27. As per the plan, the farm-ers from across the country are

tion to the women in panchayat elections, 75 per cent reserva-tion to youths in the private sector and eight-per cent reser-vation to the BCA class in pan-chayat elections for approval.

chayat elections for approval. Chautala said the day the

scheduled to reach the national capital on Thursday via five highways as part of their 'Delhi Chalo' march.

The farmers' unions have declared that they will sit on dharna (sit-ni) wherever they will be stopped on their march towards Delhi on trachtowards Delhi on trachtors and trolleys and reach there on November 26-27. They have made full preparations for the same right from dry ration, tents, beddings, woolens," said Rajewal.

As the farmers are protesting on roads, outside malls, toll plazas, their friends and family members are mobilizing the

"All the federations and organizations involved in the program, including AIKSC, are working hard to ensure the success of the Delhi Chalo Andolan program," said a statement issued by the working group of AIKSCC.

Bharti Kissu Union (BKU), Rajewal, president Balbir Singh Rajewal, who is also the member of all india level committee, also appealed the farmers and "well wishers" to "come out on roads" on November 26.

"All farmers and their well wishers must come on roads on 26th Nov to protest against black laws and join jap (recitation) of satnam vahiguru to shake stams (each) to Filip lead. plazas, their friends and family members are mobilizing the people across villages, by conducting nukkad nataks, prabhat pheris in the morning, mashal marches at night.

"We don't know how long this agitation will go on... we are fully prepared for every situation.

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We can sit out in open in winters, we can sleep on road," said Bhartiya Kisan Union-Ekta (Dakonda) general secretary Jagmohan Singh Patiala, adding that the farmers would lay siege to Delhi.
Notably, the Arvind Kejitwal-led Government in Delhi has denied permission to farmers to stage any rally at

Delhi has denied permission to farmers to stage any rally at either the Ram Leela Ground or at Jantar Mantar. The farm-ers have maintained that they will undertake the march, say-ing that "it is a matter of our

Haryana Govt to conduct in Feb 2021: Chautala

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very existence".

The All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee, Rashtriya Kisan Mahasangh and various factions of Bharatiya Kisan Union have formed a "Samyukat Kisan Morcha" to pressurize the central government to scrap the three farm laws.

SINGERS, ACTORS,
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ANDOLAN
Lending voice to the farmers protest since over a month
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now, Punjab's actors, singers, social activists, film makers and various political parties have declared their support to the farmers. Delhi Chalo' andolan while announcing to join the same.

A gangster-turned-social activist Lakha Sidhana, singer Kanwar Grewal, singer Jagdeep Randhawa, film producer Darshan Aulakh, among others on Monday come together to declare that they would join the protesting farmers in their march towards Delhi, and may even stay for indefinite period during their protest.

"We have been mobilizing people moving from village to village as people listen to whet singers-actors and those known have to say.

We are participating in farmer agitation for more than a month now, even many of us have not gone to their homes," said Sidhana.

Two other cops allegedly for abetting suicide of ex-councillor

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Haryana Police on Monday
Hooked Panipat SP
Manisha Choudhary and two
sub-inspectors for allegedly
abetting the suicide of a former
Municipal Councillor Harish
Sharma, State Additional
Director General of Police
(ADGP, law and order)
Navdeep Singh Virk said confirmed this while talking to
The Pioneer over the phone.
Sources said that Panipat
Police had earlier booked
Harish Sharma for some violations in selling firerackers on
Diwali night and allegedly misbehaving with cops. Sharma,
who has been a councillor for
the three consecutive terms in
Panipat district, Jumped into

The three consecutive terms in Panipat district, jumped into the western Yamuna Canal passing through Gohana Road after being allegedly harassed by the local police in connection with the above case at

came into light, State Home Minister Anil Vij had consti-tuted a SIT under the chair-manship of ADGP Sandeep Khirwar to probe the matter. SIT gathered evidence for two days and took statements of all those involved in the case. CCTV footage was also given to SIT.

