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India leverages manufacturing capacity; after US, it is only country to pre-order 600 mn vaccines

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Even as drug manufacturers are racing to develop a vaccine to combat Covid-19, India has already used its manufacturing capability to pre-order 600 million doses of the coronavirus shots and is negotiating for another billion doses.

This will be enough to vaccinate at least half the population, according to an analysis of purchasing agreements for Covid-19 vaccines by the US-based Duke Global Health Innovation Center.

After the US, India is the only country in the world which has pre-ordered such a large number of doses under negotiation. The point about India was made by Andrea D Taylor, assistant director of programmes at the Duke Global Health Innovation Center.

"In terms of numbers of confirmed doses, the USA has pre-ordered the largest number (810 million confirmed, another 1.6 billion doses under negotiation), followed by India (600 million doses confirmed, with another 1 billion doses under negotiation), and the EU (400 million doses confirmed, another 1.565 billion doses under negotiation)," said Andrea D Taylor.

She went on to add that in terms of per cent of population covered by confirmed purchases, Canada has pre-purchased enough vaccine to cover

527 per cent population, followed by the UK at 277 per cent population. "Of course, it is important to remember that most likely only some of the vaccine purchases will come through, depending on regulatory approval," Taylor said.

The three potential vaccines under trials in India are Bharat Biotech and ICMR's Covaxin, Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D and Oxford-AstraZeneca in partnership with Serum Institute. Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech on Sunday said that it is planning to launch its vaccine for Covid-19 in the second quarter next year if it gets the requisite approvals from the Indian regulatory authorities.

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19 Indian fliers to Wuhan test +ve

New Delhi: At least 19 Indian passengers from New Delhi to Wuhan Air India flight tested Covid-19 positive on arrival in Wuhan on October 30. Among the 277 passengers who came on the flight, at least 39 were suspected to be "potentially asymptomatic" Covid-19 patients as tests found antibodies in them.

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Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL CASES: 82,62,478
DEATHS: 1,23,025
RECOVERED: 75,96,418
ACTIVE: 5,41,576



| STATES | TOTAL CASES | DEATHS | RECOVERED |
|----------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Maharashtra | 16,87,784 | 44,128 | 15,24,304 |
| Karnataka | 8,29,640 | 11,221 | 7,73,595 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 8,27,882 | 6,719 | 7,98,625 |
| Tamil Nadu | 7,29,507 | 11,183 | 6,98,820 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 4,83,832 | 7,051 | 4,53,458 |
| Kerala | 4,44,269 | 1,534 | 3,55,943 |
| Delhi | 3,96,371 | 6,604 | 3,56,459 |
| West Bengal | 3,81,608 | 6,957 | 3,38,075 |
| Odisha | 2,93,214 | 1,393 | 2,79,091 |
| Telangana | 2,40,970 | 1,348 | 2,21,922 |
| Bihar | 2,18,118 | 1,101 | 2,09,980 |
| Assam | 2,06,982 | 932 | 1,97,566 |
| Rajasthan | 2,00,495 | 1,926 | 1,82,680 |
| Chhattisgarh | 1,88,813 | 2,150 | 1,64,537 |
| Gujarat | 1,74,679 | 3,728 | 1,58,351 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1,72,717 | 2,965 | 1,61,454 |

Festive season, laxity behind Delhi surge

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A high-level meeting chaired by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Monday attributed the sudden surge in Covid-19 cases in Delhi to the festive season, greater movement of people along with laxity in adhering to safe Covid behaviour.

The Home Secretary said efforts will be made for testing, contact tracing and treatment, especially in critical zones of the city.

The meeting emphasised that Metro travel should be carefully regulated as per the strict Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as Delhi is

witnessing a third surge in cases.

"The recent surge in the number of active cases was attributed to the festive season, which has witnessed greater movement of people, accompanied by laxity in adhering to the basic principles of safe Covid behaviour," said MHA in a statement.

The hospital bed situation was reported to be comfortable with 57 per cent of the 15,789 dedicated beds being vacant, it said. While the new Covid cases and total active cases are going up, the administration is focusing on testing, contact tracing and treatment.

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People, flouting social distancing norms, visit a crowded Sadar Bazar market during the festive season, amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, in New Delhi on Monday

SC stays EC order stripping star campaigner status of Nath

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the Election Commission order which revoked the "star campaigner" status of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath for model code violation during the campaign for bypolls in 28 Assembly constituencies in the state.

The counsel appearing for the poll panel told a bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde that Nath's plea has become infructuous as the campaigning has ended and the voting is to take place on Tuesday.

"We are staying it," said the bench, also comprising Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian.

The SC was hearing Nath's plea challenging the October 30 order of the EC revoking his star campaigner status. While a political party pays for the expenditure of its star campaigner, the candidate concerned bears the expense of other campaigners. The SC issued notice to the EC seeking its response on Nath's plea.

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No new manufacturing units in Delhi

Only service and hi-tech industries will be permitted, says Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a move which could help in addressing increasing pollution in the national Capital, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Monday no manufacturing unit will be allowed in new industrial areas of the city and only service and hi-tech industries will be permitted there.

Addressing an online Press conference, he said the Centre has okayed the Delhi Government's proposal by changing the definition of industry in the Delhi Master Plan 2021 and issued a notification to implement it.

Kejriwal said the existing manufacturing units, which cause pollution, will be given the option to shift to service or hi-tech industry.

However, no action will be taken against the existing manufacturing units and they will be encouraged to make the shift, an official clarified.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that there would be no manufacturing



industry in Delhi as they cause pollution significantly.

Asserting that Delhi's economy is mainly based on service industry, he said, hi-tech and service industry will be provided more space at cheaper rates in industrial areas.

"The service and hi-tech industry were, so far, covered under office category in the Master Plan and could open only in commercial areas. So, due to very high rates in commercial areas, these were not opening in Delhi and were going to Gurugram, Noida and Faridabad instead," Kejriwal said.

Now, such establishments need not to go to other cities as they will get more space at cheaper rates in industrial areas of Delhi, he said.

In service and hi-tech industry category, chartered accountants and lawyers can also open their offices, which

currently fall under office category in Delhi's Master Plan. That is why they were only allowed in commercial areas, the Chief Minister said.

Offices of media, software industry and IT service industry, ITES, BPOs, vocational and educational institutions, Internet and e-mail service providers, television programme production, research and development, offices of architects and placement services and the likes can also be set up in new industrial areas, he added.

Kejriwal thanked Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, saying this "historic step" will prove decisive in reducing pollution.

"I thank Hardeep S Puri for approving our proposal to amend master plan to change definition of industrial activity. Earlier, manufacturing was permitted which led to pollution and filth. Now, only hi-tech and service industry will be permitted. Industrial areas will become neat, clean and green," he tweeted.

Kejriwal hoped that the face of industrial areas in Delhi will change and pollution-causing manufacturing industries like steel and plastic will be gradually replaced by the service and hi-tech industries.

No security cover for Babri judge, rules apex court

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to extend the security of former special judge SK Yadav who had pronounced the verdict in the Babri Masjid demolition case and acquitted all 32 accused, including BJP veterans LK Advani, MM Joshi and Uma Bharti.

A bench, headed by Justice RF Nariman and also comprising Justices Navin Sinha and Krishna Murari, was considering the former judge's request to continue his personal security in view of the sensitivity of the case decided by him on his last day in office.

"Having perused the letter, we don't consider it appropriate to provide security," the bench said.

On September 30, the special court had acquitted all 32 accused in the case saying there was no conclusive evidence that they were part of any conspiracy to bring down the disputed structure in Ayodhya.

The 16th century mosque was demolished on December 6, 1992 by "kar sevaks" who believed that it occupied the site where Lord Ram was born.

25 dead in Kabul University attack

AP ■ KABUL

Gunmen stormed Kabul University on Monday as it hosted a book fair attended by the Iranian ambassador to Afghanistan, sparking an hours-long gun battle and leaving at least 25 dead and wounded at the war-torn country's largest school.

The ministry's spokesman, Tariq Arian, would not break down the casualty numbers for the attack at the campus in the Afghan capital, though local media reports were saying there may be as many as 20 killed. Arian also said there were three attackers involved in the assault, all of whom were killed in the ensuing firefight.

As the sun slowly set over the Afghan capital, there were few details though the Taliban issued a statement denying they took part in the assault.

The attack came as the insurgents are continuing peace talks with the US-backed government. Those negotiations, taking place in the Gulf Arab state of Qatar, aim to help the US. Finally withdraw from

America's longest war, though daily bloodshed continues and an Islamic State affiliate launches its own attacks on Shiites in the country.

Five hours into the fighting, sporadic grenade explosions and automatic weapons fire echoed down the empty streets surrounding the university's fenced compound. Afghan troops stood guard. Earlier, students were fleeing for their lives from the site.

"Unfortunately, there are casualties," Arian said as the assault unfolded, without elaborating.

Ahmad Samim, a university student, told journalists he saw militants armed with pistols and Kalashnikov assault rifles firing at the school, the country's oldest with some 17,000 students. He said the attack happened at the university's eastern side where its law and journalism faculty teach.

Afghan media reported a book exhibition was being held at the university and attended by a number of dignitaries at the time of the shooting.

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Wind blows away pollution, Delhi's air still poor

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Even as farm fires continued to rage in neighbouring States, the national Capital witnessed a dip in pollution levels on Monday with high wind speed aiding dispersion of pollutants.

The city recorded a 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) of 293, which falls in the "poor" category.

It was 364 on Sunday, with stubble burning contributing 40 per cent to Delhi's pollution and negating the effect of better ventilation.

An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered "good", 51 and 100 "satisfactory", 101 and 200 "moderate", 201 and 300 "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor", and 401 and 500 "severe".

The Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi said a "significantly" large number

of fires were observed over Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh on Sunday which is likely to impact the air quality in Delhi-NCR and northwest India.

Higher wind speed and better ventilation index will be favourable for dispersion of pollutants on Tuesday, it said.

According to the Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor, SAFAR, the share of stubble burning in Delhi's pollution was 16 per cent on Monday. It had soared to 40 per cent on Sunday, the maximum so far this season.

Stubble burning accounted for 32 per cent of Delhi's PM2.5 pollution on Saturday, 19 per cent on Friday and 36 per cent on Thursday.

Last year, the farm fire contribution to Delhi's pollution had peaked to 44 per cent on November 1, according to

SAFAR data.

According to Punjab Pollution Control Board, the State has recorded 33,165 "fire events" this season so far, while Haryana has reported 6,034 farm fires during the period.

NASA's satellite imagery also showed a large, dense cluster of fire dots covering Punjab and parts of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. According to the India Meteorological Department, the predominant wind direction was westerly-northwesterly and the maximum wind speed was 18 kilometers per hour on Monday. The city recorded a minimum temperature of 10.8 degrees Celsius, the lowest in the season so far.

Calm winds and low temperatures trap pollutants close to the ground, while favourable wind speed helps in dispersion.

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A worker sprays water on trees in an attempt to reduce dust pollution, in New Delhi on Monday

800 sites listed for setting off green fireworks in national Capital

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government has published a list of over 800 open spaces across the city where people will be permitted to burn green firecrackers between 8pm and 10pm on Diwali on November 14.

The list posted on includes parks, vacant plots, school playgrounds and open grounds covering all of the city's 272 municipal wards.

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said in line with a 2018 Supreme Court order, the Government has allowed the manufacture and sale of only green crackers, which contain fewer polluting substances as compared to traditional ones, and are less noisy as well.

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Forces in J&K kill over 200 terrorists so far this year

Earlier 220 were killed in 2017 and 271 were gunned down in 2018

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The security forces in Jammu & Kashmir have scored a "hat-trick" by eliminating more than 200 terrorists for the third time in one calendar year in the last one decade.

Earlier 220 terrorists were killed in anti-terrorists operations in 2017 and the highest number of 271 was gunned down in 2018 by the security forces in J&K.

This year more than 200

terrorists, including over two dozen top commanders of Lashkar-e Tayyeba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Hizbul Mujahideen and other terror outfits, have been killed by the security forces till October.

Director General of Jammu & Kashmir Police Dilbagh Singh late on Sunday told media, "Since January 1, 2020 more than 200 terrorists have been gunned down which included 190 in Kashmir and over a dozen in Jammu region".

Over 30 top commanders — who were either number one or number two — have been eliminated in the last 10 months, after which their leadership structure has been broken to a great extent.

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Second phase of Bihar polls holds the key

94 seats in this round to seal fate of Tej, Tejashwi, Nitish's Ministers

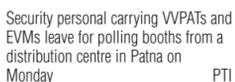
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In an election fought by the participants with the aggressiveness of a real war, every seat and every phase matters, and yet the second round of the battle of Bihar holds far greater significance than the other two phases.

After all, the Tuesday's second phase has the highest number of seats, 94, at stake. The round will also decide the fate of Grand Alliance chief ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav, who is contesting from Raghapur in Vaishali.

The round is most crucial for the RJD, which had won 33 of the 42 seats it contested in 2010 polls in alliance with the JD(U) and Congress. The JD(U) had won 30 seats. On the other hand the BJP won 20 of the 63 seats it contested in 2010.

The RJD has 56 candidates in the fray this phase, the BJP 46, the JD(U) 43, the RLSB 36 and the Congress 24. CPI, CPI(M-L) and CPI(M) are contesting 14 seats. Mukesh Sahini-led Vikasheel Insaan



Security personal carrying VVPATs and EVMS leave for polling booths from a distribution centre in Patna on Monday

PTI

Party (VIP), an ally of the NDA, is contesting 5 seats out of total 11 seats allotted to them.

While Tejashwi Yadav is in the fray from Raghapur in Vaishali, his mercurial brother Tej Pratap is contesting from Hasanpur in Samastipur districts. Tej Pratap won from Yadava-dominated Raghapur in 2015. Incidentally, his mother and former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi had lost from there in 2010. Tejashwi should easily retain his seat, but Tej Pratap has a tough contest on his hand against two-time sitting MLA Rajkumar Rai of JD(U).

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CAPSULE

NEW J&K LAWS PROTECT OVER 90% LAND: GOVT

Jammu: The government has repealed 11 land laws that existed in the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir replacing the old, regressive, intrinsically contradictory and outdated laws with a set of modern, progressive and people-friendly provisions. The new land laws will not only afford protection to over 90 per cent of the land in J&K from being alienated to outsiders but will also help revamp the agriculture sector foster, rapid industrialisation, aid economic growth and create jobs in J&K.

HINDU HOMES ATTACKED IN B'DESH ON RUMOURS

Dhaka: The houses of several Hindu families have been vandalised and burned by some radical Islamists in Bangladesh's Comilla district over rumours about an alleged Facebook post slandering Islam, according to a media report on Monday.

NIA ARRESTS AL-QAEDA CONSPIRATOR FROM WB

New Delhi: A madrasa teacher who was allegedly working as an al-Qaeda conspirator to carry out terror attacks in India was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) from West Bengal, an official said on Monday.

POLICE BEGIN PROBE

Baba Ka Dhaba owner files complaint against food YouTuber of fund misuse

New Delhi: The Delhi Police is investigating the alleged misappropriation of donation funds for Malviya Nagar-based Baba ka dhaba after Kanta Prasad, the owner of the popular eatery, filed a complaint against Instagram influencer Gaurav Wasan for

misappropriation of funds. Prasad, 80, had shot to fame after a video of him tearfully recounting the desperation of the months since the lockdown was shared widely across social media platforms recently. Prasad's plight had come to

light when Gaurav Wasan who runs a page - Swad official - captured the eatery owner breaking down as he talked about his struggles in a video shared on the YouTuber's social media account. Soon, the video went viral

and hundreds of people flocked at the dhaba taking selfies with the old man and offering him monetary help. "We have received a complaint and are probing the matter. We will register an FIR after preliminary inquiry and only if

the allegations are found true," said DCP South Atul Thakur. In his complaint to police, Prasad said Gaurav Wasan shot his video and posted it online, asking the public on social media to donate money to the eatery owner.

He further alleged that Wasan "intentionally and deliberately shared only his and his family/friends bank details and mobile numbers with the donors and collected huge amount of donations through different mode of payments - bank

account/wallets without providing any information to the complainant." Wasan, who had posted the Baba ka Dhaba video of an elderly couple running a dhaba in Malviya Nagar, has also shared his bank statement after

people accused him of online scam. "Transparency link verified by bank. Anybody who donated can go and verify and re-verify. Thank you for supporting," he wrote. **IANS**

Man held from Assam for harassing Delhi-based woman on social media

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has arrested a 24-year-old man from Assam for allegedly harassing a Delhi-based woman on social media and threatening to defame her by making her pictures viral on WhatsApp. The accused has been identified as Chandan Nath, who is a graduate in Political Science and works in a mobile shop at Mangaldoi village in Darrang district in Assam. Police said that the accused used to harass the Delhi-based woman via chat and video calls and later threatened her.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, the mat-

ter came to light on September 30 after a woman lodged a complaint at Malviya Nagar police station. "She alleged that an unidentified man was harassing her through chats and video calls on social media. He had also threatened to make her pictures viral on WhatsApp to defame her," said the DCP. "Based on her complaint, a case was registered under section 354 A (sexual harassment and punishment for sexual harassment), 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) and 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code and IT Act and the probe was taken up," said the

DCP. "During investigation, through surveillance and technical analysis, the police managed to locate the mobile number of the accused and he was zeroed down at Mangaldoi village. A team was sent there and the accused, who was later identified as Chandan Nath, was arrested. The mobile phone used by the accused has also been recovered," said the DCP. "The accused disclosed that he had a habit of making friends on social media. After befriending them, he later intimidated them by threatening to make their chats and pictures viral on social media platforms to defame them," the DCP said.

SC stays EC...

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"Issue notice. Until further orders, there shall be a stay of order dated October 30, 2020 issued by Respondent No.1 - Election Commission of India," the bench said in its order. Besides seeking quashing of the EC order, the senior Congress leader has also sought framing of appropriate guidelines for speeches during campaigning by star campaigners or campaigners, "keeping in mind the right to freedom of speech and expression and concept of democratic elections". During the hearing conducted through video-conferencing on Monday, senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the EC, told the bench, "This is infructuous as campaigning has ended. Voting is tomorrow." Senior advocate Kapil

Sibal, who along with senior counsel Vivek Tankha appeared for Nath, said the matter has not become infructuous and the EC had not issued any notice to the former chief minister before passing the October 30 order. "How can you determine who is their leader? It's their power not EC's power," the bench asked EC's counsel. Dwivedi said, "We have acted under the model code of conduct and moreover, now the matter is infructuous." "It does not matter whether the matter is infructuous or not. We will determine that from where do you get power," the bench said. When Dwivedi said if the court is to determine this aspect then EC's order should not be stayed, the bench said, "No, we are staying it." Nath, who is currently the president of Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee, has said in his plea that the EC has

passed the order without any notice or hearing him based on a complaint by the BJP against a speech delivered on October 13. "It is submitted that the impugned order (of EC) is illegal, arbitrary, unreasoned, passed in complete violation of basic canons of natural justice and in negation of fair play and therefore, deserves to be quashed. "Further, no notice has been issued to the petitioner (Nath) with regard to the impugned order in complete violation of principles of natural justice," said the plea, filed through advocate-on-record Varun Chopra. In his plea, Nath said that EC has passed the October 30 order and has revoked his name from the list of 'star campaigners' of the Indian National Congress on the "ground of repeated violation of model code of conduct (MCC) and advisories" of the poll panel. The plea has said that

MCC has been in force for 12 districts of Madhya Pradesh since September 29 when the schedule for by-elections to 28 seats in the state legislative assembly, which are to be held on November 3, was announced by the EC. The former Union minister and nine-time Member of Parliament further claimed that leaders of the BJP have been "repeatedly making statements ex-facie in violation" of the model code during campaigning for the by-elections. "It is reiterated that despite use of such language in public view and blatant violation of the Model Code of Conduct, the Respondent No.1 (EC) has not taken any such action against any leaders of BJP or the party itself for allowing its leaders to repeatedly violate provisions of MCC," it has said. The plea has also raised several questions of law of public importance, including whether the fundamental right

of freedom of speech and expression guaranteed to Nath has been abrogated by the EC. In the order, the poll panel had said, "...For repeated violation of Model Code of Conduct and for completely disregarding the advisory issued to him, the Commission hereby revokes the status of leader of political party (Star Campaigner) of Kamal Nath, Ex-Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh, with immediate effect for the current Bye-elections of Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh." The commission referred to his remarks against Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. He had used the words "mafia" and "milawat khor" against a political rival at a recent campaigning event. Last week, the EC had asked Nath not to use words like "item" in campaigning. He had used the jibe to hit out at state minister and BJP candidate Imarti Devi at a rally. **PTI**

800 sites listed...

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The Delhi Government will start campaign on Tuesday urging people not to burn fire crackers this Diwali for lesser air pollution amid ongoing Covid-19 crisis which may trigger cases further. Urging people not to use firecrackers, Rao said, "I appeal to people to not burn any fire crackers at all this year. Because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, health hazards due to air pollution could turn more dangerous. If anyone really wants to burn firecrackers, then please use only green crackers." The prominent locations include Buddha Park in Mayur Vihar, a park in B block of Chanakyapuri, Ramleela ground in Laxmibai Nagar, Ajmal Khan Park in Karol Bagh, Sudarshan Park in Moti Nagar, West Mehram Nagar Park in Delhi Cantonment, CBD ground opposite Hotel Leela and Gandhi Park in Saket. It may recalled, in 2018 and

2019, despite the ban on the sake of crackers, pollution levels in city witnessed huge spike post Diwali days.

Wind blows away pollution...

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According to the Central Government's Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, the city's ventilation index - a product of mixing depth and average wind speed - was around 12,000 meter square per second on Monday - favourable for dispersion of pollutants. Mixing depth is the vertical height in which pollutants are suspended in the air. It reduces on cold days with calm wind speed. A ventilation index lower than 6,000 sqm/second, with the average wind speed less than 10 kmph, is unfavourable for dispersal of pollutants.

Delhiites forced to drink polluted water: Gupta

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Hitting out at ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government for disrupting water supply to Delhi citizens, Delhi Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) president Adesh Gupta said increased ammonia level in Yamuna affected the water supply in various areas of Delhi and the people of Delhi have been compelled to drink dirty and polluted water. Gupta said that the people of Delhi should also know the truth that instead of protecting them, Kejriwal government has become more careless even in this corona crisis. As a result, the people of Delhi are compelled to breathe polluted air and drink poisonous water. He said that last year when

the level of ammonia in Yamuna river increased, then Chief Minister Kejriwal had announced that 14 new STPs would be set up for which Rs 4206 crore were allocated but not a single has been set up. Doctors and experts are of the opinion that if the people of Delhi have to drink ammonia-rich water for the next 10 years, due increasing levels of ammonia in the Yamuna, then life-threatening diseases like cancer can occur. Gupta said that there are 20 sewage treatment plants of 597 MGD capacity in Delhi and only 520 MGD is being used. 750 MGD of waste is produced in Delhi with around 230 MGD being dumped into the Yamuna River causing water pollution.

