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Bihar voters keep parties guessing

Impressive turnout in phase 2 in rural areas, situation opposite in urban areas

PNS ■ PATNA

Bihar witnessed moderate turnout in the second phase of the Assembly polls on Tuesday, but the rural vs urban divide was clearly visible on the polling booths that gave hope and despair to the respective alliance in the State.

The 94 Assembly constituencies that went to poll in the phase two of Bihar elections on Tuesday recorded 53.51 per cent turnout and the figure was likely to go up as voting continued beyond schedule in several places, the Election Commission said.

The combined voter turnout in the two phases was recorded at 53.79 per cent till

5 pm, the Commission said. In the corresponding constituencies which went to poll in the 2015 Assembly polls, the turnout was 55.35 per cent, the EC said.

While rural pockets of Bihar, especially those dominated by the Yadav and Muslim voters saw impressive turnout, the situation was just the opposite in the State capital Patna, which has been a BJP bastion for decades. Patna saw a turnout of just 48 per cent where as Muzaffarpur recorded nearly 60 per cent polling.

If the BJP has to worry because of lower turnout in Patna, then the JD (U) has its own share of concerns because of the second lowest turnout of 51 per cent in Nitish Kumar's home district of Nalanda. The JD(U) had won five out of seven seats in the district in the 2015 Assembly polls.

West Champaran clocked 59.69 per cent voting, East Champaran 57 per cent, Sitamadh 58 per cent and Seohar 46 per cent. The urban district of Bhagalpur saw a turnout of 54 per cent. In rest of the districts, the turnout varied between 54 to 48 per cent.

Ground reports suggested that youth voters turned up in large numbers to cast their votes. Incidentally, Grand Alliance chief ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav has been aggressively wooing the youth voters with the promise of 10 lakh Government jobs.

The second phase of elections will decide the electoral

fate of RJD leader and Mahagathbandhan's chief ministerial face Tejashwi Yadav and more than 1,450 other candidates.

Polling began at 7 am, but the time for its conclusion has been extended by one hour till 6 pm to facilitate Covid-19 patients and those with symptoms of the disease to exercise their franchise during the final hour. The process, however, concluded early in the Maoist-hit areas.

Vaishali district's Raghupur, from where RJD

leader and chief ministerial candidate of the Opposition Grand Alliance Tejashwi Yadav is contesting, has recorded 54 per cent polling, as per the EC data.

Hasanpur, from where Lalu Prasad's elder son Tej Pratap Yadav is in the fray, has recorded an estimated 54.25 per cent votes till 5 pm. Fifty-one per cent voting was recorded in Parsa from where JD(U)'s Chandrika Roy, the father of Tej Pratap's estranged wife Aishwarya, is contesting.

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Long queues in US amid poll-related violence fear



PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Americans were voting in large numbers on Tuesday in one of the most divisive bitter presidential elections in decades in which incumbent Republican Donald Trump is challenged by Democrat Joe Biden. Amidst a resurgent Covid-19 pandemic, nearly 100 million people have already cast their ballots in early voting, putting the country on course for its highest turnout in a century. 239 million people are eligible to vote this year.

The mail-in ballots could take days or weeks to be counted in some states — meaning a winner might not be declared in the hours after polls close on Tuesday.

Security has been tightened at the White House and major commercial avenues

across the US, with retailers boarding up their stores to head off any damages as America braced for possible unrest and violence in a bitter and divisive presidential race. About 600 National Guard troops have also been designated to help respond to protests around the country if requested. Everyone, of course, is concerned about the election results and what plays out after.

There is an estimated four million Indian-American population 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.

Large lines were seen and hundreds of people had queued up before polling stations, in

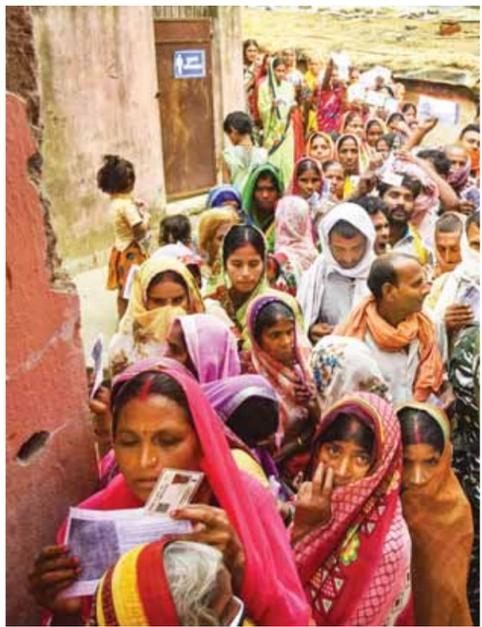
Privacy voting booths are set up six-feet away from each other in the worship centre of the Highland Colony Baptist Church in Ridgeland, Miss., on Election Day, on Tuesday

particularly in the key battleground States like Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The timing of the start of the polling differs from State to State, mainly due to the different time zones. People mostly in the East coast started trickling down to the polling stations as many States opened up the polling stations at around 6 am (4.30 pm IST). These States include Virginia, New York, New Jersey, and Maine. Polling in California starts at 7 am (8.30 pm IST).

Trump in the wee hours of Tuesday urged Americans to vote for him.

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Voters stand in long queues to cast their votes at a polling station during the second phase of Assembly elections at Diyara in Danapur on Tuesday

PTI

MP sees 66.37% turnout in bypolls for 28 seats; Nagaland highest at 83.69% on 2 seats

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Among reports of violence at a few places, Madhya Pradesh recorded 66.37 per cent voter turnout in the crucial bypolls for 28 Assembly seats. The highest polling percentage was recorded 83.69 per cent for two seats in Nagaland, followed by Telangana 81.44 per cent.

According to the Election Commission, the poll percentage was 51.57 per cent in Uttar Pradesh, 51.3 per cent in Karnataka, 68.08 per cent in Odisha, 81.44 per cent in Telangana, 62.51 per cent in Jharkhand, 68 per cent in Haryana, 57.98 per cent in Gujarat and 71.99 per cent in

Chhattisgarh.

In Madhya Pradesh, A total of 355 candidates, including 12 Ministers, are in the fray in these bypolls. The stakes are high for Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, former CM Kamal Nath, Jyotiraditya Scindia, and Narendra Singh Tomar in the bypolls.

Congress veteran Digvijaya Singh questioned the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in India, saying the device is prone to hacking. According to the EC, the average voting percentage in the 2018 Assembly polls in these 28 constituencies, most of them in the Gwalior-Chambal region, was 72.93.

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ISIS sympathiser shoots 4 in Vienna, eliminated

In 2019, attacker was convicted for trying to flee to Syria to join ISIS

AP ■ VIENNA

Five people died, including an assailant, and 17 others were wounded in a shooting in the heart of Vienna hours before a coronavirus lockdown started, Austrian authorities said on Tuesday. The dead attacker was a 20-year-old Austrian-North Macedonian dual national who had a previous terror conviction.

Two men and two women died from their injuries in the attack on Monday evening, Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said. The suspected attacker was shot and killed by police.

Vienna's hospital service said seven people were in life-threatening condition on Tuesday after the attack, the Austrian news agency APA



A police officer patrols in front of an entrance of a car parking with broken glasses after a shooting in Vienna, Austria, on Tuesday

AP

reported. In total, 17 people were being treated in hospitals, with gunshot wounds but also cuts.

"It is now confirmed that yesterday's attack was clearly an Islamist terror attack," Kurz said. "It was an attack out of hatred — hatred for our fundamental values, hatred for our way of life, hatred for our democracy in which all people have equal rights and dignity."

Interior Minister Karl Nehammer later told APA that

the dead assailant, who had roots in the Balkan nation of North Macedonia, had a previous conviction under a law that punishes membership in terrorist organisations.

The attacker, named as Kujtim Fejzulaj, was sentenced to 22 months in prison in April 2019 because he had tried to travel to Syria to join the Islamic State group. He was granted early release in December under juvenile law.

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Delhi's air relapses to 'very poor'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The air quality slipped back into the "very poor" category again in Delhi on Tuesday after recording a marginal improvement.

However, the share of stubble burning in Delhi's pollution dropped to 10 per cent during the day due to a change in the wind direction, a Central Government agency said.

Officials at the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the air quality had improved on Monday with high wind speed aiding dispersion of pollutants.

However, stagnant nighttime conditions led to accumulation of pollutants. The city recorded an air quality index (AQI) of 332 at 10 am. It improved to 302 by 4 pm as wind speed picked up.

The 24-hour average AQI was 293 on Monday which falls in the "poor" category. It was 364 on Sunday, with stubble burning contributing to 40 per cent of Delhi's pollution.

To China's chagrin, Australia takes part in Malabar drill

Second phase in mid-November in Arabian Sea

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid ongoing tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the Malabar exercises among the navies of India, the US, Japan and Australia commenced off Visakhapatnam in the Bay of Bengal on Tuesday.

Australia is participating for the first time after India brushed aside China's objection on its inclusion. Australia was keen to take part in the joint exercise and the US and Japan — the two other Quad nations — also favoured its inclusion.

Held annually, this year's Malabar exercises will be held in two phases. The first phase is from November 3 to 6 in the Bay of Bengal, while the second phase will take place in mid-November in the Arabian Sea.

The current edition is unique as the Australian Navy is taking part in the exercise for



the first time. China all along resisted the Australian participation claiming that the Quad countries are trying to militarise the coalition and pose threat in the Indo-Pacific region. In 2007 Australia was invited for the Malabar event leading to strong protest by China.

The Malabar exercise started in 1992 as a bilateral drill between the Indian Navy and the US Navy in the Indian Ocean. Japan became a permanent participant in the exercise in 2015. The annual exercise was conducted off the coast of Guam in the Philippine Sea in 2018 and off the coast of Japan in 2019.

The 2+2 ministerial level

dialogue between India and the US here last week had expressed satisfaction over the Malabar exercise. It will see all the four Quadrilateral countries exercising together for the first time.

Reacting to the beginning of the prestigious exercise, China said it hoped that the exercises would be conducive to the regional peace and stability instead of the contrary.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing in Beijing "we hope that relevant countries' military operations will be conducive to peace and stability in the region instead of the contrary."

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EC seizes 7.79L litre liquor in dry Bihar

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The enforcement agencies are making headlines in Mumbai for going after Bollywood actors for possession and consumption of even small amount of narcotic substances, but in poll-bound Bihar the quantum of seizure has failed to grab eyeballs though the amount is baffling.

The authorities have seized a large quantity of ganja, marijuana, poppy, tobacco, and cannabis showing why prohibition has become such a big issue in Assembly polls this time.

Over 7.79 lakh litre liquor, 4871.99 kg ganja, 108 kg marijuana (charas), 1.5 kg morioine, 40 kg tobacco, 3,350 kg cannabis (bhang), 12.50 kg poppy, and 150 gram brown sugar have been seized by the Election Commission so far till the voting of second phase of polls in Bihar.

In addition, the EC has also seized ₹24.84 crore unaccounted money, over ₹90 lakh Nepalese currency, 19.68 kg gold and precious ornaments, 275 kg silver.

In a related development, Janata Dal (United) MLA from Matihani, Narendra Kumar Singh, alias Bogo Singh, was arrested late on Monday in Begusarai district for allegedly distributing money to voters' hours before polling began in the second phase of the Assembly election.

According to the chief electoral officer of Bihar, the enforcement agencies have seized ₹52.89 crore so far after the implementation of the model code of conduct. The seized amount is higher than in the 2015 Assembly polls and 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Over ₹19.52 crore have been recovered during vehicle checking across the State. During the phase I polling, over 10.78 litre liquor was seized. The



Opposition is now relentlessly attacking Nitish Kumar for the "farce in the name of prohibition due to rampant smuggling and the growing use of drugs" while the JD(U) is extolling its virtues.

As per the Excise Department data, before the liquor ban, Bihar consumed close to 26 million litres of alcohol each month. The same year, the estimated all-India figures for alcohol consumption

stood at about 5.70 billion litres. Over 3 million litres of liquor have been confiscated during the four and a half years since prohibition. Up to 1.4 million litres of this confiscated liquor was country-made and over 1.6 million litre foreign-made.

According to the EC, over 3.54 lakh people (bad characters or having criminal backgrounds) have been out on notice in the State during polls.

The data shows 25,215 arms have been deposited while licenses to 3,062 arms licence have been cancelled. To maintain law and order, the authorities have acted against 4,983 people under the crime control act. According to EC, 857 special surveillance teams have been deployed in the State to keep an eye to check on black money and supply of drugs, liquor to lure voters.

During the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the EC had seized ₹9.12 crore black money, 1.24 lakh litre liquor, 717 kg drugs and 62 kg precious ornaments and jewelry from Bihar. In the Assembly elections in 2015, seizures worth ₹23.8 crores were registered by the EC machinery with ₹19 crore of cash found circulating besides 5.78 lakh litres of illicit country-made and foreign liquor from different places in Bihar, while the recoveries in 2019 was less than 20 per cent of that.

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL
CASES: 83,10,665
DEATHS: 1,23,579
RECOVERED: 76,52,443
ACTIVE: 5,33,130

INDIA'S ACTIVE CASES FALL BELOW 5.5 LAKH

New Delhi: Achieving a significant milestone in the fight against coronavirus, India's active Covid-19 cases have fallen below 5.5 lakh and now comprise merely 6.55 per cent of the total infections as the number of recoveries crossed 76 lakh, the Union Health Ministry said on Tuesday. The slide in active cases is supplemented by an exponential rise in recoveries, it said.

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	16,92,693	44,248	15,31,277
Karnataka	8,32,396	11,247	7,80,735
Andhra Pradesh	8,30,731	6,734	8,02,325
Tamil Nadu	7,31,942	11,214	7,01,527
Uttar Pradesh	4,87,335	7,089	4,57,708
Kerala	4,51,131	1,560	3,64,745
Delhi	4,03,096	6,652	3,60,069
West Bengal	3,85,589	7,013	3,42,133
Odisha	2,94,415	1,405	2,80,553
Telangana	2,42,506	1,351	2,23,413
Bihar	2,18,964	1,108	2,10,855
Assam	2,07,361	934	1,98,039
Rajasthan	2,02,220	1,936	1,83,899
Chhattisgarh	1,90,513	2,208	1,66,391
Gujarat	1,75,633	3,734	1,59,548
Madhya Pradesh	1,73,384	2,974	1,62,366

NO POSTERS TO BE PASTED OUTSIDE PATIENTS' HOMES, DELHI GOVT INFORMS HC
New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi party (AAP)-led Government on Tuesday informed the Delhi High Court (HC) that it instructed all its officials not to paste posters outside homes of Covid-19 positive persons or those in home isolation and those pasted have been ordered to be removed.

HIGHEST SINGLE-DAY SPIKE OF 6,725 CASES IN DELHI
New Delhi: National Capital recorded 6,725 new cases of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) on Tuesday, which took the total number of cases to 4,03,096, according to health bulletin issued by the state government. This is the highest-ever single-day spike in Delhi.

Uttarakhand Govt OK's proposals worth nearly ₹300 crore for Kumbh

PTI ■ DEHRADUN

Proposals worth nearly Rs 300 crore have been cleared by the Uttarakhand Government for the 2021 Haridwar Kumbh, an official release said. The proposals include construction of a 150-bed hospital, a 1,000-bed COVID care centre, repair of a PWD guest house at hill bypass road, water barricading and pitching tents in the Kumbh Mela area, it said.

Besides these, the proposals for developing a Kumbh mobile app and

Imran Hussain reviews retail price of essential commodities in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Food and Civil Supplies Minister Imran Hussain reviewed the issue of retail prices of onion and other essential commodities in Delhi on November 3.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner, Food and Civil Supplies (CFS), Joint Commissioner, Food and Civil Supplies and senior officers of marketing intelligence cell of Food and Civil Supplies department.

Officers present in the meeting informed that average retail prices of onion in Delhi are stable since last week.

120 die, 4,909 test +ve in Maharashtra

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

On a day when some minor fluctuations witnessed in its Covid-19 curve, Maharashtra recorded 4,909 infections and 120 deaths, while the recovery rate in the state increased to 90.46 per cent.

A day after infections plummeted to 4009 and deaths dropped to 104 in various parts of the state, the infections went up to 4909, while the daily death tally rose to 120 on Tuesday.

With fresh infections, the total infected cases jumped from 16,87,784 to 16,92,693.

To China's chagrin... From Page 1

The evolving situation in the Indo-Pacific in the wake of China's increasing military muscle-flexing has become a major talking point among leading global powers.

The US has been favouring making Quad a security architecture to check China's growing assertiveness in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.

Giving details of the exercise, officials said the 24th edition is scheduled in two phases in November 2020. Phase-I will see participation of Indian Navy units with US Navy ships USS John S McCain (Guided-missile destroyer), Ballarat (long range frigate) with integral MH-60 helicopter of Australia and Onami (Destroyer) with integral SH-60 helicopter of Japan.

The Indian Navy participation in Phase I is led by Rear Admiral Sanjay Vatsyan, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet. Indian Navy units participating in the exercise include

destroyer Ranvijay, frigate Shivalki, Off Shore Patrol Vessel Sukanya, Fleet Support Ship Shakti and submarine Sindhuraj. In addition, Advanced Jet Trainer Hawk, long-range maritime patrol aircraft P-8I, Dornier maritime patrol aircraft, and helicopters will also be participating in the exercise.

The exercise, being conducted as a 'non-contact, at sea only' exercise in view of Covid-19 pandemic, will showcase the high-levels of synergy and coordination between the friendly navies, which is based on their shared values and commitment to an open, inclusive Indo-Pacific and a rules-based international order. The first phase will witness complex and advanced naval exercises including surface, anti-submarine and anti-air warfare operations, cross deck flying, seamanship evolutions and weapon firing exercises.

Defence Minister of Australia Linda Reynolds said participation in sophisticated exercises like Malabar not only highlights the strategic trust

between the members, but also strengthens our collective ability to contribute to regional security. She also said the exercise gives an opportunity to work in concert with like-minded countries to support a secure, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

In a related development, Germany on Monday said its warships will patrol the Indian Ocean from next year to counter growing Chinese maritime presence in the strategically important region for India. This announcement came at a time when Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla held parleys in Berlin to increase cooperation between the two countries in various spheres. Ahead of his visit, German Defence Minister Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer was quoted in a media report that a German ship will patrol the Indian Ocean next year and the country's naval presence in the Indo-Pacific will help safeguard the rules-based order. "We hope to be able to deploy next year," she said.

MP sees 66.37% turnout...

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In Morena district, Congress and BJP supporters clashed at the Jatawara polling booth and an unidentified person fired a bullet during the incident. In Bhind, Collector Virendra Singh Rawat said they received a report about gunshots being fired near a booth in Sondha village under Mehgaon Assembly constituency. MP's chief electoral officer said 63 control units, 65 ballot units and 196 VVPAT (voter-verifiable paper audit trail) machines were changed during mock polling conducted before the beginning of voting.

Voters turnout for the Uttar Pradesh Assembly by-elections for seven seats crossed 51.57 per cent amid an allegation of bogus voting for Naugaon Sadat seat in Amroha and poll boycott in Tunda. Six of these seven seats were held by the Bharatiya Janata Party, while the Malhani seat in Jaunpur district was with the Samajwadi Party. BJP candidate Sangeeta Chauhan for Naugaon Sadat seat in Amroha district alleged "fake voting in her constituen-

ISIS sympathiser...

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Fifteen house searches have taken place and several people have been arrested, he added. The attacker, he said, "was equipped with a fake explosive vest and an automatic rifle, a handgun and a machete to carry out this repugnant attack on innocent citizens."

Authorities were still trying to determine whether further attackers may be on the run. People in Vienna were urged to stay at home if possible on Tuesday and children did not have to go to school. Some 1,000 police officers were on duty in Vienna on Tuesday morning.

Among those wounded in the attack was a police officer, said Nehammer. The 28-year-old officer was in the hospital but was no longer in a life-threatening condition.

The shooting began shortly after 8 p.m. (1900 GMT) Monday near Vienna's main synagogue as many people were enjoying a last night of open restaurants and bars before a month-long coronavirus lockdown, which started at midnight.

Vienna police chief Gerhard Puerstl said the attacker was killed at 8:09 pm. Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said that "we are victims of a despicable terror attack in the federal capital."

His government on Tuesday ordered three days of official mourning, with flags on public buildings to be flown at half-staff until Thursday, APA reported. A minute of silence was to be held at noon Tuesday. Unverified footage posted on social media showed a gunman walking through the streets, apparently shooting at people at random, wounding several. It was unclear whether the person seen shooting was the same individual in

Long queues...

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"VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!" Trump said in a tweet with a short video of him dancing at election rallies.

"Vote like your freedoms, your livelihood, and our future depends on it... Because they do!" said Trump, who is seeking to avoid becoming the first incumbent president to lose a re-election since George HW Bush in 1992.

Biden also tweeted urging people to vote. "It's Election Day. Go vote, America!" he tweeted.

"In 2008 and 2012, you placed your trust in me to help lead this country alongside Barack Obama. Today, I'm asking for your trust once again — this time, in Kamala and me. We can heal the soul of this nation — I promise we won't let you down," Biden tweeted.

Biden's running mate, Kamala Harris, urged voters to not to "allow anything to come between you and your vote. If you have any questions or concerns about voting, reach out to our voter hotline."

In another tweet, she said, "If you've already voted, thank you. But we still need your help. Take 20 minutes to help voters in critical battleground states find their polling location. This election is too important to leave anything to chance."

"Today we must vote like our lives depend on it. Because they do. We must vote like our democracy depends on it. Because it does. And we must vote like justice, equality, and

opportunity are possible. Because they are...

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. 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.

The November 3 presidential election has been billed as one of the most divisive in recent American history. Before the campaign closed, 74-year-old Trump toured the key voting battlegrounds of Wisconsin, Michigan, North Carolina and Pennsylvania while his 77-year-old rival campaigned in Pennsylvania and Ohio, urging Americans to back them in the race for the White House.

Meanwhile, security has been tightened at the White House and major commercial avenues across the US, with retailers boarding up their stores to head off any damages amid fears that Election Day could bring violence and looting.

Vital government installations are on high alert while the Secret Service has fortified the White House. A "non-scalable" wall has been temporarily erected around the sprawling presidential complex. About 600 National Guard troops have also been designated to help respond to protests around the country if requested.

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

Bihar voters keep parties guessing

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Prominent personalities including Governor Phagu Chauhan, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, his deputy Sushil Kumar Modi, Tejashwi Yadav, and LJP president Chirag Paswan cast their votes in their respective polling booths in the morning.

Kumar did not speak to the media waiting outside the polling station, while Tejashwi Yadav said after casting the ballot that people are "angry" with the Government and they will vote for education, health, irrigation.

Meanwhile, a controversy has erupted over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election speech on Tuesday in Fobesganj and Saharsa in which he said the "friends of jungle raj" were against the people of Bihar chanting "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Jai Shri Ram".

While RJD leader Shivanand Tewari said the speech is a desperate attempt to polarise the voters because the PM was aware that the NDA was all set to lose Bihar, political analyst Tehseen Poonawalla filed a complaint with the Election Commission over the PM's speech.