Meanwhile, to search the bodies, the local police launched a search operation in the canal. Later SDRF personnel were also pressed in to search the bodies. Bodies of Ramesh Sharma were recovered from the Banjihaul Canal on Friday. Harish Sharma's body was brought out from the canal on Stunday.

Sharma's relatives and local residents had placed the body

next year. He said that the State Government has sent some important bills to the Governor, including 50 per cent reservahis associate Rajesh Sharma. No one has been arrested so far. **Temp levels hover** below normal in

Punjab and Haryana

The temperature levels hovered below normal limits at many places in Haryana and Punjab on Monday.

Punjab on Monday.

Haryana's Hisar was the coldest place in the region recording a minimum temperature of 5.9 degrees Celsius, five notches below normal level.

days.

Information about libraries currently operating in schools and college campuses was also given by the School Education Department and Higher Education Department during the meeting. It was also informed in the meeting that libraries are being run in public places in 20 districts by the Higher Education Department. These libraries have been digitized, in which e-books are also being made available. Apart from this, books are also available in Braille script for people with disabilities.

Managing Director, National Book Trust, India, Lt Col Yuvraj Malik, gave a presentation on libraries and presented some books to the Chief Minister. Ceistus, twe notches below normal level.

Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana settled at a minimum temperature of 9.6 degree Ceistus while maximum was recorded at 22.8 degrees, down by three notches from normal.

According to the Meteorological Department, Narmaul also experienced a cold night recording a low of 6 degrees Ceistus, down three degrees against normal. Karnal and Bhiwani also recorded below normal minimums at 8.1 degrees Celsius and 8.3 degrees

Celsius, respectively.

Ambala recorded the minimum temperature at 9.6 degree Celsius.

In Punjab, Bathinda was the coldest place recording a low of 5.6 degrees Celsius.

Amritsar and Ludhiana recorda above normal minimums at ed above normal minimums at 11 degrees Celsius and 10.7 degrees Celsius, respectively. During the past few days, minimum and maximum tem-

minimum and maximum tem-peratures at most places in Haryana and Punjab have hov-ered below normal limits. The maximum tempera-ture recorded was 21.2 degree Celsius in Amritsar, 22.1 degrees in Patiala, 22.7 degrees in Publicar 22.6 degrees degrees in Patiala, 22.7 degrees in Ludhiana, 22.6 degrees in Karnal, 22.8 degrees in Ambala and 23.5 degrees in Bhiwani.

Bhiwani.
The Met Department has forecast light rainfall at isolated places in the two states from Wednesday onwards.

tions. Speaking to reporters during various events held in Hisar, Chautala said Covid surge would be combated with strictness however he made it clear that there is no need for another lockdown right now. He said that Covid situation in Delhi is really worrisome and offered all possible help to Delhi in managing its spiralling Covid cases. Chautaia said the day the Governor gives sanction to these bills, the state government would immediately write to the State Election Commission for holding the panchayats elec-Harsimrat asks Centre, Punjab Govt to rush urea to farmers

Former Union Minister and SAD's MP from Bathinda Tomer Union Minister and TSAD's MP from Bathinda Harsimrat Kaur Badal on Monday asked the Central and Punjab Governments to rush fertilizers, particularly urea, to the State immediately. "Any further delay in supply of urea to farmers could have catastrophic results and lead to a 15 percent decline in wheat yield," she said. Harsimrat said that the first application of urea was given to the wheat crop m mid Nowember to ensure high yield. "The time is passing by and there is no certainty of farmers soon with train services to resume tomorrow. It is unfortunate that the

soon with train services to resume tomorrow. It is unfortunate that the Congress Government has been caught napping with the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh not making any attempt to ensure supply of urea by

She maintained that Urea is available at the NFL plant in is available at the NFL plant pare and could have easily been transported by road to parts of Punjab, "but the Congress Government did not take any initiative".