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On 18 seats, or one in every, the outcome was decided by below 5,000 margin. With Chirag Paswan-led LJP contesting 51 seats in the second phase, JD(U) winners of closest contests will be particularly vulnerable due to possibility of the LJP taking away a chunk of NDA votes. Late Ramvilas Paswan wielded considerable influence in pockets of Samastipur, Khagaria and Vaishali and Chirag hopes to play spoilsport for the JD(U) candidates on most of the seats falling in these districts. Their performance in this phase will indicate if the issues raised by Paswan during his campaign -- corruption charges against Nitish Kumar, education degrees getting delayed, lack of jobs, and migration for livelihood -- found resonance among the people. RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, who is drawing huge crowd of enthusiastic youth in his rallies, has kept his focus on the issues facing the common man and promised to offer 10 lakh Government jobs to the unemployed youths. He has also highlighted the poor status of education and health facilities, and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's handling of the coronavirus crisis among other things. On the other hand, the BJP has basically tried to stoke the fear of return of the Jungle Raj and played the soft Hindutva card. The last day of campaigning witnessed hectic canvassing with Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing back-to-back rallies in support of NDA candidates, and criss-crossing over a dozen venues. According to the Election Commission, more than 2.85 crore voters will decide the electoral fate of 1,463 candidates -- 1316 male, 146 female and one transgender. The Election Commission said it has set up a total of 41,362 booths at 18,823 polling stations. Maharajgiri constituency has the maximum 27 candidates in this phase, while the minimum four are from Darauli constituency (SC). The 94 constituencies which

are going to poll on November 3 are in 17 districts: West Champaran, East Champaran, Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Gopalganj, Siwan, Saran, Vaishali, Samastipur, Begusarai, Khagaria, Bhagalpur, Nalanda and Patna. Besides the Prime Minister, several Union Ministers including Rajnath Singh, Smriti Irani, Giriraj Singh and Anurag Thakur, besides senior party leaders such as BJP chief JP Nadda addressed campaign rallies. In his Sunday rallies, the Prime Minister excoriated the Opposition over the Pulwama attack after Pakistan's admission of complicity in it and berated the RJD-Congress combine, calling it an alliance of "double-double yuvraj" (two crown princes) whose sole concern was to protect their "respective thrones". BJP leaders repeatedly raked up the Ram temple issues, Article 370, triple talaq and also prominently mentioned the Pakistani Minister's admission of his country's involvement in the Pulwama attack of 2019 that had left 40 CRPF jawans dead. For attacking the RJD, their constant refrain was "jungle raj", "lantern era", "kidnapping industry", slamming the party over its record on law and order. Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi addressed two rallies for this phase of elections

where he cornered Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar over the issues of unemployment, migrant crisis, farm laws and sugar mills. He had said the Prime Minister talks about other countries in his speeches but not about the issues facing the nation such as unemployment. Tejashwi, in the meanwhile, scaled up the intensity of his campaign and addressed close to a dozen, or even more, rallies every day since the voting for phase 1 of election on October 28. Tejashwi's salvos drew stinging response from Kumar who tried to blunt his attack by comparing the law and order situation under the RJD's Government (1990-2005) with that under his 15 year rule and constantly reminding the voter that RJD chief Lalu Yadav has been implicated for corruption and is serving a jail term. With massive crowds thronging these rallies, Covid-19 guidelines on social distancing were flagrantly violated. Among other prominent faces whose fate would be closed in EVMS in this phase are: BJP leader and Road Construction Minister Nand Kishore Yadav (Patna Sahib), JD(U) lawmaker and Rural Development Minister Shrawan Kumar (Nalanda), BJP MLA and Cooperative Minister Rana Randhir Singh (Madhubani), and JD(U) leader and State Minister Ramev Singh (Hathua).

25 dead in Kabul...

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While Afghan officials declined to discuss the book-fair, Iran's semi-official ISNA news agency reported Sunday that Iranian Ambassador Bahador Aminian and cultural attaché Mojtaba Noroozi were scheduled to inaugurate the fair, which would host some 40 Iranian publishers. Iranian state television reported the attack occurred, but did not offer information on its officials. Iranian diplomats have been targeted previously by attacks in the country and nearly sparked a war between the two countries. In 1998, Iran held the Taliban responsible for the deaths of nine Iranian diplomats who were working in its consulate in northern Afghanistan and sent reinforcements to the 950-kilometer- (580-mile-) long border that Iran and Afghanistan share. No group immediately took responsibility for the ongoing attack though the Taliban issued a statement saying they were not involved. However, suspicion immediately fell on the Islamic State group. Last month, the Islamic State group sent a suicide bomber into an education center in the capital's Shiite dominated neighborhood of Dasht-e-Barchi, killing 24 students and injuring more than 100. The Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan has declared war on Afghanistan's minority Shiite Muslims and have staged dozens of attacks since emerging in 2014.

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Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: Kanpur
Date : 03-11-2020

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TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

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| N.I.T. No. | 11 (A,B)2020-21 dated 02.11.2020 |
| 1 Name of work with its location | A) Repair & maintenance of Lawn/Ground and Cricket pitches at karnal stadium in the s/o SSE/Hort./NDLS under ADEN/Hort./NDLS B) Raising of boundary wall with fencing, provision of garage for general secretary, improvement of drainage system and circulating area, renovation of store as dormitory at URMU office block no. 166 P.K. Road in the section of SSE/W/P/G under ADEN/E-1. |
| 2 Approx. Cost of work | A) 2631466.51 B) 2499911.49 |
| 3 Earnest Money | (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note :- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-1/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016). A) 52600.00 B) 50000.00 |
| 4 Completion period of Work | A) 12 Months B) 09 Months |
| 6 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender | Upto 15:00 hrs on 24.11.2020 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 24.11.2020 |
| 7 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. | Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in |

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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It was, however, highlighted both by the Delhi Government officials and the Delhi Police Commissioner that there has been no let up in enforcement and awareness generation. The strategy to contain the spread of Covid-19 in Delhi, especially keeping in view the festival season and decreasing temperatures accompanied by rising pollution, was discussed at length with representatives of the Ministry of Health and the health experts, who were also present in the meeting. It was decided to concentrate efforts in certain key areas, such as targeted RT-PCR testing in sensitive and critical zones such as restaurants, market places, barber shops and salons; gear up the availability of medical resources including beds, ICUs, and ventilators as a preemptive measure and ensure high degree of contact tracing along with monitoring of quarantined contacts so as to suppress and break the chain of transmission, the statement said. It was also emphasised that Metro travel should be carefully regulated, strictly in accordance with the SOPs that has been issued in this regard, the statement said. The Union Home Secretary, while appreciating the efforts of the Delhi Government officials, emphasised that the strategies for containment of spread of Covid-19 in Delhi should be strictly enforced and implemented. Bhalla stressed the need for reaching out to the residents of Delhi to sensitise them about safe Covid behaviour through RWAs, 'mohalla' and market committees, public announcement systems, message on police vehicles among others. He also informed that the situation in Delhi would be reviewed again in the coming week, along with other districts

of the National Capital Region (NCR). The meeting was attended by VK Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Secretary, Ministry of Health, Director General, ICMR, Chief Secretary and other senior officers of the Delhi Government and the Delhi Police Commissioner. The Delhi Government also made a presentation on the current situation of Covid-19 in the city. The National Capital recorded 5,664 new Covid-19 cases on Sunday, taking the infection tally to over 3.92 lakh, even as the positivity rate jumped to nearly 13 per cent. The death toll has risen to 6,562 with 51 more fatalities. Sunday was the fifth day on the trot that the city reported over 5,000 new cases amid festivities and rising pollution in the city. The sudden spike in Covid-19 cases comes amid festivities and rising air pollution level. While Durga Puja celebrations ended on October 25, the next major festivals are Diwali and Chhath in November.

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All 58 passengers have been transferred to designated Covid-19 hospitals and quarantine zones. "All our passengers to Wuhan had boarded the flight from Delhi with COVID-19 negative reports from certified labs. Air India strictly adheres to all the safety protocol laid down by regulatory bodies and conforms to requirements at destination airports. There is no question of passengers boarding any of our flights without valid COVID 19 negative reports," the Ai India said in a statement. The October 30 flight, the

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He said, the anti-terrorists operations like last year would continue even during the winter months and would be carried out with more vigour and severity. Referring to the elimination of Chief Operational Commander of Hizbul Mujahideen Dr Saifullah in Rangreth area of Srinagar, Dilbagh Singh said after the killing of Reyaz Naikoo in May 2020, Hizbul Mujahideen had become leaderless and after the killing of Dr Saifullah, it has become leaderless once again. Earlier in May 2020, Junaid Sehrai, the top Hizbul

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The Centre has already asked the States and UTs to form three-tier committees which would oversee the roll-out of the vaccine and address any hiccups, including rumors. "Once the distribution of the vaccine starts, the district task force would work on developing robust communication planning at all levels to address rumor-mongering as well as vaccine eagerness," said an official from the Union Health Ministry. The three-tier committees would comprise the State steering committee, State task force, and district task force in each State and UT.

Mujahideen commander and son of Tehreek-Hurriyat chair-

man Ashraf Sehrai was killed in Nawakadal area in Srinagar. In the last week of September 2020, Ajaz Ahmed Reshi, one of the longest surviving Lashkar-e-Tayyeba commander was eliminated. He was working as an over ground worker in 2015 and joined the ranks of a terrorist outfit before Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani. He took part in an attack at EDI Pampore in which eight CRPF men were killed. He had transported the Lashkar men to the spot. He had fired at the killing of Dr Saifullah, it has become leaderless once again. In June 2020, three Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists,

including an improvised explosive device (IED) expert and mastermind of the car bomb attack, Abdul Rehman alias Fouji Bhai, a resident of Multan

Pakistan, was killed in South Kashmir's Pulwama district. Pating the back of the joint team of security forces, who participated in the operation on Sunday in which Dr Saifullah alias Ghazi Haider was killed, the DGP said that security forces had inputs that Dr Saifullah and his men were planning to attack some more security installations and civilian areas in the Valley. He said the operation was launched and the top commander was neutralised without suffering any collateral damage.

Public Notice

To be known to all that I, Rajender Singh S/o Sh. Hari Ram R/o DDA Janta Flat No. 13-A/G-3, Ground Floor, Dilshad Garden, Delhi owner of DDA Janta Flat No. 13-A/G-3, Ground Floor, Dilshad Garden, Delhi, has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold in DDA. The original documents i.e. Demand-cum-Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip and N.O.C for electricity and water connection etc. of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi, vide SO No. 430/2014, LR No. 700880/2020 on 31.10.2020. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/phone no. 9818207533 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (AB) H or Director (H-1), DBlock, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

Drive launched in all 272 wards to clean Delhi's lungs

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

To strengthen fight against pollution, Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Monday launched Red Light On, Gaadi Off campaign in all the 272 wards in Delhi.

Conveying to the masses about collective efforts to deal pollution problem, Rai appealed to the Central Government to analyse bio-decomposer as alternative to the issue of stubble burning in the neighbouring States of Delhi.

He said that through initiatives such as 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off', the Delhi Government is combating internal sources of pollution in

the Capital. "To curb rising pollution levels in Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal on October 5, launched the 'Yuddh, Pradhushan ke Viruddh' campaign.

"Under this umbrella campaign, initiatives to combat pollution caused by dust, stubble burning or vehicles were launched. Anti-dust drive was also launched under this campaign. Red light On, Gaadi Off campaign is being implemented within Delhi till November 15. We are taking it to 272 wards as the pollution levels are increasingly rising."

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sure pollution is contained, but we cannot do anything to stop the toxic haze from stubble burning to pollute the city. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar says stubble burning contributes 4 - 6 per cent whereas the statistics clearly state 40 per cent contribution," said Rai.

Rai said Delhiites are working hard day and night to curb pollution levels. Stubble burning is the biggest contributor of pollution in Delhi especially ahead of Diwali season. "How should Delhi deal with that? I request the Central Government to take some action rather than just making a commission, because pollu-

tion combined with the current pandemic can cause catastrophic consequences for the people of Delhi," he added.

He further said, "Pollution is not defined by state boundaries, it is defined by air sets. It has an air set of around 300 kms, which means pollution will affect the radius of 300 kms. People are being ignorant of this fact. In order to combat pollution, there is a requirement for action to be implemented on the ground. Collective effort is required to deal with this issue. But, we in Delhi, have decided to create awareness against pollution and its damaging effects, amongst Delhiites with their participation. We are launching the Red Light campaign in all 272 wards to reduce the local sources of pollution in Delhi."

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Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai, along with Civil Defence volunteers, during Red Light On, Gaadi Off campaign, to tackle air pollution, in New Delhi on Monday

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Delhiites flouting pollution norms penalised ₹29.70 lakh in a day

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

Total penalty of over Rs 29.70 lakh was imposed on 129 violators on Monday by the teams deployed to monitor implementation of measures to combat pollution in Gurugram under the Under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

The GRAP had come into force from October 15.

These include Rs 65 thousand penalty imposed on 13 violators in case of burning of garbage, Rs 5 lakh on 20 violators of C&D dumping, Rs 55 thousand on 11 violators of spreading of garbage and non-compliance of environmental regulations in construction activities.

A total of 80 violators

faced fines amounting to Rs 23 lakh 50 thousand who were involved in dust blowing.

A team of Municipal Corporation, Gurugram visited multiple locations in the city after several complaints were received from these places by the residents.

The complaints were related to flouting of environmental norms. On the basis of the complaints, the above 129 violators were fined Rs 29.70 lakh during the spot inspection.

The Violators were warned by the civic body officials to comply with environmental regulations in construction activities. Under this, the construction sites and construction material should be covered, otherwise an FIR will be filed against them and legal action will also be levelled

against the violators.

"The corporation teams are constantly monitoring those who violate the GRAP in the municipal area and fines are being imposed as per the rules. The construction projects that violate the environmental norms will be penalised to keep pollution under control," said Jaspreet Kaur, Additional Commissioner of Municipal Corporation, Gurugram.

"The civic body is constantly spraying water in the area to prevent dust from blowing and the roads are being cleaned through mechanical machines. The Municipal Corporation is working effectively to ensure compliance of the Graded Response Action Plan," she said.

Gahlot reviews preparations ahead of inter-State bus service resumption

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot on Monday reviewed the preparations made ahead of resuming Inter-State bus services in Delhi on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by senior officers from Transport Department, Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (DTIDC), Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System Ltd. (DIMTS).

The three 'Interstate Bus Terminals' (ISBTs) at Kashmere Gate, Sarai Kale Khan and Anand Vihar used to cater to passengers to a tune of 3500 trips of interstate buses and 2000 trips of local buses daily. This will be the first time interstate bus travel will be allowed in Delhi since COVID lockdown was announced by the Government of India (GoI)

In order to ensure the safe-

ty of both passengers and crew, detailed Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) have been put in place prior to resuming services, the government said in a statement.

"The interstate buses shall be sanitized by the respective depots of bus operators at the point of origin and before departure from the respective ISBT. Thermal checking of both passengers and bus crew at boarding and at the point of entry to ISBTs will also be mandatory," he said.

Passengers will be mandatorily wear face mask and no standing passengers will be allowed in the buses, it said, adding that social distancing will be ensured on ground station, at the time of boarding of passengers and inside the bus as per government guidelines.

"These will be done through markers on ground and waiting areas, similar to the ones in all buses and metro. In

addition to these, testing camps for Rapid/ RT-PCR tests have also been set up at all 3 ISBTs in case any asymptomatic passenger shows signs of illness post thermal screening," he said.

In a meeting to review preparations ahead of resuming of Inter-state travel, Gahlot said "The safety of both passengers and staff and crew are of utmost priority to us. We have been carefully monitoring patterns of travelling since we resumed bus services, and even though inter-state travel is a challenge, we are ensuring sanitization at every point."

Apart from this, regular announcements and sensitization of passengers about Covid-19 precautions through audio - visual communication is also being undertaken, he said.

The minister further said that strict ban on use of gutka, tobacco products, etc in the premises of ISBTs shall be made.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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DCPCR completes its two-part orientation session

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) completed its two-part orientation session of members of the 'School

Management Committee' (SMC) Cell, an initiative, which aims to further decentralize management of Government schools by enhancing community participation and parent involvement so that greater accountability and efficacy can be ensured.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Directorate of Education, Municipal Corporations and NGOs, Saajha and Samarthyaa of Delhi to discuss roles and responsibilities.

"The members shall track and reach out to at least 250 students in each district from November, who are enrolled in schools but are not traceable. They shall also assist in enrolling a minimum of 100 children in schools. Through several activities, challenges on the field were highlighted and the potential impact of work of SMC Cell was discussed," he said.

In August, 2020, DCPCR constituted the SMC Cell under Education and Children With Special Needs

(CWSN) Division of the Commission. The Cell, chaired by Member (Education and CWSN) consists of five representatives from SMCs of every district, threr from SMCs of every zone of municipal corporations and another two from non-profit organisations working on parental engagement, a statement from the government read.

Primarily, members of SMC Cell shall conduct field visits, ensuring that children with attendance less than 33 per cent are reached out and track children who have been absent for 30 consecutive days or more without intimation, it said.

Highlighting the essential work and significant contribution that SMC Cell can potentially make, Anurag Kundu, Chairperson, DCPCR stressed upon the dire need of identifying nearly two lakh children who have remained untraceable by the schools since the lockdown due to pandemic.

MCD schoolteachers protest against pending salaries despite Govt releasing ₹746 cr: AAP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak on Monday said that the teachers of BJP-ruled-municipal corporation's schools are on protest demanding their pending salaries even after the AAP Government has already released around Rs 746 crores till October

Pathak said that the BJP-ruled Corporations have wrongly utilized the Rs 746 crores released by the AAP government for the salary of teachers and Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta must clarify where did this money go?

"The 14 years of BJP's rule in Corporations has completely destroyed the functioning so much so that they are unable to pay the salaries of its employees. The doctors and nurses are on strike, workers have planned to go on strike from November 9," he said.

Pathak said, "Delhi Government has released all funds pertaining to the salary of teachers till the month of October to all three corporations. I want to inform all the teachers who are protesting that the Delhi Government has released your salaries till the month of October but the BJP has not processed your payments yet. They have deprived you of your salaries worth ₹746 crores. BJP has made MCD as the epitome of corruption," he said.

"The BJP has made it a vicious cycle. Whatever funds they get is used for encouraging corruption. I want to know where have the ₹746 crores gone? This is a criminal activity that during the pandemic when people are already distressed, they are using their salaries to fill their own pockets and upgrading their living standards as opposed to the ones who deserve this money," he alleged.

Cop battling financial crisis shoots self with service pistol

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 26-year-old Delhi Police sub-inspector (SI) allegedly shot himself dead with his service pistol at his residence in west Delhi's Mohan Garden area on early Monday morning.

The deceased, identified as Rituraj, was posted in Paschim Vihar (West) police station, which falls under the outer district of Delhi Police.

According to A Kaon, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer district, a call was received a suicide in Ranhola police station around 5.15 AM.

"The caller informed about his brother's suicide at his residence following which an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) was dispatched for the spot," said the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP).

"On spot, police team found no suicide note but preliminary enquiry suggested that the sub-inspector took the extreme step due to financial crisis," the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) said.



A group of people sitting around a long table in a meeting room, likely the DCPCR orientation session.

BSES expands solar city programmes, launches plan in virtual event

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Power major BSES has expanded its 'Solar City Programmes' by launching 'Solarise Safdurjung' and 'Solarise Karkardooma' on Monday. BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) has over 2800 roof-top solar installations with a installed load of above 90 MWp.

The ambitious discom led and community-based demand aggregation programmes were launched in virtual ceremonies in presence of the RWAs from the two areas. This initiative, a pilot, is pursuant to a Statement of Intent (SoI) signed by the US Department of State and

India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) under the US-India Clean Energy Finance Task Force on November 15, 2018.

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) and BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) are committed to aggressively promote roof-top solar in South, West, East and Central Delhi.

A senior BSES official said this initiative has been rolled-out in partnership with SmartPower, a US based non-profit organisation focused on local community campaigns to increase consumer adoption of clean energy. WeeGreen and Council on Energy Environment

The ambitious discom led and community-based demand aggregation programmes were launched in presence of the RWAs from the two areas

and Water (CEEW), a leading not-for-profit policy research organisation.

"The objective is to create a market based approach for scaling-up

roof-top solar and introduce community-led demand aggregation for deployment. In the first phase, the campaign will aggressively promote the adoption of roof-top solar in Safdurjung and Karkardooma areas as part of 'Solarise Safdurjung' and 'Solarise Karkardooma'. Subsequently, depending on the results, the program will also be launched for other BSES areas," he said.

The intensive 8-10 week campaign aims to accelerate the adoption of roof-top solar by raising awareness through community participation and dialogue. Adapting to the 'new normal' in the wake of Covid-19, the entire 'Solarise Safdurjung' and

'Solarise Karkardooma' programs are completely virtual, using innovative online tools, including the 'WeeGreen', a global platform that brings together the residents and vendors at one place he added.

"The program will educate consumers about the benefits of solar energy while ensuring strict quality compliance of the systems being installed. It will also facilitate various finance options available to the consumers. BSES has been at the forefront of promoting the concept of rooftop solar and its beneficial impact on electricity bills. The latest initiative promises to be a game-changer in a bid to accelerate adop-

tion of rooftop solar in Delhi." - added the BSES spokesperson.

According to Delhi Solar Policy, Delhi is blessed with 300 days sunny days and around 31 sq.kms of roof-top space available for solar panels.

This gives Delhi a solar energy generation of around 2500 MWp. As per estimates, while exploitable solar potential in South and West Delhi is around 800 MWp, it is around 200 MWp in East and Central Delhi.

BRPL and BYPL are premier power distribution companies and Joint Ventures between Reliance Infrastructure Limited and GoNCTD.

BIHAR POLLS

1,201 candidates face criminal cases

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 1,201 of the 3,722 candidates (over 32 per cent) in the Bihar Assembly elections have criminal cases pending against them, of which 915 are serious. At least 73 candidates have declared cases related to murder (IPC Section-302) while 278 candidates have declared cases related to Attempt to murder (IPC Section-307). Tejaswari Yadav led Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) had maximum candidates with criminal cases, followed by the BJP, Congress and LJP. There are 1,231 (33%) are crorepatris in the fray.

According to the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) report on Bihar Assembly polls, a total of 98 of the 141 RJD candidates whose affidavits were analysed face criminal cases, followed by the BJP with 76 out of 109 candidates. The report said that 45 out of 70 candidates of the Congress have pending criminal cases, followed by 70 of 135 from Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), 56 of 115 from Janata Dal-United, and 29 of 78 candidates from Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). As per the report, 72 out of the 141 RJD candidates face serious criminal cases, followed by 55 of the 109 BJP candidates, 33 of the 70 Congress candidates, 55 of 135 LJP nominees, 36 of the

115 candidates from Janata Dal-United and 23 of the 78 BSP candidates. Of the total tainted candidates, 115 declared cases related to crime against women, including 12 who declared cases related to rape. A total of 73 candidates declared murder cases and 278 others attempt to murder.

All major parties contesting the Bihar Assembly elections gave tickets to 37 per cent to 70 per cent candidates who have declared criminal cases against themselves.

During the 2015 assembly polls, 1038 (30 percent) had declared criminal cases. Of them, 796 (23%) candidates had declared serious criminal cases. Serious criminal cases are non-bailable offences attracting over five years of imprisonment.