Taking to Twitter, Poonawalla said he has filed a complaint with the Election Commission of India.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice

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02	29201063	26-11-2020	Set of Cover Assembly etc.	---	2000 Set	₹ 83,960/-
03	22200198A	26-11-2020	Foot Plate Arrangement etc.	---	1475 Nos.	₹ 73,700/-
04	29201042	26-11-2020	Set of Magnetic Path etc.	---	11164 Set	₹ 1,40,670/-
05	30191083A	26-11-2020	Battery Charger etc.	ICF	52 Set	₹ 1,26,520/-
06	29201067	27-11-2020	Base Assembly Set etc.	---	3163 Set	₹ 9,03,040/-
07	29201027	27-11-2020	Cover Assembly etc.	---	4613 Set	₹ 2,20,330/-
08	29201065A	27-11-2020	Set of Main Gear etc.	---	3113 Set	₹ 9,36,140/-
09	30200452	27-11-2020	Emergency Battery Charger etc.	ICF	165 Nos.	₹ 88,270/-
10	22190778B	30-11-2020	Thermoplastic Polyester etc.	RDSO	3800 Nos.	₹ 91,500/-
11	22201192	30-11-2020	Ball Joint Traction Lever etc.	ICF	2534 Nos.	₹ 1,21,600/-
12	22201232	30-11-2020	Secondary Spring Inner etc.	RDSO	609 Nos.	₹ 1,17,000/-
13	28200804A	01-12-2020	Wood Based etc.	ICF	6687 Nos.	₹ 2,92,300/-
14	22191457A	01-12-2020	Rubber Buffer etc.	ICF	888 Set	₹ 84,850/-
15	29201030A	01-12-2020	Set of Lug & Bracket etc.	---	5240 Set	₹ 1,75,500/-
16	29201041B	01-12-2020	Set of Magnetic Path etc.	---	32895 Set	₹ 4,84,010/-
17	28200651	02-12-2020	Paint enamel synthetic etc.	RDSO	64580 Ltr.	₹ 96,020/-
18	21190058A	03-12-2020	Motor Sprit Petrol etc.	---	42000 Ltr.	₹ 65,590/-
19	22201191	03-12-2020	Rubber Spring etc.	RCF	2000 Nos.	₹ 94,510/-
20	22201086	03-12-2020	Silent Block etc.	ICF	2372 Nos.	₹ 1,54,650/-
21	22201094	04-12-2020	Secondary Spring Outer etc.	RDSO	109 Nos.	₹ 54,490/-
22	22201190	04-12-2020	Rubber Pad etc.	RCF	2700 Nos.	₹ 1,06,120/-
23	22201319	04-12-2020	PHO KIT etc.	RDSO	1000 Nos.	₹ 72,130/-
24	22201308	04-12-2020	N2 Power Supply Card etc.	---	21	₹ 80,890/-
25	22201855	10-12-2020	UIC-130 Pre-sealed etc.	RDSO	597 Nos.	₹ 4,60,440/-
26	22200738A	22-12-2020	Enhanced Capacity etc.	RDSO	1981 Nos.	₹ 2,99,630/-

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My client Sh. Jagdish Prasad son of Sh. Ram Lagan aged about 51 years, r/o 215/115 B, New Patel Nagar, New Delhi has severed his relationship with his son Sh. Ghanshyam and his wife Ms. Shivani and also disowned him and his family from all his immovable and moveable assets. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his/her own costs, risks and consequences.

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Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are pleased to inform you that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company has been scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 2020 at 1:30 P.M. at 23, Eastern Avenue, 23, Sector-27, Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar, U.P.** to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the 2nd Quarter & six months ended September 30, 2020.

For ADDI INDUSTRIES LTD.
Date : 31.10.2020 C.L. Jain
Place : New Delhi Managing Director

No permission hurdle for restaurants: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a huge relief to restaurants in the national Capital, the tourism department of Delhi Government on Tuesday notified the termination of the process of granting approvals to standalone restaurants in Delhi.

The notification comes in the wake of a meeting convened by Kejriwal last month, wherein he directed various officials to remove hassles in the ease of doing business for the restaurant industry in Delhi.

As per the order, "In terms of decision taken by the Chief Minister of Delhi in the meeting dated October 7 regarding

Ease of Doing Business for Restaurants, the 'Voluntary Scheme of Granting Approval' to the 'Standalone Restaurants' being implemented by the tourism department is hereby discontinued with immediate effect."

Before June 2003, the scheme for granting approvals to restaurants was being implemented by the Ministry of Tourism on an all India basis. However, the scheme was discontinued on an all India basis w.e.f June 30, 2003, and the States were asked to formulate their own guidelines if they wished to implement the scheme.

The scheme was adopted by the tourism department in the same year and formally launched in 2004 for all restaurants having more than 30 seats. Various reviews and reconsiderations were done by the department over the years on the request of restaurant



associations. However, owing to the recent circumstances (Covid-19), CM Kejriwal has ordered the removal of the voluntary scheme of granting approval for standalone restaurants, the government said in a statement.

On October 7, Kejriwal had convened a meeting with

the delegation of the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI), wherein he directed several ministers and top officials of various departments and agencies to remove hassles in the ease of doing business for the restaurant industry in Delhi. In the meeting, various decisions were taken for the economic revival of the hospitality industry in the national capital.

"A detailed representation was received from the NRAI, to provide relief and ease regulations and approvals constraining the growth of the restaurant industry in Delhi. The notification to remove grant of approval by the tourism department to standalone restaurants has been issued in the wake of the same meeting, which will provide relief to the hospitality industry, encourage their economic growth and generation of employment in the industry," it said.

Rai launches anti-cracker drive to curb air pollution

Please do not burn crackers, Minister urges people of Delhi



Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai inspects a stall during the anti-firecracker campaign, in New Delhi, on Tuesday PTI

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to curb pollution levels in the national Capital occurring every year due to the use of crackers around Diwali, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Tuesday launched the anti-cracker campaign.

Rai appealed to the people of Delhi to use green crackers and not polluting crackers. Under the campaign, all SDMs and police officials and 11 teams of the DPCC have been directed to ensure there is no bursting of polluting crackers across Delhi.

"The teams are ensuring effective implementation on ground, checking that the crackers sold must have a 'Green Cracker' logo on them, and second, the crackers sold

in the shops must be from authorised companies," he said.

In the wake of the campaign, Gopal Rai visited the Sadar Bazar area in Delhi to inspect the sale of crackers. Rai said, "As per the directions of the Supreme Court, polluting crackers have been banned in Delhi and only pollution-free green crackers have been allowed this year."

The Minister added from Tuesday, an anti-cracker campaign has been launched in Delhi. All the SDMs, 11 teams of the DPCC and all police officials have been directed to ensure there is no bursting of polluting crackers across Delhi.

Rai added every year, pollution levels in Delhi have been high due to the use of crackers around Diwali. "Due to this, crackers which cause

pollution have been banned and we are promoting the use of only green crackers this year. The Delhi Government has launched the Anti-Cracker campaign from today, with an aim to curb pollution in the city," he said.

"I want to appeal to the people of Delhi, this is the time when we are witnessing Covid and pollution at the same time, please do not burn crackers. I also want to appeal to them to only use green crackers and keep the crackers away from children, women, elderly and people with co-morbidities. For effective implementation of the anti-cracker campaign, we have constituted DPCC and SDM teams who are inspecting the on-ground situation," he added.

WCD directs officers to share live location through WhatsApp to mark their attendance

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government's Women and Child Development department has directed its district officers to share their live location through WhatsApp daily to mark their attendance.

Rajendra Pal Gautam, the Minister of women and child development department has warned of action against officers failing to comply with the order issued last month.

The move comes after it was observed that some district officers were sending the status of their live location through text only and also, they were not sharing the location of their field visits.

According to the letter

issued by the department, district officers were directed to send their daily attendance, in morning and evening through live location via WhatsApp in a group created specifically for this purpose since October 5.

"The status of live location sent by various district officers have been analysed. Hence, all district officers are directed to post their daily arrival and departure attendance through live location as well as field visit location, failing which it would be assumed that the officer is not attending to his or her duty, and further action would be initiated against the erring officers as per rules," said the department letter.

43-year-old CISF personnel succumbs to burn injuries

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 43-year-old Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel succumbed to burn injuries which he sustained after a heater kept in his security box caught fire on Monday night.

The deceased identified as the CISF Head Constable Alok Kumar hailed from Chhattisgarh and was on duty at Indira Gandhi Memorial Museum.

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pital and he is in critical condition. "A police team was also dispatched for the spot and during inspection of the spot, it was confirmed that he sustained burn injuries after a heater kept in his security box caught fire while he was reheating his food," said the senior police official.

"Doctors informed police that Kumar had sustained 60

per cent burn injuries. He died on Tuesday morning during the course of treatment in the hospital," the senior police official added.

Senior officials of the CISF visited the spot and hospital, police said, adding that an enquiry in is underway to determine the sequence of events that led to the death of the CISF head constable.



A woman gets mehendi designed on her hand to celebrate Karwa Chauth at Paharganj market in New Delhi on Tuesday Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Firecracker biz in G'gram hit by Covid, confusion

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and confusion over operation of firecracker shops has affected sale of firecrackers to 25 per cent in Gurugram this year so far. Due to the covid infection and air pollution the market in Gurugram is still deserted.

However, on the other hand the firecrackers merchants in Gurugram are selling environmentally friendly fireworks 'green' crackers as mandated by the Supreme Court.

The firecrackers are available for sale only at designated shops-cum-godowns in Gadoli and Kadipur area in Gurugram, no retail shops (with temporary license) are allowed to sell firecrackers. The Gurugram district has



only 6-7 godowns of fireworks.

Ashok Saini, owner of Star Nights Fireworks, one of the fireworks merchants said, "Due to ongoing coronavirus and air pollution firecracker businesses are going down. The other reason is confusion among the people. I receive a number of calls from people to check

whether shops are open or not."

"The profit margin was 30-35% but this year now it is 10-15% only. This Diwali green crackers are the only hope of a revival in the firecrackers business," he said.

The firecracker sellers claim this time the manufac-

turer located in Sivakashi in Tami Nadu and parts of Rajasthan has supplied only green crackers.

As per new directions of the district magistrate in Gurugram, fireworks can only be performed only on Diwali on November 14 between 8 to 10.

The firecrackers merchant claimed that people from Delhi, Noida, Gurugram and other districts come to purchase firecrackers. They said every shop with a license is open till they get any direction from the court or authorities.

"This year the ongoing COVID pandemic hit the people income earlier a customer who used to buy Rs 5,000 fire crackers this year he is spending on Rs 1,000 to buy crackers. Means they are purchasing small quantities," Saini added. Meanwhile, the buyers said

the cause of pollution is not firecrackers the other activities like Construction works, vehicles and stubble burning is also causing huge pollution," said Aman Dalal who has come from Noida to buy firecrackers, adding that the government must focus on other elements which cause major pollution.

Rajan Rajpal of Ganpati Fireworks said People burn firecrackers only on Diwali just for a few hours and its contribution to overall pollution is very little.

"Few days are left in Diwali celebration and air pollution has already increased, reason behind the pollution are other elements one should stop to blame firecrackers behind the pollution," Rajpal said, adding that firecracker businesses have been affected due to these false claims."

₹10L relief to kin of doctor who died treating Covid patients

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) Mayor Anamika and Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta on Tuesday handed over a cheque of Rs 10 lakh and appointment letter to the wife of deceased Dr Nezam Alam who died due to Covid-19 while serving people during the pandemic.

Mayor stated that SDMC is making all efforts to help the families of those employees who sacrificed their lives due to Corona.

Anamika further informed that Dr Nezam Alam, age 41 Years working in Najafgarh zone since 2008 and doing his Covid-19 duty since April 2020 under District Magistrate of South West District.

While on Covid-19 duty, he was detected corona positive, Dr Nezam Alam fought bravely but he lost his battle against Covid-19 on October 27 morning.

He was a sincere worker, a true Covid warrior active worker full of zest and enthusiasm.

Praising the efforts made by SDMC, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta said that the civic body has fulfilled its promises by helping out families of those employees who lost their lives on duty.

DMRC erects first ever U-Girder of Phase 4

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Tuesday achieved yet another major milestone by erecting the first ever U-Girder of Phase 4 on the Janakpuri West-RK Ashram Marg corridor.

The U-Girder, an important component of the elevated viaducts constructed for Metro corridors, was erected near the Kali Mata Temple between the upcoming Pushpanjali and Deepali Chowk Metro stations along the Outer Ring Road.

A senior DMRC official said that this is a standard span with twin U-Girders of 28 metres length each in one span and the total weight of one U-Girder is approximately 160 MT.

"This is a major milestone for DMRC, as despite several constraints due to the ongoing pandemic, this important component of the construction work could be started. The casting of the U-Girders was started at the designated casting yard in Mundka in June earlier this year," he said.

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Girders, which saves time in construction besides ensuring better quality, he said, adding that after casting, these girders are brought to the site and launched with the help of high capacity cranes.

U-Girders are precast pre-

tensioned, U-shaped girders on which track laying can be done immediately, he said.

"The casting work of these U-Girders also requires meticulous precision and planning. Absolute care has to be taken regarding the maintenance of all measurements and technical parameters during the casting process," he added.

The 28.92 km long Janakpuri West - RK Ashram Marg corridor is an extension of Magenta Line and will come up with 22 stations. Construction work on this particular section had started in December last year.

BJP has ruined MCDs in last 14 years, alleges AAP leader

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak on Tuesday said the party councillors will protest the decision of the BJP-ruled North Corporation to sell lands of organic limited commercial complex, Naniwala Bagh, commercial complex near Azadpur and Novelty Cinema building.

Pathak said, "In the last 14 years the BJP has completely ruined the MCDs. The schools, hospitals and all the other institutions under the MCD are in massive trouble. If you look

at the MCD hospitals you will see that the doctors and the nurses are protesting for their salaries."

The AAP leader said looking at the situation, the north Corporation has decided to sell everything before the upcoming election.

In the last 14 years, the BJP has finished most of the things in MCD but the only thing which is still there is some of the lands. BJP is targeting those lands now.

The AAP opposed the proposal today and demanded immediate rollback of these proposals, he said.

Sisodia interacts with students, teachers of Govt schools to review coding programme

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia interacted with the students and teachers of Delhi Government schools to review the progress of coding programme.

Seventeen students from the Delhi Government schools have ranked in the top 100 students in the North zone comprising Delhi, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and other North Indian States.

Sisodia, while lauding the efforts and achievements of the students said, "It is my dream to see our students create their own companies like Google, and watch them take it worldwide. Coding is giving these students the wings to fly from an early schooling stage."

Under the HT Codeathon programme, 12,469 students from about 1,000 Delhi Government schools are being trained in coding and programming skills. 1,018 students were able to complete five chapters within a fortnight of the launch of the programme. Simran, a student of RPVV Civil Lines said "Until now I've been playing games created by other developers. But now I've the chance to create my own game."

Bhaskar, a student of Class 9 in Government Boys Senior



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Secondary School, Mahipalpur, has a zonal rank of 89 among thousands of students participating in the Codeathon programme. He said, "I'd only heard of coding but now I have an actual chance to learn how to code." Enterprising by nature, Bhaskar took upon creating a WhatsApp group so he could help out other students too to learn coding.

Siblings Shitanshu and Priyanshu studying in Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, J Block, Saket said, "We've worked on creating a virtual assistant like Google

Assistance. Before we didn't have access to coding, and now to be able to code and create software, it is a huge achievement for us."

Most of the students participating in Codeathon have never worked on Python, Scratch and other coding mediums, or had access to such programmes. However, with the support of the computer teachers, they're now creating their own software, games, and even championing coding to their friends from other schools.

Madhulika Pandey, teacher at Government Co-ed Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Dwarka Sector 13, said, "These students, who didn't even know to log-in till last month, are now creating their own programmes. It's a matter of great pride for me, that I'm able to see them achieve so much in so little time. It's heartening to see them improve so much every single day."

Similarly, Babita, a teacher at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Peeragarhi said that many of her students are ranking high in the codeathon. "It's been a positive response from the students who are creating detailed animation through coding." Sisodia, asked the teachers to use this launchpad to create a long-term, and sustainable plan to encourage coding among many more students.

Jungle Raj allies against Bharat mata chant: Modi Bihar well on way to have another NDA Govt: PM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Continuing his attack on the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)-Congress-Left alliance which, he alleged, wants people not to raise the slogan "Bharat mata ki jai", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday again claimed that Bihar had made up its mind to re-elect the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and reject the proponents of the "jungle raj".

Touring the State for the fourth time after the start of the no-holds-barred election campaign last month, Prime Minister counted the advantage of a "double-engine" Government versus "Jungle-raj" and its "yuvraj" — RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav.

Modi's last leg campaign was on amid voting in 94 of the State's 243 Assembly seats for the second of the three-phased state polls, the biggest in India since the novel coronavirus pandemic started.

The last phase of the poll in Bihar is on Saturday.

Tejashwi has also been hitting back at Modi by demanding to know why the unemployment rate is at 46.6 per cent in Bihar despite the double engine Government and the reason of migration from the state.

The Prime Minister addressed rallies in Forbesganj and Saharsa districts for the third and final phase of polling in Bihar Assembly election.

"Bihar has given a clear message, on the basis of the initial information we're getting, that the State has decided to



reelect the NDA Government," the Prime Minister, who is the main face of the NDA even though it is led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in Bihar, Modi said while addressing a public rally.

"Those who brought jungle raj into Bihar (RJD)... their associates... what do they want? Do you know? They want that you don't chant 'Bharat Mata ki Jai'. On this auspicious land, where Goddess Chhathi is worshipped, is it possible that people won't chant for the nation," he said.

Without taking names, The Prime Minister continued, "One group says 'Don't chant 'Bharat Mata ki Jai', other one says it gives them a headache. Now, they've come together to seek votes from the people of Bihar. They don't want you to chant 'Jai Sri Ram'."

The return of the "double-engine" government will help the state progress at a faster pace, Modi said, in an attack on the opposition's chief ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav, who often mocks Nitish Kumar over the phrase.

Repeating his "double yuvraj" jibe at Tejashwi Yadav and Congress's Rahul Gandhi,

the Prime Minister asserted "they've been rejected by the state."

Spearheading the NDA attack, Prime Minister has so far held 12 rallies in the state.

The BJP is fighting on 121 seats while its alliance partner and Nitish Kumar's party JD (U) is contesting on 122 seats.

Prime Minister, has, so far in his rallies did not speak against Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) leader Chirag Paswan who has been denouncing Nitish Kumar and even threatening him with a jail term "if LJP to be in the power in Bihar".

LJP is seen to be the B-team of the BJP in the contest keeping in mind the post-poll calculations.

"Some people have a problem... they say 'why does Modi win elections?... Modi wins elections because he works to resolve the issues of all the (poor) mothers and sisters... That's why they bless Modi... This son has dedicated his life for the poor," the Prime Minister said in his poll rally.

He took a dig at the Congress and said the party "has reached a stage where they don't even have a total of 100 seats in parliament"

Modi, Nitish have looted Bihar, people determined to dethrone them: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday alleged they have "looted" Bihar, and claimed that the people have decided to vote them out of power.

Addressing a poll rally in Katihar, Rahul criticised the NDA Government over demonetisation, migrant crisis, GST, handling of the coronavirus pandemic and the three new farm laws.

He said neither Modi nor Kumar did anything to help migrant labourers when they were walking thousands of kilometres to return to their home during the coronavirus induced lockdown.

"The Congress had arranged buses for the movement of migrant workers. We are not in power so we could not do it for millions, but we helped as many people as we could," he said.

Rahul Gandhi also claimed the PM and the Bihar CM have failed to fulfil promises on development and job creation.

"I want to ask all the youth who are here that Modi ji had said he will give two crore jobs every year, Nitish ji said the same, but where are the jobs? Why are the youth unemployed today," he said.

He also alleged that farmers are angry with Modi over the three recently enacted agricultural laws. "And that is why farmers in Punjab burnt the effigies of Narendra

Modi, Ambani and Adani on Dusshera. The truth (of these laws) has come out in Punjab. It has come out in Bihar as well."

He said demonetisation hurt the poor but benefited the big "chosen" corporate and GST has harmed small shopkeepers.

The Congress leader further stated that at least 20 per cent of the maize produced in the country comes from Bihar, but "do you get the right price? What did Modi ji and Nitish ji do to get you the right price?"

"Every youth of Bihar knows that Narendra Modi and Nitishji have together looted Bihar. They have destroyed Bihar's small shopkeepers.

And now the youth and the farmer of Bihar have decided to vote for Grand Alliance," he added.

Gandhi is scheduled to address another rally during the day.

Earlier in the day the Gandhi scion urged people to vote so that a new government of their choice can be formed.

The Congress leader was addressing public meetings at Katihar and Kishanganj districts of northeast Bihar where the third phase of poll is scheduled to be held on November 7.

Indian jawans get clothing from US to beat extreme cold at LAC

New Delhi: In a major boost to India's preparedness to take on the Chinese on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the Indian Army has received the initial consignment of extreme cold weather clothing from the USA for its troops deployed on the China border.



sets for troops deployed in entire Ladakh including both western fronts in Siachen and Eastern Ladakh sector.

This year, there was an additional requirement of around 30,000 of these sets as close to 90,000 troops are deployed in the region in view of the aggression by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) along the LAC.

The emergency acquisition of the extreme cold weather clothing will help the Indian Army troops to get through the harsh winters in the Ladakh sector.

The Indian side has deployed two additional divisions on the LAC that have been brought to the sector from plains and a mountain division which has been training for high-altitude operations for many years now.

India is getting a lot of equipment from America including a number of assault rifles for the special forces as well as the SiG Sauer assault rifles for the infantry troops.

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Agency

Coal block allocation scam: ED attaches ₹169 crore asset

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has attached assets worth ₹169 crore of Topwor Urja Ltd in connection with a money laundering case relating to coal block allocation scam.

The ED had initiated investigation under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) on the basis of an FIR registered by the CBI against Topwor Urja & Metals Ltd. (formerly Shree Virangana Steels Ltd.) and its Directors under Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections relating to criminal conspiracy, cheating and forgery among others.

The firm, through fraudulent means and by making misrepresentation, got allotment of Marki Mangli-II, III & IV coal blocks. As much as 9,21,748 MT of coal was extracted illegally during the period 2011-12 to 2014-15 and there was illegal gain to the extent of ₹52.50 crore by extracting the coal from these allocated coal blocks namely Marki Mangli-II and Marki Mangli-III, the ED said in a statement.

Further, there was benefit to the extent of ₹20.40 crore on account of sale of excess power generated out of captive power plants and sold to the connected grid, it further said.

The company also generated the share capital by issuance of equity and preference shares on high premium pursuant to application and allocation of coal block and benefited to the extent of ₹96.72 crore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A notice of intended marriage has been received Mr. Yash Kumar Nigam S/o Mr. B.K. Nigam R/O B-1201, Skytech Matroit Apartment, Sector-76, Noida Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) and Ms. Sapana Rai D/o Mr. Rahar Singh Rai R/O Godak Buxy, Pateen Godak, Khamsahal Jalidhaka Hydyl Project, Darjeeling, West Bengal-734503 in the office of the undersigned, any person interested therein, may objections to it on any day upto 26-11-2020 in the office of the undersigned.