"Now, the Chief Minister parts below the Congress Congres

"Now, the Chief Minister must hold talks with the Centre Now, the Chird Minister must hold talks with the Centre and ensure urea is supplied to the State on top priority in the next one week itself to ensure the wheat crop is not adversely affected," she said adding that the State Government should also make arrangements for supplies from neighbouring States by road.

Harsimrat said that complete lack of any initiative by the Congress Government to ensure supply of urea to farmers had already resulted in huge losses to them.

"Farmers have been forced to purchase urea at higher rates from Haryana and Rajasthan," she said adding that whatever limited supply of

urea was being made from the NFL plants at Bathinda and Ropar had also been stopped as it had exhausted its quota of

it had exhausted its quota of supply for Punjab.

Considering this, Harsimrat asked the Chief Minister to take up the issue of urgent transport of urea and other needed fertilizer to

other needed fertilizer to Punjab on an emergency basis with the Prime Minister. "The Central Government should also do its utmost to ensure farmers of Punjab did not suffer for want of urea. Farmers should not get an impression that they are being victimized for rising up against the central farm laws," she said while requesting the Union Government to resolve all the grievances of farmers at the earliest.

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"The Union Government should favourably consider the demand of farmers to ensure assured government purchase of food grains at minimum support price (MSP)," she added.

ment schemes. In addition, he directed that a grading system should be prepared based on the facilities provided in libraries such as computers, number of books and number of visitors to the library. The chief minister directed that the Higher Education Department will be the nodal department for this project, which will continuously review the progress of the project. In addition, surveys of libraries under the School Education Department, Higher Education Department, Higher Education Department, private institutions or libraries being run individually, should be conducted, he 45 lakh e-cards generated under Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojna Scheme in Punjab

Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu on Monday instructed the e-card genera-tion agency to issue e-cards under Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojna Scheme to the entire benefi-ciary population within next six months.The instructions months. The instructions were issued during a meeting between the e-card generation agency and departments under the Scheme such as Punjab Mandi Board and Labour Department who are participating in Sarbat Schalt Birdington, and the scheme such as the such as

mum target of generation of at least 10,000 e-cards per day to the agency.During the meeting, it was informed that till date 45 it was informed that till date 48 lakh e-cards have been generated under the Scheme and 4.66 lakh beneficiaries have availed cashless treatment worth Rs 528.08 crores in the empanelled hospitals across the State. "Till now, the top five districts leading in e-card generation are Ludhiana, Amritsar, Patiala, Fazilka and Jalandhar," said Sidhu.

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The Minister emphasized
that Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojna is
a flagship health insurance
programme of the State and
hence it is to be assured that
each and every beneficiary is
issued a health card.

Haryana reports 2663 fresh cases, 28 more deaths

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Haryana on Monday reportled another major spike of
2663 fresh coronavirus cases,
taking the caseload to 219,963
while 28 more fatalities took
the death toll to 2216.0f the
fresh cases, the maximum 866
were reported from the hardest-hit Gurugram district, the
second highest single-day spike
so far, according to the state
health department's daily bulletin. Gurugram and Faridabad
(577 new cases) are the two
hardest-hit districts, both of
which fall in the Delhi-National
Capital Region. Other districts
which reported a significant
spike included Rewari (206),
Rohtak (136), Hisar (135) and
Sonipat (134).

Chandigarh reports three fatalities, 98 fresh infections

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Three more residents succumbed to Covid-19 in Chandigarh as 98 fresh infections surfaced on Monday.
With the death toll recording at 263, the cumulative mortality rate was recorded at 1.56 percent in the city. The daily mortality rate stood at a high 3.06 percent.
"The positive case tally reached 16769 in the union teritory", stated Chandigarh Health Department's evening bulletin. According to the bulletin, a 36 years old male resident of Sector 52, a comorbid expired at GMCH 32. A 40 years old male resident of Sector 52, a comorbid expired at GMCH 32, is tested COVID positive. A 71 years old female resident of Sector 38 west, a comorbid expired at GMCH 32.