According to report, 1231 (33 percent) of the total 3722 candidates, are crorepatris. In 2015 860 (25%) crorepatris had contested the polls. "Among the major parties 94(86%) of 109 candidates from BJP, 120(85%) of 141 candidates from RJD, 96(84%) of 115 candidates from JD(U), 99(73%) of 135 candidates from LJP, 51(73%) of the 70 candidates from the Congress and 33(42%) of 78 candidates from BSP have declared assets worth more than ₹1 crore," the report said.

In the third phase, of the

1,195 candidates, 31 per cent have declared criminal cases against themselves.

About 282 or 24 per cent have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. As many as 361 or 30 per cent of these candidates have stated their financial assets to be worth crores of rupees, the report said.

Out of 1,195 candidates analyzed, 371 or 31 per cent have declared criminal cases against themselves, it said. According to the report, 32 (73 per cent) out of 44 candidates analyzed from the RJD have declared criminal cases against themselves and 22 (50 per cent) of them have declared serious criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits. The report said 20 candidates have declared cases related to murder (IPC Section-302) against themselves and 73 candidates have declared cases related to attempt to murder (IPC Section-307) against themselves.

The Bihar assembly elections are being held in three phases for a total of 243 seats — the first phase for 71 seats on October 28, the second phase for 94 seats on November 3 and the third phase for the remaining 78 will be held on November 7. The results will be announced on November 10.

Rajya Sabha panels see improvement in meeting duration

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committees (DRSCs) of Rajya Sabha have reported a marked improvement in their functioning in respect of duration of meetings and attendance during 2019-20, as per an analysis done by the Parliament of functioning of its eight committee.

The secretariat has analysed the functioning of the Committees of Rajya Sabha during the last three years as desired by the Chairman M.Venkaiah Naidu. Naidu has been regularly reviewing the functioning of these committees and shared some of his concerns with the Chairmen of these committees.

"The average attendance in the total 117 meetings of these 8 committees comes to 49.20% during 2019-20, again the best of the last 3 years. The average attendance crossed the halfway mark with 50.73% for the first time during the first half of 2019-20," said a Parliament source.

It has, however, come down to 41.15% in the meetings held in the second half during the pandemic period, marking a decline of over 9.50%. However, the committees met for an average duration of 2 hours 23 minutes during the pandemic.

During this year, the number of meetings held with atten-

dance of 50% or more members in each committee increased to 46.15% of the total as against 14% and 30% during the previous two years respectively. The number of meetings held without the required quorum has declined to 10% this year, the lowest of the last 3 years.

These 8 committees met for a total duration of 254 hours 27 minutes this year, the longest of the last 3 years. During the 3 year period of 2017-20, the 8 committees of Rajya Sabha held a total of 300 meetings over a duration of 571 hours 22 minutes. The 3 year average duration of meetings has been 1 hr 54 minutes and the average attendance being 45.35%.

During 2019-20, the Committee on Home Affairs met for the longest duration of 47 hours 27 minutes followed by the Committee on Health & Family Welfare-42 hrs 22 minutes and the Committee on HRD-40 hrs 44 minutes.

During 2017-20, the Committee on HRD met for the longest duration of 100 hrs 05 minutes followed by Home Affairs -87.17, Transport, Tourism & Culture-80.11, Health & Family Welfare-76.15, Commerce-70.17, Science & Technology and Environment, Forests & Climate Change-68.47, Pensions, Public Grievances, Law & Justice-52.19 hours and Industry-36 hours 11 minutes.

NIA arrests Al-Qaeda conspirator from West Bengal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested Al-Qaeda conspirator of West Bengal, Abdul Momin Mondal of Murshidabad district, West Bengal, in connection with the Al-Qaeda case of West Bengal and Kerala.

"Yesterday (01.11.2020), NIA arrested accused Abdul Momin Mondal, aged - 32 years, son of Rejaul Mondal resident of village Nazrana, PS Raninagar, District Murshidabad, West Bengal in connection with the Al-Qaeda case of West Bengal and Kerala," the NIA said in a statement here on Monday.

The NIA further said, "The case was registered on September 11, 2020 and relates to anti-national activities by a group of jihadi terrorists consisting of more than 10 members inspired by globally proscribed terrorist organisation Al-Qaeda, who were planning to carry out anti-national and terrorist activities at different locations in India including but not limited to West Bengal, Delhi and Kerala."

Investigation revealed that accused Mondal was working as a teacher in Raipur Darul Huda Islamia Madrassa in Murshidabad district and was allegedly found to be involved in a series of conspiratorial meetings convened by the members of the Al-Qaeda module, the agency said.

He was also trying to recruit new members for the group and was raising funds for furthering its terrorist activities, it alleged.

Delhi, Jaipur, 28 others to face water shortage in next 30 yrs due to urbanisation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi, Jaipur, Indore, Amritsar, Pune, Srinagar, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kozhikode and Vishakhapatnam are among the 30 cities in India which will face increasing water risks in the next few decades owing to rapid urbanisation, climate change, and lack of appropriate infrastructure, according to a World Wide Fund (WWF) study.

The WWF has called for an urgent action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. China accounts for almost half the cities plaguing with acute water shortage, said the WWF's report as it estimated that hundreds of millions of people in cities across the globe could be at danger. Other cities are Jakarta, Johannesburg, Istanbul, Hong Kong, Mecca and Rio de Janeiro.

According to the scenarios in the WWF Water Risk Filter, the 100 cities that are expected to suffer the greatest due to rise in water risk by 2050 are home to at least 350 million people, including important national and global economies.

Globally, populations in areas of high-water risk could rise from 17 per cent in 2020 to 51 per cent by 2050.

"The future of India's environment lies in its cities. As India rapidly urbanizes, cities will be at the forefront both for India's growth and for sustainability," Sejal Worah, Programme Director, WWF India, said.

"For cities to break away from the current vicious loop of flooding and water scarcity, nature-based solutions like restoration of urban watersheds and wetlands could offer solutions. This is our chance to re-evolve and re-imagine what the future of the cities could be," Worah said.

The Smart Cities initiative in India could offer an integrated urban water management framework combining urban planning, ecosystem restoration and wetland conservation for building future-ready, water-smart and climate-resilient cities.

Urban watersheds and wetlands are critical for maintaining the water balance of a city, flood cushioning, micro-climate regulation and protecting its biodiversity. The future of our cities and sustainability lies in the efficiency in closing the loop by integrating water supply, demand management.

"Cities across the world have paid a high price in recent years due to worsening water risks. From acute risks that have seen historic floods to chronic risks that have seen their taps running dry, the water challenges cities are facing are only going to increase in the coming decades because the impacts of climate change will primarily be felt through water," said Alexis Morgan, WWF Global Water Stewardship Lead.

Cong seeks probe by SC Judge into MLAs' resignations in Gujarat ahead of bypolls

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day before the bypolls for eight Gujarat Assembly seats, the Congress on Monday demanded an inquiry by a Supreme Court Judge into the resignations by party MLAs "in lieu of money" ahead of the Rajya Sabha elections in that State in June.

A Congress sting allegedly showed Somabhai Patel claiming in a video that he was paid money to resign in March ahead of elections to the four Rajya Sabha seats in

Gujarat. State Congress leader Arjun Modwadia told the media: "All central agencies are working at the behest of the Union government. So, an inquiry by a Supreme Court Judge should be done into the matter." The 45-second video was earlier released by Gujarat Congress in Ahmedabad.

"It is a big issue. Election laws should be amended to such defections through resignations," Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi said at a Press conference.

He also demanded a case

be registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code.

Congress state affairs incharge Rajeev Satav alleged that the BJP was misusing central agencies and adopting other methods to get MLAs into its camp.

The eight Congress MLAs had resigned, which led to the defeat of one Congress candidate in the Rajya Sabha polls. Eight Assembly seats will go to the bypolls in Gujarat on November 3, while the counting of votes will take place on November 10.

Rising vegetable prices upset household budget

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Retail prices of essential vegetables, especially tomato, potato and onion, have skyrocketed across India in the last two months, upsetting household budgets. According to a survey by community social media platform LocalCircles, 71 per cent households say they are paying more than ₹50/kg for Tomato, ₹40/kg for Potato and ₹50/kg for Onion. As per the daily rate quoted by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs on November 2, if you buy one kg Aloo (potato), Pyaz (onion) and Tamatar (tomato) each, it

will cost Rs 150-235 depending on the cities.

LocalCircles conducted a survey to understand how much extra are people spending to purchase per kilogram of onions, potatoes and tomatoes. This comes as consumers show discernment over the rising price of these vegetables since the last two months.

To the first question that asked, "What best describes the per kilogram price that your household paid for buying onion, potato and tomato in the latest purchase?", 8,273 responses were received from citizens. Notably, 71% citizens



said they are paying more than ₹50 per Kg for tomato, ₹40 Kg for potato, and ₹50 per Kg for onion. In comparison to a similar survey by LocalCircles published on September 11, 2020, 61% households had said they were paying more than ₹60 per Kg for tomato, ₹30 per Kg for potato, and ₹25 per kg for onion. This means that while an average retail price majority of households paid per kilogram for potatoes rose by 30% and onions rose by 100%, while the price for tomatoes fell by 15% in just one month.

The individual data on these three vegetables suggests that 42% citizens bought "tomato at ₹60 or higher, potato at ₹60 or higher, and onions at ₹70 or higher." Whereas, 29% citizens said they bought per Kg of "tomato at INR 50-59, potato at ₹40-59, and onion at ₹50-69", while 11% said to have bought "tomato at Rs 30-49, potato at ₹20-39, and onion at ₹30-49". Only 6% citizens

said they bought "tomato at ₹20 or lower, potato at ₹19 or lower, and onion at INR 29 or lower" in some places.

The report further noted that 70 per cent of households said they paid 25-100 per cent higher prices this year for buying per kilogram of tomato, potato, and onion. Whereas, only 5 per cent of citizens said they "paid the same as last year", while 1 per cent of citizens said they paid less in comparison to last year. 11 per cent voted for "can't say".

This comes as many households have faced a significant loss of earnings or loss of employment during the pandemic. Sectors like tourism, hospitality and restaurants have also faced severe cutbacks.

While the price per kilogram for tomato paid by majority of the citizens marginally reduced in the last 30 days, the price per kilogram for potato rose by 30% and the price per kilogram for onion rose by 100% upsetting the household

budget for essentials. The second question asked citizens, "Overall, in 2020, how much higher price has your household paid on average for tomato, potato and onion in comparison to 2019?" 7,904 citizens responded. Notably, 70% households said they paid 25-100% higher prices this year for buying per kilogram of tomato, potato, and onion. Whereas, only 5% citizens said they "paid the same as last year" while 1% citizens said they "paid less in comparison to last year", and 11% voted for "can't say".

This is indicative of a significant squeeze given the fact that many households have faced significant loss of earnings or loss of employment during the pandemic.

Sectors like tourism, hospitality and restaurants have faced severe cutbacks as people continue to limit movement because of the fear of COVID-19. Those employed in many such sectors are dipping into savings, taking high interest loans just to make ends meet.

The survey received more than 16,000 responses from citizens across 242 districts of India. Of which, 58% were from tier 1, 23% from tier 2, and 17% respondents were from tier 3, 4 and rural districts.

It also tried to understand an average amount a household paid this year for buying these vegetables as compared to 2019.

Antigen test good to rule-in patients within 5 days of illness: Study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Researchers from AIIMS in Delhi have concluded that the rapid antigen test showed an excellent specificity to 'rule-in' Covid-19 patients within the first five days of illness with a moderate sensitivity.

The overall sensitivity and the specificity of the test was 81.8 percent and 99.6 percent respectively, and the test accuracy was 95.4 percent. The sensitivity of the test was higher (85.9 percent) in participants with the duration of illness lesser than five days, said the cross-sectional study published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research.

The study was done on 330 patients admitted at AIIMS, Delhi, between May 31 and July 24. Researchers included symptomatic patients and asymptomatic/pre-symptomatic contacts of laboratory-confirmed cases with exposure between 5 and 10 days.

"The analytical performance...depends on the mixing of NP swab with buffer and the viral load in the sample, but clinical performance of the test may be variable which depends on the technique of sample collection and duration of illness of patients. Hence, the sensitivity will be average in asymptomatic patients because it is difficult to analyze pre-test probability in asymptomatic patients," stated the paper.

Of the 330 participants, 77 were RT-PCR positive for Covid-19. Sixty-four of them also tested positive in the rapid antigen test. The most commonly presented symptoms among screened participants were fever (31.5 percent), cough (25.4 percent), fatigue/malaise (11.8 percent), headache (3.3 percent) and runny nose (3.3 percent). As many as 57 participants presented with sore throat but only two of them (3.5 per cent) had Covid-19.

Farmers' body urges PM, CMs for dashboard for smooth supply chain

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A consortium of 62 leading national farmer organisations under the aegis of the Rashtriya Kisan Mahasangh (RKM) has written to all Chief Ministers of India and to the Prime Minister of India to build up a dashboard which can help the Government to plan and improvise the whole supply chain. This can provide all services timely with precision and support distribution of various essential inputs like fertilisers, seeds, water arrangement. Talking about the importance of this mulling up of creating this dashboard of Agriculture, Rashtriya Kisan Mahasangh founder member Binod Anand said that the Mahasangha demands to create constructive dialogue among all stakeholders with farmers at core. The organisation has undertaken a nationwide consultation among themselves to seek farmer opinion especially across 22 States of the Union of India.

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90% of J&K land cannot be sold to outsiders: Govt

Jammu: The Government has repealed 11 land laws that existed in the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir replacing the old, regressive, intrinsically contradictory and outdated laws with a set of modern, progressive and people-friendly provisions.

The new land laws will not only afford protection to over 90 per cent of the land in J&K from being alienated to outsiders but will also help revamp the agriculture sector foster, rapid industrialisation, aid economic growth and create jobs in J&K.

This was stated by the Principal Secretary, Information and government spokesman, Rohit Kansal at a press conference in Jammu on Monday.

Kansal made these comments while interacting with the media on a host of issues related to the UT of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of State Laws) Fifth Order, 2020.

Elaborating, Kansal remarked that the repealed laws were made to serve the old agrarian-based economy and were required to be modified for modern economic needs. Besides, they were beset with ambiguities, contradictions and redundancies and in many cases, were clearly regressive. For instance, a number of laws had contradictions leading to scope for discretionary interpretation and rent seeking.

An official statement said the Prohibition of Conversion of Land and Alienation of Orchards Act, 1975 not only prohibited alienation of orchard lands; it surprisingly restricted creation of new orchards too. Similarly, the old Agrarian Reforms Act prohibited the selling of land distributed to tillers even after 44 years. The Right of Prior Purchase Act severely constrained an owner's right to dispose off his own property.

It further added the new Land Laws are modern and progressive even while affording adequate protection

against alienation of land to outsiders. A number of protections have been built into the new land laws on similar lines as has been enacted in other states such as Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. To begin with, no agricultural land can be transferred to any person from outside the UT of J&K but can only be sold to an agriculturist from within J&K. No land used for agricultural purpose can be used for any non-agricultural purpose.

The terms agricultural land and agriculturist have been unambiguously defined to include not just agriculture but horticulture and allied agro-activities as well. Agriculturist has been defined as "... a person who cultivates land personally in the UT of J&K.". The safeguard on agricultural land alone would ensure that more than 90 per cent of land in the UT which is an agricultural land remains protected and with the people of J&K. The statement said the new provisions not only address the infirmities in the old set of laws but also provide for modern and enabling provisions to aid in the agricultural and industrial growth of the UT of J&K. While progressive provisions of the repealed laws have been retained by including them in the modified Land Revenue Act, new provisions have been added to modernise existing laws.

There are now provisions for setting up of a Board of Revenue, Regional planning for regulating use of land, alienation and conversion, land lease, consolidation and Contract Farming. The Board of Revenue comprising senior officers will not only be the Developing Authority for preparing regional plans but can notify a scheme of consolidation of land holdings and also a scheme for restricting and regulating the fragmentation of agricultural land holdings to make agriculture viable.

Reactions to new land law uncharitable: J&K Govt

IANS ■ JAMMU

The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Monday described the reaction by many politicians to the new land laws in the Union Territory as 'uncharitable and result of misapprehension'.

Rohit Kansal, government spokesman, said at a press conference on Monday, "A number of old laws, at least 11 of them, have been repealed and four major laws have been modified. The old legislations were outdated, regressive and anti-people."

Reacting to reactions by mainstream politicians, who have said the new land laws have put J&K on sale, the spokesman said, "Many of these reactions are uncharitable."

"For example, some political parties have said that J&K is now on sale. Some others have said there is no protection with regard to land on similar lines as has been given to people by some other states."

"We think there are lots of misapprehension, misinformation and lack of clarity on these issues. The old land laws were probably a product of their times and may have been appropriate to the times when those were intro-

duced. "The old land laws were essentially meant to serve an old agrarian rural economy. Quite obviously, many of those laws had been outdated and obsolete."

"For example the big lands abolition act fixed a ceiling of 182 kanals, but it was superseded by the agrarian reforms act of 1976 which redefined the law and yet the two laws continued to co-exist."

Kansal further said: "The Agrarian Reforms Act 1976 is 44 years old and yet this act prohibited selling of any land that was available to the tiller and even after a generation has past, the land could not be sold or transferred. As a consequence of this, you had large number of benami transactions."

"There was a need to straighten up, clean up the system and provide a set of simple land laws which would prevent unnecessary litigation and prevent discretionary interpretation of laws which leaves opportunities for the vested interests."

As per the new land laws enacted on October 27 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, any citizen of India can buy land in J&K, except land reserved for agricultural purposes.

Vijayan hits out at Centre, probe agencies for violation of federalism

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday lambasted the Central agencies investigating various corruption charges against his Government and alleged that all these probes were as per script prepared by forces outside the State.

"Certain forces want to tarnish the image of my government and they are discrediting the good works done by us during the last five years. This is against federalism and an open violation of the Constitution," said Vijayan who read out a statement from a prepared speech.

Addressing the media as part of briefing the Covid-19 situation in the State, Vijayan came down heavily on Enforcement Directorate for exceeding its brief and interfering in the affairs of the State. The ED is probing charges of money laundering and gold smuggling scam in which the Chief Minister's Office is allegedly involved.

M Sivasankar, the former principal secretary to the Chief Minister who is also his close confidante has been arrested in connection with the case and is under the custody of the agency. Bineesh Kodyiyeri, son of party secretary Kodyiyeri Balakrishnan too was arrested by the agency for his role in narcotic smuggling and money laundering. The two arrests have brought the opposition parties to the

streets and has put the CPI(M)-led government in a dilemma.

Chief Minister blamed both the central agencies and the media for selective leaking and publishing of certain reports which he said was against all norms. "The State Government is observing the norms specified in the Constitution. But these agencies are investigating the cases with ulterior motives as they have a hidden agenda," charged Vijayan.

He read out a list of encomiums bestowed on his government by some NGOs and media houses and said that it proved that Kerala was the best managed State in the country. Though the Chief Minister did not point out the kind of trespass made by the central agencies, he alleged that certain forces were behind the attempts to sabotage LIFE Mission and K-Phone projects, two flagship programmes of the State.

The K-Phone Project (Kerala Fibre Optic Network) is a joint venture between two public sector undertakings, Kerala State Electricity Board and Kerala State IT Infrastructure Ltd, which envisages internet connectivity to 2 million houses free of cost.

There were reservations expressed by the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission which questioned the viability of such a project while the Centre's Bharat Net mission was on the verge of completion.

BJP's Velayudhan breaks down during press meet, alleges insult

KOCHI: A day after Sobha Surendran, vice-president and senior BJP leader came out in the open accusing V Muralaedharan, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and K Surendran, president of the Kerala unit of conspiring to finish her political career, P M Velayudhan, senior BJP leader and national executive member too lambasted party leadership for insulting him.

Velayudhan started sobbing while describing the humiliation he is undergoing in the hands of the party leaders. "I joined the party only to serve Bharat Matha and not expecting any position or power in return. After dedicating my entire life for the growth of the party in the State, I feel that I have been dumped in an old age home," said Velayudhan who was seen sobbing uncontrollably.

Speaking to reporters on Monday, Velayudhan, a Dalit leader, compared himself to aged parents dumped to old-age homes by their children who consider them a burden. "Surendran became party president because I voted for him. But he started ignoring me the

day he was appointed as party president. Though he comes to my town regularly, he never bothers to call me or even attend my calls," said Velayudhan who was seen weeping despite the efforts of his aides to console him.

According to party insiders, Kerala BJP is a house divided along caste and communal lines. While Muralaedharan and Surendran represent the powerful Eezhava lobby, leaders like Krishna Das and former Mizoram Governor K Rajasekharan lead the Nair faction in the party. Sobha has said that Muralaedharan, who could not win any election from anywhere in the State, is out to destroy the emergence of new leaders.

"Despite his indifference to party cadre, we stood with him when scams involving Arun Raveendranath, a fraudster from Kottayam and reportedly a close friend of the minister and a woman by name Smitha Menon jolted the party. But both Muralaedharan and Surendran have their own interests and party workers feel let down," said a senior BJP leader in Kerala.

SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT'S DEATH

Why is CBI still silent on AIIMS forensic report: Maha Cong

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Slamming the CBI for its delay in the investigations into the Sushant Singh Rajput case, the Maharashtra Congress on Monday demanded to know from the investigation agency as to "why there is so much silence" on its part on the forensic report submitted to it more than a month ago by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), which had "concluded" that the actor committed suicide.

"It's been a month since the AIIMS report was submitted to the CBI and there is neither any action nor any official statement issued by CBI as yet. Why is there so much silence?" Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee's general secretary

and spokesperson Sachin Sawant asked.

Sawant said that the investigations into the Sushant Singh Rajput death case was handed over to the CBI after "some people raised questions" about the probe carried out earlier by the Mumbai police.

"But, even the CBI has not been able to reach any conclusion. Suspicion was also raised on the autopsy report given by the Cooper hospital. The AIIMS team said in its report that Sushant committed suicide. The AIIMS panel also confirmed the findings of the autopsy report prepared by the Cooper Hospital and it was concluded that Sushant had committed suicide," the state Congress spokesperson said, as he questioned the CBI as

to why it had not spoken anything about the report.

Raising questions on the CBI's role in the investigations, Sawant wanted to know if the CBI was following the election code of conduct imposed due to the Bihar elections. "Or has Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked them not to act until the elections are over?", he asked.

"We have been saying from the very start that the Sushant case has been politicised and was being used to serve political interests of BJP. The Supreme Court too has validated the investigations done by the Mumbai police in the case," Sawant said.

Sawant said he had a reason to believe that the

Narendra Modi government might have asked the CBI to remain silent as the "conspiracy hatched by the BJP" had fallen on its face.

"A conspiracy was hatched to discredit the Mumbai Police and the Maharashtra government by playing dirty politics over Sushant Singh's death. That is why it has now been proven that three central investigative agencies, including the CBI, were used politically. Sawant also said that the CBI may have been asked to remain silent as the plot that the BJP hatched has fallen on its face," the Congress spokesperson said.

It may be recalled that Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput was found hanging to 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.

Having registered a case of Accidental Death Report (ADR) in connection with Sushant's death, the Bandra police had collected all documents and pieces of evidence, including autopsy and forensic reports and recorded 56 statements as part of the investigations carried out by it under section 174 of Cr PC. After substantial investigations, the Mumbai police had inferred Sushant's death was a case of "suicide".