Marriage Officer Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.)

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NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, inter-alia, to consider and approve Unaudited Financial Results of the company for the Second quarter ended September 30, 2020.

This information is also available on Company's website at www.ashnoortext.com and also on the website of BSE, i.e. www.bseindia.com.

By the order of Board
Sd/-
Suneel Gupta
Managing Director
DIN-00052084

November 03, 2020
Gurgaon, Haryana

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General public is hereby informed that Mr Ankit Gupta S/o Late Smt Lokesh Gupta R/o wz-1267, 2nd floor, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034 has applied for transfer of ownership of flat no T2-0903 & Customer ID NO:- KTH-10557. Apartment TDI City, Kundli, Sonapat Haryana to his s/o Ankit Gupta as per documents dated 28/10/20 in records of company i.e. TDI Infrastructure Ltd. Having its office Vandana Building 11, Tolstoy Marg New Delhi 110001. Any person having any objection for transfer of the said flat in favour of Mr Ankit Gupta S/o Late Smt. Lokesh Gupta may send at the above noted office of company with supporting documents or through email customer.care@tdiinfacorp.com within 15 days of the publication of this notice otherwise it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed transfer of the said flat in his name. After that company shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever after 15 days.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is Publicly notified that the Flat No 46-A, Block-U-3, Sector-11, Noida, has been allotted in the name of Rajinder Nath Chopra S/O Nand Lal Chopra R/O G-18, Lajpat Nagar-III, New Delhi-24, had sold the said flat, on the basis of GPA to the following persons:-
A GPA was executed in favour of Rajiv Mehrotra S/O D.N. Mehrotra R/O 316-D, PKT-C, Mayur Vihar Phase-II, Delhi-91, on 23.12.1994 Noida vide Book No IV Volume No 1650. On pages 119 & 120 Document No 1163 and And Book No IV Volume No 1669 on page 461-466 dt. 23.12.1994 & the Agreement to Sell was not registered. So with the help of the notice it is informed the transfer of the above flat goes in favour of Vijay K. Sharma S/O W.C. Sharma R/O 46A, Block-U-3, Dhauliwari Sec-11, Noida (U.P.) if any one has any objection he/she may submit his/her, objection in the Housing Department of Noida Authority along-with sufficient proofs within 15 days of the publication of this notice.
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Place: New Delhi Priyanka Pathak
Company Secretary

Tie up with FCI to increase supply of fortified rice: Ministry to FCI



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has asked the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to tie up with rice mills for increasing supply of fortified rice via ration shops and other welfare schemes as 112 aspirational districts of 15 states have been identified for distribution of fortified rice. Five states including Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh have already started the distribution of fortified rice in their identified districts.

At a high level meeting chaired by Union Consumer Affairs minister Piyush Goyal, the FCI has been asked to come up with a comprehensive plan for procurement and distribution of fortified rice in all the Districts of the country under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme from 2021-2022. It was felt that "there is a need to scale up the supply of Fortified Rice (FRK), whose availability currently is at a meagre quantity of 15,000 tonnes per annum," the ministry

Further, there are nearly 28,000 Rice Mills in the country which need to be equipped with Blending Machines etc. for mixing of FRK with normal rice. FCI has been asked to tie up with the rice mills in different regions for necessary investments in this regard.

Rice can be fortified by adding a micronutrient powder to the rice that adheres to the grains or spraying of the surface of ordinary rice grains in several layers with a vitamin and mineral mix to form a protective coating.

Covering 112 Aspirational Districts for PDS, ICDS and MDM would mean requirement of nearly 130 Lakh MT of Fortified Rice, for which FRK supply capacity in the country needs to go up to nearly 1.3 Lakh MT. If the entire PDS (NFSA) rice supply which is of the order of about 350 Lakh MT is to be fortified, then there has to be an uninterrupted supply pipeline of FRK from the industry of the order of about 3.5 Lakh MT.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed unhappiness over the pendency of a plea by a convict seeking pardon in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case for over two years with the Tamil Nadu Governor.

The top court asked the counsel for petitioner A G Perarivalan, who is serving life sentence, whether the court can exercise its jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution to request the Governor to decide his plea of pardon filed under Article 161. Article 161 empowers a Governor to pardon

RAJIV GANDHI MURDER Apex court unhappy with pendency of convict's pardon plea for 2 years



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The bench was hearing a plea of 46-year-old A G Perarivalan who has sought suspension of his life sentence in the case till the CBI-led Multi-Disciplinary Monitoring Agency (MDMA) probe is completed.

During the hearing, the bench told senior advocate Gopal Shankar Narayanan, representing Perarivalan, that "the Governor has to act on the aid and advice of the council of ministers. But if the Governor does not pass order, what the court can do, you tell us."

a convict in any criminal case. A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao, Hemant Gupta and Ajay Rastogi said, "We don't want to exercise our jurisdiction at this stage but we are not happy that recommendation made by the government is pending for two years."

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Manipur, Delhi, Maha, Kerala see spike in Covid infections



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

There's a major fall in weekly new Coronavirus cases, in fact dropping below 40,000 on Tuesday. But as there is an increase in infections in States like Manipur, Delhi, Maharashtra and Kerala, the Centre advised people to go for testing even if they note the slightest of Covid-19 symptoms.

"There are few States where active cases are on a rise in November as compared to October. Manipur has now 3,500 cases from previous 2,000. Cases in Delhi have increased to 33,000 from 26,000. In Kerala, cases have increased to 86,000 from 77,000," Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary said on Tuesday.

However, during the same period, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh were the top states which registered a decline in the number of Covid-19 cases.

"We've observed a declining trend for weekly new cases over last 7 weeks. There's major fall in weekly new cases. Health care systems are not unnecessarily burdened with Covid-19 cases. There's less pressure on network of hospitals," Bhushan said at a press briefing here.

He further said that the Covid-19 recovery rate is near 92 per cent and cumulative positive rate is 7.4 per cent. "Cases per million population are at 5,991. Covid-19 deaths are at 899 cases/million population which is lower if compared globally. Active cases are around 5,41,000 now," he said.

The Ministry also advised people to continue following Covid-19 guidelines during

the festival season so that there is no surge in cases. "It is important to follow the strategy of Test - Track - Trace - Treat. Let us keep our focus on this strategy even if our numbers are coming down," Bhushan added.

India's COVID-19 case-load mounted to 82,67,623 with 38,310 fresh infections, while the death toll reached 1,23,097 after 490 new fatalities were reported, the data updated at 8 am showed.

A total of 76,03,121 people have recuperated from the infection so far, pushing the national recovery rate to 91.96 per cent, while the case fatality rate stands at 1.49 per cent.

"More than 11 crore COVID-19 tests have been conducted so far. The cumulative, weekly and daily positivity rate is constantly declining and stands at 7.4 per cent, 4.4 per cent and 3.7 per cent respectively," the health secretary said.

V K Paul, head of the National Task Force on COVID-19, urged people to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour and asked them to get themselves tested if they observe any symptom of the viral disease.

In these times, even the smallest of symptoms, such as cold, cough and sore throat is COVID-19 unless proven otherwise. "It might be other flu too, but if we miss even one positive case, that may result in thousands of cases," Paul said.

"I request you to kindly get yourself tested if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. We have facilities to carry lakhs of tests. People who you came in contact in the past 8-10 days they must self-quarantine themselves and not expose others," he said.

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Study identifies 7 different forms of Covid symptoms

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Coronavirus infection leaves behind significant changes in the immune system even after 10 weeks of recovery, researchers have said. In their study published in the journal Allergy, they have identified seven groups of symptoms including "flu-like symptoms" with fever, chills, fatigue and cough, "common cold-like symptoms" with rhinitis, sneezing, dry throat and nasal congestion; "joint and muscle pain"; "eye and mucosal inflammation"; "lung problems" (with pneumonia and shortness of breath); "gastrointestinal problems" (including diarrhoea, nausea and headache); and "loss of sense of smell and taste and other symptoms".

"In the latter group we found that loss of smell and taste predominantly affects individuals with a 'young immune system', measured by the number of immune cells (T lymphocytes) that have recently emigrated from the thymus gland. This means that we were able to clearly distinguish systemic (e.g., groups 1 and 3) from organ-specific forms (e.g. groups 6 and 7) of primary COVID-19 disease," says Pickl.

to show that various symptoms related to Covid-19 occur in symptom groups. They identified seven groups of symptoms such as "flu-like symptoms" (with fever, chills, fatigue and cough); "common cold-like symptoms" (with rhinitis, sneezing, dry throat and nasal congestion); "joint and muscle pain"; "eye and mucosal inflammation"; "lung problems" (with pneumonia and shortness of breath); "gastrointestinal problems" (including diarrhoea, nausea and headache); and "loss of sense of smell and taste and other symptoms".

The study which was conducted by a team of MedUni Vienna scientists led by immunologist Winfried F Pickl and allergologist Rudolf Valenta (both from the Center for Pathophysiology, Infectiology and Immunology) involved 109 convalescents and 98 healthy individuals in the control group.

Temp, humidity do not play major role in Covid spread: Study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Contrary to the general perception, temperature and humidity do not play a significant role in coronavirus spread, scientists have said, explaining that whether it's hot or cold outside, the transmission of Covid-19 from one person to the next depends almost entirely on human behaviour.

They said that taking trips and spending time away from home were the top two contributing factors to Covid-19 growth, with a relative importance of about 34 per cent and 26 per cent respectively.

The next two important factors were population and urban density, with a relative importance of about 23% and 13% respectively.

The study is published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.

Earlier, at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, it was

thought that hot summer temperatures could reduce its spread.

Then later, in India which is now witnessing winter season, it was predicted that cold would result into pike of the Covid-19 cases.

However, research led by The University of Texas at Austin in their new study found that temperature and humidity do not play a significant role in coronavirus spread.

"The effect of weather is low and other features such as mobility have more impact than weather," said Dev Niyogi, a professor at UT Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences and Cockrell School of Engineering who led the research. "In terms of relative importance, weather is one of the last parameters."

Co-authors are Sajad Jamshidi, a research assistant at Purdue University, and Maryam Baniasad, a doctoral candidate at Ohio State University.

Woman critical after abduction, rape in Kulgam

SIANS ■ SRINAGAR

A 21-year-old woman was admitted to hospital in a critical condition after she was reportedly abducted and raped in J&K's Kulgam district, police said.

Police sources said the woman was abducted and raped by a group of youths in Akhal area of Kulgam where she had gone to attend a marriage ceremony. "The girl was found by locals who shifted her in an unconscious state to a hospital in Kulgam district."

"She was later shifted to a hospital in Srinagar after attending doctors in Kulgam described her condition as critical," a police source said.

Sources also said two accused have been arrested so far after an FIR was lodged in the police station.

Locals blocked the road in the native village of the girl, demanding death penalty for the culprits.

478 more test corona +ve in J&K

SIANS ■ SRINAGAR

As many as 478 more persons tested coronavirus positive in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, while 578 others recovered and were discharged from different hospitals in the Union Territory.

So far, 96,188 coronavirus cases were reported in J&K, of which 88,718 have recovered. Of the new cases, 195 were from Jammu division and 283 from Kashmir division. As many as 1,502 COVID patients have died in the UT, including 12 who succumbed on Tuesday. Of the 5,968 active cases, 1,621 are in Jammu division and 4,347 in Kashmir division.

Kerala BJP asks CM Vijayan to cooperate with probe agencies

KOCHI: Monday's outburst by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan against the Centre and probe agencies like the Enforcement Directorate, NIA and CBI brought an unprecedented reaction from the BJP on Tuesday.

K Surendran, the BJP's Kerala President asked Vijayan to cooperate with the investigating agencies which are probing a series of scams and corruption charges ranging from gold smuggling through diplomatic channel and LIFE Mission kickbacks.

Besides the broadside by Surendran, Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala, who is also the Leader of the Opposition, joined the bout and asked Vijayan to hand over the vigilance department which he heads as home minister.

By evening, a team of Enforcement Directorate officials reached Thiruvananthapuram in connection with the probe into Bineesh Kodiyeri's involvement in drug trafficking and his

business deals.

The ED team is likely to 'raid' or inspect the residence of Bineesh, but what embarrasses the CPI(M) is the fact that the latter, who is under arrest and is in a Bangalore jail, stays with his father, Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, the party's Kerala strongman.

Vijayan in his Monday media briefing had alleged that the Centre's investigating agencies like ED and CBI were trying to subvert the development activities of the Kerala Government to discredit and tarnish the image of his party.

Later on Monday, M V Govindan, a close aide of Balakrishnan declared that the ED would be taught a lesson by his party.

Surendran, who convened a media meet, charged that Vijayan has lost his mental balance. "His principal secretary has been arraigned as the fifth accused in the LIFE Mission scam by none other than the Vigilance Department of the Kerala Government. Vijayan heads the Vigilance

Department and the bnameing of Sivasanakar as an accused is an attempt to save the chief minister himself," said Surendran. The BJP leader charged that one of the contractors who had been tasked with the construction of residential apartments in Thrissur district has gifted five i-phones and it has been found that one of the phones was being used by a close relation of the chief minister. "The Vigilance probe was ordered by Vijayan to derail the CBI probe into the massive corruption in this project," charged Surendran.

The BJP leader further alleged that the CPI(M) leaders tried to purchase the integrity and loyalty of the ED and CBI officials. "There was a unit of the CPI(M) operating in the Kochi and Kozhikode offices of the Customs Department and this has been brought to light. Chief Minister knows that the probe officials would soon reach his doorsteps and that is the reason why he shows signs of upset," said Surendran. PNS

ED likely to search Bineesh Kodiyeri's house in Thiruvananthapuram

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

With the arrival of Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax officials to Thiruvananthapuram by Tuesday evening, grapevine is that the house of Bineesh Kodiyeri, who has been arrested in connection with financing narcotics, may be searched.

Bineesh, son of CPI(M) Kerala secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, has been arrested by ED and sent to the custody of the probe agency. The ED has told the Bangalore Civil Judge that Bineesh was not cooperating with the probe and feigning poor health. The digital records seized by the ED from Anoop Mohammed, one of the close aides of Bineesh, has brought the ED to Thiruvananthapuram.

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shifted to one of the penthouse apartments built by the party for senior leaders at Thiruvananthapuram.

But CPI(M) leadership has already initiated discussions to opt for an alternative arrangement if the ED raids the residence of Bineesh in Thiruvananthapuram. Balakrishnan, ailing for some time now, may be given leave for the time being and M V Govindan, one of his trusted lieutenants may be given charges of the party secretary, according to insiders in the CPI(M).

Meanwhile the CPI(M) has launched a synchronised campaign all over the State to expose the "evil designs" of the BJP to discredit and tarnish the "good works" done by the Pinarayi Vijayan government during the last four years.

Social activist detained for bid to hoist tricolour at PDP office, police mum

PNS ■ JAMMU

Jammu-based social activist Amandeep Singh Boparai, who hogged limelight after he attempted to hoist a Tricolour in the premises of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Jammu on October 24-25, was picked up by the police from his residence in Sanjay Nagar area of Jammu early Tuesday morning. On record the local police authorities remained tight lipped and shied away from making a statement.

Till late evening no official statement was released ascribing reasons behind Boparai's detention by the spokesmen of Jammu & Kashmir police.

Even the family of Boparai including his father, an ex-serviceman, was also not allowed to meet him. Official sources maintained, Boparai was picked up by

the police for violating existing Covid-19 guidelines under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code (Disobedience to order promulgated by a public servant).

A police guard stationed at the main gate of the Model police station in Gandhi Nagar prevented his father from entering the police station premises as he arrived there to know the reasons behind detention of his son.

Speaking to the media persons outside the police station, Boparai's father alleged, "my son, who had hoisted a tricolour in the office of PDP and also took out a Tiranga rally on October 25, was forcibly picked up by the policemen from my residence without disclosing the reasons behind the same". Boparai's father said, "my son has not committed any crime or

indulged in anti-national activity. I want to know the reasons behind his detention but here the police guard at the gate not even allowing me to enter the police station. He ill treated me and pushed me when I attempted to go inside the complex", he added.

At Boparai's home, his wife also alleged ill treatment at the hands of the police men. She told media persons, "a large number of policemen forcibly entered our house and without even showing us any official order or search warrant they forcibly pushed my husband inside the police jeep and took him away". Late evening, Boparai was released by the police from Gandhi Nagar police station. His father and lawyer were present outside the police station to receive him along with his supporters.

Aligarh's brass idols will be worshiped across nation

Aligarh: Aligarh's brass idols of Lakshmi-Ganesh will be worshipped by people across the country. Idols have been delivered or delivering even before Diwali.

There is a huge demand for idols of gods and goddesses in Maharashtra most affected by the pandemic. In September, October and November 2020, the estimated idol business is over 200 crores.

Aligarh, famous for lock-hardware, has an annual

turnover of more than Rs 600 crore for artistic sculptures (art-ware). Hundreds of small and big businesses here are associated with this industry.

Thousands of families depend on this industry. Here Lakshmi-Ganesh, Radha-Krishna, Laddu Gopal, Durga, Saraswati, Lakshmi Vishnu, Hanuman, Rama Darbar, Gautam Buddha, statues, animals and a variety of artistic sculptures based on tribal and rural life are manufactured. PNS

Goa's Covid-19 hospitals' docs resume work after brief strike

Panaji: Functioning of Goa's two Covid-19 facilities were affected for brief period after Resident Doctors posted there struck work on Monday after their free accommodation privilege was revoked, but they have since rejoined duty, the South Goa district authorities said on Tuesday.

"Some disruption in services at Covid hospitals was reported on Tuesday afternoon as Resident Doctors had with-

drawn services to demand separate accommodation," South Goa District Collector Ajit Roy said in a statement here, adding that doctors had resumed work.

Roy said that while the Resident Doctors were on strike, senior consultants and Directorate of Health Services doctors attended to Covid-19 patients.

"The Health Department and district administration is committed to provide best

healthcare in times of Covid-19 pandemic," the statement added.

On Monday, Resident Doctors at the Employee State Insurance Hospital and South Goa District Hospital struck work to protest against the Goa government's decision to get them to vacate official accommodation or pay rent from their own pockets.

Goa's coronavirus cases total 43,954, including 2,215 active cases and 616 deaths. IANS

COMMUNAL TENSIONS, HATE SPREAD CASE

Mumbai Police issues fresh summons to Kangana, sister

SIANS ■ MUMBAI

The Mumbai police on Tuesday issued fresh summons to Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandhel to appear before them on November 10 and 11 in connection with a FIR registered against them for allegedly creating "hatred" and "communal tensions" between Hindus and Muslims and attempting to trigger disaffection among the people against the Maharashtra Government.

Nearly a week after failed up to turn up for questioning in connection with the FIR registered against them on the basis of an inquiry ordered by

a city magistrate's court, the Bandra police issued fresh summons to Kangana to appear before the investigators on November 10, while they asked her sister Rangoli Chandhel to appear before them on November 11.

The Bandra police had issued first summons to Kangana and Rangoli and asked them to appear before them on October 26 and 27.

However, the two sisters had bought time from the police by saying that they would not be able to respond to the summons as they were busy with their brother's wedding.

It may be recalled that on October 17, the Bandra police

had registered FIR against Kangana and Rangoli after Metropolitan Magistrate Jaidev Ghule of Bandra 12th court ordered investigations under section 156(3) of CrPC into a complaint filed against Kangana and her sister Rangoli Chandhel by Bollywood casting director and fitness trainer Munawwarali alias Sahil A. Sayyed.

Sayyed had among other things alleged that both Kangana and Rangoli had tried to create "hatred" and "communal tensions" between Hindus and Muslims and that Kangana had tried to lower the image of Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and created disaffection among

the people against the Maharashtra government.

"Among the charges include Indian Penal Code Sec. 124-A (sedition) and spreading communal hatred and falsehoods. The police have already recorded the complainant's statement," Sayyed's lawyer Ravish Zamindar said.

"Perused the complaint, heard the advocate of the complainant along with the documents filed on record. On prima facie perusal of complaint and submission I have found a cognizable offence has been committed by the accused," Magistrate Ghule had noted, while directing the Bandra police to register an FIR against Kangana and her

sister Rangoli.

"All allegations are based upon comment on electronic media that is twitter and interviews.

The accused used social media like twitter and thorough investigation is necessary by the expert. All offences alleged and levelled against the accused are cognizable. Search and seizure is necessary in this case, in such circumstances I have found it to be proper to pass order under Section 156(3) of CrPC," the Judge had ruled.

Among other things, the section 156(3) of CrPC read with section 190 empowers to Magistrate - upon receiving a complaint of facts and upon

information received from any person other than a police officer, or upon his own knowledge that such an offence has been committed any magistrate empowered under 190 can order an investigation into a complaint.

Apart from trying to create "hatred" and "communal tensions" between Hindus and Muslims, the complainant's case is that the accused number 1 (Kangana) - through her one of her tweets - had allegedly tried to lower the image of chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and the state government agencies but also create disaffection among the common people against the Maharashtra government.

Delimitation will again start in Aligarh for Pradhan election

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

The atmosphere intensified for the three-phase panchayat elections and the Aligarh will again have delimitation for the Pradhan election. The State Government took this decision due to the expansion of the municipality of about 24-gram panchayats and three new panchayats in the district.

The details of the delimitation are to be submitted to the government by the Panchayat Raj Department by 11th November. Work has started at the district level.

Three-phase panchayat elections were held in 2015 in which, 902-gram pradhans, 1054 area panchayat members and 52 district panchayat members were voted in the district. Nearly 2.5 years later, the gov-

ernment incorporated 16 gram panchayats of the city into the Municipal Corporation.

Then it was announced to create Madarakh Nagar Panchayat. Six panchayats were also included in this and one in Chandaus and Pisawa Nagar Panchayats. In this way, 24 panchayats have joined the municipal bodies.

This includes Manjurgadi, Ramgarh Panipur and Maheshpur partially.

Now 878 gram panchayats are left in the district whose term ending in 2020. The government has issued the order of delimitation. If more than one thousand population of partially joined panchayats is outside the body, then a new panchayat will be formed there. The report is to be sent to the government by 11 November.

MUMBAI METRO-III CAR SHED PROJECT

Centre opposes location of car shed at Kanjurmarg

Maha Govt to go ahead with project

SIANS ■ MUMBAI

In a development that threatens to trigger a major confrontation between the Centre and Maharashtra Government, the BJP-led NDA Government has put a spoke into the wheel of the Mumbai Metro-III car shed project, by opposing the Uddhav Thackeray dispensation's decision to locate the metro car shed at Kanjurmarg in north-east Mumbai.

Nearly three weeks after the Maharashtra scrapped the previous BJP-led Government's decision to locate Metro phase-III car shed at Aarey colony at Goregaon and moved the project to Kanjurmarg, the Centre's Department of Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) has shot off a letter to the state government opposing the location of car shed project at Kanjurmarg would be "against the interest of the Government of India". The DPIIT also claimed ownership of the 102-acres land there.

Lodging a protest with the state government against the move to re-locate the car shed project at Kanjurmarg, DPIIT Secretary Guruprasad Mohapatra said: "The improper and unilateral action of the Mumbai Suburban District Collector and Mumbai Metropolitan Region

Development Authority has caused severe loss" to the DPIIT and the Government of India"

"I would request you to take necessary steps and to direct the collector to withdraw the orders passed in this regard in order to protect the interests of the Government of India," Mohapatra stated in his letter to the state government.