There were 1117 active cases till the evening. 72 patients have recovered in the past 24 hours taking the total number of recoveries to 15389, the bulletin stated. The recovery rate increased to 91.7 percent while the active ratio of cases was recorded at 6.6 percent which means for every 100 confirmed cases, 6 are currently infected in the city. The average growth rate of infection was recorded at 0.8 percent. Among 98 fresh cases, 60 were males and 38 were females. A maximum of ten cases have been reported in Manimajra in the last 24 hours. The fresh cases were reported in Sectors 7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 54, 45, 46, 47, 48, 9, 05, 15, 25, 56, Sector 38 west, Bapudham, Dadumajra, Manimajra, and Kishangarh.



Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar with BJP National President, J.P. Nadda at his residence in Chandigarh on Monday, Nadda along with his family members met the Chief Minister on his way back after paying obeisance at Naira Emple in Himschal Pradesh

COVID-19

Solution to virus elimination lies in rapid testing

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

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.

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-

(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.

Parker. The study also demon-

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

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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,



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

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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

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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 smip-pets of phase 3 data from press releases," said Danny Altmann, professor of immunology at Imperial College London.

PM: Constructed key buildings within time

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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

Riots case: SC

rejects plea of Delhi

Police challenging

bail granted to man



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

India Covid-19 caseload breaches 91-lakh mark

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

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

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

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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

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.

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

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 metal sheets flying away. metal sheets flying away.
Damage to power and communication lines could be expectded. 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-

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.

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
Uring his visit to the hospital
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Convict by the Madras High
Court, was ending on Monday
and now stands extended by one
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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.

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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

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.

Fine for not wearing | 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.

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 fired bink five star food was comprised of Basmati rice though for the purpose of publicity they made some women to chop vegetables in front of the camera which he never had."

Comparing Shah's visit with her own Banerjee who was on a three-day Bankura visit said, "... in contrast 1 just made an unscheduled stop at tribal residences discussed their problems with them sitting on charpais tribance. Taking a dig at Shah for gar-

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.

The stacking the BJP for bringing found for the states to supervise fectionering in Bengal) to win elections Baneries said "they are bringing people from outsidest Bengal and will spend huge cash to get votes ..., vou accept that ill-gotten cash but don't vote for them as the cash they will give you is all your moneytaken away from you by them."

Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. A mobile phone and a SIM card were recovered from the southern state. "What they edoing in the Karnataka assembly, it is their decisions. The life Minister. What a popular of the sassembly and the southern state. "What they edoing in the Karnataka seembly, it is their decisions. The life Minister had earlier been threatened busined profile Minister. The minor has been arrested from the sushant Golf City area. It may be recalled that the life Minister had earlier been threatened in May this year and the police had arrested from the sushant Golf City area. It may be recalled that the life Minister had earlier been threatened in May this year and the police had arrested from the sushant Golf City area. It may be recalled that the life Minister had earlier been threatened in May this year and the police had arrested from the accused within hours.

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issuing threats to Yogi on WhatsApp

Lucknow: A minor has been arrested for allegedly sending a threat message to Uttar Pradach Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. A mobile phone and a SIM card were recovered from his possess ent on the emergency helpeds. Whatsa

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 state's 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. Bibi Singh, the member of Prof. Bibi Singh, the member of the university's proctor team, did his duty by taking off the flag of a political party mount-ed on a vehicle inside a uni-versity campus as per univer-sity rules.

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
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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 Wikram 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

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) Muslim University (AMU).

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Andhra registers 545 Covid cases, tally 8.62 lakh

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.
On Monday, 1,390 persons recovered from the virus to increase the total number of recoveries to 8.42 lakh, nar-On Monday, 1,590 persons recovered from the virus oo increase the total number of recoveries to 8.42 lakh, nar-rowing the gap between total infections and recoveries.