In the third week of August, the Supreme Court transferred the investigations in the case to the CBI.

Agra's Covid recovery nears 93% 6 killed in road accident in UP

Agra: With 48 fresh cases in the district, Agra's Covid-19 tally now stands at 7,281. So far there have been 148 deaths while the number of discharged was 6,763 as per the state health department.

District Magistrate P.N. Singh said the recovery rate in the district was 92.89 per cent. This is above the national recovery rate of 91.54 per cent.

He said the number of samples collected for testing had reached 2,68,718.

The health department officials said the statewide campaign to randomly test groups of people by their vocations, continued on Sunday. Of the 549 restaurant workers tested only two were found positive. IANS

Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh): Six persons were killed and 10 injured in a road accident in Bahraich district on Monday morning. The accident took place near the Shivdaha crossing when the SUV they were travelling in crashed into an unidentified vehicle. Six persons died on the spot and ten have been admitted to the hospital in a serious condition. All the passengers belonged to Lakhimpur Kheri and were returning from a shrine in Ambekar Nagar. Station officer of Payagpur, Mukesh Singh, said the bodies had been sent for post mortem and their families had been informed of the incident. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has expressed grief at the accident and has directed officials to ensure proper treatment of the injured persons. IANS

8-week relief for prisoners released during Corona period

Aligarh: Currently there is a relief from the Government level for the detainees released during corona lockdown. After the parole is over, it will again extend for an 8-8-week basis, although the police are keeping an eye on their activity outside the jail.

On March 23, the Hon'ble Supreme Court had suggested that the number of prisoners should be minimized in the jail due to the Coronavirus. The Bench of Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justice L Nageshwar Rao had asked all the state governments to form a high-level committee and said that the prisoners sentenced less than seven years punishment can be released on parole. After this order, the state government had issued guidelines related to the release of prisoners on parole in all the districts. PNS

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3 infants die in UP shelter home in 48 hrs, probe ordered

IANS ■ AGRA

Three infants, all under six months of age, died at an Uttar Pradesh government-owned children's home and pre-adoption centre between October 24 and 26, almost a month after an inspection at the centre revealed that the children were not being provided adequate nutrition.

According to an official communication, four-month-old Sunita died on the way to SN Medical College on October 24, three-month-old Prabha and two-month-old Awani, died within hours of being admitted to the hospital on October 25.

At present, two workers take care of 44 children for eight hours in each shift a day.

An additional district sessions judge had conducted an inspection at the Sirolvi village centre in mid-September. There were 13 children then all below five years of age. He had sent a letter to the district probation officer (DPO) citing lack of proper care or nutrition for them.

However, the superintendent at the centre has blamed the sudden weather change in the city and the premature births of the babies for the deaths that started on October 24.

"I was told by the centre management that two children were lodged there in a critical condition. They were thrown away by their parents. Another child was having health complications and died during treatment," District Magistrate Prabhu N. Singh said.

At present, 44 children below 10 years of age are lodged at the state government's shelter facility in Agra for health or who have no known guardians to look after them.

There are six women contractual workers on duty at the centre to take care of kids in three shifts which means that at a given time, there are only 2 workers to look after 44 kids. "I have asked chief development officer J. Reebha to conduct an inspection at the centre. We will ascertain if the death of the children is due to nutritional deficiency or certain medical conditions. I have also ordered medical check-up of all the children lodged at the centre," Singh added.

In his letter dated September 19, additional District Sessions Judge Sarvjeet Kumar Singh had written, "By looking at children, it does not seem that they are getting an adequate amount of milk/nutritious powder.

"The children look extremely weak. The centre in-charge was not able to give any satisfactory answer when asked about the lactogen powder and food purchase register. Children are not provided milk and nutritious food as per the norms, which is objectionable."

Covid vaccine trials at medical college

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ PIONEER

One thousand volunteers have been invited to enrol in a series of large-scale clinical trials aimed at evaluating the safety and efficacy of Covaxin, Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech-led coronavirus vaccine at the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

The clinical trials will begin from November 14 and continue till the end of January. JNMC has enhanced the preparations for the trails after a nod from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

AMU received the confirmation to begin the clinical trials from ICMR on Friday after several days of correspondence, said the Vice Chancellor, Professor Tariq Mansoor.

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Meanwhile, a day after the daily infections dropped to 5369 and the deaths came down to 113 in the state, Maharashtra witnessed the daily infections come down to 4009. Monday's was the second lowest number of infections in five months. Earlier on October 26, infections plummeted to 89.92 per cent to 90.31 per cent.

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Cost-Rs. 70.18 Lacs

2. 19/GM/SM(WC-7)/ET/2020-21, Name of Work:- D/o Village (C/o Balance C.C. Road and Drain in Village Bhooda), Noida
Cost-Rs. 42.30 Lacs

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NOTICE
Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Tuesday, 10th November, 2020 at 03:30 P.M. at its corporate office 6826, Jaipuria Mills, Clock Tower, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007. Inter-alia to consider and take on record the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and Half Yearly ended on 30th September, 2020. This Intimation is also available on the Company's website at www.rtclimited.in and on the Stock Exchange website at www.bseindia.com. Further, in accordance with the SEBI (Prevention of Insider trading) Regulations, 2015 and the Company's Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading, the Trading Window for dealing in the Company's securities was closed from Thursday 01st October, 2020 and will open 48 hours after the said financial results are declared to the Stock Exchanges.

For RTCL Limited
Sd/-
(Vishal Saxena)
Company Secretary

Place: Delhi
Date: 02.11.2020

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NOTICE
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i. To take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2020 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015.

ii. To discuss any other business with the permission of Chair.

By Order of the Board
For Premium Merchants Limited
Sd/-
Director
Date: 02.11.2020
Place: New Delhi (Balbir Singh) DIN:0027438

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For United Leasing and Industries Limited
Sd/-
Anil Kumar Khanna
Director

Place: Haryana
Date: 28th October, 2020

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NOTICE is hereby given that Nirmal Kaushik and Sarabth Kaushik, Late Late Krishna Dev Sharma and Late Urmila Sharma "Seller" claims to be owner and in possession of Prop. No. III-K-62, Block-K, Nehru Nagar, Sec-3, Ghz. (UP) (hereinafter called the said property) by virtue of Mutation Letter Dtd. 30.06.2018 issued by GDA in favor of Nirmal Kaushik and Sarabth Kaushik. The Freshly Deed Dtd. 26.04.2002 Executed by GDA in favor of Krishna Dev Sharma and Urmila Sharma for the said property, and has agreed to sell the said property to Sonya Sharma and Sandeep Sharma has agreed to create mortgage of the said property in favour of our clients, Avis Bank Ltd., having its office at 1st floor, Aditi City Centre, Indraprastha Gatedevelop L.P. All persons/institutions having any claim against or in respect of the said property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equity/loan/charge), gift, trust, inheritance or otherwise whatsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and abandoned and our client shall proceed with the discharge of loan against the said property and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect thereof.

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America votes

The choice between Donald Trump and Joe Biden is one that will determine the rest of the 21st century



It is remarkable that the United States, possibly the most diverse nation, is choosing between two old, White men to lead it out of the tailspin that the Coronavirus pandemic has caused. This is a time when the US and the rest of the world need leadership, and if America does not choose wisely, Chinese President Xi Jinping and his lackeys are just waiting in the wings to dictate a new world order. But what is the wise choice? Should the US vote for a man who has been divisive and broken ethical and moral norms, even though he did correctly call out China's hypocrisy? Or should the US vote for a man who by all accounts is a nice guy, but has clear signs of age-related mental degeneration? Frankly, this is not a choice that the US needed to make; there are far better, healthier and smarter people on both sides of America's political spectrum. In fact, the 2020 election in the US is possibly a horrible advertisement for democracy, American style. Its electoral system is deeply flawed and while the very basic first past the post system in India and many other nations has its issues, the concept of the electoral college, where a candidate can lose the plurality of the nationwide vote by a massive margin and yet win the right to sit in the White House, is one that the rest of the world finds bizarre. At the same time, the enforced duopoly in the US system has led to extremist views gaining more traction within both parties and although the death of centrism is not only an American phenomenon, it is most starkly experienced in the US where, like Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, the Republicans and Democrats have foiled any potential rival from emerging. For a nation that famously "exports" democracy, American democracy is the worst in any large democratic nation.

From an Indian perspective, Trump and the Republicans have usually been kinder towards us since the times of Ronald Reagan although it was Bill Clinton who started to reset the Indo-US relations at the fag end of his term. The Trump administration's more hawkish view of China has been more than welcomed by the Narendra Modi Government, which had good chemistry with the Democrat President Barack Obama, too. And given the geo-strategic importance India has vis-a-vis China, its vanguard capabilities and Pakistan's somewhat fall from grace, the Indo-US partnership will not only continue but is expected to become stronger. With India's growing concern about China's imperialistic agenda and territorial greed, especially in the border areas and the Indian Ocean Region, the Trump administration has already assigned India an important role in its framework, especially with the free and open Indo-Pacific region. Our Quad initiative, with the US, Japan and Australia, has been activated with Trump's pressure. This has further laid the basis for defence and security cooperation. On the other hand, India's economic dependence on the US has increased. For the fiscal year 2019-20, bilateral trade between the two nations stood at \$88.75 billion, making the US India's top trading partner. However, Biden is known to have expressed a softer stance on trade with China. He even hinted at ending the tariffs that Trump had imposed on Chinese imports. So, if Biden is elected, some of the economic gains that India expects might not come true. Having a Vice-President, who has an Indian heritage and speaks Sanskrit and Tamil, might appear as a plus point. But the Democratic Party has often fallen prey to the wiles of separatist elements and religious freedoms could be on the agenda. However, American pragmatism might mean a more nuanced approach to the relationship with India even in a Biden-Harris victory despite Modi personally investing heavily in Donald Trump, although that was before the Chinese contagion ripped the global economy asunder. By the time you read this, voting might have started in several US States, and by all accounts, there is going to be a whole load of chaos across the nation with different States setting different standards for the election with no federal electoral body. Whatever happens, Indian foreign policy objectives might win but the American people will be reminded that they live in a deeply flawed democratic nation.

Stand by women

A-G argues for gender sensitivity in rulings on sexual assault survivors in SC, recommends training judges



There is no doubt that the judiciary has been quite insensitive and vacillating when it comes to handling rape cases and their survivors, sometimes forcing a reconciliation, at other times becoming sexist and overall being guided by a patriarchal mindset. So instead of assuring and encouraging the abused girls, the courts fail them, few of whom anyway register cases with fewer still fighting it out till the end. This is exactly what happened when the Madhya Pradesh High Court directed a man accused of sexual assault to get a *rakhi* tied by his victim as a condition of bail, implying that any man can absolve himself of guilt and recompense a girl's dignity by posing as a brother without her consent and changing the predator status at will by becoming the protector. This is worse than the *khap* mentality that we love to rile about, which advocates that rapists get married to the violated girl in the name of preserving honour. The justice system then becomes equally guilty of violating a girl's rights. Worst, it destroys her integrity by easing bail instead of denying it altogether. So Attorney-General KK Venugopal has rightly raised the issue in the Supreme Court, saying judges seem to have been "carried away" while passing the order and that they need to be educated. He further called for adding a part on gender sensitisation in the judges' recruitment exam. It is a sad comment that judges, who are considered learned, informed and seen as notables, are woefully inadequate when it comes to not just gender rights but ensuring humane and equal standards. Unfortunately, this isn't the first time that such bizarre statements have been made in a sexual assault case by the sitting judge. On June 22, while granting bail to a rape accused, Justice Krishna S Dixit of the Karnataka High Court said he found the woman's statement "a bit difficult to believe" and asked her why she had gone to her office at 11 pm and why had she not objected to consuming drinks with the accused, as if proximity implied consent for sex. The judge even felt that it was unbefitting of the woman to have fallen asleep after she was raped, undermining the severity of the physical assault. In July, a civil court in Bihar's Araria district sent a 22-year-old gang-rape survivor to jail on charges of obstructing court proceedings. In 2015, the Madras High Court, in a highly criticised order, granted bail to a convicted rapist and advised a "compromise" between him and his unmarried victim, who had become pregnant. Such rulings have only prejudiced the affected woman, making her look like a revenge-seeker than a credible victim. Worst, her trauma has only multiplied because the justice system rarely individualises the woman on a case-specific basis but defines her in feudalistic terms and judges her under the cultural umbrella of a desired behaviour of Indian womanhood.

Trivialising verdicts on sexual offences means that rape adjudication and sentencing are still subject to stereotypes despite legislative reform. It is not like the A-G's suggestion for gender awareness lessons is new. Training and sensitisation of judges have been recommended and followed since 2013, post the December 2012 gang-rape and murder of Nirbhaya. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013 explicitly stated that lack of physical resistance is immaterial for constituting an offence and even broadened the scope of sexual assault. But correspondingly, the judicial sanctification of virginity, chastity and honour being a woman's most prized possession, in turn, places the burden of proof on victims. So, while the demand for swift justice continues to echo throughout the country, we should also call for the reformation of the judiciary and the restructuring of the Provincial Civil Services (Judicial) exams. With the conviction rate in rape cases abysmally low at 27.2 per cent, archaic rulings do not settle cases but unsettle women further.

Beheadings in France

As Indians, we need to stand by France and wage a united war against terrorism while upholding our secular and democratic values



A SURYA PRAKASH

The decision of the French President Emmanuel Macron to defend freedom of speech in his country, following the barbaric beheading of a school teacher and some others by radicalised Muslims, has led to violent protests across Islamic nations. The perpetrators of these violent acts in France, it is believed, were seeking to avenge the caricaturing of Prophet Mohammed in a French magazine. So it has become a blasphemy versus free speech issue in a nation that rests on the foundation of liberty, equality and fraternity.

Most of the protesters in the Islamic world are justifying the beheadings and baying for the blood of the French President. The biggest culprit is the former Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahathir Bin Mohamad, who said that Muslims have the right "to be angry and to kill millions of French people for the massacres of the past". This is an open encouragement to bloodshed and must easily be the most outrageous and irresponsible statement made by a person who has held an important public office in a big nation. It is surprising that Twitter has only deleted Mohamad's tweet and restrained itself from taking more severe action.

While all this is on in the Islamic world, how should citizens of India respond to the developments in France? Several Indian cities have seen angry protests by Muslim citizens against the caricaturing of the Prophet. There is legitimacy for these protests so long as they are peaceful and non-violent and do not cause any disturbance to the normal run of life. That is why the conduct of Farhan Zuberi, a student leader from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), who has justified the beheadings in France and held out an open threat to behead anyone speaking against Islam, deserves to be condemned.

India, given its democratic credentials, has taken the right stand against this kind of violence. The Foreign Ministry condemned the beheading of the school teacher in Paris and said there can be no justification for terrorism "for any reason or under any circumstances". For once, the Ministry put aside its weakness for prevarication and "strongly deplored" the personal attack on the French President and said it is a violation of the most basic standards of international discourse.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also taken a firm stand. In a tweet, he strongly condemned the terrorist attacks, including the heinous attack in Nice inside a church. "India stands with France in the fight against terrorism", he tweeted.

This is where all Indians have to draw the line. They cannot behave like the citizens in the Islamic States where everything revolves around religion and the space for public discourse is severely constricted.

For the moment, it can be said that the violent outbursts of the AMU student leader are an aberration. It is not the rule. All those who value democracy speak a different language. That is why the statement of one hundred Indian personalities, who "unequivocally and unconditionally" condemned the recent killings in France by fanatics in the name of faith, is important. The signatories to this statement, who included actor Naseeruddin Shah, former Indian Police Service Officer, Julio Ribeiro and lyricist Hussain Haideri, said: "We are deeply disturbed by the convoluted logic of some self-appointed guardians of Indian Muslims in rationalising cold-blooded murder and deplore the outrageous remarks of some heads of state." The signatories attacked whataboutery and condemned attempts to rationalise crimes by comparing them with other similar crimes. They said this is irrational and absurd. "No god, gods, goddesses, prophets or saints may be invoked to justify the killing and/or terrorising of fellow human beings".

India is the world's largest, secular, liberal, democratic republic

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and all of us who care for the free air we breathe must unite against individuals who defend such brutality.

As citizens of the most democratic and diverse nation in the world, our future lies in the preservation of the core values in our Constitution and our democratic way of life. Secular, liberal democracies cannot survive, let

alone flourish, if any section of the population offers justification for violence in order to assert the correctness of its stand. This applies to all Indian citizens and, in the present context, especially to citizens who are adherents of Islam. No citizen of India can take lessons from Islamic nations which have no respect for plurality and equality. We are different. In fact, we are unique, and we must assert our uniqueness and the exalted status that our Constitution has given us.

Co-existence within a plural society demands a high degree of tolerance. Our Constitution makers recognised this and it is here that our constitutional arrangement is slightly different from that of France. Our "freedom of expression" is subject to "reasonable restrictions." We cannot use it to disturb, among other things, "public order, decency, morality" or resort to "defamation or incitement to an offence." This is further reinforced by provisions in the Indian Penal Code, such as Section 153 A, 295 and 295 A, which prohibit any activity which promotes enmity between different groups or amounts to "deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or the religious beliefs". Therefore, we are distinct and we should completely stay clear of the violence that is being promoted by the Islamic nations against France.

As the campaign for a separate Muslim nation started building up in the 1940s, Dr BR Ambedkar, after much deliberation, came to the conclusion that the creation of Pakistan was inevitable. In his book, *Thoughts on Pakistan*, he said, "The alle-

giance of a Muslim does not rest on his domicile in the country which he belongs. To the Muslim *Ubi Bene Ibi Patria* is unthinkable. Wherever there is the rule of Islam, there is his own country. In other words, Islam can never allow a true Muslim to adopt India as his motherland and regard a Hindu as his kith and kin." Dr Ambedkar said this 75 years ago and in a certain context — when Muslims in India said that they constituted a separate nation — and established Pakistan. About 35 million Muslims stayed back in India after Pakistan was born because they believed that life in a liberal, democratic environment was far better than in an Islamic State. In these Muslim families, the third generation is growing up with the protection and safeguards offered by India's Constitution.

These citizens, like all others belonging to other faiths, who have grown up under this secular, democratic umbrella, can see that Pakistan is a failed State that is weighed down by its own failures and has cross-border terrorism as a single-point national agenda. The issues that prompted the creation of Pakistan are no longer relevant. That being the case, they need to prove Dr Ambedkar wrong. The times have changed and peaceful co-existence offers all of us the best chance. As Indians, we all need to stand by France and all other democracies and wage a united war against terrorism and against all those who are opposed to secular, democratic values.

(The writer is an author specialising in democracy studies. Views expressed are personal)

SOUNDBITE

If you were a voter in Bihar, do they tell you about unemployment, jobs, new industries, MSP for food grains, crop insurance, flood relief, women's safety etc? The answer is zilch... nothing.

Senior Congress leader —P Chidambaram



The US thinks India will contain China, which is a completely flawed premise. India is a threat to its neighbours, to China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and to us.

Pakistan PM —Imran Khan



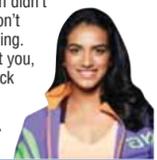
He (Akhilesh Yadav) is young, educated and a visionary. In the prevailing circumstances in the country and the State, we need to strengthen secular forces.

Former Congress MP —Annu Tandon



Yes, Denmark Open didn't happen but that won't stop me from training. When life comes at you, one must come back twice as hard.

Badminton player —PV Sindhu



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Impose curbs on Pak

Sir — The admission made by the Federal Cabinet Minister Fawad Chaudhry on Islamabad's role in the Pulwama terror strike should be taken into consideration by the United Nations and other international bodies for initiating action against Pakistan for using terror as an instrument of State policy. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) must take cognisance of this fact and blacklist Pakistan. However, till such a time, India needs to develop a targeted strategy to focus on the business interests of Pakistan. The Government should start by identifying companies and individuals from India that do business with Pakistani entities or even those who have a presence there.

New Delhi should adopt a multi-pronged approach rather than impose sanctions in silos. With its focus on policies like Neighbourhood First, Act East and multipolarity, India is nurturing friendships with other countries and can further leverage these in the implementation of its sanctions strategy against Pakistan.

Yash Pal Ralhan
Jalandhar

BJP politicising Pulwama attack

It is most unfortunate that the BJP is trying to use Pakistan's Science and Technology Minister Fawad Chaudhry's statement about Islamabad's role in the Pulwama attack to woo the voters in Bihar. It is as if the party waited for the "confession." It grabbed it with both hands as a big chance to try and turn the pro-Tejashwi tide in the ongoing Assembly election in its favour. Clearly, the BJP does not want the voters to believe that the ruling party and the Opposition are nationalistic and patriotic in equal measure. The attempt to portray the Opposition as not adequately "pro-India" and "anti-Pakistan" is absolutely preposterous.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi slammed "politics" on Pulwama and rightly so, but then can he be oblivious to the fact that his own party has perfected the art of invoking the Army to outdo the Opposition in domestic politics? It is wrong to misconstrue pointing out "lapses" as an unpatriotic act as it is done to ensure greater caution and avert a repeat of such



attacks. Dragging Pakistan in election after election by the ruling party at the Centre to make it look more acceptable to the electorate is a sad commentary on Indian democracy. It is time we learn that we don't have to define our identity and existence in relation to a neighbouring country.

G David Milton
Maruthancode

Delhi's toxic air

Sir — On November 1, the share of stubble burning in Delhi's pollution rose to 40 per cent, the maximum so far this season. The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor, System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR), had spotted 3,216 farm fires over Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand on the day before. As the common man continues to trudge helplessly through the smoke and pollutants, the Government needs to take strict action this time, especially as we continue to live with the Coronavirus. The immediate step would be banning the sale of firecrackers as Diwali is just around the corner. The Centre and State Governments should work on alternative ways of disposing of the stubble like the accelerated straw decomposition process. We also need to bring innovation in the energy sector. We have no option but to invest in new ideas.

Urvi Jain
Ujjain

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FIRST COLUMN

MVA must focus on development

As long as Uddhav ensures that there is no friction among the alliance partners, there is no danger to the Maharashtra Government's stability



KALYANI SHANKAR

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will complete one year in office later this month. He is heading a coalition Government, which consists of the Shiv Sena, the Congress Party and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). Eyebrows were raised when the three parties came together to form a Government though there is no common factor among them. Despite some differences, the Government has survived for a year due to the accommodative attitude of the partners. Uddhav is the first from the Thackeray family to become the Chief Minister, though he was reluctant to occupy the chair initially. He has been functioning under the tutelage of the NCP chief Sharad Pawar, who has had a long innings, both as Chief Minister and Union Minister. It was Pawar who had put together the coalition, Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA), and keeps it going.

There have been speculations regarding the stability of the Government and many expected either the NCP or the Congress to pull out of the coalition, resulting in its collapse. However, Uddhav seems to be confident of the survival of the MVA but apprehends danger to the Government from the outside, particularly from the BJP, which is the main Opposition party in the State. Though inexperienced in governance, Uddhav has matured. In his calm and quiet manner, he is running the Maharashtra Government with help from Pawar.

So what is Uddhav's report card like? First, his Government has survived so far. Second, like many of the other Chief Ministers and leaders around the globe, he was stunned by an unexpected pandemic, which hit the world. The outbreak of Coronavirus has been Uddhav's biggest challenge so far as it has destroyed the economy of Maharashtra, like it has that of the country. So he faced twin challenges, apart from apprehending political instability at any time.