However, the Maharashtra government is in no mood to back off from its decision to locate the car shed project at Kanjurmarg. So much so that the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) leaders have slammed the Centre for its efforts to sabotage the Metro-III car shed project and said that notwithstanding the reservations expressed by the Centre about locating the project at Kanjurmarg, they would go ahead with the project.

On his part, Maharashtra Tourism and Environment Minister Aditya Thackeray indirectly expressed his unhappiness over the manner in which the Centre had tried to create hurdles for the Mumbai Metro-III project by saying that the land on which the car shed was being built belonged to the Maharashtra government.

Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar of the Shiv Sena charged that it was a "conspiracy" against the MVA government. "An affidavit was filed in Bombay High Court during the tenure of the previous BJP-led

government saying that the Kanjur Marg land belongs to the State Government," she said.

Charging that the Opposition BJP was out to stall the Mumbai Metro-III Car Shed project, NCP chief spokesperson and Minority Affairs Minister Nawab Malik said: "Way back in 2002, the Centre had transferred large tracts of salt-pan lands to the Maharashtra government.... First the BJP said the land belonged to a private owner. Now they are saying that the land belongs to the Central government. The BJP is merely creating hurdles for the Mumbai Metro carshed This is nothing but the BJP's conspiracy to stall the Metro project".

Hitting out at the Centre for desperately trying to stall the project, Congress Spokesperson Sachin Sawant said that since 1981, the land ownership was with the state government and accused the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP of continuously creating obstacles for the MVA Government.

NCP MP Supriya Sule charged that the BJP was destroying the country's "co-operative federal structure" "The country is now lapsing into an undeclared state of Emergency. By opposing the location of the Metro car shed project at Kanjurmarg, the ruling BJP at the Centre is trying to do injustice to Maharashtra," she said.

137 new Covid-19 cases in Tripura; tally rises to 30,989

PTI ■ AGARTALA

At least 137 more people tested Positive for COVID-19 in Tripura on Tuesday, pushing the tally in the state to 30,989, a health department official said.

The COVID-19 death toll rose to 347 as two more patients have succumbed to the infection, he said.

West Tripura district, of which state capital Agartala is a part, has accounted for 181 of the 347 COVID-19 deaths, the official said.

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NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given that the 11th Annual General Body Meeting of the Delegates of Sahara Credit Cooperative Society Limited will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at 3rd floor, Sahara India Tower, Kapoorthala Complex, Aliganj, Lucknow- 226024, to transact the following business:

BUSINESS ITEM ON AGENDA

- To confirm the minutes of last General Body Meeting.
- To consider and adopt the audited financial statement of accounts for the Financial Year 2019-2020.
- To consider and approve the Auditor's Report and Annual Report for the FY. 2019-2020.
- To consider creation of specific reserve and other funds.
- To consider the disposal of net profit.
- To announce dividend distribution for the FY. 2019-2020.
- To approve the annual budget for the FY. 2021-22.
- To approve the annual action plan for the FY. 2021-22.
- To consider and approve the appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY. 2020-21.
- To consider the list of employees who are relatives of members of the Board or of the Managing Director.
- Any other item, if any, with the permission of Chairperson.

By order of the Board
For Sahara Credit Cooperative Society Limited
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Managing Director

Place: Lucknow
Date: 16th October, 2020

Note: 1. Please note that if there is no quorum within half an hour of the time fixed for the scheduled meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned and the adjourned meeting shall be held at 12:00 noon on the same day i.e. 19th November, 2020 to transact the agenda items as aforesaid and that no quorum shall be necessary for transacting the business in the adjourned meeting so held.
2. Delegates are requested to strictly follow the guidelines issued by the Government of India, for Covid-19 pandemic.

NDA muscle in RS

An emaciated Opposition has to unitedly fight the Government on the floor of the House than stage walkouts

Can the Rajya Sabha be the conscience of the nation and uphold democratic traditions with fierce debates, dialogue, checks and balances? Can it still be representative of the federal character of India? If the passing of the farm Acts was any indication, then the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has already become over-confident about subverting parliamentary fairplay and justifying its authoritative weight by managing numbers. Worse, it is using the Parliament to tick off the boxes in its manifesto, prioritising party over governance and trampling any opposing view as redundant, even if reasoned. Controversial Bills have

always been open for discussion in the House, often moved to relevant parliamentary committees for careful perusal and closing deficiencies. But the voice vote — which is nothing more than a shouting match of who gets heard louder and which has so far been used to pass Bills that are consensual — for farm Bills changed all that. Though the legislations split the House down the middle, a “friendly” Chair ensured that the voice vote could be resorted to as a bypass. And now that the NDA has further consolidated its position in the Rajya Sabha, crossing the 100-mark after nine BJP candidates were elected unopposed, co-optation has a possibility of becoming more a rule than the exception. On the other hand, the Congress, which dominated the Upper House, is now down to 38 seats — its lowest ever tally — in the 242-member House after it lost two more seats to the BJP in the current elections. Out of the 11 Rajya Sabha seats that were vacant, nine were won by BJP candidates, taking the party’s tally to 92 seats. While it is still some distance away from the halfway mark of 121 to have a say on its own, it has its allies and issue-based supportive parties to count on. The Janata Dal (United) has five seats. The smaller parties like RPI-Athawale, Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), Mizo National Front (MNF), National People’s Party (NPP), Naga People’s Front (NPF), Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) and Bodoland People’s Front (BPF) have a seat each besides four nominated members. Meanwhile, the AIADMK with nine MPs, BJD with nine MPs, TRS with seven MPs and YSRC with six MPs have been crucial in ensuring the passage of controversial Bills.

The Opposition has anyway been emaciated since the big Lok Sabha verdict last year, the biggest loser being the Congress. And now with the grand old party’s dismal presence in the Upper House, it has never looked so exhausted and beaten. In the absence of a counter-agenda, particularly a convincing economic one, or a strident approach, it has frankly ceded its responsibility as the main Opposition party, leave alone leading others. Besides, its intra-party stasis means that it continues to be visionless. And reactive politics is certainly not working for it. Of course, with these numbers, the BJP will now claim a high efficiency in the Parliament, which will be measured by the swiftness with which it pushes legislation, some of it being agenda-driven rather than being qualitatively relevant. The 16th Lok Sabha passed 133 Bills. The Government also promulgated 45 Ordinances, which were subsequently legislated without too much obstruction. A single-party dominance means a frightful shrinkage of deliberative discussions and the conversion of ill-conceived ideas into State policy. According to a report by PRS, which tracked the BJP Government’s passage of Bills, the time spent on the Question Hour, discussions and calling attention motions had dipped significantly in the pre-COVID session. Many demands for a discussion were guillotined too. Add to that protests and adjournments, which the Opposition had to resort to in the absence of being allowed to be heard as per convention, and the Parliament has anyway been reduced to being a tool of the ruling party rather than being a nation’s watchdog. The Rajya Sabha, so far, has been responsible for ensuring scrutiny, prizing governance over party-driven point-scoring and protecting federalism. Not for nothing did Justice DY Chandrachud, while registering his dissent in the case on the Aadhaar Act of 2016, say, “As a revising chamber, the Constitution makers envisioned that it will protect the values of the Constitution, even if it is against the popular will. The Rajya Sabha is a symbol against majoritarianism.” But looks like bicameralism is a shell for what is for all practical purposes becoming a monolithic institution. There are fewer and fewer democratic tools left to hold the Government to account. If anything, the balance of power intended by our founding fathers has been overturned for sure. Dissent has anyway been a casualty in the Modi regime. Now, the House, that at least was a platform for alternative perspectives, is in danger of losing its essence to the brute force of mathematics. As it is, the Government in its last term had bypassed the Rajya Sabha by passing crucial amendments through the Money Bill route that disallows amendments there. Then the farm Bill fiasco happened. And now with increasing strength, the NDA can very well design approaches to get its way and reduce the rulebook to a mere tokenism. As for the Opposition, particularly the Congress, it has no option but to at least unite on devising joint parliamentary strategies and make the most of the time allotted to it for legislative business and interventions. All non-BJP parties have to be present at all times and adopt more constructive means of getting themselves heard as disruptions like walkouts only help the ruling combine in the end. Otherwise, we are staring at the possibility of majoritarianism bulldozing the greatest of our institutions.

Stubborn stubble

Unless all stakeholders are strong-willed and opt for a united response, cracking down on farmers won’t help

Even as Delhiites continue to suffer from a thick smog, Punjab farmers continue to burn their rice crop residue. This despite the Punjab Government banning stubble burning, appointing 8,000 nodal officers to douse the blaze and deploying over 70,000 extra machines for residue management. In fact, stubble burning cases have been the highest this year in Punjab as compared to the previous three years. So, why do the farmers seem indifferent? The fact is they are in a fix. Already overburdened, the present problem of a short gap between harvesting and sowing two different crops was thrust upon them by well-meaning environmentalists crying hoarse over the need for water conservation. So, now they have to remove the paddy straw instead of letting it lie and decompose. If they wish to remove stubble manually, they will need at least ₹6,000-7,000 per acre. This is economically unviable for small and marginal farmers. Even if an equipment like the happy seeder is given to them to cut the stubble and sow wheat seeds simultaneously at a subsidised rate by the State Government, the additional per acre cost of rent and diesel needed to run these machines means this option is also uneconomical. Then there is the issue of low germination of wheat seeds sown with happy seeders, something our farmers cannot afford.

But a solution has to be found which is viable for everyone. A united and shared approach may yet solve matters as envisaged in the just declared commission on air management provided there is political will. State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh could buy the rice straw from the farmers and then sell it to biomass factories, power plants, paper mills and cardboard factories. Then there is the paddy straw chopper-cum-spreader which can be operated by a tractor with 45-50 HP or more. It will not only chop the straw and spread it in the field, thus maintaining the fertility of the soil, but ease sowing of the next crop too. Plus, the accelerated straw decomposition process or Pusa capsule developed by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute is something that can be looked at as it costs less than ₹1,000 per acre and is good for increasing nutrients in the soil. Converting stubble into biochar is another option. All stakeholders have to come together in mission mode. Simply coming down on the growers will not help.

More than a routine affair

It is the Gorkha connect and magic that General MM Naravane’s visit to Nepal will nurture and preserve besides creating an ambience for normalising ties



ASHOK K MEHTA

The chief of Army Staff, General MM Naravane’s visit to Nepal, starting today, is being seen as a clear attempt by both countries to revive bilateral relations, which are at a new low due to the map and road rows and their repudiation as Kathmandu printed its own map, incorporating disputed areas of Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura. General Naravane’s visit is a part of the unique tradition that began in 1972, when the Army chiefs of both countries were ceremonially appointed chiefs of each other’s armies. It was Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, the legendary Sam Bahadur, who institutionalised the unique military relation that had both political and strategic ramifications. “When a soldier says he is not afraid of death, he is either lying or a Gorkha,” Sam would say. No two countries are privileged with similar bonding as the Gorkhas of Nepal, who serve and even die protecting India’s territorial integrity and sovereignty. The strategic military relations are at two levels — between the two sovereign armies and the Indian Army’s Gorkha connect.

For India, Nepal is geo-strategically the most important neighbour, dominating avenues to the Indo-Gangetic heartland. The security concerns emanate from the north of the Himalayas and have constituted the core worry. In 1959, the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had said that an attack on Nepal and Bhutan will be deemed as an attack on India. The Chinese have made equivalent remarks.

Nepal faces only an internal threat as the Maoists posed two decades ago. The hijack of IC-814 demonstrated Nepal’s fragile internal security system. Fortunately, it has no external threat.

In 1952, King Tribhuvan invited India to establish a military training mission, which included occupying 22 border posts along with Nepal Army but Kalapani was not one of them. By 1970, under pressure from the Communist lobby in the palace, the training facilities were withdrawn. In 1965, King Mahendra, and in 1990, King Birendra requested India to modernise the Nepal Army, which is equipped 80 per cent with Indian military



hardware provided at friendship prices — 70 per cent aid and 30 per cent payment, which over time has become near gratis. According to treaty arrangements, Nepal acquires military equipment from abroad only when India is unable to provide them. But this is not sacrosanct as the US, the UK and east Europe have provisioned the Army.

The Nepal Army was tested during the counter-insurgency campaign against the Maoists, when it initially failed to meet the challenge. The Indian Army provided tactical advice and military equipment in staving off the threat which ended in a stalemate. As part of tactical consultations in September 2003, the Bilateral Security Cooperation Mechanism was established, which is supposed to meet twice a year. After King Gyanendra staged the royal coup in February 2005, military supplies were suspended, resulting in a rift between Army chief General JJ Singh and the Foreign Office as General Singh pointed out that blocking the flow of weapons and equipment would undermine Nepal Army’s counter-insurgency operations. Though overruled, he defended the military ties zealously.

The bulk of Nepal Army’s specialised training is held in India and it bags maximum training slots. Joint training has reached the battalion level

under the Surya Kiran series and military exercises are held in both the countries. The Indian military has become the first responder during crisis or calamity in Nepal. In the 1990s, there was a horrible aviation tragedy at the Tribhuvan International Airport. The IAF rushed in several helicopters to help trace victims of the accident. Similarly, in 2015, after the earthquake, the Indian military’s immediate response was acknowledged by Nepal Army chief, General Gaurav Rana.

The second strand of bilateral relations is the recruitment of Gorkhas from Nepal in the Indian Army, which is a continuation of the British inheritance through the Tripartite Agreement of 1947, whereby Nepalese get into British, Indian and their own armies. The British had insulated the Gorkhas from the rest of the Indian Army by not allowing Indian officers to lead them. At the end of World War II, there were 51 Gorkha battalions which were divided between the British and Indian Armies. Today, the 43 Gorkha battalions, which are larger than the entire British infantry, which has two Gorkha battalions, make up the largest infantry regiment of the Indian Army. While initially all were recruited from Nepal, gradually the Nepali Gorkha content reduced to 70 per cent and currently is

60 per cent while the remaining comes from Indian domiciled Gorkhas from Dharamshala to Darjeeling. In 2015, a Gorkha battalion composed entirely of Indian Gorkhas was formed.

On an average, India recruits annually 1,500 to 2,000 Nepali Gorkhas with unending queues of aspirants. Indians have offered the Gorkhas with panache and passion that British Gorkha veterans now envy. These battalions have won gallantry awards that outmatch other Indian regiments and those Indians who doubt their loyalty should have their heads examined.

The Indian embassy has created a wealth of facilities for the 1.25 lakh ex-servicemen (10 lakh if you add families) in Nepal, who are exceptionally organised, disciplined, lately, affluent after One Rank One Pension (OROP) and beholden to India. A special Gorkha cell in Army Headquarters monitors their welfare. Pay and pensions account for the third-largest remittance after trade and tourism, and this has remained unaffected by the pandemic or other crises.

Nepali politicians with Leftist leanings, especially Maoists, have invariably raised the question of stopping recruitment in foreign armies, especially the Indian Army. The Chinese influence in Nepal has grown dramatically since

the Communist Government is in place. It has been seeking parity with India, including joint military training which started in 2017. China may object to the use of Nepali troops of the Indian Army against a friendly Chinese People’s Liberation Army. An echo was heard during Doklam.

With the Nepal Communist Party in power, the recruitment issue keeps popping up. One suspects there would be a mini-revolt in the countryside for contemplating a sacrifice as heinous as stopping Gorkhas from showing off their valour. A proposal that had emanated from the Kathmandu Embassy in 1974, recommending this infamy, was axed in New Delhi with alacrity for its potential to rob India of a vital strategic asset. The serving Gorkhas and the ex-servicemen community together constitute the one reliable pro-India constituency in Nepal that New Delhi can count on, especially when India-Nepal relations have hit rock-bottom. It is this Gorkha asset and magic that General Naravane’s visit will nurture and preserve besides creating an ambience for normalising ties.

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander IPKF South, Sri Lanka and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff)

SOUNDBITE

Education is the tool for liberation and people should give priority to educating their children. The Government policies must help in the uplift of the downtrodden.

Retired High Court judge —Kemal Pasha



It is necessary to actively use the instruments of public-private partnership, to attract, where possible, extra-budgetary and borrowed funds, carefully.

Russian President —Vladimir Putin



The Government of the Grand Alliance, which will be formed, won’t be the Government of any particular caste, religion or class. It will be the Government for the entire Bihar.

Congress leader —Rahul Gandhi



The game has become faster but is it getting safer? Be it a spinner or pacer, wearing a helmet should be mandatory for batsmen at the professional level.

Former cricketer —Sachin Tendulkar



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Next US President

Sir — Elections in the US have often surprised people. In 2016, Hillary Clinton had more popular votes than Donald Trump. Nonetheless, she lost. The US President is not elected based on popular votes cast in his/her favour. Rather, when the people exercise their ballot, they are actually voting for a group of people called electors, who form the electoral college. This has 538 electoral votes in aggregate. Each elector is entitled to cast one vote following the general election, and the candidate who gets more than half (270), wins. Hence, in 2016, Clinton lost to Trump.

The 2020 US election is unique in many ways for India, too. An Indian-American woman leader, Kamala Harris, is the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee and has a fair drawing power, according to the opinion polls. On the other hand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been rooting for the Republican President Donald Trump and his deputy. In both the “Howdy, Modi!” mega event in Houston and “Namaste Trump” extravaganza in Ahmedabad, Modi had can-

GST inflows cross ₹1 lakh crore

Revenues from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) surpassed ₹1.05 lakh crore in October, the first time in this financial year. The Government cited the GST inflows as a clear sign of recovery in the economy after its 23.9 per cent contraction in the first quarter of this year. Economists are terming the surge in the GST kitty as “enthusing” as this was in line with the expectation of a build-up of inventories in anticipation of a robust festive season. However, not many are convinced about the persistence of this trend, especially once the festive season is over and the pent-up demand is fulfilled.

The uptick in October’s GST inflows can be attributed to the festive demand and input tax credits as well as other reconciliations that were due for in September. If this level of revenue is maintained through the rest of 2020-21, we may see a reduction in the shortfall in the GST compensation for the States. However, we cannot consider the GST inflows as a return to normalcy for businesses as these revenues normally relate to sales



that occurred in September, when a big part of the economy, including public transport, was unlocked. It also depends on the potential second COVID wave, which is already resulting in a second lockdown in Europe. We need to await data for December before we can confidently say the economy has bounced back.

Yash Pal Raihan
Jalandhar

vassed rather openly for Trump. Then again, the failure to applaud Harris, a person of Indian origin, wholeheartedly is not lost on the observers. However, India can easily reach out to the Democratic President and the Vice President if they are voted to power. The fact remains, Democrat or Republican, the US Presidents are always driven by their national interests and per-

manence has never been their strong suit.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Poverty graph

Sir — It is a matter of grave concern that two-third of India’s population lives in poverty with 68.8 per cent surviving on less than \$2 a day. And over 30 per

cent even have less than \$1.25 per day available. Around 800 million people are considered poor, making the Indian subcontinent one of the poorest countries in the world. Most of them live in the countryside and keep afloat with odd jobs.

Poverty has indeed been one of the biggest challenges for the Government. And the nationwide lockdown to slow the

spread of the Coronavirus has made things even worse. The Government needs to target specific areas such as accelerating economic and agricultural growth, ensuring speedy development of infrastructure, growth of non-farm employment, access to assets and credit, and reforming the public distribution system and special employment schemes for the poor.

B Ahsanullah
Delhi

Ban on firecrackers

Sir — On November 2, the National Green Tribunal issued notices to the Ministry of Environment and Forests and four State Governments — Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan — on banning firecrackers from November 7 to November 30 in the interest of public health and environment. This comes as a welcome step as the quality of air continues to deteriorate, especially in Delhi, which may, in turn, lead to a rise in COVID-19 cases.

Khushboo Ved
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FIRST COLUMN

Parks must fight climate change

The management of Kanha National Park needs to evolve ways to adapt to climatic vagaries and prepare a plan for long-term sustainability



VK BAHUGUNA

Climate change has started impacting the wildlife reserves of India. During 2019, as against the average annual rainfall of 1,200 to 1,300 mm, the Kanha National Park recorded 1,800 mm rainfall, 300 mm in a single day. This resulted in damage to the soil and water bodies that were filled with sand and debris. Many bridges were damaged in the deluge as was the vegetation. The management of Kanha National Park needs to evolve ways to adapt to climatic vagaries and prepare a plan of action for long-term sustainability of the park, which is one of the oldest wildlife reserves of India.

One of the finest tiger habitats in the country and a haven for prey species like the *barasingha*, *gaur* and *cheetal*, Kanha comprises a large area of 1,949 sq km in the well-forested Mandla and Balaghat districts of Madhya Pradesh. It has a core area of 940 sq km and a 1,009 sq km buffer zone. It was notified as a reserved forest in 1879, as a sanctuary in 1933 and finally, a national park in 1955. Like other wildlife reserves, Kanha too got a tremendous management boost with the introduction of Project Tiger in 1973. The adjacent Phen Wild Life Sanctuary spread over 110 sq km is part of its additional core area.

It is endowed with fabulously rich biodiversity of plant and animal genetic resources. Meadows full of grasses make it a perfect habitat both for the herbivorous animals as well as for the tiger and other carnivores. As a result it has plenty of tigers, leopards, *gaur*s, wild dogs, jackals, wild boar, *langurs*, pythons and a host of other wildlife. The national bird, the peacock, is seen all over the park in abundance.

The prey base for now more than 125 tigers is more than adequate with 40,000 *cheetals*, 11,000 *sambhars* and 800 *barasinghas*. Kanha has 139 families of birds, including migratory ones from the Himalayas, Central Asia and Europe like the golden oriel, greenish warbler, rosy starling, brown shrike, common stonechat, northern pintail ducks, barn starling, Malabar pied horn, Indian grey horn, wagles, white-backed vultures and so on.

The climatic and geological conditions, like undulating land mass and a network of water streams, ponds and lakes, are favourable for sustaining the rich biodiversity. The range of temperature from 43 to 44 degrees in summer and minus two degrees in winter and an annual rainfall of around 1,400 mm bring a wide range of biodiversity to this park.

The authorities deserve a lot of kudos for managing the park so well. They have created adequate infrastructural and logistic facilities like housing, schooling for their children and an innovative medical scheme along with other excellent workers' welfare measures like soft loans. The souvenir shops and canteens are run by the workers' society and the profit is shared as bonus annually. The turnover last year was ₹95 lakh and this year so far it is around ₹66 lakh despite the lockdown that saw a reduced footfall. These innovative steps are the cornerstone of the park's management policy.

The scientific management of biodiversity is focussed on interdependence of species and non-living components. The park is known for some innovative measures like focussing on other species than the tiger. The conservation programme of the *barasingha*, a threatened species, is now doing very well and animals are getting translocated to other wildlife reserves. The park management had made a few novel efforts like a "School for Rewilding Orphaned Tiger Cubs" in which they are rescued, reared, trained and released back in the wild. A "Kanha Vikas Nidhi" had been created to support the infrastructure and livelihoods of the 27 villages that were shifted from the core area.