Of the 8.62 lakh cases, active cases have plummeted

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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 893 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 bushand 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 80() (possession of drugs) and 27 (consumption of drugs) and 27 (consumption of drugs) and the NDPS Act.

The raid on the homes of Bharti and her husband Harsh and their subsequent arrest came after their names figured in the custodial interrogation of a 21-year-old drug trafficker whom 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 registered 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.

Sushant, it may be recalled,

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 Australian friend Australian friend 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 constant to the CB had registered a case sum to 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 pust in the control tor.

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

On the occasion, DGP also announced that shields already invased in Kashmir valley would

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 vehirorism. He said that BP vehi-cles with additional features would also be provided to increase the efficiency of per-sonnel 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 secu-rity 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 tun-nel has been detected after the infiltration has taken place. with additional features

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E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 FAX No.: 011-24368639 Sd/-SHO, Subhash Place, Delh Tel.: 011-27353014, 27351724 DP/505/NW/2020

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.

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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 nodu the sais and reissons med 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 Vallabhi, 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 dent's full human potential. Higher education, the NEP-2020 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 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, satvestop-

make 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

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 areas, could attract a sizeable number of foreign students, helpingus 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. 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

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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introduced to others. India
apinfully suffered as the transplanted system deliberately kept
young "educated" Indians away
from getting familiar with the
nuances of their own culture,
they were systematically indoctrinated in the "superiority of the
Western culture." This was very
comprehensively articulated by
Gandhiji in the Young India of
Esptember 1,1921. "It is my firm
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.

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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

Singer —Pankaj Udhas

right atmospherics in a virtual concert. There is no intimacy, no immediate feedback and no interactio with the audience.

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.



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

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

Help others in need

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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FIRSTCOLUMN

Shape the future at cyber speed

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



ALOK OHRIE

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-to-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 pre-

pared 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 woren 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)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

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



UTTAM GUPTA

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 expense to a great the state of t

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 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 higha 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

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 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 won't be viable under the wregime. As for farmers, it risks inviting their wrath if subsidy money does not reach them in time, which is investable if the budgetary allocation is inadequate. There are other roadblocks which are not so explicit. Under the present system of ura being available at a throwaway price of \$3,560 per tonne, a mere one-outh of the cost, alboix os operators make a quick buck by diverting it to chemical industries or sunugling it to neighbouring countries. This wort be possible without the tact iconsent of those in the hot seat. Further, urea improrts are canalised through State agencies like the Minerals and Metals. Trading Corporation (MMTC), State Trading Corporation (STC) and there is a lot to gain for deci-

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

nterests in continuing w Unless the above Unless the above roadblocks are cleared, the transition to DBT will be next Unless the above roadblocks are cleared, the transition to DBT will be next to impossible. But this is doable provided Modi sheds his plan of linking development of eastern India with the revival of Sindri, Gondhpur, Baranii (alternatively, their production cost needs to be cut drastically) pledges to fully find subsidy requirement (if it can be done for 2020-21, why not every year then); ruthlessly applies his dictum of "naw khanor, ga, haw khanor doonga (neither will I take bribe nor will I let amyone des take it)"; and does away with bureaucratic red tape by removing all controls, including on urea import. The subsidy may be computed on a per hectare basis and given annually as mooted by the Commission of Agriculture Costs and Prices (CACP). In its Rabi report for the 2021-22 marketing year, it has proposed a subsidy of \$5,000 per year to be given in the Atharif and Rabi seasons. This should be given only to the small and marginal farmers, i.e. those with land holdings of less than two dectares. Further, a cultivator must not be denied subsidy merely because s/he does

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 poid 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.

Ardern said the tone of the hone of the phone call was a constant of the control of

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-

"What has been really at the center of our response has

"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 increasing concern and 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 resurate.