Maharashtra was one of the States to register the maximum number of COVID cases in the country and it may take months to stabilise. Mumbai was the worst-hit because it has Asia's biggest slum, Dharavi, and also many workers from there and neighbouring Pune had brought back the infection from the Gulf countries, where they had migrated for better prospects. Added to that was the challenge of dealing with the thousands of migrant labourers who felt abandoned. Just like in the rest of India, in Maharashtra, too, there were cases of thousands of migrant workers trudging back home. These two challenges were difficult even for experienced administrators across India to handle. But in the end, Dharavi became the symbol of how to manage a pandemic and was lauded by the World Health Organisation, too.

Uddhav had to deal with some controversies along the way. One of them was the alleged murder of actor Sushant Singh Rajput (SSR), which turned out to be suicide, and the muck-raking that followed SSR's death. Then there was the case of the NCP Minister Nawab Malik announcing a five per cent reservation for Muslims, which was part of the common minimum programme of the coalition. The Chief Minister quietly maintained that the issue was sub-judice and the partners kept quiet too. Another challenge for the new Chief Minister was keeping his flock together as there were major apprehensions that the BJP would break his party and engineer a collapse of the Maharashtra Government. But the Sena stood by him and perhaps to reassure them, Uddhav in his Vijaydashami speech, adopted an aggressive tone. He utilised the occasion to clarify many issues raised by the BJP. Uddhav has belied the belief that he has no fire in his belly with his new-found assertiveness. Vijaydashami would have been an ideal occasion for the Chief Minister to speak about positives and his vision for the future but he chose to counter-attack the erstwhile partner, the BJP. He also clarified the Sena's Hindutva ideology. He said, "My Hindutva is not merely reopening temples. Those who question our Hindutva were hiding after the Babri Masjid was demolished... My Hindutva comes from Chhatrapati Shivaji, my father, and others; it's about hitting the enemy, it's about nationalism." This was in reply to the Governor who questioned the Maharashtra Government's decision not to reopen temples and tauntingly asked Uddhav whether he had "turned secular."

Significantly, the Sena chief asserted that the MVA Government was stable. "Many (read BJP) were saying they will make the Government fall. People are still saying the same. I would like to dare them all. If you dare to try to break this Government you will fail." He also taunted, "Rather than working on improving the economy, steps are taken to topple governments. We are heading towards anarchy." For a novice, running the coalition was quite difficult as it was under stress all the time but the BJP is not in a position to form the Government unless it breaks the Congress or the NCP. As long as Uddhav ensures that there is no friction among the MVA partners, there is no threat to the Maharashtra Government's stability. Uddhav must focus on development in his second year.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

PATY WAS KILLED AS ISLAMISTS WANT OUR FUTURE. WE PLEDGE TO FIGHT ISLAMIST SEPARATISM TAKING HOLD OF SOME COMMUNITIES IN FRANCE.
 —FRENCH PRESIDENT
EMMANUEL MACRON

POINT COUNTERPOINT



PRESIDENT MACRON COULD HAVE PUT A HEALING TOUCH AND DENIED SPACE TO EXTREMISTS. SADLY HE HAS CHOSEN TO PROVOKE MUSLIMS
 —PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER
IMRAN KHAN

Food for thought

The co-existence of APMC and non-APMC markets giving competition to each other is the best foot forward for ensuring a fair deal to farmers



UTTAM GUPTA

The enactment of the three farm laws by the Central Government has triggered agitations by farmers' organisations and a spate of court cases, specially from non-NDA ruled States. Their main worry is that growers won't get the Minimum Support Price (MSP) on sales made outside the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis (markets). All this, when it is well-known that under the APMC, agriculturists are already getting a raw deal. The constitutional validity of the farm laws has been challenged in the Supreme Court, too, with the Chhattisgarh Government arguing that these have in effect repealed the State law on the mandi system. It will be some time before the matter is adjudicated by the top court. The fact remains that with multiple selling options available under the new Central laws, growers will definitely be much better off. Instead of trying to undo what the Centre has done, the States should focus on how APMC mandis can do better.

The most strident criticism of the laws is based on a belief that big food companies, who now get to buy directly from agriculturists outside the designated APMCs — courtesy, the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020 — will use their power to deny growers, particularly small and marginal ones, the MSP for their produce. In fact, an amendment passed by Punjab says that the sale of its cash crops, wheat and paddy, will be valid only if the seller pays a price equal to or greater than the MSP announced by the Central Government and that any violation would be punishable.

Before jumping the gun and speculating over what the farmers won't get, we need to introspect as to what they are getting under the existing dispensation. At present, they are required to bring their produce to the mandi notified by the State Governments under their respective APMC Acts. Growers can't take their produce to any other place (if any farmer does this, s/he runs the risk of the vehicle being impounded by the State agencies for violating the extant law). If a buyer is willing to pick the produce up from the farmers' doorstep, even that is not possible.

On reaching the designated mandi, the agriculturist is confronted with two major players, namely arhtiyas or commission agents and licenced traders or buyers. The main function of the arhtiyas is to arrange for the auction and delivery of the harvested crop to the buyers. He gets a commission at the rate of 2.5 per cent of the purchase price and this has to be borne by the buyer. In addition, the latter has to pay other charges levied by the State Government (for instance, Punjab levies market fee at the rate of three per cent and rural development cess or RDC at three per cent).

In cases where the licenced trader is a State agency, such as the Food Corporation of India (FCI), which purchases grain for meeting the requirements of the Public Distribution System (PDS) and giving them to beneficiaries at a subsidised price, the farmer is assured of the MSP. But State agencies don't buy all of the produce brought by growers to the mandi for sale. Even for wheat and paddy, where the agencies have a well-entrenched network, the purchase is only about 33 per cent of the total produce. For others (the Centre notifies MSPs for 22 agri-items), this is much less.

The agriculturists, who are not fortunate to sell

GIVING MORE OPTIONS TO FARMERS TO SELL THEIR PRODUCE CAN'T BE STALLED JUST BECAUSE THE POTENTIAL BUYERS WON'T GIVE THEM MSP. INSTEAD OF OPPOSING REFORM THAT PROMISES SOMETHING DISTINCTLY BETTER THAN WHAT THE FARMERS ARE GETTING TODAY, THE STATES NEED TO WORK TO MAKE THEIR MANDIS EFFICIENT AND HEALTHY



their produce to State agencies (these are predominantly small and marginal growers), are left at the mercy of the arhtiyas and licenced traders and are forced to dump it at a price substantially below the MSP. Arhtiyas exploit farmers in other ways, too. They lend money for buying agricultural inputs, namely seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and so on (in many cases, for weddings, medical emergencies, too). The interest charged is a minimum 1.5 per cent a month. That leads to mounting debt for farmers.

According to a study on *Indebtedness Among Farmers and Agricultural Labourers in Rural Punjab*, as many as 86 per cent of farmers and 80 per cent of agricultural labour households are mired in debt. Over a fifth of that debt was owed to commission agents and moneylenders. What's more, the debt burden gets worse down the scale. It's the heaviest among marginal and small farmers.

The conditions of millions of small and marginal growers could not have been worse than what it is today. And this has to do fundamentally with the absence of alternative options to sell their produce.

The extant arrangements are being used by States to bolster their coffers (for instance, Punjab garners about ₹1,750 crore annually from levy of RDC at the rate of three per cent) at the cost of the Centre. This is because the levies increase the cost of food procurement for distribution under the National Food Security Act, 2013, which increases the food subsidy. It is a typical case of States gaining access to Central funds outside the award of the Finance Commission (whether one likes or not, the taxpayers' money is also used up for adding to the riches of arhtiyas

as their commission too, is coming out of the food subsidy).

The Central law on trade and commerce opens up a world of opportunities to the farmers even while keeping the APMC intact. They can go to a private market for selling; they can enter into a contract for selling to a company (processor, aggregator, large retailer, exporter and so on) at their doorsteps, form farmer producers' organisations (FPO) and sell under their umbrella. To worry about whether they will get MSP on all such sales, that too when at present they are literally getting nothing, is flawed thinking. By all means, they must be protected from exploitative corporations. That doesn't mean they should be denied access to them though.

In August, 2018, among the several amendments approved by the then Devendra Fadnavis Government to the Maharashtra Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 1963, a provision related to making purchase of farm commodity below the official MSP a punishable offence. With this, if a private trader buys farmers' produce at a price lower than the MSP, he could be jailed for one year, and will have to pay a fine of ₹50,000. This led to widespread consternation and had to be dropped.

Even so, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 on contract farming has provisions to protect the interests of farmers. For instance, the grower can walk away from the contract anytime but the company can't. It protects the minimum guaranteed price in the event of a drastic fall in the open

market rate, even as the agriculturist gets a share of the post-contract price surge after a contract farming agreement is signed. To give a fillip to development of parallel markets, the Central law has also disallowed State levies (market fee, RDC and so on) on transactions outside the APMC platform. While, on one hand, this move will reduce the cost of food to consumers, on the other, it will lessen the burden of food subsidy. Instead of re-introducing these levies, the States will do well to abolish these on purchases made at APMC mandis as well.

Complementing the other two legislations, the Centre has also enacted, the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 to exclude pulses, cereals, edible oil, oil seeds, onions and potatoes from the purview of this archaic law. This will free the processors, millers, exporters and so on from stock limits and other shackles and help them do their business in a seamless manner. However, the exceptions (imposition of stock limits in situations of sudden spike in price like in the case of onions right now) should be sparingly used as it gives the wrong signal, particularly in export markets, and will eventually boomerang on farmers.

Giving more options to farmers to sell their produce can't be stalled just because the potential buyers won't give them MSP. Instead of opposing reform that promises something distinctly better than what the farmers are getting today, the States need to work to make their mandis efficient and healthy. Both APMC and non-APMC markets giving competition to each other is the best foot forward for ensuring a fair deal to farmers.

(The writer is a policy analyst)

Air quality management is the answer

Enacting laws sans assessment only leads to diverting attention from long-term comprehensive solutions to short-term myopic interventions



SNEHASHIS MITTRA

A legislation on air quality management in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) is perhaps an idea whose time has come. With the Supreme Court hot on its heels on the issue of air pollution, the Central Government has taken a holistic view of the matter. A new law will seek to put a permanent statutory body in place with participants from the affected States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh (UP) and, of course, Delhi to reduce air pollution in contiguous areas. Delhi's air quality has been in the "very poor" category and is predicted to remain so till the end of winter. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's satellite imagery also showed a very dense cluster of fires in Punjab, Haryana and nearby regions. Air pollution in urban

areas arises from multiple sources, which may vary with location and developmental activities. Anthropogenic activities, such as rampant industrialisation, exploitation and overconsumption of natural resources and the ever-growing population size, are major contributors to air pollution.

The Delhi-NCR region bears the brunt of farmland fires that contribute heavily to the annual air pollution crisis. Dense smoke billows from smouldering paddy fields, which are set on fire to prepare the ground for sowing the next crop. The smoke rises and settles over vast swathes of north and north-west India. Coupled with local emissions and dust, it has in recent years turned cities into what the apex court once described as "gas chambers."

According to data compiled by the Union Agriculture Ministry, Punjab accounted for 82 per cent of the stubble burning cases, besides Haryana and UP, between October 1 and 23. This contributed heavily to the foul air choking Delhi-NCR.

In a recent order, the top court had ordered the deployment of the National Cadet Corps, National Service Scheme and Bharat Scouts and Guides for assisting in the monitoring of crop

residue burning in the fields of Punjab, Haryana, UP and Delhi-NCR, saying all it wants is that the "people can breathe fresh air without any pollution."

The law intends to address the issue of multiplicity of authorities that hampers coordinated action, though it has to address State jurisdictions involved in implementing steps. There are enough laws to deal with the situation, experts feel, saying multiplicity of institutions and overlapping laws may end up creating even more confusion and friction.

Both the Centre and the States have enough powers under the existing laws and more than any new legislation, there has to be actual action on pollution sources while implementing existing rules and regulations effectively, say experts.

As of now, the Central Government has been using its powers under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in order to issue directions to control pollution. Both the State and Centre have enough powers under existing laws — the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 — to take pre-

ventive and remedial measures to deal with air pollution. In case the Centre intends to enact a law regulating farming practice, it will have to ensure that it does not encroach upon the domain reserved for the State. Agriculture is a State subject while the environment is in the Concurrent List. In case it directly impacts agricultural practices, it is likely to face both social opposition as well as legal challenges, say environmental experts, who rue that the Supreme Court, Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA), the National Green Tribunal (NGT), the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) may not be that clear as to what needs to be done. They say that if the Government is keen on resolving the issue, it must undertake a thorough review of the various laws and institutions in order to look at their efficacy and utility.

Enacting laws or issuing directions without any assessment and consultation only ends up as a way to divert attention from long-term comprehensive solutions to short-term myopic interventions.

"The problem lies in the fact that

political will is missing when it comes to implementation. Having said that, it will be a welcome step if there is a specific provision to deal with crop residue burning at the national level. It should not be left alone as a problem in Punjab and Haryana only. Satellite images from central and southern India show the extent of crop waste burning in these parts as well, which have an impact on local climate resilience," says Polish Mukerjee, Air Quality Researcher.

There is no dearth of power under the law, the question is of adherence, says Anumita Roy Chowdhury, Executive Director, Centre for Science and Environment.

The moot question, according to former counsel for the CPCB in the Supreme Court Vijay Panjwani, is what action the Centre can take if the State fails to follow the directions?

A report by Beijing-based policy think tank, Bluetech Clean Air Alliance (BCAA), released in June 2019, had said that China faced a similar problem and the Chinese Government started to show strong political commitment in tackling the issue from the highest levels, which is widely considered to be a key factor for the success

of such measures. "Political commitments from the State Governments are also required to ensure they are transformed into solid actions. Effective air quality management requires science-based policy-making, analysing scientific assessments, data monitoring, emissions inventory, air quality modelling, source apportionment studies and transport planning. China's lessons showed that significant investments and efforts that have no foundation in science are made in vain, with no impact on air quality improvement," says the report.

Despite US President Donald Trump's jibe about India's "filthy air", Delhi did record a drop of 25 per cent in PM-10 levels and a 19 per cent fall in PM-2.5 in 2019, as compared with 2016. But neither the pace of decline of these two key air pollutants, nor the existing target under the National Clean Air Programme are likely to be enough to make the city breathe easily even by 2024, going by the national ambient air quality standards. Air quality management is the need of the hour and must be undertaken at all cost.

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WHAT TOOK BORIS SO LONG?

The tough restrictions will hurt but are needed — and the UK Prime Minister's foot-dragging has only increased the cost. This lockdown will save lives, and the more assiduously people respect it, the more quickly and effectively it will work. The public has so far proved markedly more responsible than those leading the country. But every Government failure saps the morale, goodwill and sense of purpose on which compliance depends. (The Guardian editorial)

FINAL HOURS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Trump, Biden race to woo voters

Washington: President Donald Trump and his Democratic challenger Joe Biden were making a last ditch efforts on Monday to convince undecided voters of their plans and policies on the final day of the campaign in critical battleground states, with polls indicating that the race for the White House could be headed for a photo-finish.



The two candidates spent Sunday making their final pitches to voters ahead of Tuesday's election. Trump, 74, toured five battleground states of Michigan, Iowa, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida while his 77-year-old rival spoke at a campaign event in Pennsylvania, where the race also looks tight.

Trump, a Republican, plans a hectic campaign trip through Wisconsin and Pennsylvania on Monday, aimed at saving the key states he won four years ago.

Both Biden and Trump are also trying to woo Indian-American voters, one of the critical voting blocs in this year's election.

There is an estimated four million Indian-American pop-

ulation of which about 2.5 million are potential voters in the November 2020 presidential elections. Over 1.3 million Indian-Americans are voters in key battleground states, including Texas, Michigan, Florida and Pennsylvania.

in the hours after polls close on Tuesday. The figure of 93 million includes 33 million in-person votes and 58 million mail-in ballots.

National polls continue to show Biden leading Trump, by about 8 percentage points.

US elections, however, are not determined by the national popular vote, but rather in the 538-member Electoral College, with each candidate needing a majority of 270 to win the presidency.

In all but two of the country's 50 states, either Trump or Biden will win all the electors from each state by winning the popular vote there, with the most populous states holding

the most electors. The coronavirus pandemic is a major topic during this election. The US has recorded more cases and more deaths than any other country worldwide, reporting more than 81,000 new infections on Sunday alone. Some 9.2 million people are also affected by the

disease. The US economy saw record-breaking 33 per cent growth in the third financial quarter of this year, following a record 31 per cent contraction in the second.

On Monday, Trump and Biden started their war of words on Twitter. **PTI**

Biden says if elected, he will host summit of democracies to counter rising authoritarianism

Fayetteville (US): Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has said that if elected, he will convene a global summit of democracies in the first year of his presidency to counter the "rising authoritarianism" in the world and address issues of election security and human rights.

Biden accused President Donald Trump of "embracing" every autocrat in the world which he said has undermined America's credibility. "One of the things that

have hurt us so badly, is that this president has embraced every thug and every autocrat in the world, in ways that have undermined our credibility," the former vice president said during a conference call on Sunday.

"I'll energise the community of democracies to counter the rising authoritarianism we see in the world. In my first year, we're going to host a summit of the democracies to address election security, human rights, etc." Biden said. **PTI**

French schools reopen in mourning after Islamist beheading of teacher

Paris: French schools reopened on Monday for the first time since the beheading of a teacher who opened a class debate on free speech by showing students caricatures of the prophet of Islam, in mourning and under tight security for a national holiday.

Samuel Paty was killed on Oct. 16 outside his school in suburban Paris by an 18-year-old refugee of Chechen origin to punish him for showing the caricatures published by the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, which triggered a newsroom massacre by extremists in January 2015.

Since their re-publication in September at the start of the ongoing Paris trial over the killings, France has endured three attacks blamed on Muslim extremists: one by a Pakistani refugee that injured two people outside the newspaper's old headquarters, the slaying of the schoolteacher, and a deadly knife attack last Thursday in a church in the Mediterranean city of Nice.

All three have prompted terrorism investigations, and France is now at its highest level of alert.

French President Emmanuel Macron promised to increase protection of schools and churches immediately after the Nice attack, more than doubling the number of soldiers actively deployed

in the country. Paty was killed at the beginning of a two-week French school holiday.

On Monday, the school where he taught at Conflans-Saint-Honorine reopened for teachers only. **AP**

Tens of thousands in B'desh protest against French Prez

Dhaka: Tens of thousands of Muslims marched in the streets of Bangladesh's capital on Monday in the country's largest protest yet against the French president's support of secular laws that allow caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad.

The protesters, organised by the Hefazat-e-Islam group, a network of teachers and students at thousands of Islamic schools, gathered outside the main Baitul Mokarram Mosque in downtown Dhaka.

They chanted "Down with France" and "Boycott French Products" and burned effigies of French President Emmanuel Macron.

"I ask the French government to apologise to the 2 bil-

lion Muslims in the world. I also ask the world's Muslims to demonstrate their faith by boycotting French products and terminating diplomatic relations with France," Nur-Husain-Kashemi, a leader of the group, told the protesters.

"I ask the government to shut down the French Embassy. It's a shame that they haven't passed a resolution of condemnation in Parliament," he said. Monday's protest was the largest in a series of anti-France demonstrations in Bangladesh since last week that have called for the closure of the French Embassy and for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to condemn France. Hasina has yet to officially comment. **AP**

Barrett to join Supreme Court arguments for the first time

Washington: Justice Amy Coney Barrett is expected to join her Supreme Court colleagues on Monday to hear arguments for the first time.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the high court began hearing cases by phone in May.

That means the public won't see the new justice, but they'll be able to hear her if she asks questions, as all her colleagues have been doing. Also because of the pandemic, the court has been allowing the public to listen to arguments in real time, a change from the past.

Participating in oral arguments will be among the first things Barrett will do after being confirmed last week in a 52-48 virtual party-line vote, with Republicans overpowering Democrats to install President Donald Trump's third Supreme Court nominee. **AP**

Trump threatens to fire Dr Fauci in rift with disease expert

AP ■ OPA-LOCKA

President Donald Trump is suggesting that he will fire Dr Anthony Fauci after Tuesday's election, as his rift with the nation's top infectious disease expert widens while the nation sees its most alarming outbreak of the coronavirus since the spring.

Speaking at a campaign rally in Opa-locka, Florida, Trump expressed frustration that the surging cases of the virus that has killed more than 230,000 Americans so far this year remains prominent in the news, sparking chants of "Fire Fauci" from his supporters.

"Don't tell anybody but let me wait until a little bit after the election," Trump replied to thousands of supporters just after midnight Monday, adding he appreciated their "advice."

PHILIPPINES

16 dead, thousands of homes damaged in typhoon

Manila: At least 16 people were killed as Typhoon Goni lashed the Philippines over the weekend, and about 13,000 shanties and houses were damaged or swept away in the eastern island province that was first hit by the ferocious storm, officials said Monday.

Goni blasted into Catanduanes province at dawn Sunday as a super typhoon with sustained winds of 225 kilometers (140 miles) per hour and gusts of 280 kph (174 mph).

But the storm weakened considerably after making landfall and shifted direction to spare the capital, Manila, before blowing out into the



Residents try to save what's left of their belongings after heavy rain central Philippines on Monday **AP**

South China Sea. The Office of Civil Defense said at least 16 people were killed in Catanduanes and nearby Albay province, where three others remain

missing. Catanduanes, an island province of more than 260,000 people that is often lashed by Pacific storms, was isolated after losing power and com-

munications due to Goni and another typhoon that had hit a week earlier. But managed to connect to the outside world on Monday after disaster-response authorities flew to the devastated island with satellite phones.

Catanduanes Gov Joseph Cua and other officials said at least five people drowned and four were injured in the typhoon, which whipped up 5-meter (16-foot) storm surges. About 13,000 shanties and houses were damaged or swept away when the typhoon slammed into the province, they said. Many residents fled to safety from their homes as the typhoon approached. **AP**

Pak Opp alliance asked to postpone Peshawar rally

Peshawar: An alliance of Opposition parties in Pakistan has been asked by a minister in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government to postpone their upcoming rally in Peshawar Khan due to threats of a possible terrorist attack.

The Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), an alliance of 11 opposition par-

ties formed on September 20, has launched a three-phased anti-government movement under an "action plan" to remove the Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government.

The PDM, which earlier held rallies in Gujranwala, Karachi and Quetta, plans its next demonstration in Peshawar on November 22. **PTI**

Poland protests leader: abortion court ruling must be waived

Warsaw: A leader of Poland's massive protests triggered by the tightening of the country's strict abortion law said Monday the court ruling must be withdrawn.

Klementyna Suchanow, leader of the "Women's Strike" rights organisation, said that a 12th daily round of street blockades and marches was planned Monday and more will come during the week, despite an anti-COVID-19 ban on public gatherings of more than five people.

Nationwide protests by hundreds of thousands of people have been held daily since Oct. 22 when a constitutional court barred abortions of fetuses with congenital defects, further narrowing one of Europe's most restrictive abortion laws in the predominantly Catholic nation.

The court ruling means that an abortion is only permitted in Poland when a pregnancy threatens the mother's health or is the result of crime like rape or incest.