The State Eco-Development Board is also active in the wildlife reserves in these activities and creating a win-win situation for both the people and wildlife. However, while interacting with the staff, one thing became clear. The State Government must look into the genuine grievances of the Range Officers and other field staff on their salary structures which need to be brought at par with police and forest staff of other States. The least the Shivraj Singh Chouhan Government must do is to accede to their demands as it is their efforts that are making the forest rich in flora and fauna. This, in turn, is conserving water and helping agriculture in the area. Above all, they have made Madhya Pradesh a tiger State of India and resulted in boosting its economy through bio-tourism.

(The writer is a former civil servant)



THE JOB OF A WOMAN IS TO TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSE. THE PROBLEM OF #METOO BEGAN WHEN WOMEN STARTED WORKING.

—ACTOR

MUKESH KHANNA

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



HOW REGRESSIVE AND OUTDATED. MISOGYNY MAY BE A RESULT OF A TRAUMATIC MEMORY. THAT'S THE ONLY BENEFIT OF DOUBT I CAN THINK OF.

—ACTOR

DIVYANKA TRIPATHI DAHIYA

Crime and fitting punishment

In cheque bounce cases, we need to find a balance so that malafide intent is punished while other, less serious offences are open to negotiation



SUBHASH CHANDRA PANDEY

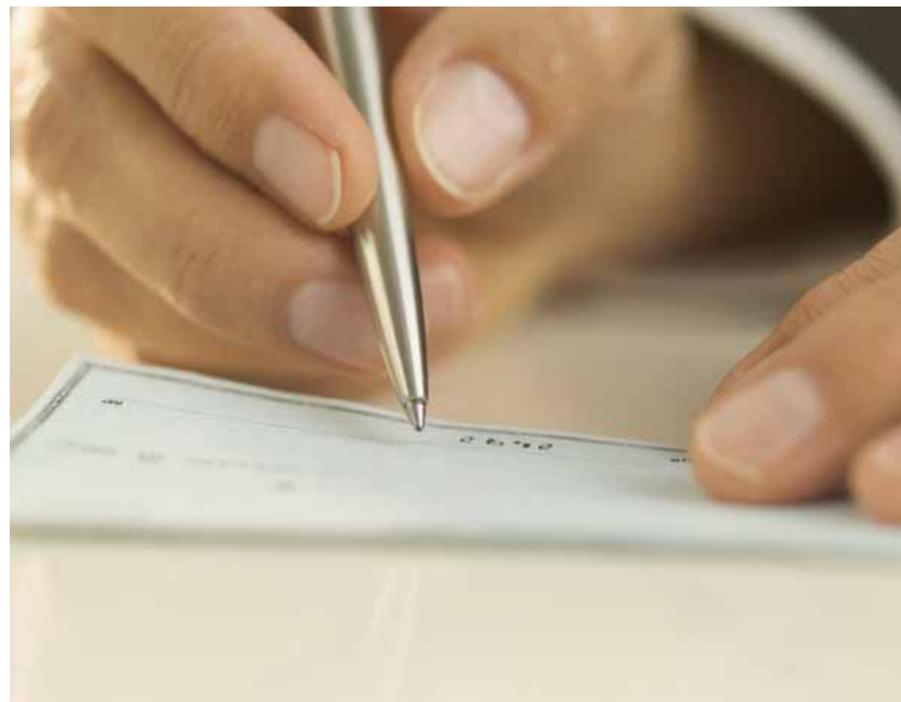
Issuing of post-dated cheques or signing of irrevocable mandates to banks to debit the agreed Equated Monthly Installment (EMI) on a fixed date every month is a common practice when loans or goods purchased on credit are repaid on a regular basis. If the cheque or automatic electronic debit is dishonoured by the bank for want of funds/mandate and the debtor fails to clear the dues within 15 days of a written notice by the bank (to be given within 30 days of dishonour), the creditor can file a criminal complaint. This is because the debtor commits an offence punishable with up to two years in jail or fine up to two times the amount of the cheque issued or both. The criminal case can be dropped in case of a compromise or settlement. This is provided under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. The objective of all this is to promote the efficiency of banking operations and to ensure credibility in transacting business through cheques. The 1881 Act was amended in 1989 to introduce a one-year jail term that was enhanced to two years in 2003. But the offence was made "compoundable", meaning that the criminal proceedings can now be dropped if some compromise is reached between the two parties.

India, with its huge population, has problems that are unique to it and the overburdening of resources or institutions is one of them. So, it is not surprising then, that a total of 346 lakh court cases were pending in the country on October 29 this year. Out of this, there were over 251 lakh criminal and over 95 lakh civil cases, of which over 199 lakh criminal cases were more than a year old. A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) in 2013 had highlighted that out of the pending 270 lakh court cases, about 40 lakh were cheque bounce cases, involving about ₹1,200 crore. These cases, estimated to be about 20 per cent of the total caseload (2018), are clogging the already overburdened criminal courts. Do we have enough jails and judges to convict every offender? Shouldn't we have a hierarchy or priority list of offences to be targeted by the prosecution and adjudicating systems? Should the debtors, who have already mortgaged movable and immovable properties, be further subjected to criminal liability?

The Government is considering decriminalising cheque bounce cases and some other "civil wrongs." On June 8, the Finance Ministry sought stakeholder comments on its proposal to decriminalise 39 "minor economic offences" created under 19 Acts, including non-repayment of loans and dishonour of a cheque or automatic electronic debit for "improving the ease of doing business and helping unblock the court system and prisons." However, the decriminalisation proposal has been opposed by the IBA, the Confederation of All-India Traders, the Finance Industry Development Council, the Federation of Industrial and Commercial Organisation and some Bar Councils.

The Bar Council of Delhi has highlighted the effect of the pandemic on lawyers in the country and how every advocate is facing a financial crisis. The Bar Councils of Maharashtra and Goa, too, have opposed the proposal to decriminalise Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. They contended that the offence of cheque bounce should not be termed as a "minor" infraction by the Government in its bid to decriminalise the same. For lawyers, decriminalisation clear-

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ly means an adverse impact on their livelihoods. For traders selling on credit, there is a genuine problem of having no security against customer default. Instalment purchase of goods on EMI is supported by post-dated cheques, and no one will accept cheques if their bouncing is decriminalised. Trade will be left at the mercy of civil litigation that takes several years for justice to be delivered. Even after the current stringent Section 138, more than 20 per cent of all pendency of cases across the country is only pertaining to cheque bounce.

The bankers' opposition to decriminalisation can also be understood for cheque bounce against unsecured loans. However, there is absolutely no justification for continuing with this additional protection in case of secured loans. While sanctioning EMI-based loans, banks insist on mortgage of immovable property or shares, debentures, fixed deposits and so on. Or they obtain guarantees from employers for deduction from the borrowers' salary. In such cases, cheque bounce should be considered for decriminalisation to begin with. Borrowers — distressed by the Coronavirus pandemic — have been provided some relief by way of moratorium and deferral of fresh applications for insolvency proceedings but the criminal liability under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, as amended in 1989, 2003 and 2018, remains. Normally, for criminal liability to be pinned to a person, presence of *mens rea*, malafide intention is a must. However, in cheque bounce cases, malafide intention may or may not be there and need not be proved. A strict liability has been created without going into a cheque issuer's intentions as a measure to build trust and credibility in cheque transactions.

The objective of amending Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act

in 1989 was to add credibility in transacting business through cheques. Current realities are so very different from 1989 when cheque bounce was first criminalised.

Provision of criminal liability — prosecution and imprisonment — on strict liability basis, without the need to prove malafide intention, is an identified deterrent for attracting new investment. It is in larger public interest to declog our criminal courts and jails.

In *Kaushalya Devi Massand vs Rookishore Khore* case, the Supreme Court held that the offence committed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act cloaks a civil wrong as a criminal act and the gravity of offence under Section 138 of the Act cannot be equated with a crime under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code or other criminal offences.

In *Makwana Mangaldas Tulcidas vs. State of Gujarat* and others case, the Supreme Court recently favoured decriminalisation of dishonour of small value cheques. The court suggested various ways to deal with the situation of overflowing cheque bounce cases pending adjudication across the country. The apex court suggested developing a mechanism for pre-litigation settlement in these cases.

The Centre, while decriminalising some defaults, has to balance the interests of lawyers, the business community and the welfare of the public at large, especially those who are not wilful defaulters. In cheque bounce cases, we need to find a balance so that malafide intent is punished while other, less serious offences are compounded. As the working of the SARFESAI Act (The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act) and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) have shown, the cases of wilful defaults are very few and such offenders con-

tinue to dodge the law while a large number of non-wilful defaulters continue to suffer harassment in courts. Public policy is all about balancing conflicting requirements and expectations. Creditors would want to have as many solutions as possible and pursue all those remedies simultaneously. However, such an approach has a deleterious effect on business sentiment. It may end up having a chilling effect on potential borrowers and consumer demand. If fear of imprisonment and litigation charges along with a fine truly had a deterrent effect and resulted in timely payment of cheques, the courts would not have such a big pending caseload. And it is this huge backlog of cheque bounce cases that delays the trial of more serious crimes and at the same time erodes public faith in the judicial system.

Hence, decriminalisation of bounced cheques should be seriously pursued. Secured creditors have remedies available under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act, 2002 and the IBC, 2016. Cases involving secured lenders should be decriminalised except for borrowers declared "wilful defaulters" or "fugitive economic offenders." Even in cases involving unsecured creditors, the criminal cases should be continued against repeat offenders and a more lenient view may be taken of first-time defaults and offenders. There should be very clear articulation of legislative intent as to its retrospective or prospective operation. To eliminate a large pendency of court cases, retrospective application based on a differentiating criterion like secured/unsecured creditor and wilful/non-wilful defaulters would be necessary and desirable.

(The writer is former Special Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry)

Criticism based on perception rather than facts

It emerges that the Delhi Police has filed chargesheets against the accused belonging to both the communities in the February riots cases



SK JAIN

It is a sad fact that 53 people lost their lives in the riots in north-east Delhi in February this year. Nearly 600 people were injured and property worth several crores was destroyed. Countless families had their sources of livelihood destroyed and some unfortunate ones lost their sole breadwinners. The Delhi Police, too, had its share of dead and injured, and I have no doubt that it has been analysing the cause of the tragic course of events and how it reacted and responded to the sit-

uation in the national Capital as it unfolded. Disconcertingly, there have been allegations that Delhi Police acted under political pressure during the riots. But after an initial delay/dithering, it acted swiftly and controlled the situation. The National Security Advisor and the present Commissioner of Police, who was specially brought in from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), visited the worst-hit areas of the Capital for a few days, restored order and instilled a sense of security and safety among the public.

While the embers of the riots were still burning, criticism from various quarters started pouring in regarding lack of transparency and impartiality in the conduct of the police. Several articles have appeared in the media carrying allegations of one-sided probes. Motives are being attributed for both, arresting or not arresting people. It is indeed sad to see respectable names being lent to write-ups castigating the police investigation with hardly any

attempt to access authentic material. It has been my experience in over three decades of policing in Delhi and some other AGMU-cadre States and Union Territories that there is hardly any political interference in police functioning in these jurisdictions, be it in handling of law and order situations, crime control or investigation of crimes. The police are usually free to act professionally in such matters barring individual aberrations.

After the inept and biased handling of the 1984 riots, which badly impacted its image, the Delhi Police, under the able leadership of the legendary Ved Marwah and subsequent illustrious Commissioners of Police, has been acting professionally and competently. It has handled grave law and order situations and various communal riots, including widespread unrest after the implementation of the Mandal Commission report. It appears that allegations of biased investigation in the recent riots are based more on percep-

tions than facts. Now that the Delhi Police has filed several chargesheets, including a comprehensive 1,800 page one in an important case related to the conspiracy behind the riots, a considerable amount of material relating to this investigation has come into the public domain. The investigators have made extensive use of modern technology in collecting evidence and have been able to get statements of key witnesses recorded before magistrates. Also, it emerges that the Delhi Police has filed chargesheets against the accused belonging to both the communities, based on the quantum of evidence adduced during the course of investigations.

Recently, the police filed a supplementary chargesheet against nine people, who were part of a WhatsApp group called *Kattar Hindu Ekta*, by adding Sections 153 A and 505 of the Indian Penal Code for promoting enmity between different groups in the name of religion. This has exposed the

allegations and conspiracy theories regarding favouritism and biased investigation to be based on presumptions and hearsay. It appears that those levelling such charges were either spreading much misinformation or were simply jumping the gun. In fact, in cases of pre-planned caste or communal riots, it will be highly undesirable and unfair to arrest an equal number of people from both the groups/communities. Rather the police investigations, arrests and chargesheets have to be based strictly on the evidence collected and the facts of the case.

The competent court has already taken cognisance of the matter and the relevant courts will hear both the prosecution and the defence. The evidence adduced by the prosecution will be subjected to rigorous scrutiny and witnesses will be examined and cross-examined. The accused and their attorneys will get every opportunity to punch holes in the prosecution's version.

As a former police officer and a concerned citizen, I am hopeful and confident that the rule of law will prevail and truth will eventually triumph in the probe in the Delhi riots.

Delhi Police did a commendable job during the initial three months of the lockdown necessitated by the COVID-19 outbreak and earned immense public goodwill. Police personnel served and helped citizens in all possible ways without even caring for their own lives or the welfare of their own families. The lives of 20 police personnel were also lost to COVID. The police leadership would be well-advised to step up efforts to improve public perception and project a people-friendly image by earning the trust and goodwill of the masses.

(The writer is former Special Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police and Member, Public Grievances Commission and Police Complaints Authority, Delhi. He is also an Advocate and Consultant in criminal matters)



FOREIGN EYE



NO ROOM FOR TERROR

Should the Vienna attacks end up being proven to be what they appear to be, it would be a bloody hallmark of the severity of Islamic terror in Europe. The recent tragedies linked to religious extremists must alert us to the terrorist potential such elements constitute and the need for resolute actions to have them neutralised.

(China Daily editorial)

Fearing poll-related violence, security tightened across US

Washington/New York: Security has been tightened at the White House and major commercial avenues across the US, with retailers boarding up their stores to head off any damages as America braced for possible unrest and violence in a bitter and divisive presidential race.



Vital government installations are on high alert while the Secret Service has fortified the White House. A "non-scalable" wall has been temporarily erected around the sprawling presidential complex ahead of the voting on Tuesday.

About 600 National Guard troops have also been designated to help respond to protests around the country if requested.

On election eve, contractors were seen busy boarding up major stores and businesses from New York and Boston in the north to southern Houston to Washington DC and Chicago in the east to San Francisco in the West.

Stores along the posh 5th

Avenue in Manhattan as well as across the New York city boarded up and workers were seen drilling plywood onto the stores' facade late in the night, amid fears that Election Day could bring violence, looting and clashes, similar to the chaos seen in the summer during protests over the death of George Floyd.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said Monday that he has spoken with Police Commissioner Dermot Shea and there is no specific reports or specific threats of violence at this point.

"Everyone, of course, is concerned about the election results and what plays out after. But I want to emphasize, at this moment, we don't see a specific challenge. We are ready for all sorts of challenges. A lot of preparation has been happening over the last few weeks," de Blasio said during a press conference.

Responding to a question on concerns about violence in the city on and after election day and stores boarding up, he said every store owner has to

make their own decision and he respects the decision of each store owner.

"I want to talk about Election Day and the aftermath. Everyone's thinking about this deeply. Everyone's concerned," he said adding that the city should be prepared for the fact that the election results will not necessarily be a 100 percent clear on Tuesday night or even on Wednesday. **PTI**

HARRIS WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT: TRUMP

Washington: Claiming that Democratic vice presidential candidate Kamala Harris wants to be the first woman president of the United States, President Donald Trump told his supporters that this is one "good reason" not to vote for his challenger Joe Biden.

"This wonderful woman, she wants to be your first

female president. I don't think so. I don't think so. You know, that's a good reason not to vote for sleepy Joe too, right? You don't want to do that," Trump, a Republican, said at a political rally in Kenosha in Wisconsin, a key battleground state on the eve of Tuesday's presidential election. **PTI**

Biden predicts 'big win' in Pennsylvania

Washington: Joe Biden is predicting a victory in Pennsylvania on the eve of the election.

Speaking at a drive-in rally in Pittsburgh, Biden encouraged the audience to vote and said, "I have a feeling we're coming together for a big win tomorrow!" The crowd, about 250 cars gathered in the parking lot of Heinz Field, honked their horns and cheered as he spoke.

Biden was the headliner at a star-studded pair of rallies Monday night. Before he spoke in Pittsburgh, running mate Kamala Harris delivered a call to action at a rally in Philadelphia that was live-streamed on a large screen at the Pittsburgh rally. John Legend played in Philadelphia, while Lady Gaga performed in

Pittsburgh and exhorted the crowd to "vote like your lives depend on it!"

Biden delivered a speech focused on the need to expand health care, address income inequality and racial injustice. After four events across Ohio and Pennsylvania Monday, Biden's voice grew hoarse, but he was still energetic, at times pounding the podium for emphasis.

Biden's campaign insists the Democrat has multiple paths to victory, but his easiest route is through Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

He'll be campaigning in Scranton and Philadelphia on Election Day, and told the crowd Monday night, "The power is in your hands, Pennsylvania!"

Iran's US policy not affected by who wins election: Ayatollah Khamenei

Dubai: Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Tuesday the U.S. presidential election's result will not impact Tehran's policy towards Washington.

"Our policy towards the United States is clearly set and does not change with the movement of individuals. It does not matter to us who comes and goes," Khamenei

said in a speech carried live on state TV. Khamenei was speaking on the anniversary of the 1979 seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran, which coincided with the birthday of Islam's Prophet Mohammad.

"The students' attack on this den of spies was quite appropriate and wise," Khamenei said, referring to radical Islamist students who

stormed the embassy, taking hostage 52 staff for an eventual 444 days. There have been no U.S.-Iranian diplomatic relations since. Iran this year cancelled rallies and other events marking the embassy seizure because of concerns over the spread of the coronavirus which has killed about 36,000 people in the country, the worst hit in the Middle East. **AFP**

France says its forces kill 50 Islamic extremists in Mali

Prez Macron speaks with Egypt, Palestinian leaders

PTI ■ PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron spoke to the Egyptian and Palestinian leaders after a week of anti-French protests around the Muslim world and three Islamic extremist attacks on France.

Macron is seeking to calm tensions and to straighten out misunderstandings while also defending France's values. The French president's office said Tuesday that Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas both offered him support.

Around the Mideast and South Asia, demonstrators have expressed anger in recent days over caricatures of the Prophet published in French newspaper Charlie Hebdo and Macron's policies toward freedom of expression and Islamism.

Macron's office said in a statement that el-Sissi expressed his solidarity with France and denounced the attacks as well as the protests. El-Sissi's office said the Egyptian leader told Macron during a Monday phone call that coexistence between dif-

ferent religions "should be promoted through dialogue, understanding, mutual respect and without prejudice to religious icons."

El-Sissi said he and France's leader discussed their countries' "mutual positions" in fighting extremism and its supporters.

Macron also spoke with Abbas, who offered condolences and "his support to France in this ordeal," according to Macron's office.

The Palestinian president's office said Abbas stressed "the need for everyone to respect religions and religious symbols and not allow anything offensive to Prophet Muhammad and all prophets and religions while condemning all those who do so."

Abbas also emphasised "his rejection of extremism, violence and terrorism," while Macron expressed his "respect for Islam and the Islamic world," according to the official Palestinian news agency Wafa.

Macron also explained France's positions during a weekend interview with Arabic network Al Jazeera in which he called for mutual understanding and respect.



Paris: France's Defense Minister says French military forces fighting Islamic extremists in West Africa "put away" more than 50 jihadists in a recent operation in Mali.

Defense Minister Florence Parly tweeted Monday night

that the French force in the region, called Barkhane, also confiscated weapons and equipment from the fighters in the operation last Friday, which she said "shows once again that terrorist groups cannot act with impunity."

Parly is currently visiting Mali's capital Bamako, where she met with the head of the transitional government.

After Mali's president was ousted in August by a military junta, she urged democratic elections "as quickly as possible" and said the current leadership promised to ensure them.

France, which has suffered

repeated deadly Islamic extremist attacks, has thousands of forces in West Africa to help fight extremist groups there.

Islamic extremist rebels were forced from power in northern Mali after a 2013 French-led military operation, but regrouped in the desert and now launch frequent attacks on the Malian army and its allies.

Meanwhile, Mali has faced months of political upheaval. Under international pressure, the junta appointed a civilian-led government to lead the country through an 18-month transition period to new elections. **AP**

Uganda police arrest Bobi Wine after presidential nomination

Kampala: Ugandan police have arrested Bobi Wine, a popular singer and opposition presidential hopeful who is bidding to unseat Uganda's long-time leader.

Wine, whose real name is Kyagulanyi Ssentamu, was dragged from his car by police not long after he was officially nominated as a candidate in presidential elections scheduled for next year.

The local NBS Television, reporting from the scene, said Wine was put into a police van amid violent scuffles between police and his supporters.



A police spokesman did not immediately respond to questions. Authorities frequently accuse Wine of planning rallies that could disrupt public order, which he denies.

Critics say President Yoweri Museveni, in power since 1986, increasingly depends on the armed forces to assert his authority. Museveni was nominated as a candidate for president on Monday. **AP**

Thai protest leader says movement won't back down on demand

Bangkok: A top leader of Thailand's pro-democracy protests insisted Tuesday that the student-led movement will not back down from its most controversial demand, that the country's monarchy undergo reforms.

Lawyer Arnon Nampa also told a crowd outside Bangkok Remand Prison that the movement would hold a large demonstration in front of Parliament if a draft constitutional amendment the protesters are seeking is not approved in its next session, scheduled for mid-November.

"When Parliament opens, and if they do not pass the draft amendment of the constitution, we will close Parliament with our own hands," he said.

The movement wants Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha to step down, the constitution to be amended to make it more democratic, and the monarchy reformed to make its activities more transparent and accountable.

The protesters have been holding almost daily rallies around the country, some attracting upwards of 10,000 people. **AP**

EU considering further legal action in Brexit standoff

Brussels: The European Union is considering stepping up its legal action against Britain over legislation that would breach parts of the legally binding Brexit agreement that the EU and the British government reached late last year.

The fight over the government's proposed bill continued Tuesday as the two sides were deep in negotiations on a free trade agreement. A trade deal must be reached within weeks for it to be in place on Jan 1, when an 11-month Brexit transition period ends.

"This dispute will have to be resolved," EU spokesman Daniel Ferrer said.

A legal fight on top of the negotiations only highlights how bruising Britain's withdrawal from the European Union has proven to be.

The 27-nation bloc said it could now move to a second phase in the dispute over the U.K. Internal Market bill following Britain's refusal to reply to an Oct. 1 legal request seeking an explanation for its actions, EU leaders fear that if the UK bill becomes law, it could lead to the reimposition of a hard land border between

EU considering further legal action in Brexit standoff

Northern Ireland, which is part of Britain, and EU member Ireland.

The border was heavily militarized during the decades of sectarian violence in Northern Ireland, and the free movement of people and goods across it is viewed as essential to upholding the 1998 Good Friday peace accord.