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 fune. Both Wong and Lam were concerned about the situation in areas weakened by insecurity'. Iocal 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-

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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.

orby Mecca. Online videos appeared to

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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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

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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:-

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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 Nagar, Delbi. Delhi

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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 mabated 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 currebarate." 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 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.

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

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
business parameters. We are
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 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 Corporations 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 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 Corona across the state.

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MEN NORTHERN RAILWAY HOLDS PERFORMANCE REVIEW MEETING NEW DELHI: Deliberations held on issues and cases related to Safety, Rail, Rail-weld fractures and health of Bridges with lowering of Temperature, Increase in USFD Testing, Night Viglis, Material Briure Issues of Rolling stock, Training and Counseling of Staff, Digitalization and Implementation of e-office over Northern Railway Sh. Ashutosh Gangal, General Manager Northern Railway Sh. Ashutosh Gangal, General Manager Northern Railway the departmental heads of Northern Railway through wideo conferencing from Baroda House, Mr headquarter office in New Delhi today, The General Manager shared about the restoration of train movement to Punjab from today afternoon.

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.

Bank licences to corporates a 'bad idea': Raghuram Rajan

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-

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



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

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.

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.

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 Ikat, Shibori, Banarasi, Bagh, Ajrakh to Jamdani, Tangail, Chanderi and many more.

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

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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:

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 proce

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SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Sanjay S/o 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: 55°, Fi



physical descriptions as union. For 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 missing male, may inform SHO, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi g maie, may inform SHO, Raposit Carlotte, in Sid. is cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

at E-mail: cicegcon, gos., in Surfale No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Rajouri Garden, New Dehil FAX No.: 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-25448885, 25116102 Nob.: 8750871127



SEARCH FOR MISSING General public is hereby informed that one male namely Pankaj, S/o Suresh, R/o Jai Kumar Ka Makaan, H.No. 37, Village Sannoth, Delhi, Age: 25 years, Height: 57". Complexbin: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, wearing White colour Bit has been Shift & Blue colour Park has been Shirt & Blue colour Pant, has been

P.S. Narela Industrial Area

Ph. No.: 011-27787592, 27787593

missing from his house since 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 coloured

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

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SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE



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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

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

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LUNGEVIT

Pneumonia

is common among people of

DR SAMIR GARDE busts myths related to the disease and tells you symptoms to look out for

all ages.

BoneSav Compared with people who ate meat, vegans wit lower calcium and protein intakes (on average) had 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



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Take help from Homeopathy



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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 complications of Diabetes affects multiple organ systems resulting in a wide range of serious issues in patients. Many of these complications of Diabetes affects until the production of the production of

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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 display only to 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

synthesise fats. It also benefits our nervous and reproductive systems.

The naturally occurring oils are beneficial for the body as these healthful fats BROWN RICE: Brown rice are rich in proteins, thiamine, calcium, magnesium, fiber, and potassium. For those trying to lose weight or those suffering from diabetes,

it can prove healthful staple given its low g l y c e m i c rating which

helps reduce

in sunspices.

It is rich in selenium which reduces the risk for developing common illudes cancer the risk to usual points 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

cis.

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.

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

azing. 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 There are many products available in the market but a few home remedies

Wash feet the next morning. Repeat till you get smooth heels. Dandruff is another winter problem that many face. Mix orange peel powder and coconat 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

People age 65 and older are at a higher risk, but anyone can catch pneumonia 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

CAUSES

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 tack-led on war footing. There are other

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

Avoiding 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.

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How is it treated?

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 is Consultant Respiratory Medicine, dasok Hospital and

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.

The presenting features of viral and

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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 mildren in this age group the start of the six of th

nedications.