"The ruling by the so-called Constitutional Tribunal must be withdrawn," Suchanow said, stressing that the legal status of the court itself is being contested.

Critics question the independence of the tribunal after the ruling right-wing Law and Justice party put its loyalists in the court shortly after it took power in 2015. Some say the move was a breach of the law.

Suchanow said that Poland's abortion law needs liberalization, but admitted it may not be possible under the current conservative government, which has a narrow majority in the lower house of parliament.

Support for the ruling party started shrinking even before the abortion ruling. The government's moves to control the judicial system, a new animal rights law and remarks against LGBT rights by top officials created political divisions and provoked some protests. **AP**

Hindu homes attacked in Bangladesh over rumours

Authorities order stern action against culprits

Dhaka: Some radical Islamists vandalised and set on fire the houses of several Hindu families in Bangladesh's Comilla district over rumours about an alleged Facebook post slandering Islam, prompting authorities to order stern punitive actions against the culprits, officials said on Monday.

The households were vandalised and later set on fire on Sunday after a Bangladeshi man, who lives in France, allegedly praised President Emmanuel Macron for taking steps against "inhumane ideologies" after a teacher in Paris was decapitated for showing caricatures of the Prophet, officials said.

The headmaster of a

kindergarten school in Purbo Dhaur and another person reportedly shared his comments welcoming Macron's action in a comment on the post which was spread on social media with the claim that the headmaster supported caricatures of the Prophet.

As the rumours about the Facebook post spread, tension mounted in the area on Saturday.

The village chief, himself a Hindu, handed them to police. They were produced before a local court which denied bail and sent them to jail pending trial. The police launched a case under the Digital Security Act against them.

"Orders have been issued to arrest anyone who appeared as suspects alongside launching routine legal procedures against those involved," Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told PTI. **PTI**

NORTHERN RAILWAY
1st CORRIGENDUM
No. 256-Sig/SPL/TKJ/219/TKD A&C Dated:- 02.11.2020
Sub:- 1st corrigendum to tender notice No. 256-Sig/SPL/TKJ/219/TKD A&C dt. 29.10.2020 in connection with tender for the work of Outdoor and Indoor Work with part supply of Signalling materials in Connection with the work of replacement of signalling gears with El at Tughlakabad A and C Cabin in DELHI Division of Northern Railway.
The following item of above tender notice may be read as under:-

| As per original NIT | Revised as per this corrigendum |
|--|---|
| Cost of Tender - Rs. 5,20,27,391.15 (Rs Five Crore Twenty Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Three hundred Ninety One and Paise Fifteen Only) Closing date - 11.00 Hrs. on date: 23.11.2020 Date of opening - 11.30 Hrs. on date: 23.11.2020 | Tender No. 256-Sig/SPL/TKJ/ 219/TKD A&C dt. 29.10.2020 may be treated as cancelled. |

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N K Textile Industries Limited
Registered office: Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025
CIN: L17299DL1983PLC163230, Tel: +91 11 61119313
Email id: n.ktextiles123@gmail.com, website: www.nktil.com

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the meeting no. 03/2020-21 of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 10th November, 2020 (Tuesday) at the registered office of the Company at Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 at 4.30 P.M to discuss the following agenda items:
i. To take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2020 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015.
ii. To discuss any other business with the permission of Chair.

By order of the Board
For N K Textile Industries Limited
Sd/-
Balbir Singh Director
DIN:00027438
Place: New Delhi
Dated:02.11.2020

Press Notice Inviting e-Tender No. 26/PNIE/EE/DWS/BLN/2020-21.
The Executive Engineer, DWS Division, Belonia, South Tripura District, Tripura invites online percentage rate e-tender in 2(two) bid system on behalf of the "Governor of Tripura" for the work "JMM scheme/Retrofitting of JMM scheme/Different water supply scheme under South Tripura District/SH: Construction of 12 (twelve) Nos. Deep Tube Wells with Contractor's high capacity direct rotary drilling rig and other machineries, equipments under various programmes including providing of ERW pipes, pea-gravels etc. in South Tripura District of Tripura State during the year 2020-21 (Gr-II)" with Estimated Cost of ₹ 3,93,87,940.00. Deadline for online bidding, Pre-bid meet are 27.11.2020 & 05.11.2020 respectively.
For details please visit www.tripuratenders.gov.in and for any query please contact:-03823-224-812
Sd/-
(Er. T. Chakma)
Executive Engineer
DWS Division, Belonia,
South Tripura District, Tripura
ICA/C-1987/2020-21
"Conserve Water and Save Life"

RAGHUNATH INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
CIN No.: L52312UP1994PLC022559
Regd Office: 8/226, Second Floor, SGM Plaza, Arya Nagar, Kanpur UP 208002
Corporate Office: 6926, Jaipuria Mills, Clock Tower, SubziMandi, Delhi-110007
E-mail: rgc.secretarial@rediffmail.com, Website: www.raghunathintl.com

NOTICE
Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Tuesday, 10th November, 2020, at 03.00 P.M. at its Corporate office at 6926, Jaipuria Mills, Clock Tower, SubziMandi, Delhi-110007, inter-alia to consider and take on record the Un-Audited Standalone and Consolidated financial results of the Company for the quarter and Half Yearly ended on 30th September, 2020.
This Information is also available on the Company's website at www.raghunathintl.com and on the Stock Exchange website at www.bseindia.com.
Further, in accordance with the SEBI (Prevention of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and the Company's Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading, the Trading Window for dealing in the Company's securities was closed from Thursday 01st October, 2020 and will open 48 hours after the said financial results are declared to the Stock Exchanges.

For Raghunath International Limited
Sd/-
(G.N. Choudhary)
Director
Place: Delhi
Date: 02.11.2020

HAFFKINE BIO PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION LIMITED
(Procurement Cell)
Tel No. 022-24100478
E-mail- procurementcell@vaccinehaffkine.com
Aeharya Donde Marg, Parel Mumbai 400012 (INDIA)

TENDER NOTICE
Date:- 02/11/2020
Managing Director, (Procurement Cell), Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. Mumbai invites tenders in two envelope systems from eligible bidders for following items for various Health institutions in Maharashtra.

| Sr. No. | Tender No. | Name of Description | Pre Bid Meeting | Period of Sale and Preparation of bid & bid submission | Bid Opening |
|---------|------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1. | E-2508 | Purchase of Instrument & Equipment. | Bidders should send their queries by email on or before 11.11.2020 upto 11:00 am) | From 04.11.2020 10.00 a.m To 19.11.2020 up to 14.00 hrs. | 21.11.2020 at 14.05 hrs |

For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
For e-tendering help/ information, please contact:
Contact No. 1800-233-7315, 91-7878107985, +91-7878107986, +91-7878007972 and +91-7878007973
Email - eproc.support@maharashtra.gov.in
Sd/-
(Dr. Sadanand Bhise)
Manager (Equipment)
Haffkine Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd.
(Procurement Cell), Mumbai
DGIPR/2020-2021/1087

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Dr.Gajender Kumar Nayyar s/o Lt. S.L.Nayyar r/o A-203 Winter Hill Apartment, Dwarka, Delhi-110059, has severed his relation from his son namely Sourabh Nayyar due to his misconduct and misdemeanor towards my client and my client have debarred him from his all moveable and immovable properties.
My client shall not be responsible for his any illegal acts and transaction in future.
Jatin Kumar (Advocate)
Enroll. No. D/3852/2014
Ch.No. 734, Saket Court Complex, Delhi-110017
No. 9999026072

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NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING
In pursuance of Regulation 47 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, 10th November, 2020, at 4.00 P.M. at its Head Office: 318-A, Hemkunt Chambers, 89 Nehru Place, New Delhi: 110019, inter-alia to consider and approve and adopt unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended on September 30, 2020 pursuant to Regulation 33 of LODR.
The said information is also available on the Company's website at www.rampurfert.com and the same has been also sent to CSE and MSE to upload on their websites i.e. www.cse-india.com, www.mse.in respectively.
By order of Board
Sd/-
Anshuman Khaitan
(Managing Director)
Place: New Delhi
Date: 02.11.2020

Pak PM to launch 'mega CPEC City' project in KP
PTI ■ PESHAWAR
Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan will launch work on a mega city development project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in Rashakai town of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province on November 18, according to a media report.
Federal Minister for Defence Pervez Khattak announced that the prime minister would launch the "CPEC City" project while addressing a public meeting in Abakhel, Nowshera Kalaan on Sunday, the Geo News reported.

NOTICE
This is to inform & seek objections, if any, from general public that Mr. Rishabh Kumar son of Sh. Som Prakash has left for heavenly abode on 30th August, 2020 and he was the allottee of Commercial Unit No.47 on 2nd Floor, type-Showroom in the project known as "Maya Garden Magnesia" and the said property is proposed to be transferred in the name of Sh. Som Prakash S/o Sh. Nathu Lal father of the said deceased person (as per clause-1 of Legal Heirs). Any person or entities including any bank, societies or financial institutions having any claim, right, title or interest in the above said property in any manner whatsoever by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment, licence, maintenance or otherwise whatsoever, shall bring the same to the notice of the undersigned in writing with supporting documents/evidence within a period of 21 days from the date of this notice failing which such claim if any, shall be considered to be waived, abandoned and it shall be presumed that no person or entities including societies/bank /financial institution has any claim of any nature in respect of the said property and any subsequent claim shall not bind us in any manner.
Barnala Builders
(Maya Garden Magnesia, Ambala Chandigarh Highway, NH-22 opp. McDonald, Zirakpur).

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Monday, 9th November, 2020, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Un-audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended on 30th September, 2020.
The information contained in this notice is also available on the Company's website www.cubicalcreators.com as also on the website of the Stock Exchange viz. BSE Limited - www.bseindia.com
For Cubical Financial Services Limited
Sd/-
Place: New Delhi (Ashwani Kumar Gupta)
Date: 02-11-2020 Managing Director

SIMBHAOLI SUGARS LIMITED
CIN : L15122UP2011PLC044210
Website : www.simbhaolisugars.com
Registered Office : Simbhaoli Distt. Hapur, Uttar Pradesh - 245207
Tel. No. : 0120-4806666, Fax: 0120-2427166

NOTICE
Pursuant to Regulation 29 and 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 through Video Conferencing, inter alia, to consider and approve the un-audited financial results for quarter/six months period ended on September 30, 2020.
The said notice may be accessed on the Company's website at www.simbhaolisugars.com and also available on the website of stock exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com
For Simbhaoli Sugars Limited
Sd/-
Place : Noida Kamal Samantani
Date : 02.11.2020 Company Secretary

Sensex snaps 3-day losing streak

RIL TANKS OVER 8% POST Q2 SHOW

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity indices found firmer ground on Monday after three days of declines as robust demand for banking and financial stocks amid upbeat macro-economic data neutralised heavy selling in heavyweight Reliance Industries. A positive trend in global markets too bolstered sentiment, though a sharp depreciation in the rupee capped the gains, traders said.

After gyrating 633.11 points in a choppy session, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 143.51 points or 0.36 per cent higher at 39,757.58.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty advanced 26.75 points or 0.23 per cent to 11,669.15.

IndusInd Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 7.10 per cent, followed by ICICI Bank, HDFC, Axis Bank, Bharti Airtel, SBI, Bajaj Finance and HDFC Bank.

ICICI Bank on Saturday reported an over four-fold jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 4,882 crore for the September quarter, driven largely by core income growth and lesser provisions for the pandemic-related impact.

Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd on Monday said its consolidated net profit declined by 57.5 per cent to Rs 4,600 crore in the July-September quarter of 2020-21. However, during the quarter ended September 30, 2019, Rs 8,000 crore pertained to profit on loss of control of subsidiary GRUH Finance Limited, it added.

Reliance Industries (RIL) was the top laggard among the Sensex constituents, crashing 8.62 per cent, after the company on Friday evening reported a 15 per cent drop in second quarter net profit as a slump in core oil and chemicals business dragged down continued good showing in consumer-facing verticals such as telecom.

HCL Tech, TCS, Asian Paints, Tata Steel, Bajaj Auto, Maruti and UltraTech Cement also ended in the red, skidding up to 2.49 per cent.

"The weak opening reflected the rough waters market the entered last week.

Gold rises by ₹103; silver gains ₹793

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices rose ₹103 to ₹51,286 per 10 gram in the national capital on Monday supported by strong global trends and rupee depreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

The precious metal had closed at ₹51,183 per 10 gram in the previous trade.

Silver also gained ₹793 to ₹62,155 per kilogram, from ₹61,362 per kilogram in the previous trade.

"Spot gold prices for 24

karat in Delhi were up by ₹103, supported by strong global gold prices and rupee depreciation," HDFC Securities Senior Analyst (Commodities) Tapan Patel said.

The rupee depreciated 32 paise and settled at 74.42 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday tracking strong American currency amid global risk aversion.

The local unit opened at 74.40 at the interbank forex market, then lost further ground and finally closed at 74.42 against the greenback, down 32 paise over its last close.

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Forex market was closed on Friday on account of Id-E-Milad.

Uncertainty ahead of US presidential election weighed on investor sentiment, traders said. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.23 per cent to 94.25.

"Additionally, the banking stocks are attempting to price, in expectation of the positive SC verdict on moratorium. The Indian market is expected to be volatile, amidst mixed

global sentiments due to increasing COVID cases, US election and delayed stimulus," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Great sales but wait before celebrating

KUSHAN MITRA ■ NEW DELHI

Before we get into the lacunae of this column, one should know that the auto sector will likely also declare record sales for the month of November 2020. This is primarily because in 2020, the festive season has been later than most years and is split almost equally between the two months with Diwali taking place on November 14. That said, how much should one read into the massive domestic sales announced by all major automobile, two-wheeler and commercial vehicle manufacturers? First things first, while sales in October 2020 are significantly higher than October 2019, one should

remember that this time last year, the automotive industry was hurting as sales had declined sharply since the 2017-2018 time period. Yes, sales are up from last year, but in many cases sales have not recovered to pre-downturn levels, and pretending that the brakes hadn't been applied in 2019 will be a disservice to everyone.

The other major thing to remember for all automotive categories is that despite the sales bump in October and expected bump in November, sales for the year are still down on last year as there were no sales in April and the months of May, June and July barely existed as well.

Even after October, if one looks at 'Year To Date' sales for this fiscal year over last year, sales are down between 15-25 percent for most automakers and while there are a few who have bucked the trend, notably Kia, that is because they are a company in a growth phase in India.

There are also a couple of other things to keep in mind right now, for companies like Hyundai Motor India Limited which had record domestic sales of 56,000 units in October, that has come at the cost of exports. Of course,

exports are up significantly for some companies, notably Bajaj Auto whose exports have climbed dramatically thanks to their operations in Africa, a continent notably less affected by the pandemic, but four-wheeler exports are down significantly across the board. Predicting the rise of global demand is going to be difficult and for a nation like India, which has become a major export hub, this is something to keep an eye on.

Thanks to Maruti-Suzuki, India's largest carmaker being a listed company, there are some other learnings that one can glean from their results and conference as well.

Sales of cars that operated commercially, mainly as taxis for the likes of Ola and Uber, sales have nosedived. Maruti-Suzuki said that from as much as seven percent a few quarters ago, sales of such vehicles account for just 2.4 percent of volumes today.

From this one can glean that the recovery for the likes of Ola and Uber may be a long and drawn out one. And if private car sales are up, that is also an indication that the trust levels for such app-based operations have crashed. Let us be honest, a plastic sheet between the driver and passenger will

The automotive sector had a bumper October, but everyone should hold off the celebrations just yet

make little or no difference when the ventilation system is the same.

There are also some positives for the market here. The average ticket size of a sold car for one large manufacturer has gone from Rs 4 lakh/unit to Rs 8 lakh/unit from 2014 to 2020. People are spending more money on their cars and they want more features on cars. This means buyers want more features - touchscreens, safety and more - in their cars. That is a good thing and a higher ticket size usually means more work for component manufacturers as well.

But all this is no indication of how things will play out in 2021, and here Maruti-Suzuki Chairman RC Bhargava might be precinct, the company does not know how sales will be in 2021 as the real impact of the Coronavirus might be next year as people really tighten their pursestrings.

Those who have to buy a car or motorcycle due to the collapse of app-based taxis and public transport would have already done so, and attracting people into the market next year with job growth being minimal and next to chance of salary increments will be tougher than most people expect.

GST shortfall: Centre to transfer ₹6,000 cr to 16 States, 3 UTs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Monday said it will transfer ₹6,000 crore as the second tranche of GST compensation shortfall to 16 States and 3 Union Territories - including Maharashtra, Bihar, Assam, Puducherry and Delhi.

The Centre had on October 23 transferred ₹6,000 crore to 16 States and 2 UTs of Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir.

In the second tranche of transfer, Union Territory of Puducherry has been included. "The Ministry of Finance, Government of India, under its 'Special Window to States for meeting the GST Compensation Cess shortfall', will be releasing an amount of ₹6,000 crore as second tranche to 16 States and 3 Union Territories today," the ministry said in a statement.

This borrowing was done at an interest of 4.42 per cent, which is lower than the cost of borrowings for the states and UTs, thus benefiting them, it said. "Ministry of Finance has facilitated loans of ₹12,000 crore till date under the Special Window to States/UTs," it added.

21 states and 3 Union Territories till date, have opted for the Special Window and the

loans raised by the Centre would be released on a back-to-back basis to states/UTs, in lieu of GST Compensation Cess releases. The loans have been released to the following states and Union Territories - Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, MP, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, UP, Uttarakhand, Delhi, J & K and Puducherry.

Last month, the Centre gave in to the demands of opposition ruled states to borrow and fund the GST compensation shortfall.

The Finance Ministry said that the Centre would borrow from the market to pay the GST compensation shortfall of ₹1.1 lakh crore to states, and then act as an intermediary to arrange back-to-back loans to state govts. This arrangement will not reflect in the fiscal deficit of the Centre and will appear as capital receipts for state govts. The Centre had in August proposed two options to states: borrow Rs 97,000 crore (on account of GST implementation) from a special window facilitated by the RBI or the complete shortfall of Rs 2.35 lakh crore (including Rs 1.38 lakh crore due to COVID) from the market.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform & seek objections, if any, from general public that the Mr. Rishabh Kumar Son of Sh. Som Prakash has left for heavenly abode on 30th August, 2020 and he was the allottee of property Unit/Commercial Space No. 722 B on 7th Floor, Type Multi Use Studio in the project known as "GPR Centum" situated at Village Singhpura, Zirakpur, Tehsil Derabassi, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali), Mr. Som Prakash Smt. Buheshi Kumari and Mr. Rahul Bharti the father, the mother and the younger brother of the said deceased person have claimed as clause-1 Legal Heirs and have obtained a Certificate of Legal Heir from Municipal Councilor declaring three of them as the sole legal heir of the said deceased and further all the legal heirs have furnished their consent to transfer the whole share of the said property in the name of Mr. Som Prakash son of Mr. Nathu Lal and as such they had also submitted an undertaking in this respect as well. Any person or entities including any bank, societies or financial institution having any claim, right, title or interest in the above said property in any manner whatsoever by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment, licence, maintenance or otherwise howsoever, shall bring the same to the notice of the undersigned in writing with supporting documents/evidence within a period of 21 days from the date of this notice failing which such claim if any, shall be considered to be waived, abandoned and it shall be presumed that no person or entities including societies/bank/financial institution has any claim of any nature in respect of the said property and any subsequent claim shall not bind us in any manner.

Director
Gupta Builders and Promoters (P) Ltd.
(SCO 196-197, Ground Floor, Sector 34-A,
Chandigarh, Pin Code: 160022)

COSCO (INDIA) LIMITED

(CIN: L25199DL1980PLC010173)
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Listing Regulations"), a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 to, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30.09.2020; as per Regulations 29 & 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

A copy of the said Notice and the Financial Results shall also be available at the Company's website at www.cosco.in and the website of the Stock Exchange - BSE at : www.bseindia.com

For Cosco (India) Limited
Sd/-
(Pankaj Jain)
Whole Time Director and CFO
DIN:00190414
Place : Delhi
Date : November 02, 2020

Data centre industry to see USD 5 bln investment by 2025 on data localisation

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Data centres, which have seen a massive growth on the back of data localisation diktats and the pandemic, will witness USD 5 billion in investments till March 2025 and a threefold increase in capacity, a report said on Monday.

The overall capacity, which is measured by the amount of power they consume, stood at 360 MW as of March 2020 and the same is expected to surge to 1,100-1,200 MW by end of March

2025 after the investments of up to USD 5 billion, the report by the research arm of rating agency Crisil said.

The data centre business has entities like Japan's NTT, Sify, Hiranandani Group etc in the fray already, and others like the Adani Group and an arm of Bharti Airtel have already announced investment plans.

The research note said there was a 38 per cent growth in data consumption in April-June period and the consumption will continue to grow at a compounded rate of 25-30 per cent per year in the next few

years, it said.

The growth in consumption will be driven by factors such as high growth in e-commerce, increase in usage of social media, greater preference for over the top (OTT) platforms, the government's impetus to the Digital India initiative and rapid digitalisation of services across industries, it said. Data localisation norms initiated by the government and regulators, which mandate storage of sensitive data within India, will also support development of local data centres, it said.

SC seeks status report on Mallya's extradition in 6 weeks

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to file status report on extradition of fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya within six weeks.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, submitted before a bench headed by Justice U.U. Lalit that some legal proceedings are still pending in the UK, which is delaying Mallya's extradition.

The top court after a brief hearing in the matter adjourned the case to the third week of January. IANS

Parliament Standing Committee discusses production of coal, lignite

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Coal and Steel on Monday discussed issues related to production of coal and lignite as well as planning in different coal fields in India. The meeting was held in Parliament premises at 11.30 a.m. The 31-member committee, including 21 Lok Sabha members and 10 Rajya Sabha members, discussed "production of coal and lignite, its projection and planning with specific reference to performance of Western Coalfields Limited and Central Coalfields Limited". Bharatiya Janata

Party's (BJP) leader and Member of Parliament from Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, Rakesh Singh, chaired the committee which was reconstituted on September 13 this year.

Coal Controller's Organisation granted permission for opening and re-opening of nine coal or lignite mines during April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. There has been a continuous increase in overall consumption of coal over the years. Consumption or actual supply of coal (including imports) increased from 836.93 million tonnes in 2016-17 to 968.03 million tonnes in 2018-19.

L&T lowest bidder at ₹7,289 crore of Mumbai-Ahd bullet train project

New Delhi: Larsen & Toubro has emerged as L1 for another package in the Bullet Train project - the country's biggest infrastructure project till date.

Larsen & Toubro emerged as the lowest bidder at ₹7,289 crores for the C6 package for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project, popularly referred to as the Bullet Train project from the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL). Coming at the heels of winning the mega C4 package of ₹24,985 crore (that constitutes 46.66 per cent of the project), C6 involves the design and construction of civil and building works.

INBRIEF

PHONEPE NOW HAS 250 MILLION USERS IN INDIA

Bengaluru: Digital payments platform PhonePe on Monday claimed it has crossed the 250 million registered users in the country. The company also reported over 100 million monthly active users (MAU) and 2.3 billion app sessions in October. "Our next target is to cross 500 million registered users by December 2022," said Sameer Nigam, CEO and Founder of PhonePe. PhonePe said it processed a record 925 million transactions in the month on October, with an annual TPV (total payment value) run rate of \$277 billion.

VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK-2020 CONCLUDED

New Delhi: The Vigilance Awareness Week-2020 was launched by Northern Railways from 27.10.2020 to 2.11.2020 with administration of Integrity Pledge at the Headquarters office, Baroda House to the officials by General Manager, Northern Railway. Simultaneously, the pledge was also administered to the officers and staff at all the five Divisions by the concerned Divisional Rail Manager's in their area of jurisdiction.

PUBLIC WELFARE SCHEMES RECOGNISED AT NATIONAL LEVEL: CM

Rajpur: On the occasion of Chhattisgarh State Foundation Day, ₹ 1500 crore was transferred into the bank accounts of farmers as the third installment of Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, in the virtual presence of Member of Lok Sabha Mr. Rahul Gandhi. In this Rajyotsav programme organized at Chief Minister's Residence Office, Swami Atmanand English Medium School Scheme and Mobile Hospitals cum Laboratories were inaugurated in 30 urban slum areas of the state under Mukhyamantri Shabri Slum Swasthya Yojana, in the presence of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, Vidhan Sabha Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant, and Ministers. Extending hearty greetings of State Foundation Day to people of Chhattisgarh, MP Mr. Rahul Gandhi said that farmers and labourers are the foundation of the country. Entire country is struggling in this time of pandemic, but the weaker section of the society is facing more difficulties and has become more vulnerable.



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MP MISHRA TAKES OVER AS DIRECTOR NALCO

Bhubaneswar: Manasa Prasad Mishra, has taken over as the new Director (Projects & Technical) of the Navratna CPSE National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO). Prior to the present assignment, Shri Mishra was serving in the Company as Executive Director of Smelter and Power Complex at Angul. After graduating in Mechanical Engineering from UCE Burla (now Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology), Shri Mishra began his career in NALCO as Graduate Engineer Trainee in 1984.



NTPC - Q2/H1 FY21 UNAUDITED RESULTS

The Country's largest power generator- NTPC Ltd. with a group installed capacity of 62910 MW, declared the unaudited financial results for the second quarter and half-year ended 30 September, 2020 on 2 November, 2020. The gross generation of NTPC in H1 FY21 was 127.86 Billion units as against 130.14 Billion units during the corresponding period of previous year. NTPC Coal stations achieved PLF of 61.26% in H1 FY21 as against the National Average PLF of 49.58%. On standalone basis, in Q2 FY21, total income was ₹ 26,023.33 crore as against ₹ 23,658.23 crore in Q2 FY20, registering an increase of 10%.

AGRITECH TO TECH-ENABLE 50,000 SMALL FARMERS

New Delhi: Agritech Enablers Private Limited, a company incorporated to facilitate technology adoption by India's tech-starved small and marginal farmers for enabling manifold increase in their minuscule agri income, on the occasion of sowing of its first seeds in the open farm, announced plans to comprehensively tech-enable 50,000 small and marginal farmers across India in five years. "We have a vision to enable technology to make a significant impact on the lives of small and marginal farmers. We are all passionate about the cause and are committed to help build world-class agripreneurs" said Vijay Pahwa, Chairman, Agritech Enablers, a 50-year marketing veteran of tyre and petroleum industries, and Director of National Skill Development Corporation.

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The information is also available on website of the BSE Limited www.bseindia.com where the shares of the company are listed and is also available on the website of the company viz, www.rotogridia.in

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Place: New Delhi
By Order of the Board
For Rotographics (India) Limited
Poonam Saxena
Compliance Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

| 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 | Date and Time of Property Inspection | Date & Time of Auction |
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| 1. | Jyoti (Borrower), Ramesh Kumar Rout- C Co Borrower, LBDEL0002301759, LBDEL0002554513 | House No.- N-K-I/333, Ground Floor, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, Area 274 Sq.ft. | Rs. 18,32,068 (as on October, 27th 2020) | Rs. 10,50,000/- Rs. 1,05,000/- | November 23, 2020 11:00AM to 03:00PM | December 03, 2020 From 11:00AM to 01:00PM |

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **December 02, 2020** before **05:00 P.M** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, Plot No 23, Shal Tower 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005**, and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **December 02, 2020** before **05:00 P.M** with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, Plot No 23, Shal Tower 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005** on or before **December 02, 2020** before **05:00 P.M**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi

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Please note that Marketing agencies 1. **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** 2. **Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd** 3. **Props AMC** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: November 03, 2020
Place: Delhi/NCR
Authorised Officer
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FootSay

Researchers have shown that socks coated in zinc oxide nanoparticles (ZnO-NPs) can prevent foot odour and bacterial infection causing smelly feet, reducing the negative impact this embarrassing condition has on quality of life. Developed by the Royal Thai Airforce, the ZnO-NP-coated socks were trialled in a real-life setting by researchers in Thailand



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Is your belly dancing?



As the festive season has begun and so does our indulgence in food. Puddings, sweets, ghee-laden puris and all kind of beverages take a toll on our digestive system and we often complain of indigestion, acidity, bloating, constipation and other gastric issues. And, if these problems are dampening the spirit of the festive seasons then fret not. We have come up with some easy ways to take care of your gut health. By following these few simple and effective tips, you can enjoy the festive season comfortably and smoothly. These tips include:

Stay hydrated: We often forget to drink enough water and keep ourselves hydrated during the festive season. However, we should have adequate amount of water to keep ourselves fresh and make our health good as water helps in passing the food from our body. Dehydration can disrupt the smooth function of the gut and when we drink adequate quantity of water, it helps to create our stool softer and with the same it doesn't constipate you.

Limiting the intake of oily and fatty foods: We all know that festivals do not let us limit our food intake but we need to be cautious and avoid foods that are very high in fat content. The fat rich foods put us at a greater risk of constipation and higher chances of indigestion.

To prevent yourself from falling sick, try to avoid taking too much of caffeine during the festive season as excess of caffeine can harm your digestive system. Include salad, fruit and vegetables in your diet, this will add roughage which is good for gut

Don't skip your exercise: Since you have slept late because of the festive season, it should not be an excuse to give your exercise a miss. Go for your daily dose of exercise/workout for healthy and hassle-free digestion during your festive holidays. Exercise improves your gut health too.

Avoiding the intake of caffeine: To prevent yourself from falling sick, try to avoid taking too much of caffeine during the festive season as excess of caffeine can harm your digestive system. You should balance your diet accordingly. If you're taking a lot of caffeinated or aerated drinks, then include salads, fruits and veggies in your diet. It will add roughages, which are good for gut health.

Practise moderation: We completely understand that it's difficult to not gorge on the food-items, which you have been waiting for long to eat during the festive season. But you need to practise portion control. As the name suggests, it means we don't have to avoid the food we love but we have to eat in moderation. The best way to do is to limit the portion size by using smaller plates, utensils and serving spoons.

Relax and breathe: Irregularity of sleep and food is quite common during the festive season. Therefore, sometimes such erratic schedules can lead to stress. Relaxing for a while is very important for your body to stay healthy. Festivities don't mean you should forget to keep calm.

Plan your day wisely: By this we mean that you need to plan your day keeping in mind your health. Enough sleep, less intake of sugary snacks, planning your meals is important. To keep your body fresh all day, you need to take care of all the things. A good planning lets you to enjoy the festival in a more healthy, relaxed and better way.

WARMFOODS
STAR ANISE: Also known as *badian* or *chakra phool*, star anise is a spice that work wonders for your health and skin in winters. The oil produced from star anise contains thymol, terpineol and anethole, which is used for treating cough and flu. It makes it a must have spice, especially during the current time when all one wants is to keep flu at bay. Anise also helps improve digestion, alleviate cramps and reduce nausea. Consuming star anise tea after meals helps treat digestive ailments such as bloating, gas, indigestion and constipation. It is also rich in antioxidants and Vitamin A and C, which help fight free radicals that are responsible for early ageing and Diabetes. Star anise also helps boost immunity. Not only this, but adding star anise to a healthy diet and lifestyle may be able to keep your heart in good shape to protect against issues like heart disease and stroke.

Keep paranoia at bay

In times of unexpected uncertainty, our inability to cope with the crisis may increase chances of mental health problems like paranoia and delusional thinking. KUHOO GUPTA shares tips that can help

There is a famous saying "The idle brain is the devil's workshop". As Covid-19 has rendered several people with imperilled jobs, this has fabricated disquietude pressure upon people which is making them live in monochrome due to getting engrossed with depressing thoughts and this has become a buzzword for the past few months. The world's reluctance regarding poor mental health is discreetly visible all these years.

The continual rise of deterioration of psychological condition among people is finally succumbing to the society's nonchalant pursuit. Our mental wellbeing has been needlessly tossed on a bonfire due to an existence bedevilled by tedium which has also given a raise to vacuous mental health disorder — delusion thinking and paranoia—making people suffer so much worse during this time of pandemic. In times of unexpected uncertainty, our inability to cope with the crisis may increase chances of mental health problems like paranoia and delusional thinking. Such condition tends to strongly incapacitated people due to incorrect interpretation of reality.

Psychological delusion and paranoia are silent destroyers—just like the virus. If we do not open this Pandora's box, it could mutate to create self-defeating dimensions. It has potential to create mass violence in the inner world which develops delinquency in functioning the daily routine of an individual. The cause of paranoia lies behind a breakdown of many mental and emotional functions that involve reasoning and assigned meanings. The reasons behind these breakdowns vary. Some symptoms relate to denied, projected, or repressed feelings. Paranoid thoughts and feelings are often related to relationships and events in a person's life. This increases their isolation, and makes it more difficult to get help.

Some symptoms of paranoia and delusional disorders are:

- Intense irrational suspicion or mistrust
- Fear, anger and betrayal
- Hypervigilance
- Difficulty forgiving
- Defensive attitude
- Hidden motives keeping you busy
- Fear of being taken advantage/inability to relax
- Argumentative

Here are few tips to effectively cope up with such phenomena:

Aromatherapy: Aromatherapy will help healing paranoia. Essential oils derived from plants are either inhaled or absorbed through the skin to promote a sense of calmness and ease physical discomfort.

Frankincense essential oil has been said to help lift mood and balance irrational fear within a paranoid person. One study which used frankincense alongside other oils known to promote relaxation



found that the combination was effective in alleviating fear due to irrational thinking for terminally ill patients, and may have helped with pain management as well. Another study conducted on mice found that frankincense stimulates the portion of the brain that regulates feel good emotions, in addition to activating a protein that plays a role in the perception of warmth. These effects together can create a sense of comfort and peace to the person with paranoia. Also, lavender is a good choice to relax the mind when the person is suffering from mental disturbances.

Aquatic therapy: Severe traumatic paranoia events can physically weaken the joints and muscles to the point where they can't support your body's weight or motion capabilities on land. Aquatic therapy gives mental health patients more buoyancy which makes it easier to perform, touch, feel and move. The water also provides the resistance needed to strengthen brain muscles. Water can improve one's brain health by simply increasing blood flow and oxygen to the brain — which, in turn, improves concentration and cognition (supporting memory function) and helps balance moods and emotions, reducing stress and headaches.

Breath for life: A recent study found that practicing mindfulness meditation, even over a short period, reduces feelings of paranoia. Mindfulness meditation is the one linked to predicting levels of paranoia. Mindfulness meditation produces brain oscillation changes and increases brain network integration, which could contribute to the decreased abnormal brain activities and reduced delusion. Mindfulness training increases

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acceptance and ameliorates anxiety/distress emotion, resulting in general improvement in psychotic symptoms.

Compassion with Chakras: Balancing your chakras can help you restore the energy flow in your system and thus, reduce delusion levels. Derived from the Sanskrit word "wheel," chakras are considered the centers of energy in

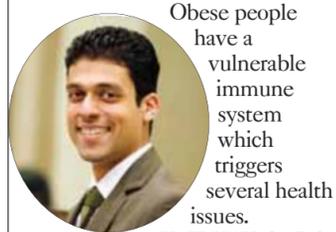
the body. Chakras are centers where major nerve points meet and where life force, or "prana," flows harmoniously. Hindu and Buddhist traditions believe that when the flow of energy is blocked, it disrupts physical, emotional, and mental health. There are seven main chakras that connect to nerve points or plexuses in the body. According to the Western practices, these seven points affect the nervous system and the endocrine glands. Each chakra is associated with a specific colour from the seven rays of the spectrum light, or rainbow. Colour light is an electromagnetic wave that affects our bioenergy and stabilises our mental health energy.

Hypnosis: also referred to as hypnotherapy or hypnotic suggestion, is a trance-like state in which you have heightened focus and concentration. Hypnosis is usually done with the help of a therapist using verbal repetition and mental images. When you're under hypnosis, you usually feel calm and relaxed, and are more open to suggestions. Hypnosis can be used to help you gain control over undesired thinking and to help you cope better with delusional thinking or pain. It's important to know that although you're more open to suggestion during hypnosis, you don't lose control over your behavior.

Yoga Nidra: Yoga nidra has been found to be effective in reducing symptoms of delusional thinking more than other types of relaxation techniques. Yoga nidra are widely known to alter the perceptions and mental responses to both external and internal stimuli, slowing-down reactivity and instill greater control over stressful-situation.

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HEALTHY DIET IS KEY



Obese people have a vulnerable immune system which triggers several health issues. VAIBHAV GARG shares tips that may help keep your weight under check

We have all heard about co-morbidities (the state of having multiple health conditions at the same time) being primarily responsible for the high number of COVID deaths, so if you are reading this and know someone who can benefit from knowing how excess weight and immunity are linked, make sure they read this. Knowing the scientific facts and how natural remedies actually form the basis for warding off deadly infections should be the primary objective in every household today! A disciplined routine, nutritious diet, quality exercise & sleep and your daily vitamins and plant based natural supplements — this is the real recipe and secret to a long and healthy life!

Speaking of which, weight gain and obesity are matter of serious concern among people in the developing world. Obese people are more prone to having a poor immune system which in turn leads to an array of health problems like diabetes, hypertension (elevated blood pressure), heart problems, PCOD and even cancer. If you thought the Coronavirus was the real pandemic, think again!

Our immune system is very sensitive to lifestyle & nutritional changes as they directly affect the gut flora (gut microbiome) and hormone/enzyme activity. A little imbalance can cause a negative immune response. Oxidative stress (as a result of poor eating, a sedentary lifestyle, or even over exercising) can result in weight gain as the stress hormone cortisol dominates. Excess fat results in malfunctioning of the insulin hormone, disrupts the functioning of the sex hormones testosterone, oestrogen and progesterone, basically causing an overall breakdown.

It has been established that the severity of infectious diseases of a particular type are present more in an obese body than a non-obese body. Reason being that fewer antibodies are present inside an obese body which results in weaker immunity as it cannot provide full protection from the viruses.

Now that this has been established, some words of wisdom will help you in deciphering the code to having a healthy immune system. First and foremost, you do not need a protein rich diet, but a diet rich in fibre. Yes, all the colourful fruits and vegetables you see out there are full of natural anti-oxidants, anti-cancer and medicinal qualities. Ditch the potato and opt for more colour — remember, more colour means more nutrients! Oh and remember, these fibre rich foods are the real food for the healthy/good bacteria living in your gut!

Secondly, fats are not bad for you, they are actually essential for proper heart and brain function. You just need to know which fats to consume and where to get them from. Think Omega 3! Ideal sources of Omega 3 are those sourced from foods like nuts and seeds like flaxseeds, chia seeds, and walnuts. And lastly, avocados and olive oil are not the real super foods meant for us. We have the locally grown and acquired coconut and desi ghee or rice bran oil. Our DNA is more in sync with these super foods. They are rich in natural healthy fatty acids, have great anti-oxidant properties and can alkalise your body.

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DadiKaKehna

Stomach ache can make one feel extremely uncomfortable. More so, if it occurs in toddlers.

ROSHANI DEVI shares easy home remedies that can help ease the pain and discomfort



Stomach aches are common. While some go away on their own, others can be extremely painful. And if it is a toddler who is suffering from one then you are definitely in for a sleepless night.

Here are a few home remedies that can help. First, keep your child hydrated at all times. Water or fresh fruit juice will work wonders. Second, try warm compress. The best thing about warm compress is that it does not have any side effects and it provides quick relief. But make sure the cloth or heating pad is not too warm. Third, try applying hing diluted in water on the

tummy area. Take a pinch of hing, add some water to it and heat the paste until it becomes lukewarm. Fourth, honey can also do the trick. Add honey in warm water and make your toddler drink it. Last, but not the least give a massage. The aching nerves and muscles of the stomach area can be relieved by enhancing the blood circulation around it and this can be easily achieved by giving a gentle massage. Using your palms and fingers, gently massage in circular motions in the clockwise direction around the navel area of your child.



For a glass-like glow

Textured skin is one of the most common problems. DR AJAY RANA shares tips that can help you get rid of it

Our skin's health is influenced by several factors like pollution, stress and sun damage that sometimes has a huge impact on the condition of the skin, at our complexion and make it more prone to roughness, wrinkles, age spots, bruises and sagging. Especially people who struggle with genetic conditions like eczema, ichthyosis, keratosis pilaris and psoriasis are especially susceptible to having dry and rough skin. With age, women's bodies undergo several chemical and hormonal changes due to perimenopause and menopause can contribute to an overall loss of skin smoothness and cause textured skin. In fact, the normal aging process plays a huge role in the skin's health. There are many reasons which cause a textured skin condition. The build-up of dead and keratinised skin cells and irritation also take a toll on the skin's texture and appearance. Those people who have a history of acne can get little bumps under their skin that of

scarring acne will get atrophic scars, excess oil producers will have enlarged pores and those who pick at their zits can get popular scars. Dry or coarse feeling skin, patchiness, fine lines and wrinkles, enlarged open pores and scars are left behind post-acne. And it causes textured skin conditions. Excessive build-up of dead skin cells on the surface of the skin, genetics, sun damage and pollution, and a poor skincare routine and diet are some other common causes of uneven skin texture.

Here are a few skincare tips one can follow for glass-like skin texture: Opt for skincare products with acids like AHAs and BHAs. Alpha Hydroxy Acid and Beta Hydroxy Acid are two hydroxy acids popularly found in various skincare products like cleansers, moisturizers, peels and exfoliating products. These are very good for ideal skin texture. We can't talk about clear and smooth skin without mentioning exfoliation. Whether using

a physical exfoliator, such as crushed walnut or gentle jojoba beads or a chemical exfoliator like glycolic or lactic acid. Exfoliation will slough away dead skin cells that dull skin and clog pores and give a glass-like texture. Keep your skin hydrated with a moisturiser that is made for your skin type. Sunburn or sun damage is one of the most common reasons for uneven skin texture. Keep your skin protected with a broad spectrum SPF 30 sunscreen and try to cover up as much as you can when you step out in the sun. Chemical peels are a very popular treatment to get rid of textured and uneven skin conditions. Switch up your regular facial with a fruit acid peel in-clinic and let a professional handle that pesky dry skin build-up. Chemical peels give you instant results and reveal fresh and glowing skin from within.

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INBRIEF

Olena, a leading plant based nutrition company with clean, sugar free, non gmo, gluten free products which cater to everyday individuals will be soon launching a host of women wellness products from plant based Biotin to Collagen etc. to help women not miss out on their health and daily nutrition, Mumbai based Olena is offering its customers plant based proteins and women wellness products.

Olena is adding Biotin to their range of products. Biotin helps in nourishing the hair, which would make the hair fuller and healthier. It encourages the concept of beauty from within. It aims to break the silence on damaged and thinning hair and presents a solution, embracing the change and the beauty from within.

The Collagen Builder supports the function and enhances the body's natural beauty & radiance. The blend of 100mg Hyaluronic Acid, 600mcg Retinol, 40mg Vitamin C and 90mg Silica provides all the nutrients and vitamins our body needs to boost collagen. This anti-ageing formula is vegan, Non - GMO, Gluten Free, with no added sugar or preservatives.

The Evolve Protein powder is a vegan protein supplement created to boost post workout recovery. The protein is derived from yellow peas and sprouted brown rice. It contains the antioxidants.

Trend Blazer

'Extremely cautious about the pandemic'

Bollywood star **AYUSHMANN KHURRANA** is busy shooting his next, a progressive love story *Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui*, being directed by Abhishek Kapoor. The youth icon is shooting this film in his hometown Chandigarh but we discovered that he is not staying with his family and rather checked himself into a hotel.

Ayushmann reveals, "I have been extremely cautious through the pandemic and taken every possible step to not catch the virus and protect my family. My wife and my two young kids should not come in harm's way because of me. It is for the safety of my parents too."



'Working with senior actors was a dream come true for me. Not only were they

friendly but also supportive. I learnt a lot from them. For me it was like attending a school with brilliant teachers. I used to just observe how they would portray a scene. Even if I had an early pack up, I would sit on the set and just observe them.'

—Nikhil Bhambri

Actor **VARUN SHARMA** can't wait to tick off skydiving from his bucket list.

The adventure sport, the Bollywood funnyman reveals, was to be his gift to himself on his birthday in February but that couldn't happen because the COVID outbreak started happening around the time.

"I really want to do skydiving. I even planned to go out and do skydiving on my birthday this year but the pandemic happened. I hope things come back to normal. Most probably I will go next year and try out skydiving," Varun said.



Gal gives a sneak peek into set life

Hollywood actor **GAL GADOT** says shooting amid the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic came with lots of sacrifices, adding that the crew was sequestered for the entire duration.

The actor took to Instagram to reflect on her experience of working in the COVID-19 era after wrapping up the shoot of her forthcoming heist film, *Red Notice*, which also stars Dwayne Johnson and Ryan Reynolds.

"Now that I'm back home I've had time to reflect on the past couple of months shooting the film. The work during the pandemic came with a lot of sacrifices especially from our amazing crew," Gadot wrote.



When less is more

This edition of Karva Chauth shows a shift in jewellery trends from big chunky pieces to distinctive yet functional ones. By TEAM VIVA

It's that time of the year when you will find women on a shopping spree, markets bustling with bangle stalls, mehndi and all things that come under *solah shringar*. Other than this, there are charming accessories and gifts as well to add on to the vibe of Karva Chauth festival. It is a day of love when women fast for the well-being and long lives of their husbands as well as an occasion for spouses to reinforce their commitment and promises to each other.

Following rituals, observing fasts and worshipping the moon, Karva Chauth fashion is all about ethnic and fusion looks with jewellery playing an important role. The festival has always been a reason to buy jewellery and invest in designs that will remain with one forever. This year was meant to be the same but considering how the pandemic has affected the lives and budgets for each one of us, investing big in jewellery remains a tight-lipped question. Agerika Hari, founder of Vaitaanika, a jewellery brand, says, "We have seen a shift in trend from big chunky pieces to distinctive yet functional luxury diamonds. Consumers are picking pieces which can be worn on various occasions and styled in many different ways. Grandeur is important, attractive and beautiful but functionality is also essential now. When it comes to gifting jewellery, you can never go wrong with customised fine diamonds. It's trendy,

chic, functional and best suited in this season of love. Personalised, fine pendants, bracelets or earrings will be the best buy. We have come out with a new minimalistic collection, which includes the royal peacock shaped statement rings, bangles and necklaces with exquisite artwork."