There are hopes that the legal fight would become obsolete if both sides agree on a trade deal. But despite months of talks, substantive disagreements remain. **AP**

UK daily: China annexed over 150 hectares of Nepal's territory

Beijing dismisses it as 'rumour'

PTI ■ BEIJING

China has annexed over 150 hectares of Nepal's territory, according to a leading British daily whose report was rejected by the Chinese Foreign Ministry on Tuesday as a "completely unfounded rumour".

Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin's remarks came after The Telegraph quoting Nepalese politicians reported that China has annexed more than 150 hectares of land in five areas near the border, including by diverting the flow of a river to claim the previously submerged land.

Reacting to the news report, Wang said: "I want to point out that the report is a completely unfounded rumour".

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that my client Mr. Rameshwar Yadav owner of Plot No. Q-44-A, area measuring 43 Sq. Yds. Out of Kh. 1812 situated at Karauli Nagar, in the abadi of Main 30 Ft. Road, Lok Vihar, Shiv Vihar, Ilaga Shahdara, Delhi. By virtue of Notarized General Power of Attorney, Agreement to sell & will dated 15.05.1988 and same property sold to Mr. Deepak Yadav and same property to be loan financed by M/s. Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. A-32, 2nd Floor, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Naraina New Delhi-110028. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property then contact us within 7 days from the date of this notice on the number mentioned herein below failing which my client i.e. M/s. Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. A-32, 2nd Floor, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Naraina New Delhi-110028 shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

Naveen Kumar Verma, Advocate
F-211, Sector-3 vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that M/s MVRV Ventures 'Seller' claims to be owner and in possession of 1st Floor & 2nd Floor with Roof of Prop. No. 12868 at Friends Senika Awas Samiti Ltd Sec. 12, Vasundhara, Ghz. U.P. (hereinafter called the said property) by virtue of Sale Deed Dated 10.12.2019 Executed by Manisha Goyal & said Manisha Goyal have inherited the said property on the basis of Regd. Will Dated 11.02.2014 Executed by Ashraf Dew & M/s MVRV Ventures has agreed to sell the 2nd Floor with Roof to Vinay Chitra & Pragati Pandey & 1st floor to Shelly Rana and said Purchasers has agreed create mortgage of the said Property severally in favour of our clients. Axis Bank Ltd. having its office at Himalaya House, Carmichael Place New Delhi. All person's/institution's having any claim against or in respect of the said property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, lien or otherwise howsoever, 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/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan against the said property and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect thereof.

Vehal Diwan (Advocate)
For Diwan & Company LLP Advocates & Solicitors
H.No.2 (LGF), NRI Complex N. D.-19 M-981839999

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT (Imports Section)
SOURA, SRINAGAR, JAMMU & KASHMIR- 190011
Email: ammoimports@skims.ac.in, Fax: 0194-2403404
NIT NO: SIMS-324-eNIT 18 (Imports) of 2020
DATED: 31.10.2020

Sub: Abbreviated Notice inviting e-tenders for supply of plastic ware, glassware and chemicals, fine chemicals on two year rate contract.

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, e-tenders under two bid system are invited through Director Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences from Original Manufacturers/ their authorized distributors/ dealers for supply of plasticware, glassware and chemicals, fine chemicals on two year rate contract basis to be reckoned from the date of allotment of rate contract.

The detailed tender document is available on www.jktenders.gov.in & on SKIMS website www.skims.ac.in & the NIT schedule is as following:

Group	Name	Tender	EMD
Group A	Plastic ware, glassware etc.	Rs 1000	Rs 1,00,000-00
Group B	Chemicals, fine chemicals etc.	Rs 1000	Rs 1,00,000-00

Last Date for submission of online bids 28/11/2020.
Opening of technical bids 01/12/2020 at 12:30 p.m.

Complete bidding process will be online on e-tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in & the tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed NIT.

No: SIMS 324- NIT 18-Imports-2020-3411-16-5580-83
Dated: 31.10.2020

Sd/- Asstt. Material Management Officer (Imports)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 21.10.2020 at Footpath, oppsite to Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.** Dead Body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi mortuary for 72 hours for identification. In this regard **DD No. 67A, dated 21.10.2020** has been lodged at Police Station, Kotwali, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 55-60 Years, Height: 5'1", Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Complexion: Wheatish, Hair: Black and White, Eyes: Black, Wearing: Blue Pant and Light Pink Shirt.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station, Kotwali, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23977100, 8750870121

DP/687/N/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is here by informed that one girl **Name: Khushbu Khatuan, D/o Mohd. Kurban, R/o Khasra Number-156, Near Kallu ki Dukan, Satbeer Dagar ka Makan, Chandan Hulla, New Delhi, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5', Face: Oval, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium, Wearing: Green Kurti, Salwar and Black Colour chappal** has been missing since 20.09.2020 from her house the area of P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 365/2020, dated 20.09.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi
Ph. 011-26659511, 26659611
DP/253/SD/2020

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

1. Name of work	Renovation of toilets, repair to power cabin and floor surface of PF no. 1 and 2 at DKZ in the section of SSEW/DDL/Line underADEN/DDL.
2. Approximate cost of work	Rs. 44,94,926/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Six only)
3. Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 89,900/- (Rs. Rupees Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Only)
4. Cost of tender document	Rs. 0/-
5. Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender.	27.11.2020 @ 15:00 Hrs.
7. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen.	www.ireps.gov.in

- The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system.
- For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
- No manual offers are acceptable.
- Cost of tender document and Earnest Money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/24/2020-21/W-3
Dated: 03.11.2020

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

CORRIGENDIUM NOTICE
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT HARYANA
"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL"

"Awareness Generation, Capacity Building and Community mobilization in Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes" Chargeable to Support Activities, Jal Jeevan Mission.

Proposals are invited from Agency/Trust/Firms/NGOs/VO empanelled with NGO Darpan Portal, Niti Aayog, Government of India to conduct awareness generation, community mobilization and capacity building activities under Jal Jeevan Mission among rural households of villages covered under Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes as under:

Sr. No.	Description	Details
1	Block & District	Badoli, Palwal, Prithla, Hodal, Hansapur Distt.Palwal
2	No. of Gram Panchayats in the Blocks	Badoli-37, Palwal-41, Prithla-34, Hodal-34, Hansapur-36
3	Bid Security	Rs.5000/- Per Block
4	Date and Time for Submission of Proposal	12.11.2020
5	Date of Bid Opening	18.11.2020
6	Division Name & Mail & No. & Address	Public Health Engineering Division No3, Palwal ee3palwal@phedharyana.gov.in, 9812916337 Add:- Bhed Rest House, Jawahar Nagar Camp Palwal.

Interested NGO/ Trust/Firms/VO etc. may contact Division office on any working day to view the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) copy.

Executive Engineer, P.H.Engg. Division No.3, Palwal

RO PRDH NO. 83577

India's exports dip 5.4% in Oct, trade deficit narrows to \$8.78 bn

New Delhi: After recording positive growth in September, India's exports declined 5.4 per cent to USD 24.82 billion in October on account of dip in shipments of petroleum products, gems and jewellery, leather, and engineering goods.

Trade deficit in October narrowed to USD 8.78 billion as against USD 11.76 billion, as imports also fell 11.56 per cent to USD 33.6 billion during the month under review.

"India's merchandise exports in October 2020 were USD 24.82 billion, as compared to USD 26.23 billion in October 2019, showing a fall of 5.4 per cent," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement.

Major export commodities which recorded negative

growth during October included petroleum products (53.30 per cent), cashew (21.57 per cent), gems and jewellery (21.27 per cent), leather (16.69 per cent), man-made yarn/fabrics/made-ups (12.82 per cent), electronic goods (9.40 per cent), coffee (9.25 per cent), marine products (8.09 per cent) and engineering goods (3.84 per cent).

Sectors which showed positive growth included rice, oil meals, iron ore, oil seeds, carpet, pharmaceuticals, spices, cotton and chemicals.

During April-October 2020, exports declined 19.05 per cent to USD 150.07 billion, while imports fell 36.28 per cent over the same period last year to USD 182.29 billion.

Oil imports dipped 38.52

per cent to USD 5.98 billion in October. During April-October, it declined 49.5 per cent to USD 37.84 billion.

After contracting for six straight months, India's exports rose 5.99 per cent to USD 27.58 billion in September.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) President Sharad Kumar Saraf said the nominal decline in exports during the month was mainly because of huge container shortage and hike in sea freight, which upset exports, particularly for those who have negotiated on CIF (Cost, Insurance, Freight) or C&F (Cost and Freight) basis. Besides, farmers' agitation in some of the hinterland states also affected exports during October, he said. **PTI**

Eco Affairs Secy: Govt to soon announce another round of stimulus

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry will soon come up with a fresh round of economic stimulus, Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj said on Tuesday.

Addressing the media here, he said that the Department of Finance has received suggestions and discussions are on in the ministry regarding the next set of measures amid the pandemic. It will be announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, he said.

Bajaj's statement comes just over a week after he said that the Centre is open for further measures to boost the economy. Last month, the Finance Minister had also said that the Centre has not closed the option for another stimulus package. **PIANS**

In May, the government came up with the much talked-about Rs 20 lakh crore 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' economic package. Both the rounds of stimulus so far have received more flak than appreciation from the industry and experts, as many are of the opinion that they are inadequate, more so in terms of boosting demand.

A recent Moody's report said that the second round of fiscal stimulus amounts to just 0.2 per cent of the country's real GDP forecast for the financial year 2021 and in total, the two rounds of stimulus bring the government's direct spending on coronavirus-related fiscal support to just around 1.2 per cent of GDP. **PIANS**

No additional compliance burden on pvt cos for LTC scheme: Fin Sec

New Delhi: Private sector companies offering the benefit of the new LTC cash voucher scheme to its employees will not have to undertake any additional compliance burden, Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said.

Companies as per statute are required to maintain records of travel and other documents submitted by employees for availing LTC.

Under the new scheme, employees will have to submit to their companies bills indicating expenditure of an amount 3-times of the LTC. The companies as in past will maintain the records and only submit them to Income Tax Department if sought for. **PTI**

IMF chief economist urges more fiscal stimulus to boost economic recovery

Washington: Gita Gopinath, chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), has urged policymakers to provide more fiscal stimulus to boost the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic as the global economy is in a liquidity trap.

"For the first time, in 60 per cent of the global economy -- including 97 per cent of advanced economies -- central banks have pushed policy interest rates below 1 percent. In one-fifth of the world, they are negative," Gopinath wrote in an op-ed article in the Financial Times, adding central banks have little room to further cut interest rates if another shock strikes, Xinhua news agency reported.

"It has led to the inescapable conclusion that the world is in a global liquidity trap, where monetary policy has limited effect. We must agree on appropriate policies to climb out," Gopinath said on Monday, noting fiscal policy must play a leading role in the recovery.

Gopinath suggested that fiscal authorities can actively support demand through cash transfers to support consump-

tion and large-scale investment in medical facilities, digital infrastructure and environment protection.

"These expenditures create jobs, stimulate private investment and lay the foundation for a stronger and greener recovery," she said.

Gopinath noted that "the importance of fiscal stimulus has probably never been greater" because the spending multiplier, the pay-off in economic growth from an increase in public investment, is much larger in a prolonged liquidity trap.

"Monetary policy has and will remain central to this effort, but with the world in a global liquidity trap it is time for a global synchronised fiscal push to lift up prospects for all," said the IMF chief economist.

In its World Economic Outlook report released last month, the IMF revised up the 2020 forecast for global economy to a contraction of 4.4 per cent. Despite the upward revision, the IMF said the ascent out of this crisis is likely to be "long, uneven and highly uncertain". **PIANS**

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NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Regulation 29(1)(a) read with Regulation 47(1)(a) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 (the Listing Regulations) that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the company will be held on **Wednesday, the 11th November 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** at Regd. Office of the company, *inter-alia*, to consider & approve the un-audited quarterly financial results for the second quarter ended 30th September, 2020 and any other matter with the permission of chair.

It is further notified in pursuance of Regulation 47(2) of the Listing Regulations that the further details may be accessed on Company's website (www.sfcindia.com) and may also be accessed on website of Metropolitan Stock Exchange (www.mse.in) Pursuant to SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 the "Trading Window" for dealing in shares of the Company has been closed from 1st October, 2020 till 48 hours after the said financial results are declared to the Stock Exchanges.

For Supraneet Finance & Consultants Ltd. Sd/- (Deepthi Jain) Company Secretary
 Place : Delhi
 Date : 03.11.2020

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NOTICE
 Pursuant to the provision of Regulation 29(1)(a) read with Regulation 47(1)(a) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the company is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 1:30 PM** at the registered office of the company at 101, Pragati Towers 26, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008, *inter-alia* to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2020.

Further, in accordance with the Company's Code of conduct for prevention of insider Trading as per Regulation 9 of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulation 2015, the Trading Window for dealing in Securities of the company which had been closed earlier on October 1, 2020 shall remain closed till the expiry of 48 hours after the date of declaration of the aforesaid results. The said notice is also available at company's website at www.rungtairrigation.in.

The Board may also consider and approve other necessary resolutions as per agenda items.

For Rungta Irrigation Limited Sd/- Prateek Sharma (Company Secretary & Compliance Officer)
 Place : New Delhi
 Date : 04.11.2020

AXIS BANK Retail Asset Centre, Delhi: Lower Ground Floor and Upper Ground Floor, Himalaya House, K.G. Marg, Delhi-110001.
 Also at: Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower T-2, 2nd Floor, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301

Retail Asset Centre, Ghaziabad: BF-1A,2,3, 1st Floor, Aditya City Centre, Niti Khand-1, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad-201012. Retail Asset Centre Faridabad: Axis Bank Ltd. SCO-8, Huda Shopping Centre, Sec. 16, Faridabad, Haryana-121002. Retail Asset Centre Gurgaon: Axis Bank Ltd.-ASC Gurgaon, SG-107, DLF Galleria Complex, Near Post Office, DLF City Phase 4, Gurgaon-122009 Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025 Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates:

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-borrower	Description of Property	1. Date of Demand Notice 2. Date of Possession 3. Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1.	1.Mr. Ankur Bhati S/O Mr. Dharam Singh AV 4/302 ASHOK VATIKA 4 JAYPEE GREENS GREATER NOIDA GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR UTTAR PRADESH-201306 ALSO AT Mr. Ankur Bhati S/O Mr. Dharam Singh 5TH FLOOR KAUSONS ALPHA SQUARE ALPHA COMMERCIAL BELT GREATER NOIDA UTAR PRADESH-201308 2. Mrs. RUCHI BHATI W/O Mr. Ankur Bhati AV 4/302 ASHOK VATIKA 4 JAYPEE GREENS GREATER NOIDA GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR UTAR PRADESH-201306	All that Flat No. 103, Situated On Ground Floor having Super Builtup area 1350 sqft or 125.46 Sqmts Situated in mantra,Dehradun constructed on land bearing Kharsa no. 152 in Mauza mohamampur Khurd,Paragana Parwadod, District Dehradun Boundaries:- East- Set Back West -Lift & Lobby North- Flat no. 104 South-Set Back	1.17-Sep-18 2. 29-Oct-20 3. Rs 3,280,614/- Interest, incidental expenses and cost

The above-mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgageor(s) are hereby given a 30 days' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days' from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : 04-11-2020, Place : Delhi Sd/- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.,

Sensex extends gains on banking, finance boost; global markets firm on US election day

Mumbai: The Sensex rallied 504 points while the Nifty reclaimed the 11,800-level on Tuesday, propped up by banking and finance counters, as global markets marched higher on US election day.

Encouraging Q2 results and foreign capital inflows added to the buying momentum in the domestic markets, traders said.

Rising for the second straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 503.55 points or 1.27 per cent higher at 40,261.13. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty jumped 144.35 points or 1.24 per cent to 11,813.50.

ICICI Bank was the top

gainer in the Sensex pack, soaring 6.51 per cent, followed by SBI, HDFC, PowerGrid, Sun Pharma, IndusInd Bank, Titan, Bajaj Auto, HDFC Bank and Axis Bank.

On the other hand, NTPC, Reliance Industries, Nestle India, HCL Tech, Infosys and HUL were among the laggards, shedding up to 3.75 per cent. Global bourses followed Wall Street higher as investors wagered on fresh US stimulus immediately after the elections. Bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul, and Tokyo ended with significant gains.

Stock exchanges in Europe were also trading on a positive note in early deals. **PTI**

Finmin says no increase in service charges by any public sector bank

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry on Tuesday said that there has been no increase in service charges by any public sector bank even as Bank of Baroda decided to withdraw changes made with regard to the number of free cash deposit transactions in a bank account per month.

Bank of Baroda had made certain changes with effect from November 1, 2020, with regard to the number of free cash deposits and withdrawals per month, a Finance Ministry statement said.

The number of free cash deposits and withdrawals, have been reduced. **PTI**

Rupee ends flat at 74.41/\$ on spike in crude oil prices, dollar buying

Mumbai: The rupee pared its early gains to close almost flat at 74.41 on Tuesday due to dollar buying by banks and resurging crude oil prices. The rupee opened sharply higher at 74.34 amid heavy buying in local stock markets and raced to hit the day's high of 74.25. **PTI**

Gold rises by ₹ 55, silver gains ₹170

New Delhi: Gold prices rose Rs 55 to Rs 50,735 per 10 gram in the national capital on Tuesday, tracking strong global trends, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had closed at Rs 50,680 per 10 gram. **PTI**

India has time till Dec-end to appeal against Voda arbitration award

New Delhi: The Indian government has time till the last week of December to appeal against the verdict of an arbitration panel that scrapped levy of Rs 22,100 crore tax on the UK-based telecom firm Vodafone Group Plc using a retrospective law.

Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey, refusing to be drawn into discussion on former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's promise to honour awards in retrospective tax cases, said the government is examining all aspects to arrive at a decision on whether to appeal against the Voda award.

"We are still examining various aspects and a decision would be taken in due course," Pandey told **PTI**.

Asked if there is a time limit on the decision to file an appeal, Pandey said, "All arbitration orders if at all have to be appealed, have a time limit of 90 days. So, we have time to decide, so will decide." **PTI**

GST borrowing quantum has to be reasonable, will continue to request states to join; FinSecy

New Delhi: The quantum of borrowing to meet states' GST revenue shortfall has to be "reasonable" considering its economic impact and the Centre will continue to request the opposition-led states to opt for the proposed borrowing plan, Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey has said.

He said while extending the loan, the Centre would take authorisation from states that repayment would be made only from the GST compensation cess which is being collected and repayment schedule will be set in such a manner that the collections in cess pool post June 2022 would be enough to repay the interest arising out of borrowing.

So far, 21 states and 3 Union Territories have opted for the borrowing plan proposed by the Centre to meet the Rs 1.83 lakh crore shortfall in Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection of states. **PTI**

Sebi streamlines framework for processing of draft schemes of arrangement filed with exchanges

New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday streamlined framework for processing of draft schemes pertaining to mergers and demergers filed by listed companies with the stock exchanges.

The changes are aimed at ensuring that the recognised stock exchanges refer draft schemes to Sebi only upon being fully convinced that the listed entity is in compliance with the regulatory norms, it said in a circular.

The new framework will be applicable for all the schemes filed with the stock exchanges after November 17, 2020.

According to Sebi, stock exchanges will have to provide the 'no-objection' letter to Sebi on the draft scheme in co-ordination with each other. **PTI**

PM to chair virtual global investor roundtable

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Thursday chair a virtual global investor roundtable that will provide an opportunity to leading global investors and Indian business leaders to engage and deliberate with senior policy makers on how to further accelerate the growth of international investments in the country.

The Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) is being organised by the Ministry of Finance and the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement.

It is an exclusive dialogue between leading global institutional investors, Indian business leaders and the highest decision makers from the government of India and financial market regulators, the statement said.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and other dignitaries will also be present on the occasion. **PTI**

Leena AI raises \$8 mn in funding led by Greycroft

Leena AI, an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered employee experience platform, on Tuesday announced an \$8 million Series A financing led by Greycroft to expand its go-to-market programs and accelerate product development.

The round also included a personal investment from Adam Miller (Founder of Cornerstone OnDemand), Alan Patricof (Chairman of Greycroft) and Jim Moffatt (ex-Chairman/CEO of Delloite Consulting). In conjunction with the funding, Mark Terbeek, partner at Greycroft, will be joining Leena AI's board.

The funding will allow Leena AI to continue its momentum by helping the world's top enterprises to modernize their legacy internal helpdesk systems to better their employee experience. Traditional internal helpdesk systems take longer for employees to get answers from HR teams. Leena AI leverages artificial intelligence to automatically answer repetitive employee queries in real-time and enables HR to better support employees. **PTI**

IN BRIEF

N RAILWAYS GM INSPECTS ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL



The Diwali - Chhat festivals are major travel times. Northern Railway makes elaborate arrangements for providing convenient and comfortable rail travel to its patrons. In this regard, Sh. Ashutosh Gangal, General Manager, Northern Railway inspected Anand Vihar Terminal Railway station, today, to oversee the preparations ahead of the festival season. He was accompanied by Sh. S.C. Jain, Divisional Railway Manager, Delhi, senior officers of Northern Railway and Indian Railway Station Development Corporation. Gangal, conducted a detailed inspection of the station premises, circulating area, the subway and the platforms. He also took account of the passenger amenities at the station. He was briefed by the officials regarding the Diwali-Chhat preparations, in terms of organized passenger movement, orderly train boarding/deboarding, additional food stalls, water, toilets and medical facilities, public announcement and display systems and security arrangements.

K RIZVI TAKES CHARGE AS HUDCO CMD

Kamran Rizvi, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, assumed the office of Chairman & Managing Director (additional charge), Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited.

FESTIVE SEASON HINTS ECONOMIC BOOST: PNB MD



The nation's leading public sector bank, Punjab National Bank, (PNB) hosted a virtual press conference today to discuss its Q2 FY 2020-21 results. Sh. CH. S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao, MD and CEO of the Bank, highlighted key point of the September-quarter result as well as the recent economic developments in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Shri. Rao said that the festive season will signal the economic revival and maintained the overall credit growth to grow at 4-6 per cent for the current fiscal though a more realistic picture will be known by December 2020. However, both home and auto loans have gained momentum and are heading to the pre-Covid-19 levels. Corporate loans also show resurgence, especially those from roads, steel, cement, healthcare and parts of infrastructure industries. He said the demand remains healthy and may improve further in the coming days.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/Northern Railway, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites **open e-tender under Single-packet system** for the following work.

1	Name of work and location	"Hiring of 03 (three) Nos. Non-AC Vehicle such as "Jeep, Gypsy, Tata Sumo type of vehicle" on the monthly basis for a period of 02 (Two) years for the officers working in the unit of Dy. Chief Engineer/construction, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi.
2	Completion period of work	24 (twenty four) months
3	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 34,71,680.16 only
4	Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 69,400.00 only
5	Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tender may be uploaded up to 11.30 hrs. on 26.11.2020 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the Bids of which will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 26.11.2020.
6	Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 05.11.2020 to 26.11.2020 and bidders will be able to offer their technical and financial bid from 11.11.2020. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

No.: 454-ACS/C/Vehicle/TKJ Dated: 03.11.2020 2415/2020

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IN THE COURT OF Ms. SHEFALI BARNALA TANDON Administrative Civil Judge-cum-ARC (Central), Delhi Room No. 323, 3rd Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi Peticion No. SC/69/2020 Anil Bhatia & Ors. Vs The State & Ors.