The writer is Clinical Director for Paediatrics,

Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital

FACTS With many possible causes for pneumonia, treatment could include **Dadi Ka Kehna**

■ An individual with pneumonia must be hospitalised

neumonia is an infection of the lungs. It causes the air sacs (alveoli) of the lungs to get inflamed (irritated and swollen). They may fill up with fluid or pus. This causes a variety of symptoms, which range from mild to severe. Pneumonia is usually caused by bacteria or a virus. It also can be caused by fungi or irritants that you breathe into your lungs. How serious pneumonia is depends on many factors. These include what caused the pneumonia, your age, and your overall health.

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

agh ■Difficulty breathing

■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

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

SYMPTOMS

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



hile we all look forward to win-ters — sitting in front 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

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 groen, 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

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 clinical conditions in the medicallifyragile patients.

Nowadays, compact ultrasound machines are

ile patients.

Nowadays, compact
ultrasound machines are
increasingly being used to
diagnose, monitor and
manage patients in ICU,
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 bedside examination
patients in isolation wards.
COVID-19 primarrily
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, possess 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.

or 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 Malnutrition (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.

According to Ministry of Health & Family Association has stated.

According to Ministry of Health & Family than the Association has pointed out the urgent need for collaboration between Government, therapeutic food manufacturers and civil society to meet the challenge of SAM in the country.



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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 Raikumma (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.' -Hansal Mehta

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



your COVID tests. From the collection to the test, you are literally doing none of the work. The fact you tilted your head 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 strungling. The 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 nave been beyond won-derful all the years of my 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



ly, BAFTA Breakthrough aims to push their careers ahead by help-ing them to learn more about the industry, overcome barriers to

gression and network globally 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 Producer Brad Pitt, directors Tom Harder and Barry Enkins, gam desgrers and Romers and Marchael Romers and Shafer and Romers an

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'Some 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. Were 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 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

junt. 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

debut digital theatre fest FROM

many clowns does it take to reate a Shakespearean classic ow many clowns does it take to recreate a Shakespearean classic roles while doing this? Well, seven downs 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, will premiere on the screens with Aadyams' digital edition this December. A rasing bit this play was first

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 turning. 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

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 lowed 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

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

Mactatae 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:

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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—I has some of the most talented actors—Andar Malik, 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.)

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!

Sumeet recalls his defining moment



Actor Sumeet Vyas recalls the defining moment when he decid-ed to become an actor, two decades A Exeming inome where the execution and to become and actor, two decades ago. "I think it was 20 years ago. I was already working in the studio as an editor and earning money. Since I grew up watching theatre, surrounded by people who well-ning 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 Prithvi 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 been acting seriously, since then," he said.

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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 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 nanipulative 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.



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 Shridi was singing it. Then I knew, gaana toh popular hogaya! It was a great gig.

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 Sufi jazz piece, so she was already quite close to understanding my style

proud of them because when hey both came in together, it was electrifying!"
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 franties. We have tried to stick to 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 oknow more and personally. I real-play one that keeps you wanting all the characters and their minor quirks.

He adds, 'I remember 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 here's action, we are always trying to encapsulate a feeling. You are always trying to convey an emotion, whatever that might be and Dhoom 2, with its love story, connected with everyone." Talking about Hrithik's character, Viktor reveals, "Aryan was in the tradition of what we think is the Dhoom anti-hero. And for me, the idea was someone who exists within society and yet on the fringes of it. Yes, he is a criminal, but he is somehody who is also looking for things which are only special. He is someone exceptionally good at his craft. Those things went into the making of the character and that helps the actor embody something. It helps the director visualise something, It helps the director visualise something, it helps the finally manages to steal, is somebody descheart and that ends his life of crime. So, in a very unsaad way, there was a kind of redemption to his character. I think but Hrithik and Aishwarya, in that sense, came into the film in a very exciting manner."

hoom 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

"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,

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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

much as I can and at a good strike-rate awell I think last year was probably the most disciplined I've batted in Testly took pride in the I'really took pride in the last I2-24 months, to apply that discipline and you keep learn-ing as you get older. You've got to be on too 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 Kohlis men do have the