What works best for your lady should be something that can be worn everyday and at the same time be design pleasing. Agerika feels that one should follow their heart and not trends. While picking a piece of jewellery for your loved one, buy what feels right.

Jewellery designer Archana Aggarwal believes that every year the trends keep on undergoing a shift, retaining the classic ones, and so is the case this time. Says she, "Although we have seen a shift in trend of jewellery lately, the classic one can never go out of style. Opt for pieces that could be worn on several occasions and styled in



various ways."

Shyamala Ramanan, business head of Mia by Tanishq, feels glad that the gifting trends continue even more dur-

ing festivities. "This serves as a great opportunity for families and partners to show their love to each other. We are seeing a trend in gold jewellery being

sought after, especially the light weight ones that have a variety of uses and can be worn with both traditional and western wear. The booming categories are earring and bracelet/ bangles," says he.

The season is usually dominated by traditional clothes or fusions as they are considered to be the ideal festive wear. Milind Mathur, creative director and partner, Kohinoor Jewellers, Agra, focusses more on what can be paired with traditional outfits. Says he, "One can wear colourful stones studded ornaments with traditional clothes. It will bring a trendy gaze for this festive season. By grading, cutting and polishing, gemstones are given a new look and colour because of which the jewellery looks even more attractive."

Customised jewellery is a trend that never goes out of fashion. "Jewellery with a caption adds a personal touch and helps you take your fashion game a notch higher," adds Milind.

Stack rings are next in line for this time's trend. Sachin Jain, managing director, De Beers, India, talks about the new collection that Forevermark, the diamond brand of the group, has brought forth. "We have come up with our Tribute collection which comprises 22 rings and can be stacked according to one's personality. It gives the wearer a choice to select each ring to stack as per their preference," says he.

The feminine spirit

For more than 30 years, artist **VASUNDHARA TEWARI BROOTA** has explored the human figure and in the discourse, unravelled her own perceptions of a woman. By UMA NAIR

When she was an English Honours student at Lady Shri Ram College in Delhi, she would represent it at university festivals. The art collage contests had students from all over the country. But three years in a row, she won all the awards and left the remnants for the others. Vasundhara Tewari Broota has for more than 30 years explored the human figure and in the discourse, unravelled her own perceptions of a woman and the psycho-political existence of the female body in society. Perfection and personification both play off each other on her canvasses and paper works. But more than anything else, it is her precision, accuracy and melodic moods that signify her brilliance and essence of an epoch that travels through the tryst of time.

CHARACTER AND CHARISMA

At the Sangeet Shyamala Celebration in Delhi, of which she is the director, her paintings speak about the feminine spirit as much as the avatar of *Devi*. Contemporary character and charisma both weave into her frames. In the public space of artistic domains, she first drew attention for her sensitive mixed media work in which an interpretation of the suppressed womanhood within the existing societal structure was contextualised by her female nude images. Her treatment and use of the female nude is both evocative and stirring, elegant and born of questions — she creates abstraction in thoughts and weaves an emblematic eloquence of the inner lives of contemporary women. Her women seep and float amid tensions arising out of their naturalistically modelled figures — above that it is the background, the flat pictorial space which she enriches with tiny islands of tonal recessions creating islands of nature with flora and plantar intricate details and elements.

BORN OF NATURE

Her *Devis* are individuals who live within the earthy tints of colour codes that she chooses. The blue tinted backdrop is a brilliant hue of expanse that runs into layers and textural terrain. "The blue one is a work that symbolises the spiritual as also the expanse of nature—the sea—the sky all those domains from earth bound realities," she says. "The figure is both of the material as well as the spiritual and so the partial transparency in the body. The design on her is both the structure within as well as the armour to protect and guard. The red in the blue hints at



JAGDISHWARI AND DEVI DURGA

In another painting, she creates a *Devi* whose universe is under her feet as she seems to symbolise the word '*Jagadishwari*' or '*Ishwari*' of universe resounding in Ashiquir

Kumar's rendition of *Jai Jagdishwari Mata Saraswati*. The colour tones and fluid renditions reflect her rich repertoire of strokes and colourative chasms.

She explains, "The red canvas for Subrata was an image of *Devi Durga*, who's the epitome of strength, courage and compassion. She emits the aura, the radiance when her devotees are in danger. Like a fierce mother, she takes care of them. She stands for power, compassion and peace that the dancer has depicted through her vocabulary of Odissi."

In all these four paintings, we sense a sensibility towards the understanding of the internal and external psychological spaces, where 'woman' is displayed in lucid liminality. She plays between creating her figure as a protagonist as well as someone who shares an equi-focal space with the background. Experiences and ruminative reflections become a meaningful reality for Vasundhara. *Devi* and the celebration of the contemporary woman, participant and goddess unafraid to reveal her soul stands at the centre of her epoch.

Express, enjoy, discover

Dance maestros **FARAH KHAN** and **ASHLEY LOBO** mentor budding Indian dancers and discuss the scope of being a choreographer in the post-COVID era

In the aftermath of a three-day choreography camp organised by Ashley Lobo's institute The Danceworx, the Indian-Australian choreographer engaged in a discussion with renowned film and stage personality Farah Khan on how to build a professional dance career within the evolving dance scenario in India and overseas. Given the kind of restrictions imposed by the global pandemic on movement and interactive learning, this session saw over 200 students actively engage with them.

Talking about the session, Lobo said, "The main objective of this session was to expand the understanding of commercial dance in India and create an environment for dancers to approach commercial dance as a career. We wanted to create awareness about what is possible still and equip dancers with the correct information about what it takes to build a professional dance career today. There could be no one better than Farah to interact with the students about these important topics."

Farah talked about how dance happened to her. "Dance was a very good way for me to forget my troubles at home and the circumstances that we were living in. For me, there was a joy that I would get. It actually saved my life at that point," she said. Ashley couldn't agree more. "I think this is very common. It is said that you never choose dance, dance chooses you. It's always an accident," he added.

With the gross uncertainty that performing artists are faced with the current COVID-struck era, both of them shared real and helpful things for the enthusiastic bunch of dancers. "Today is a great time for people who are trained in dance and who can choreograph because there is so much work. It's not only about doing work in films. There is so much work on television as there are thousands of reality shows. Today, there is a different industry where you can do corporate shows. If you do a film song that does well, it becomes your legacy. If you want to make money and a career in dance, there are so many options now, none of which were available to us when we started work," Farah said. The session explored various problems that



affect the large generation of dancers, which were met with helpful tips from both Farah and Ashley — how does a dancer become an assistant choreographer, being flexible in the dance industry, staying true to one's passion and art, being trained in more than one dance styles, how its never too late to find your calling and be a dancer, and dealing with the important reality of failure and rejection in the real world and never giving up.

Ashley summed up the crux of the session aptly, painting a very practical picture for the 200+ youngsters looking up to them. "There are various areas you can get into dance because it is a very big world. There are lots of stuff you can do and find your place. You just got to figure out what your place is and where you want to take it. I think you just need to express yourself, have fun with it and discover yourself in the process. You're constantly trying to reinvent yourself. That excitement translates into the work that is being done," he said.

The session culminated a camp including a roster of international artistes like Brian Friedman, Exon Arcos, Gabe De Guzman, Jake Kodish, Krista and Autumn Miller in a three-day extravaganza to create opportunities for enthusiasts to learn international styles.



TODAY

SUNRISERS VS MUMBAI INDIANS

Live from 7:30pm
STAR SPORTS 1



IPL 2020

KL Rahul | 670 runs

Kagiso Rabada | 25 wickets

The impressive thing was our (KKR) collective bowling. We were absolutely outstanding. Regardless of qualification, we feel we have given everything that we have

Our (Royals) batters, the top four or five didn't take responsibility perhaps. Couple of real positives. Jofra (Archer) has been exceptional pretty much every game

We have a shot, an opportunity and that's all we want as a team. I'm sure the guys will be excited about what's ahead for us. We can be more brave with the bat in pockets

Kudos to the way the bowlers bowled. We are one of the best teams in the tournament and we need to stick to the basics and if we try and execute our plans, the results will come

DC secure top-two finish

Delhi will play Mumbai in qualifier 1 on Thursday, RCB also enter playoffs

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Delhi Capitals secured a top-two finish on their way to the Indian Premier League playoffs with a six-wicket victory over Royal Challengers Bangalore, who also qualified, here on Monday. While DC went straight to Qualifier 1, RCB made the playoffs after their opponents took more than 17.3 overs to complete the task, helping Virat Kohli's side to finish the league stage engagements with better net run rate than Kolkata Knight Riders.

KKR will need Sunrisers Hyderabad to lose against Mumbai Indians on Tuesday to qualify.

Getting their act together in the nick of time after a two-week winless run, DC chased down a target of 153 with six balls to spare.

Opener Shikhar Dhawan (54) and Ajinkya Rahane (64) struck fine half-centuries to power DC to their target after their bowlers dished out a clinical performance and restricted RCB to 152 for seven.

This was a much-needed victory for Capitals after four defeats in a row.

Rahane and Dhawan stitched an 88-run partnership after the South African pace duo of Anrich Nortje (3/33) and Kagiso Rabada (2/30) led a fine bowling display to restrict RCB.

The Capitals will get two shots at qualifying for the final, while RCB will play in the eliminator.



Ajinkya Rahane congratulates DC opener Shikhar Dhawan on his fifty | IPL20.com

Openers Prithvi Shaw (9) and Dhawan began the chase on an aggressive note, finding the ropes from the very first over.

However, the former India under-19 captain, who smashed two boundaries, once again departed early in the chase.

Dhawan found and able ally in Rahane as the two senior batsmen made full use of the

field restrictions with the Capitals racing to 53 for one in quick time.

Dhawan reached his fifty in style, flicking the ball past short fine for a four. Shahbaz Ahmed broke the stand by getting rid of Dhawan in the 13th over.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer (7) was next to go with Rahane following soon. However, Rishabh Pant (8) and Marcus Stoinis

(10) led Delhi to victory with an over to spare.

Earlier, Devdutt Padikkal shone with a half-century before DC rallied to stop RCB.

The youngster, who looked in good nick during his stay in the middle, smashed five fours in his 41-ball 50 and shared a 57-run stand with skipper Virat Kohli (29 off 24) for the third wicket.

The Capital pulled things back brilliantly in the middle overs.

Invited bat, Padikkal and Josh Philippe (12) were circumspect in the powerplay overs. Rabada provided the Capitals with the early breakthrough off his very first ball, claiming the wicket of the Australian in the fifth over.

The powerplay overs yielded 41 runs, including five fours and a maximum, for the loss of one wicket.

Kohli, who was dropped on 13 in the 10th over by Nortje, tried to up the ante in the 12th over by hitting Axar Patel for a six. The RCB skipper again looked to smash the ball over the fence in the next over but was caught at deep midwicket by Marcus Stoinis off an Ashwin delivery.

Nortje struck twice in the 16th over to get ride of Padikkal and South African all-rounder Chris Morris for a duck.

AB de Villiers (35) was yet again in sublime touch and raised a 33-run stand with young Shivam Dube (17 off 11 balls), but the duo couldn't power RCB to a bigger total.

RCB has played good enough to earn qualification: Kohli

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Skipper Virat Kohli on Monday insisted Royal Challengers Bangalore deserved a qualification spot in the Indian Premier League playoffs and said his team would make full use of the opportunity.

RCB slumped to their fourth defeat on the trot after losing to Delhi Capitals. Despite the reverse, Kohli and his men secured a playoff berth, largely because of their performance in the first half of the tournament.

"It's a mixed bag. As I said at the toss, you come to games to try and get the result your way," Kohli said at the post match presentation.

"We are happy that we've qualified. Top two would've been very nice. But I think we've played good enough cricket to earn a qualification spot," he added.

RCB will have to wait and watch who they face — Sunrisers Hyderabad or Kolkata Knight Riders — in the eliminator.

"You could say just before the qualification, the mindset was a little bit tentative. We've got two games to reach the final.

"We have a shot, an opportunity and that's all we want as a team. I'm sure the guys will be excited about what's ahead for us. We can be more brave with the bat in pockets."

The skipper said the team just has to focus on its strengths to win matches.

"With the ball, we were decent, probably we could have a strong powerplay which is our strength.

"If we implement those things, we'll be at the right end

of the result. It's important to stay positive. There are going to be learnings along the way, but we are glad that we are through."

Asked about injured pacer Navdeep Saini and all-rounder Chris Morris, who walked off the field after bowling just two overs, the skipper said the duo will have to be assessed.

"We'll have to assess what's happening, hopefully they'll be fine by the time we play our next game. And see how they go in the next few days."

Delhi Capitals skipper Shreyas Iyer was delighted to get back to winning ways after a two-week barren run.

"Very chuffed with the performance. We knew it was a do-or-die and an opportunity for us to get to the second spot. We were really motivated," Iyer said.

With the win over RCB, the Capitals snapped a four-match losing streak while also assuring themselves the second spot on the points table, which will give them two shots to reach the finals.

"The teams winning in the later half completely changed the scenario of the table and it was really commendable. Really happy with how the tournament has gone so far," Iyer said.

He lauded the performance of his bowlers who laid the base for Delhi's win.

"The bowlers were really up with their plans and they knew what they had to execute. Nortje was really good and it worked out pretty well.

"Kudos to the way the bowlers bowled. We are one of the best teams in the tournament and we need to stick to the basics and if we try and execute our plans, the results will come."

Kapil wants Dhoni to play domestic cricket

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The legendary Kapil Dev feels that it will be "impossible" for Mahendra Singh Dhoni to perform well if he decides on playing in the IPL without getting any match practice, which was the case this year.

Chennai Super Kings were out of IPL play-offs for the first time in 11 appearances and Dhoni, who played competitive cricket for the first time since last year's World Cup semi-final, scored only 200 runs in 14 games with no half-centuries and a poor strike rate of 116.

Kapil, who recently underwent an angioplasty after suffering a heart attack, wants the former India captain to play a lot more in the domestic circuit to get his form back.

"If Dhoni decides on playing only IPL every year, then it's impossible for him to perform. It's not a good thing to talk about age but at

his age (39 years), the more he plays, the more his body will be tuned," Kapil told *ABP News*.

"If you don't play any cricket for 10 months a year and suddenly play IPL, you can see what happened. You can always have a season up or down if you have played so much cricket. It has happened to someone like Chris Gayle also," the World Cup winning former skipper said.

Kapil feels that it's high time that Dhoni plays some domestic cricket this season. "He should go back to first-class cricket (domestic List A and T20) and play there."

The straight-talking former all-rounder made it clear that it will be a challenge for Dhoni given that he has already indicated that he is "definitely not" retiring from the IPL.

"If someone has achieved so much, the dip in form does affect and it becomes a challenge. Let's see how he comes out of it," Kapil said.

Mumbai stand between SRH & play-off spot

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Riding high on momentum, resurgent Sunrisers Hyderabad will back themselves to topple the mighty Mumbai Indians and qualify for the IPL play-offs here on Tuesday.

Thanks to their healthy run-rate, a win against Mumbai Indians should be enough to send Sunrisers into the final-four.

After taking a tough call to leave out the dangerous Jonny Bairstow from the playing eleven, Sunrisers have managed to find out the 'right' balance.

Wriddhiman Saha has made an instant impact as David Warner's opening partner and the inclusion of Jason Holder has given them an all-round option. Pacers Holder and

Sandeep Sharma were extremely impressive, both upfront and at the death, in the last game Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Add left-arm pacer T Natarajan and trump card Rashid Khan to their bowling attack, it makes up for a well rounded attack.

Sunrisers are not just riding high on momentum, they are also a team, full of confidence, having outplayed Delhi Capitals and RCB in their previous two outings.

Sunrisers also know there is little scope for error against formidable outfit like Mumbai Indians, who

seem to be on course for an unprecedented fifth IPL title.

In the absence of injured skipper Rohit Sharma, Mumbai Indians steamrolled RCB and Delhi Capitals in their previous encounters, becoming the first team to qualify for the play-offs.

Trent Boult and Jasprit Bumrah have looked menacing with the swinging new ball and ever so frugal with the old.

A ready assured of the top spot in the points table, Mumbai Indians will be expected to put up another ruthless show against Sunrisers.

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Denmark Open was the final straw

I RETIRE

This pandemic has been an eye-opener for me. I could have retired from the toughest of opponents, both and... I can do it again. But how do I defend this... I have been thinking about coming clean with my feelings for a while now. I admit I have been struggling to deal with it. It just feels so wrong, you know. That's why I'm writing today to tell you that I'm done. It's understandable if you're shocked or confused but by the time you finish reading this you would have learnt about my point of view and hopefully, will support it too.

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I RETIRE: Sindhu gives fans a 'heart attack'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

World champion P V Sindhu created a stir on Monday by posting "I Retire" on social media only to follow it up with a lengthy statement declaring that she would actually be saying goodbye to "the negativity, fear, and uncertainty" triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Olympic Silver-medallist, who is currently in London to work on her nutrition and recovery needs at the Gatorade Sports Science Institute, started her rather stunning post by saying that the "Denmark Open was the final straw. I Retire."

She was referring to her pullout from the event last month due to the pandemic. "I'm writing today to tell you that I'm done...Not being

able to represent India in the Denmark Open was the last straw," Sindhu's note on Twitter stated.

"Today, I choose to retire from this current sense of unrest. I retire from this negativity, the constant fear, uncertainty. I choose to retire from a complete lack of control over the unknown," she said.

"Most importantly, I choose to retire from substandard hygiene standards and our lack-adaptative attitude towards the virus."

The 25-year-old's post drew a response from sports minister Kiren Rijji, who said he was stunned for a moment.

"You actually gave a mini shock @Pvsindhu1 but I had unflinching faith in your power of determination. I'm sure you have the strength and stamina to

bring many more laurels for India," he tweeted.

The star shuttler, who last competed at the All England Championships in March, is targeting a return to action when the world tour comes to Asia in January.

Sindhu said the reason why she started the post with a shocker like 'I Retire' was to ensure that maximum people take note of the message she was trying to convey on dealing with the virus.

"I might have given you guys a mini heart attack; unprecedented times requires unprecedented measures. I guess I needed to get you guys to sit up and take notice."

Sindhu said she will continue to fight the circumstances created by the virus and her opponents on the courts.

Alaba on course to leave Bayern

AP ■ MUNICH

Two-time Champions League winner David Alaba is on course to leave Bayern Munich after the club said talks on a new contract broke down.

Bayern set a deadline for the end of October for the Austrian and his agent to respond to a "very fair" contract offer, club president Herbert Hainer told regional TV show *Blickpunkt Sport* on Sunday. When that date passed without an agreement, the offer was withdrawn, Hainer said.

"The answer was that the offer was still unsatisfactory and that we should keep thinking," Hainer said. "After that we decided to take the offer completely off the table. That means that there is no longer an offer," Hainer added that the deadline gave Bayern "clarity" to plan for the future.

Alaba, who can play as a defender or midfielder, has made 271 Bundesliga appearances for Bayern since joining as a youth player in 2008. He has won nine German titles and the Champions League in 2013 and 2020. His contract expires at the end of this season.



Manchester United's Paul Pogba fouls Arsenal's Hector Bellerin for a penalty during Premier League match on Sunday | AP

Arsenal break big-six hoodoo

Auba's spot kick ends Gunners 14-year wait for a victory at Old Trafford

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang condemned Manchester United to fresh misery at Old Trafford as his penalty clinched a 1-0 win for Arsenal, while Gareth Bale was the match winner with his first goal since returning to Tottenham in a 2-1 win over Brighton on Sunday. Aubameyang ended a five-

game goal drought in the league when he stepped up to convert a 69th-minute spot-kick after Paul Pogba fouled Hector Bellerin.

The Arsenal captain's first league goal since the opening weekend of the season gave the Gunners their first league win at Old Trafford since 2006. United have now failed to

win any of their four home league games this season, with the three defeats including a humiliating 6-1 rout against Tottenham.

It is the Red Devils' worst start to a home league campaign since 1972-73, leaving Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team languishing just six points above the relegation zone in 15th place.

Arsenal moved up to ninth, just a point off third, thanks to their first win away at a 'big six' rival in 30 attempts.

Bale rescues Spurs

Spurs moved up to second as Bale came off the bench to break Brighton's resolve in a controversial clash at the Tottenham Hotspur stadium. Harry Kane's early penalty put Jose Mourinho's men in front before the visitors were denied a spot-kick for a pull on Leandro Trossard by Matt Doherty.

Brighton's bright display got the slice of luck they needed to level 11 minutes into the second-half when referee Graham Scott allowed Tariq Lamptey's equaliser to stand after what appeared a clear foul on Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg in the build-up, despite reviewing the incident on the pitchside monitor.

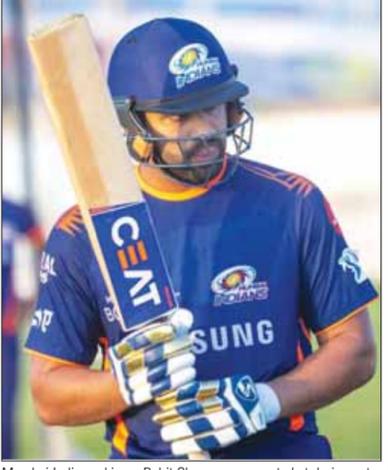
Bale got Spurs and Scott off the hook, though, when he powered home a header 17 minutes from time.

"It's a great feeling," said Bale. "I just want to come on and make an impact for the team."

"I haven't played a lot of football. It's taken time, I'm being patient and working hard when I get chances."

DUGOUT

MOTION PICTURE



Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma prepares to bat during nets session on Monday | @mpalpatan



Women's T20 Challenge side Supernovas players' Poonam Yadav, Anuja Patil and Taniya Bhatia during training session ahead of tournament opener on Wednesday | poonam_yadav24/Instagram

WATSON SET TO BID ADIEU

Top Australian all-rounder Shane Watson has decided to call time on his competitive cricket career after CSK's exit from the IPL. While Watson has not made any official announcement, it has been learnt that after CSK ended their IPL campaign on Sunday, the senior player told his teammates about the decision to retire from all forms of cricket. This season, he has scored 299 runs in 11 games. The 39-year-old was a star for Rajasthan Royals during the inaugural edition (472 runs and 17 wickets) and in 2018, his century in the final won it for CSK. A sought-after player in the T20 format, Watson has 3874 runs in 145 IPL games with four hundreds and 21 fifties. He also has 92 wickets. Former Australian all-rounder Tom Moody paid a tribute on Twitter. "The curtain closes on a remarkable @IPL career. Congratulations mate you've done yourself proud and made every team you've played in so complete," Moody tweeted.

'MS SHOULD SEE OFF IN FRONT OF CROWD'

Former England captain Michael Vaughan believes that MS Dhoni must play his last game in the IPL in front of the jam-packed stadium as the former India skipper deserves a grand farewell from the sport. On Sunday, Dhoni announced that he would continue to play for the Chennai Super Kings in the IPL. "If the IPL takes place in the UAE next year again, which there are whispers it will happen, MS Dhoni will have to play another year. He cannot finish his IPL career in front of no crowd," Vaughan said on *Cricbuzz*. "He has to play at least one game the following year. He cannot go out in front of no crowds. If there is one player who deserves a big crowd to say goodbye to — if he probably cannot play, he would just disappear and say goodbye without us knowing about it — like he did in international cricket," he added.

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