Anil Bhatia S/o Late Sh. GR Bhatia P/o House No. M-92, New Rajinder Nagar, DDA Site-1, Delhi-110060 ...Petitioner FOR SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE UNDER INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT 1925. To All Concerned

Whereas in the above noted petition the applicant/ petitioner has applied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble Court Under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, in respect of the debt and securities amount of Rs. xxx. as per record to be standing in the name of Late Ms. Raj Bala Bhatia the deceased.

Whereas the 07-11-2020 at 10' o'clock in the forenoon has been fixed for hearing or the application notice is hereby given to this concerned.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 02-11-2020.

Sd/ (SHEFALI BARNALA TANDON) Administrative Civil Judge-cum-ARC (Central), Delhi

Public Works Department Government Resolution Number CAT-2017/C.R.8/Building-2, Dated 12th April 2017.

FORM-1
Government of Maharashtra
Public Works Department
North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri
Telephone No. 022-26231964
E-Tender Notice No.10 (2020-21.)

E-mail address:- northmumbai.ee@mahapwd.com Telephone/Fax Number:- 26231964/26205788

E-Tender for the following work in B-1 Form is invited via online e-tendering system from Valid Registered Contractor by the Executive Engineer, North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri (w), and Mumbai-58 on behalf of Government of Maharashtra. Tender Documents are downloaded from Government of Maharashtra portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Right to select or reject is reserved by Executive Engineer, North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri (w), Mumbai-58. Tender with condition is never accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs
1.	Annual Maintenance to 32 PSI, 8PI & 10 PI at Carter road Bandra (W) & 54 Police Constable Qrts Bldg. No.A , 21 Police Qrts Bldg. "B", 48 Police Qrts Bldg. "C, D, & E" 40 Police Qrts Bldg. "F", 2 Police officer, Additional C.P.& 6 Cleaner Qrts Waterfield Road Bandra (W). Addl.Commissioner of Police Qrts at Waterfield road at Bandra west (Krutika - 3) & 6 Block Police Qrts, 18 PSI, Qrts Santacruz (W) & 16 PSI Qrts Saraswati Road Mumbai. Repairs to fixtures & fastenings of doors & windows, sanitary and water supply fittings, Color washing, distemping and patch painting of walls & Doors & windows, Repairs to Plaster, Pointing, Miscellaneous items of similar nature.	48,47,520/-

The Executive Engineer, North Mumbai (P.W.) pDivision, Andheri (W) Reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.
 All registered contractor should note
 E-Tender Submission Date 04/11/2020 to 18/11/2020
 E-Tender Opening Date 19/11/2020

Sd/- Executive Engineer, North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri (West Mumbai)

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The most effective way to get expertise in the real estate industry is to work with successful people who have in-depth knowledge of the sector, says ANKIT PRADHAN



KEEP IT REAL

Real estate, tough brimming with lucrative career option, is not given the due attention even against the backdrop of humungous growth. The various stigma attached to the profession makes it discouraging for the young graduates to consider it their prospective career.

Having the notion that it is traditional and is not backed up with organised structure, adds on to the ambiguity surfacing the industry. But the sector is perennially transforming to cope up with the market competition, opening up new doors for job opportunities promoting operational efficiency and transparency.

The most effective way to get a knack of the industry is to work with successful people who have in depth knowledge of the sector. Nothing is more beneficial that detailed first-hand experience acquired from the professionals.

The real time tactic to close a deal to developing valuable insights, funding intricacies, winning consumer confidence, all the functioning can be nurtured by working closely with those having expertise in the field.

Understanding the industry is one part of the process, in the path ahead it is important to keep in mind that things are better said than done. As the industry is ruled by immense compe-

tion, those with little or no investment may be very sceptical to carry things forward.

Here one's wisdom will be instrumental in forming the stepping stone of the career. Irrespective of the knowledge and in-depth analysis, the first deals are never perfect. Instead of fearing the outcome, one should go ahead and act because things learnt by own mistake contributes to a lifetime lesson.

The interaction will build the confidence, give exposure of handling real time situation. Remember practical experience is the ultimate outcome of years of theoretical knowledge acquired. Hence, rather than waiting for the right time or opportunity, be shrewd and take things into your hands.

With proper utilisation of technology accompanied with strong communication, the industry can realise its hidden potential. While matching up with the latest market trends, technology can add a whole new dimension to the prospect of career.

The confluence of the traditional skills with the rapidly changing technology will fetch numerous booming channels suitable for considering the sector as a serious option for starting the business.

Where modernisation owing to digitisation has smoothly seeped into

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our lives, likewise real estate is also undergoing transaction. By studying the minute intricacies of the industry and keeping a tab on the lifestyle trends, meaningful insights will be generated that will leverage the journey of career in the real estate sector.

Evolving with time further contributes to the diversification generating employment opportunities for various roles entailing project management, operational strategizing, space optimisation, sales and marketing, construction, etc.

Owing to this shift experiential spaces are gaining popularity amongst the customers. This has opened up opportunities for the skilled aspirants brimming with creative ideas to venture in real estate.

With the rapid change in housing and commercial needs, the prospects of co-working and co-living spaces have seen a promising wave. In 2019, real estate attracted an investment of around ₹43,780 crore equivalent to US \$ 6.26 billion where housing sales reached 2.61 units across seven major cities.

Delving on the statistics, the industry has great potential for the emerging startups as residential and commercial units together can form the integral part of future real-estate. Contributing as the second highest

employment generators it is home to skilled, capable and experienced professionals who are continually updated and can make predictions of the future market.

Looking at the immense potential and scope the industry can offer, formal education in real estate should be taken seriously by those aspiring to make future in this field. Read books, article, stay updated with the top policies and trends, take classes, explore as many properties as possible to get real life feel of the market, in order to thrive in the industry.

Therefore, before coming to a conclusion, in depth research of the industry will aid in making a wise decision. Incorporating the right strategy aligning with the competitive market trends can open up plethora of opportunities to take leverage of.

Myths like real estate being a legacy business, a sector that has no space for introverts, only brokers stand the chance of profitability, will be evaded once studied the industry closely.

From project engineers to architects, facility managers to corporate communication specialists, regional managers, designers, real estate offers wide range of diverse openings.

The writer is CEO & Founder of Reality Assistant

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Give the pupils something to do, not something to learn; and the doing is of such a nature as to demand thinking; learning naturally results.

— John Dewey

Face attendance app

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Mahindra University's student, Kartikeya Bhardwaj (Mechanical Engineering Student, Class of 2020), has created a deep learning app, Chakshu Face Attendance, to provide employers/institutions/organisations with touchless recording of attendance attributes. Especially relevant in today's Covid outbreak, this app provides a safe alternative to touch-based fingerprint attendance systems. The start-up is being incubated at Mahindra e-hub, an incubation centre of Mahindra University under the University's Centre of Entrepreneurship & Innovation.

In big organisations, for attendance, fingerprint or ID scanners are the norm. In Covid times, "touchless" technology is the call of the hour since anything that is used by many people may turn out to be conduit for transmission of the virus. In addition, a common issue is that of Buddy Punching, where employees do proxy attendance of their colleagues using their IDs results in huge losses and is an unethical practice that still floats around in offices all over the world.

Chakshu.ai has developed Chakshu Face Attendance, a Touchless Employee Attendance App that lets an organisation Clock attendance through an android device (phone or a tablet), using Face Recognition. The Attendance process is Completely touch-Free, and Covid-19 ready. It also eliminates the Buddy Punching problem through SpoofSense: Chakshu's AI algorithm is trained to detect Spoofing attacks and reject them, thereby making the process secure and trustable.

Turnitin acquires ExamSoft

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Turnitin, a leading provider of academic integrity and assessment solutions, has recently acquired ExamSoft, a software-based assessment platform, from Spectrum Equity. ExamSoft empowers educational institutions and certification and licensure programs to protect exam integrity, streamline assessment processes, and improve learning outcomes.

Turnitin has been building and broadening its assessment capabilities since its 2018 acquisition of Gradescope. ExamSoft further expands Turnitin's portfolio of leading academic integrity and assessment products to include a broad assessment platform serving education, certification, and licensure programs. Together they will offer institutions further flexibility when delivering assessments at all educational and professional levels.

By joining forces, Turnitin and ExamSoft become a single destination for institutions to uphold integrity at every stage in a student's journey, from book reports and problem sets to high-stakes exams and professional licensure. As one company, they provide expanded product offerings that allow customers to choose the combination of tools and services that best serve their assessment needs.

It's all about skills

The current economic slowdown has once again proved that upskilling is an effective antidote for unemployment and underemployment, says DEEPSHIKHA KUMAR ANAND

A year back, no one would have ever imagined that striving for sustenance will turn into survival for existence. Though pessimism is a curse to progressive mentality, for a long time, year 2020 will be remembered as the bane of the millennium. The pandemic caused more pain to unskilled and semi-skilled workers in unorganised sectors. In contrast, talents equipped with specialised skills and training programmes are least affected by company redundancy policies.

The tentacles of Coronavirus are pervading across the globe and have deeply shaken the economies. The impact is so huge that except a few sectors, the majority of businesses were forced to curtail operational cost through furlough and layoffs. In India alone, more than 40 million people have lost their jobs and tens of millions are receiving deducted salaries. Though India is a developing country, the scenario of developed countries is also quite bleak. The unemployment list of the world's largest economy, the USA, got further increased with 30 million more jobless people. Also, the average salary of Americans dropped by 12 per cent as per a recent survey.

In contrast to the growing economic upheavals, a trend that is quite palpable in the international job market is the improved job immunity of employees who are constantly up-skilling themselves. Still, such



professionals are enjoying Covid-proof career growth and their employers are not apprehensive about offering them handsome compensations and lots of other benefits.

Recently, while delivering a convocation address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, strongly emphasises on skilling, reskilling, and upskilling and mentioning them as the need of the hour. The current economic slowdown has once again proved that upskilling is an effective antidote for unemployment and underemployment. Business leaders and recruitment experts in India and abroad also believe that organisations need to make themselves stronger, competent, and smarter through

advanced technologies and practices.

In fact, adaptation to Industry 4.0 is not only quintessential to make them competent but also to make them immune against various unforeseen threats. This transformation is impossible without the deployment of reskilled and upskilled workforce. However, employees reluctant to learn fresh skills will have limited roles to play. On the other hand, organisations which will facilitate and foster learning for their people, will emerge as long-run winners.

Today, to counter the ramifications of COVID-19 on the world economy, there is an urgent need to adopt an open talent economy based

on intellectual & skill collaborations. As per McKinsey's latest report, titled, "COVID-19: Implications for business", many organisations are finding new leaders during this ongoing pandemic. Their young managers at mid-level are defying the challenges and problems of this testing time to achieve better than others. These organisations are intelligently working upon the employees' motivation programmes and management practices.

With better digital infrastructure and high penetration of communication devices, businesses across the world are benefitting their employees with bespoke learning programmes and training modules. And, unlike exorbitant conventions and seminars involving hefty consultation fees of industry experts, venue expenses, and a large amount of logistics, e-learning encompasses myriads of advantages. Besides, e-learning training programmes are useful in developing both hard and soft skills among employees. Detailed and interactive videos by the seasoned trainers can be replayed n number of times by an individual to derive maximum from a course module. Hence, as learning is the part and parcel of growth and it cannot be stopped so long as businesses have desires to survive and grow, e-learning will stay as a bulwark against potential threats.

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Screening the future

The digital shift has taken video conferencing solutions and remote collaboration tools beyond being just productivity enhancement measures. They are now integral elements of newage business models, says RAHUL SHARMA

There's a question on every business leader's mind today: When will things get back to normal? While we have no clear-cut answers, top domain experts believe that it may not be for some years to come. Bill Gates, the tech-mogul-turned health philanthropist, believes that 'if we do a brilliant job, we could end the novel coronavirus pandemic in 2022'. The Director-General of the WHO, Tedros Adhanom, holds a similar view. Healthcare veterans believe that herd immunity could be the key to getting rid of the pandemic but might take at least a year to achieve, under high exposure.

One way or the other, we are in for the long haul — and some businesses are adapting better than others to this new normal.

How businesses are adapting to COVID-19 with digital transformation? Dhiren Lalchand, a Surat-based diamondaire, recently closed a deal of lily-cut diamonds with Arik in Antwerp. His secret sauce for success in a locked-down world? A strong focus on quality, coupled with a robust, cloud-based video conferencing solution.

Both Dhiren and Arik are a part of a larger industry trend driven by the ongoing pandemic. We are witnessing a digital exodus of businesses on an unparalleled scale. In a recent NASSCOM survey, 60 per cent of Indian SMBs admitted to using cloud-based business solutions (such as video conferencing tools) — out



of which around half were in the early stages of adoption.

The reasons for this shift are apparent. Social isolation, remote working, and physical distancing will remain an integral part of our reality for the foreseeable future. Businesses have to adapt to this sea-change by accelerating their digital transformation — even those which have, up until now, been dominantly offline — or risk becoming irrelevant.

This behoves us to ask a question: Are we in a new era of digital collaboration?

We might as well be. In several global studies, an overwhelming majority of people have expressed an urge to not go to their respective offices. This trend is driving an evolution in conventional workplace models. Several offices are experimenting with alternate working days while others are operating entirely on a remote basis. New-age concepts such as staggered staffing, rotational shifts, and permanent remote working options are being eagerly evaluated, discussed, and imple-

mented.

This shift has taken video conferencing solutions and remote collaboration tools beyond being just 'productivity enhancement measures'. They are now integral elements of new-age business models.

In today's fast-changing market landscape, there are tremendous growth opportunities. This holds for vendors that differentiate through better quality and more scalable, manageable, and secure cloud services (and devices). The end-objective? Ensuring an optimal meeting experience — regardless of where the users work.

The world around you has changed and continues to change at a rapid pace. The true depth of this transformation extends well beyond what you can see most visibly with people wearing masks and using sanitizers frequently — but it won't take you much effort to notice it, whether in your home or at your workplace.

It shouldn't be surprising, then, that the global video conferencing market is pegged to be worth more than ₹46,000 crore by 2026. The Indian public cloud market, on the other hand, is expected to reach ₹63,000 crore by FY2025. More interestingly, this cloud-driven digital transformation is only just beginning — and businesses that most readily adapt to the changing paradigms are the ones that will achieve the maximum success.

The writer is IMD-India, LogMeln

Second edition of Darwin

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Darwin, an International Conference and India's Biggest Evolutionary Movement in Biology is back with its second edition. An initiative of Somaiya Vidyavihar, the international conference is organised by Bioridil, an extension of Research Innovation Incubation Design Laboratory (riidl), a not for profit organisation under Somaiya Trust. The virtual conference will be held from

December 2, 2020 to December 5, 2020. All the biology enthusiasts can register to be a part of the revolutionary conference at thedarwin.in. The last date for registration is November 15, 2020.

The conference will encompass Research Symposium, a platform for researchers to exhibit their research papers; Virtual Workshops, to provide Do-It-Yourself biology experiences and an insight into various advances and technologies in

the biotechnology field; Panel Discussions; Talk Sessions and Virtual Tours to various institutes and labs to make the attendees understand the global innovation culture.

Renowned genetics expert, Prof George Church, Professor of Genetics at Harvard Medical School, a founding member of the Wyss Institute and the director of PersonalGenomes.org, will be giving the keynote speech at the conference, among other notable speakers.

Fliplearn's Hackathon 2020

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The India's first-ever virtual 24 hour EdTech Hackathon competition was organised by leading e-learning platform-Fliplearn to challenge the technology prowess of students and Engineers and showcase their creativity with an aim to develop original and innovative solutions in the education domain.

The virtual event took place on October 17 and 18, 2020. All admitted teams had 24 hours to build creative solutions to the problems through coding, programming, design, data etc. The goal of the event was to build the future of education using technology. The competition was open for students of Class IX to XII and engineering students and professionals. 'Hackathon 2020' was categorised into two categories. Category one included students from class IX to XII, and Category two included students and professionals from engineering colleges.

'Hackathon 2020' received a great response from school and engineering students and professionals from across India with

entries received from 100+ Schools and 20+ Engineering colleges across the country and final participation by over 320 teams with 450 plus participants.

The Hackathon saw a high degree of competitiveness and Gagan Gupta of The Millennium School, Bhatinda who won the competition in the first category was rewarded with gift vouchers worth ₹30,000 along with exciting gifts. In the second category, the winning team was Guna Shekhar and Aditi Singh of IIIT Gwalior.

Virtual seminar by FORE

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The FORE School of Management, New Delhi in association with Institute of Urban Farming and Sustainability (IUFS), India, recently organised a seminar in virtual platform on "Biosecurity and Agriculture".

Dr Jitendra K Das, Director, FORE School was the Session Chair for this event, who began proceedings by taking delegates through importance of Biosecurity and sustainable farming in the context of

preservation of the planet for future generations and having effective checks and balances in place to protect against global warming, pollution, climate change, harmful biological/biochemical substances in pesticides or fertilizers.

Anil Chopra, Director, Wingify, shared sustainability insights from his long career working with marquee institutions such as National Dairy Development Board, Mother Dairy, and his time at Institute of Rural Management.

Whether you are a fresher or an experienced professional, the need for learning additional skills and becoming digitally-oriented, regardless of the type of industry you work in is crucial, says **SACHIN GUPTA**



'Develop technical and artistic acumen'

If you are precise, have a good eye for lighting and detail, a creative inclination, patience and love to work with magazines, corporates or be a freelancer, photography is way forward, says **SHWETA TANWAR MUKHERKJEE**

The field of photography has evolved tremendously in the last couple of years. Photography had, traditionally, been restricted to events, weddings, and movies; but with the surge in e-Commerce platforms, advertising, mass media, and digitally related fields have created a huge demand for professional photographers.



Shweta Tanwar Mukherjee
Photographer & Blogger

Learn by taking up a Course
To make a career in the digital photography world, you need to stay updated with the new techniques and equipment. With the change of era, when budding photographers used to gather the rudiments of photography techniques on their own, the institutes across the country offer courses to train people in the creative field. You can get a degree in photography (Bachelor's or Master's), or pursue diploma courses, the duration of which may vary between three months and a year.

Getting a majors in photography from institutions will help to hone your existing skills and eradicate the gaps. The enhancement of knowledge will help in shaping your career.

Back to basics
Enrolling yourself in a course will help you understand the basics of photography: Framing, rule of thirds, shutter speed and editing. Understanding these basics will help you take balanced and interesting photographs.

Practice and learn
Once you learn the craft, the next step is to practice it, and become proficient. Participating in competitions and events can give you an opportunity to grow, recognise your strengths, and develop your skills. Competitions also provide you with a great platform to showcase your talent and a chance to get your work evaluated and critiqued by a panel of judges.

Choose your segment
To become a professional photographer, it is important to experiment with different genres that allow you to gain knowledge about different areas of photography. Venturing out into vari-

ous domains will help you understand the areas of strength, and help you build up expertise in the areas of your choice. In the long run, you will be able to carve a niche in a particular domain of photography.

Create your Blog/website
Showcasing your skills is as important as doing good work. A portfolio, blog, Social account or website can easily be turned into your marketing brochure. Making a portfolio communicates your views, abilities, skills, etc, and gives you a professional outlook. When you have your own blog/website, you can showcase your work to increase your chances of getting noticed.

Get the right gear
Just like doctors are incomplete without their surgical tools, photographers are incomplete without their equipment. Good equipment matters. A lens is also an important piece of equipment, as it can provide diverse shot options.

If you are yet to take a professional plunge, you don't have to spend a fortune buying an expensive camera. Begin with a point-and-shoot or a mobile camera, and later shift to a DSLR, once you are sure of your skills, and passion for the field. Buying a DSLR will largely depend upon your budget.

Upskilling is key to success

This global pandemic is definitely going to leave a long lasting impact on our lives, it has forced us to innovate and change the way we work and live. but it's the immediate impact that's more devastating and crippling. It has forced us to innovate and change the way we work and live.

Upskilling, the process of learning new skills that is being used extensively in the industry, is the only way to stay ahead in the game in a post-pandemic world.

Upskilling has been a pressing need for recruiters and organisations, long before the COVID-19 crisis came into existence. To overcome this virus spread uncertainty, companies are moving towards a more data-driven approach, paired with digitally-agile operations and automation. Upskilling, the process of learning new skills that is being used extensively in the industry, is the only way to stay ahead in the game in a post-pandemic world.

According to the McKinsey Global Survey 2020, 87 per cent of

the executives said that they were experiencing skill gaps in the workforce. Whether you are a fresher or an experienced professional, the need for learning additional skills and becoming digitally-oriented, regardless of the type of industry you work in, is crucial.

According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the unemployment rate of India stands at 7.7 per cent, as recorded in early August 2020 which has also exacerbated the global unemployment rate.

According to Campaign India, India ranks third in the list of top ten most targeted countries by cyber attackers. Organisations, therefore, require cyber security professionals who are experts in defensive or offensive mechanisms to make their systems hack-proof.

As per estimates, the cybersecurity employee base is expected to grow from the current 1.3 lakh to up to 3 lakh. Cyber security has become a major concern for organisations.

The emerging trends in technology will require professionals at all levels and across industries to develop entrepreneurial skills in order to overcome redundancy and become more competitive and self-reliant

Here are some specification how upskilling is must in post-COVID-19 world.

Upskilling is the need of the Hour: Upskilling, the process of learning new skills that is being used extensively in the industry, is the only way to stay ahead in the game in a post-pandemic world. Now, the Coronavirus pandemic has made upskilling vital. Whether you are a fresher or an experienced professional, the need for learning additional skills and becoming digitally-oriented, regardless of the type of industry you work in, is crucial.

Early-skilling on multi-skill sets: The COVID-19 crisis provides several opportunities that young graduates and students can take advantage of, provided concerted efforts are made by authorities and educational institutions in identifying the gaps. The Government has also been proactively advocating the skilling initiatives in order to benefit from this window of opportunity and unlock the country's true potential.

Additionally, policymakers have recommended the inclusion of 'vocational education' into the curriculum across all states educational boards and educational entities, in a bid to equip students with skills from the school-stage itself. On the work front, employers are likely to hire candidates who are highly motivated and possess multiple skill sets, as the nature of work is destined to change completely.

Become self-reliant through upskilling: The emerging trends in technology will require professionals at all levels and across industries to develop entrepreneurial skills in order to overcome redundancy and become more competitive and self-reliant. Upskilling will help individuals develop proficiency in technologies that are highly in demand at present, and will remain so in the future as well. It prepares them to be resilient and to withstand new challenges of this competitive world.

The writer is Chancellor, Sanskriti University

In India, there is a well-known and critical constraint on the supply side of quality higher education. Not only do our best institutions enjoy, at best, quite a low standing in international university rankings, but there are also only a handful whose quality one can write home about. This is one of the major reasons that hundreds of thousands of students look beyond our borders when it comes to higher education, which is considered a springboard for one's career.

This is also one of the reasons why, with initiatives such as Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN), Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration and Study in India, the

government of India has been gradually warming up to international institutions. Recognising this gap and opportunity in the sector, some private higher education institutions already collaborate with top international institutions within permissible regulatory norms, in order to offer the best of both worlds. NEP 2020 has taken this openness to a new level, by inviting top global universities to open campuses in India, with the objective of developing India into a Global Knowledge Hub.