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

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 vicitation in the Sheffield Shield. "At the moment I didn't hink loe did anything wrong last summer." Vicitation in the Sheffield Shield. "At the moment I didn't hink loe did anything wrong last summer." Vicitation in the Sheffield Shield. Right-handed Queensland bats-man insisted he'll embrace man Burns, however, has a saying by ricket.com.au. "At the moment I didn't hink loe did anything wrong last summer." Vicitation in the Sheffield Shield. Right-handed Queensland bats-man insisted he'll embrace man Burns, however, has a saying by ricket.com.au. "At the moment I didn't hink loe did anything wrong last summer." Vicitation in the Sheffield Shield. Right-handed Queensland bats-man insisted he'll embrace man Burns, however, has had a some development of the properties. The properties of the properties. The properties of the properties. The properties of the pro

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.

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

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

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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.

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

pick)," he added.

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

"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.

Sri 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.

ing nim the option to return home, the fast bowler decided to stay put on national duty. "Virat bhair 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.Tv. "The skipper told me, 'If you can be strong in this situation, it will only help you.'S ot hose were positive words from the Indian captain and it felt nice."

Siraj's father drove autorickshaw 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

class player. I don't just look at players that score runs, I look at their technique, capabilities under pressure, positions that they are batting and for me. "Suryakumar Yadav has done such a wonderful job for Mumbai."

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.

Siraj said even his mother advised him not to abandon the assignment, which starts with the limited-overs leg from November 27.

"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."

"May be, he is not physi-cally present but I can feel that he is always there with me,"

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

PTI MELBOURNE

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-

et including the job of a finisher.

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 T201 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.

"From the moment he turned up at the IPL. having come straight from England ... he was pretty keen to show me improvements that hed made. And his first few net sessions, I could just tell then," Ponting told cricket.Com.Au.

"H a v i n g spent a fair bit of time with him over the

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

cessful 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 innings.

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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.

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

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comeback in warm-up game

PTI MELBOURNE

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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since then.

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."

Surya should've made cut in Indian team: Lara



PTI MUMBAI

WWest Indies great Brian of Suryakumar Yadav's calibre should have been in the Indian white-ball squad for the tour of Australia.

The Mumbai Indians batsman's non-inclusion, despite being seventh in the IPL rungetters' list with 480 runs at a strike-rate of 145 plus, has become a major talking point. "I see no reason why, looking at the (Indian) squad, he can't be a part of it." Lara said on Star Sports show 'Cricket Connected'.

Lara said he is impressed not just by the runs but also the manner in which Yadav has scored them.

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"Yeah, definitely. He is a

done such a wonderful job for Mumbai."

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

"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.

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

JOHANNESBURG:
Fast bowler 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 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 the infected
players.
"It's been quite

ayers. "It's been quite

close contacts.

"It doesn't mean anyone is positive but we have to take that extra

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.
He said more

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smoothly" ahead of the first T20I against England at Newlands on Friday.

"The team is doing well at stick-ing to strict rules." Rabada is undergoing his sec-ond "bio-bubble"

ond "bio-bubble" experience in a short period of time after starring for the Delhi Capitals, and reduce the risk of ections. becoming the lead ing wicket-taker, ir the recent IPL.

Mark of champions

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Liverpool were not derailed by an injury crisis as Jurgen Klopp's men produced a dominant display to beat Leicester 3-0 and move level on points with Premier League leaders Tottenham.

Klopp was missing seven first-team regulars through injury and top scorer Mohamed Salah due to a positive coronavirus test, but Liverpool still swept aside a Leicester team who had started the weekend on top of the table.

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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 Anfield.

The Portuguese international became the first Liverpool player to score in his first four home league games when he headed home Andy



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 goal. Roberto Firmino thought he had been denied just his third league goal in 24 games when the Brazilians shot came

back off the post and his fol-low-up was cleared by Marc Albrighton with just 10 mil-limetres of the ball not over the

. 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 suffered 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.

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