For one, many more (though of course still not all) meritorious students who had the ability but not the financial means to spend lakhs and crores on an undergraduate education will now be able to obtain an

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education of the pedigree they deserve. This will include exposure to top-flight international faculty, and also learning a more cosmopolitan student environment as these campuses will certainly attract students from nearby countries too.

Besides, top foreign universities will bring with them best-in-class practices and resources when it comes to undergraduate education. These include the best virtual learning environments, to back up classroom learning which, in the post pandemic world, is certainly going to be only one part of the

blended approach most institutions are likely to take to their educations. They also include cutting-edge experiential learning tools, research opportunities and placement and alumni networks.

Clearly, these campuses would need to recruit at least some of their staff locally, both teaching and non-teaching. This would tantamount to a huge knowledge transfer and upskill the quality of human capital available in our higher education sector, as these staff members move to other domestic institutions over the courses of their careers.

Moreover, the top-notch faculty members that these campuses would bring in from their 'home' countries would comprise a 'reverse brain drain', the benefits of which to the 'host' country are well established in literature.

The heat that domestic institutions will inevitably feel from such competition will undoubtedly shake them out of their dormancy and make them take a much more active, conscientious and student-centric approach to decision-making and incentive structures.

This is the role that high-quality private higher education institutions are currently playing in the sector. As top international institutions step in, it will, over a period of

time, certainly improve the general quality of higher education in the country, and the quality offered by most surviving domestic institutions also.

This will help students get better placements and add more value at work. This will ring truer as the job market flattens more and more in the post-pandemic world, with erstwhile barriers like geography diminishing in importance in the context of recruitment.

For this reason more than others, and because an undergraduate education is the springboard to one's career, the NEP has just done Indian students a solid.

The writer is Dr Jitin Chadha, Founder-director of Indian School of Business & Finance



The Swinburne University of Technology invites applications for its International Excellence Undergraduate Scholarship. Indian students can apply.

Award: 10% - 25% off your course fees every year for a maximum of 4 years with \$38,000 total for your bachelor's degree.

Eligibility: Except for the Bachelor of Aviation and Piloting, and the Bachelor of Aviation and Piloting/Bachelor of a Business double degree, you can apply for any bachelor's degree programme at the university.

Not be currently accepted or enrolled at Swinburne, unless you are only enrolled in ELICOS programme.

Not be holding another scholarship or reduced fee arrangement. As per the university requirement, the candidates have to demonstrate the English language ability through the TOEFL or IELTS test.

How to apply: If you meet the eligibility criteria, you will receive an email from the university about the acceptance of admission and in the same email you will also find out if you have received an award. Interested applicants must check out the entry requirements before applying.

Application deadline: The last date to apply is February 7,

The Strathclyde Business School, Glasgow is delighted to be able to offer a number of MBA scholarships for January 2021. Scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis up to the final deadline of November 30, 2020, so early application is advised.

The scholarships will be awarded to candidates who demonstrate in their MBA programme application and interview, excellent academic performance; significant professional/managerial/leadership experience and career development and who will contribute to the overall academic, cultural and experiential profile of the programme cohort.

Number: Up to 10
Value: Up to £10,000
Eligibility: All applicants will be considered automatically who can demonstrate through their ideas outlined in their application and interview how they would contribute to bring the class together through teamwork to create community, from the outset, in order to achieve the ultimate learning experience for the group as a whole.

For more information: <https://www.strath.ac.uk/study-with-us/scholarships/strathclyde-business-school-scholarships/mba-international-divisions-scholarships/sbsfulltime-mba-scholarships-january-2021> or write at sbs.admissions@strath.ac.uk

Application deadline: The last date is November 30, 2020.

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT CLOUDIFY

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/ii/5773372
Deadline: December 3, 2020

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Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/ii/5773375
Deadline: November 11, 2020

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT GAMEBERRY LABS

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹25,000 per month
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Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/ii/5773391
Application deadline: November 12, 2020

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Location: Lucknow, Delhi
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Application deadline: November 10, 2020

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STUDY ABROAD

Consider all options before choosing a college

Many have resumed looking for foreign colleges to pursue further studies. Choose what suits you best and not what is good

Choosing a university to study abroad can be a daunting task. While many students and parents go on recommendation, the truth is what suits one may not be so for the other. If you wish to study abroad at undergraduate and postgraduate study, one can choose from a broad range of subjects ranging from law and business, to science and engineering, at a wide range of universities from the most established and traditional to newer institutions focused on professional qualifications and innovation. A couple for them are:

Coventry University, London, UK: Based in the business hub of London, Coventry University London International Study Centre is serious about business and provides international students with a direct route onto a range of degrees at the University. It is one of the largest providers of business-related degree courses in Europe and consistently delivers quality across several key areas, including student satisfac-

tion, teaching and research quality, graduate job prospects, degree results achieved and more. It offers a range of programmes consisting of academic modules, study skills and English language training to ensure that you have the skills to succeed when you progress onto your chosen degree programme.

University of Huddersfield, UK: It offers a range of pathway programmes to suit everyone's interests and career ambitions. Programmes are provided by Study Group in collaboration with the university. From bachelors to master's, the courses are designed to help international students meet the academic and English language requirements they need to study at the university which is ranked second in the UK for best student experience by the International Student Barometer in 2018.

The University offers a relatively low cost of living. The international learning support programme is a specialist team that help students adapt to studying in the UK and life in Huddersfield.

IN BRIEF

MBD GROUP LAUNCHES PERSONALISED LEARNING APP

The MBD Group has launched AASOKA — the powering, adaptive and personalised learning app which enables students and teachers of CBSE, CISCE and various State Boards to sustain a seamless teaching learning process in spite of the school closures and recent social distancing advisory for schools issued. The app is driven by the latest research in pedagogy and innovations in teaching methodology. The app provides animated content for grades K-12. Video lectures using multimedia-rich 2D and 3D content engage students' attention and curiosity,

encouraging and motivating them to study more. The adaptive assessments feature of the app customises assessments for each individual student based on their competency level derived from the result of the most recent test taken.

The app has not only changed students' perspective towards learning, but it has also altered teachers' approach towards teaching by enabling them to prepare and deliver dynamic multi-media lessons that can kindle the spark of curiosity in students. For more information visit: <https://aasoka.com>.

CENTRE FOR APPLIED MATHEMATICS AT IIIT-NR

To accelerate research in Mathematics and its allied areas, IIIT Naya Raipur (IIIT-NR) has established Center for Applied Mathematics at its campus. The objective is to provide a platform to the students, researchers, and faculty members of IIIT-NR to work on advanced mathematical real-world problems. It will promote research and outreach activities in mathematics and its application to various interdisciplinary areas.

The Centre will focus on collaborative research in India and abroad and it is equipped with unique advanced computational facilities and software. The Centre will organize various national and international activities to promote mathematical research in Chhattisgarh and in India at large.

Dr Pradeep K Sinha, VC & Director-IIIT NR said: "Maths plays a major role in science and technology. Therefore, establishment of maths as a bridge for interdisciplinary research is needed for academic or research institute."

TCS IT WIZ 2020 GOES DIGITAL

The India's biggest inter-school quiz, conducted by Tata Consultancy Services, TCS IT Wiz is back with its 22nd edition. The knowledge initiative by TCS is more exciting than ever before as it has gone totally digital, enhancing its reach and hunt further for the brilliant young minds across the nation. This year, TCS IT Wiz has been re-imagined completely as there is no limit on the number of participants. The brilliant young minds can take the quiz from any part of the country and compete with

their fellow quizzers from the comfort of their homes!

The unique platform enables the students to look at technology from an innovation perspective in an out-of-class environment, compelling them to open their horizons beyond textbooks.

The registrations are open till November 4, students can register through — <https://bit.ly/3d0QTKr>. Like always, there is no entry fee to register. The participants will go through a Mock Quiz to get their game-on for the prelims.



IPL
2020

KL Rahul | 670 runs
Kagiso Rabada | 25 wickets

Finally, I got a chance to play. I was disappointed when I didn't get to play. However, it felt good after contributing to the team's win and enjoyed batting with Dhawan

I am very happy that we have ended the league stage at the second spot. And now hopefully we will take the trophy winning the final match on November 10

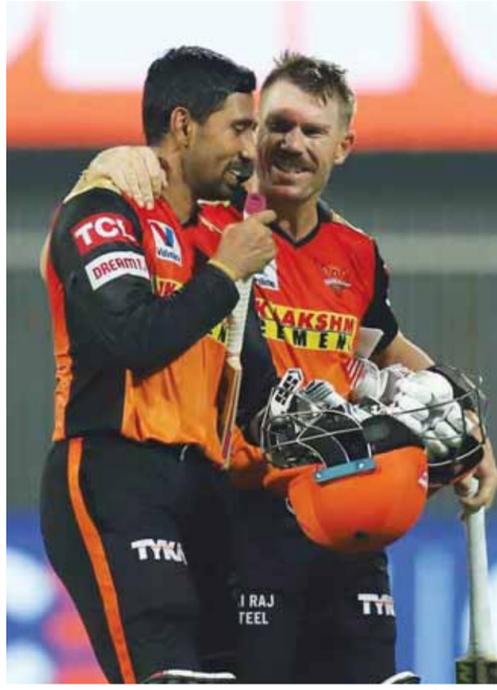
It's a very funny format. It's always nice to forget what has happened, and focus on the present. They (Delhi) are a good side, so it will be a good challenge to face them

We have a never say die attitude and that is how we approach each game. If we can take this performance and momentum into the next game we'll be really happy

PTI ■ SHARJAH

SRH qualify for play-offs

Sunrisers beat MI by 10 wickets, will play RCB in Eliminator clash on Friday



Wriddhiman Saha and David Warner returns to pavilion after Sunrisers win IPL20.com

Sunrisers Hyderabad thrived on pressure of a must-win game to thrash table toppers Mumbai Indians by 10 wickets and qualify for the IPL play-offs here on Tuesday.

Skipper David Warner (81 not out off 57) and Wriddhiman Saha (58 not out off 44) lit up the last league game of the tournament with an unbeaten 151-run opening stand to chase down the 150-run target in 17.1 overs.

The bowlers had set up the game nicely for SRH by restricting MI to 149 for eight despite a timely 41 off 25 from veteran Kieron Pollard.

With their third straight win, SRH finished third in the points table with 14 points and a much better run-rate than Royal Challengers Bangalore, who finished fourth on the same number of points. Both teams play the Eliminator in Abu Dhabi on Friday.

The outcome also knocked Kolkata Knight Riders out of the competition with the Eoin Morgan-led side having an inferior run-rate with 14 points.

The fact that Mumbai rested star pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult for the game also made the task easier for SRH.

The sole good news for Mumbai was the return to action of their skipper Rohit Sharma after a two-week injury lay-off, declaring he was "fit and fine" after concerns over his fitness, that led to him being excluded from the India squad for the Australia tour.

In the run chase, it was a delight to watch Warner and Saha showcase their range of strokes. On way to a resounding

shown in him with consistent performances. He was once again in sublime touch on Tuesday, collecting seven fours and a straight six of Nathan Coulter-Nile.

Warner, at the other end, hit 10 fours and a six.

Earlier, MI would have ended up with much less score if it wasn't for Pollard, who ensured his team put up a fighting total. The defending champions collected 51 runs off the last five overs.

Needing a victory to make the play-offs, Sunrisers bowlers made merry on a helping surface

after their skipper Warner decided to put the opposition in to bat.

MI skipper Rohit (4), who missed the last four games due to a hamstring injury, made a surprise return in his team's last game ahead of the play-offs.

However, he lasted for only seven balls as pacer Sandeep Sharma (3/34) had him caught at mid-off with a well-disguised knuckle ball.

Sandeep also found the stumps of Rohit's opening partner Quinton de Kock (36 off 29) who played on after smashing the SRH pacer for couple of sixes and

a boundary.

It was the turn of spinners Rashid Khan (1/32) and Shahbaz Nadeem (2/19) to provide wickets in the middle-overs.

Nadeem got rid of in-form Suryakumar Yadav (36) and Krunal Pandya (0) in the 12th over and then Rashid removed Saurabh Tiwari in the following to reduce Mumbai to 82 for five.

Just when the partnership between Ishan Kishan (33 of 30) and Pollard was looking dangerous, Sandeep removed the south-paw to tighten the screws on the opposition.

However, Pollard came to his team's rescue yet again with a valuable cameo.

Pollard hammered four sixes, three of those came in the penultimate over bowled by death overs specialist T Natarajan.

West Indian all-rounder Jason Holder (2/25) also produced a tidy spell.

DUGOUT

MOTION PICTURE



Chennai Super Kings tweets picture of former Australian all-rounder Shane Watson with caption "When he broke the news to the Super Kings after our endgame..."

WATSON RETIRES FROM CRICKET

Top Australian all-rounder Shane Watson on Tuesday retired from competitive cricket following his team Chennai Super Kings' exit from the IPL, calling himself "ridiculously fortunate" to have enjoyed a career spanning 20 years. The 39-year-old retired from international cricket in 2016 and bid adieu to the Big Bash league last year. "It all started as a dream as a young kid saying to my Mum, as I watched a Test match, that I want to play for Australia. Now as I officially announce my retirement from all cricket I feel crazily lucky to live out my dream," Watson said on his YouTube channel, a link of which was posted on his Twitter handle. "It really does feel like the right time. Knowing that I've played my last game of cricket ever, for my beloved CSK, who've been so incredibly good to me over the last three years. "To think that I'm finishing up my playing days as a 39-year-old after all of my injury setbacks that I've had along the way, I feel so ridiculously fortunate." A sought-after player in the T20 format, Watson also has 3874 runs in 145 IPL games with four hundreds and 21 fifties. He also has 92 wickets.

FINAL POINTS TABLE

	P	W	L	NRR	PTS	
1	MI (Q)	14	9	5	+1.107	18
2	DC (Q)	14	8	6	-0.109	16
3	SRH (Q)	14	7	7	+0.608	14
4	RCB (Q)	14	7	7	-0.172	14
5	KKR	14	7	7	-0.214	14
6	KXIP	14	6	8	-0.162	12
7	CSK	14	6	8	-0.455	12
8	RR	14	6	8	-0.569	12

Rohit knows he has long career & not just this IPL: Ganguly

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly wants injured senior opener Rohit Sharma, (who later appeared for Mumbai Indians against SRH on Tuesday) to tread cautiously while deciding on competing for his IPL team Mumbai Indians in the play-offs as he risks aggravating the hamstring tear that led to his exclusion from the Australia-bound India squad.

Rohit was out of action since the second leg fixture against Kings XI Punjab due to a left hamstring tear and has been left out of the Indian squad for Australia tour.

The BCCI president said that the board would do everything possible to get an "asset like Rohit" back in the park as that's their job.

"Rohit is injured at the moment. Otherwise, why would we leave out a player like him. He is the vice-captain of the national team," Ganguly told PTI.

"We will have to assess him. I don't know (when he can come back). He hasn't played so far since the time he has got injured. We want him to recover. It's the BCCI's job to get their best players on the park. If he recovers, he plays," said

win, Warner also crossed the 500-run mark for the sixth time in IPL history, showing his remarkable consistency in the tournament.

Saha, who is in the team in place of Jonny Bairstow, has repaid the faith the team has

the former captain.

When asked about the videos put out by Mumbai Indians where Rohit is seen batting at the nets, Ganguly struck a note of caution for the senior player.

"Yeah, you don't want him to get injured again. He has a hamstring tear and it will get ruptured again. It will then get longer for him to come back. But yes, there are people working with him.

"The Mumbai Indians physio is working with him. The Indian physio (Nitin Patel) is there. Rohit himself knows that he has got a long career ahead and it's not just this IPL or next series for him.

"I am sure he is mature enough to do what is best for him," said the man, who played 424 international matches for India.

For someone who has played 113 Tests and 311 ODIs, Ganguly feels that what looks good during training might not hold up in a match situation.

"...I can tell you that things you do easily at the practice might be a bit of struggle during match situation. The muscles react differently to pressure situations."

Harman, Mithali excited to start competitive cricket



SHARJAH: Supernovas and Velocity captains Harmanpreet Kaur and Mithali Raj are excited that at last competitive cricket would be returning in the women's game with the T20 Challenge beginning on Wednesday despite the challenges and tough life they had encountered during the quarantine period and inside the bio-bubble.

Defending champions Supernovas, led by Harmanpreet, take on Mithali's Velocity in the opening match in a repeat of last year's final, eyeing a third straight title.

Trailblazers is the third team in the four-match tournament, competing against each other once before the summit clash on November 9. Cricketers from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and New Zealand will also participate.

"It has been a long time we have not played cricket, but we are very excited, at least we are going to play some cricket which as professionals we would always like to do. We are looking forward to the tournament and hope to do well," Harman said at a press conference on Tuesday.

Mithali said quarantine period was tough and challeng-

ing as the players had to be confined in their rooms but the bio-bubble gave the players some space to interact with teammates.

"Overall, it is something new and anything new is challenging. But if it is what is required to have matches, then as players we are ready to accept the new norm of quarantine period and bio-bubble," she said.

Asked about playing matches with just one-day gap, she said, "If you give more space in your mind it weighs you down. It is a little bit of challenge because recovery time is less and next match is at 2pm. But it is important that we are having these games so that we have some game time.

"We want to play the best form of cricket and also everybody wants to play."

Mithali said she made some changes in her batting and would want to see whether it helps her or not for her future in one-day format. She also said that after seeing the men's IPL, she understood that pitches have slowed down and dew play a massive part.

Iyer has faith in his fearless bunch of boys to go past MI

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Delhi Capitals' skipper Shreyas Iyer is quite "chuffed" about the way his team bounced back from four consecutive losses to make the IPL playoffs and insists that the "fearless" bunch has what it takes to upstage defending champions Mumbai Indians up next.

Delhi Capitals earned a top-two finish with an easy six-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore on Monday. They will take on the defending champions on Thursday for a place in the IPL title clash.

"Mumbai Indians are one of the best teams. Having said that, I feel we are also a fearless and amazing bunch of boys," Iyer said at the post-match press conference.

reference.

"It really depends on the day. They are pretty experienced in such (finals) stages but the team has a good attitude and good composure on that given day is going to make it through."

With Prithvi Shaw, Iyer himself, Rishabh Pant and South African paceman Kagiso Rabada, Delhi is packed with talented youngsters.

Iyer said the key to getting past holders Mumbai is to handle pressure with ease. "We need to keep things simple and not complicate in pressure situations. The way we have been going, this was a really good win and it's going to be a really good booster as well for us."

The four-match losing string snapped, Iyer was a relieved man.

"This win was very essential and it has put smiles on our faces after four consecutive losses. Today the way we played, it was a comprehensive win. All the departments were covered up well by the players.

"I am really chuffed by their performance, the way they came up and delivered at the right time. The second place obviously makes you feel good after the season you had, with all the ups and downs," he said.

"The IPL is always a roller-coaster journey."

Iyer also hoped that Ajinkya Rahane will continue to play a significant role. Rahane scored 60 runs in the win against the RCB.

"He (Rahane) carries a lot of experience in the IPL and the way he paced his innings, it was amazing to see. It was great example and he peaked at the right time, just when we needed him.

"With a few important matches coming up, he will definitely play an important role."

Eng rest Archer, Stokes, Sam Curran for SA ODIs

London: England's Jofra Archer, Ben Stokes and Sam Curran will be rested from the one-day international leg of the 50-over world champions' tour of South Africa, it was announced on Tuesday.

But the three players were all included in the squad for the three T20s, which start later this month, ahead of the three-match ODI series.

Players will be confined to bio-secure bubbles during the tour as they were during the English international season.

Archer, Stokes and Curran have all been in a new bubble while taking part in the Indian Premier League in the United Arab Emirates.

Fast bowler Archer spent 87 days in the England bubble, although he was ruled out of the second Test against the West Indies in Manchester in July after breaching Covid-19 regulations.

All-rounder Stokes missed a chunk of the English season to spend time with his ill father in New Zealand but left-arm seamer Curran appeared in both red and white-ball internationals.

England's matches in South Africa will be staged at Boland Park in Paarl and Newlands, in Cape Town.

Zimbabwe beat Pak in Super Over

PTI ■ RAWALPINDI

Speedster Blessing Muzarabani grabbed a five-for in the regulation play and scalped two more wickets in the Super Over to help Zimbabwe stun Pakistan in the third and final ODI here on Tuesday.

It was Zimbabwe's first win over Pakistan since 2015. The home team has already clinched the three-match ODI series, having won the earlier two matches.

Pakistan and Zimbabwe now play a three-match T20I series, starting on Saturday here.

In a high-scoring match, the 24-year-old Muzarabani overshadowed centuries from his team-mate Sean Williams (118 not out from 135 balls) and Pakistan captain Babar Azam (125 off 125 balls) and a five-for from 20-year-old fast bowler Muhammad Hasnain (5 for 26).

Muzarabani returned with a figures of 5 for 49 in the home side's run-chase and then took two more wickets in the super over in which Pakistan could only manage two runs.

Requiring just three runs to win in the Super Over, Zimbabwe wrapped up the match in three balls.

Chasing 279 for a win, Babar Azam produced a captain's innings to score his 12th ODI century but was dismissed in the 49th over by a sharp rising ball from Muzarabani to set up a thrilling finish.

Pakistan appeared to have recovered from 3 for 20 and 6 for 151 when Babar featured in a century stand with Wahab Riaz (52 from 56 balls). But Wahab fell at 251 in the 47th over and Pakistan lost two wickets in the penultimate over to give Zimbabwe a rare win.

The Pakistan captain faced 125 balls from which he hit 13 fours and a six.

Earlier, Zimbabwe made a

Vardy scores, creates 2 in Leicester win

AFP ■ LEEDS

Leicester swept into second place in the Premier League with an impressive 4-1 victory at Leeds, while Fulham beat West Bromwich Albion 2-0 to finally clinch their first win of the season on Monday.

Brendan Rodgers' side are just one point behind leaders Liverpool after winning five of their first seven games in a top-flight season for the first time in their history.

Harvey Barnes and Youri Tielemans put Leicester two up before half-time at Elland Road.

Stuart Dallas got one back for Leeds but Jamie Vardy's eighth goal of the season and a late Tielemans penalty wrapped up Leicester's fourth successive away league win.

After the disappointment of missing out on a place in the Champions League last term, Leicester have shown they are capable of mounting another top-four challenge.

Even a title push might not be impossible given they have already thrashed Manchester City 5-2.

"We were technically brilliant. We had the quality to play when we had the opportunities. I thought we were amazing right across the team," Rodgers said. "This team has got an amazing mentality with lots of young, hungry players. It's still very early and most of our games have been away but we've had brilliant performances."

At Craven Cottage, Fulham avoided their worst start to a season since 1951 thanks to first half goals from Bobby Decordova-Reid and Ola Aina.



NORTHERN RAILWAY
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The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

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2	Approx. cost of work	Rs. 47,72,611.94 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Eleven and Ninety Four Paise only)
3	Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 95,500/- (Rupees Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Only)
4	Cost of tender document	Rs. 0/-
5	Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	27.11.2020 @ 15:00 Hrs.
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system.

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