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## Trump sues as Biden nears finishing line

POTUS lays ground to contest election outcome, wins first legal battle in Pennsylvania

AP/PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Democrat Joe Biden pushed closer on Thursday to the 270 Electoral College votes he needed to win the White House, securing victories in the "blue wall" battlegrounds of Wisconsin and Michigan and narrowing President Donald Trump's path to reelection.

With just a handful of States still up for grabs, Trump tried to press his case in court in some key swing States. In spite of the aggressive Republican move, the flurry of court action did not seem obviously destined to impact the election's outcome.

However, Trump scored the first legal battle in the battleground State of Pennsylvania wherein an appellate judge has ordered that poll watchers must be allowed within six feet of counting of votes.

"Big legal win in Pennsylvania," Trump said in a tweet soon after the court gave the ruling.

Trump is currently leading in Pennsylvania, but his vote count has reduced considerably over the last one day.

Trump Campaign Manager Bill Stepien told



Democratic presidential candidate and former Vice-President Joe Biden takes off his face mask as he arrives to speak in Wilmington

reporters during a conference call that the court ruling would allow them to review the counting that has already occurred as well. The Trump Campaign on Thursday filed a lawsuit in the battleground State of Nevada, alleging mass level electoral

malpractice. Nevada is the fourth State where the Trump Campaign has filed a lawsuit. Trump, who has 214 votes so far, has filed lawsuits in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan and demanded recounting of votes

in Wisconsin. Two days after Election Day, neither candidate had amassed the votes needed to win the White House. But Biden's victories in the Great Lakes States left him at 264, meaning he was one battle-

ground state away — any would do — from becoming President-elect.

Trump, with 214 electoral votes, faced a much higher hurdle. To reach 270, he needed to claim all four remaining battlegrounds: Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia and Nevada.

Trump's campaign engaged in a flurry of legal activity to try to improve the Republican president's chances and cast doubt on the election results, requesting a recount in Wisconsin and filing lawsuits in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Georgia. Statewide recounts in Wisconsin have historically changed the vote tally by only a few hundred votes; Biden led by more than 20,000 ballots out of nearly 3.3 million counted.

Biden had an edge nationally over Trump after victories in Wisconsin and Michigan, key Midwestern battleground states. Contests in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Nevada and North Carolina were tight with votes still being tabulated.

The Trump campaign said it was confident the President would ultimately pull out a victory in Arizona, where votes were also still being counted,

including in Maricopa County, the State's most populous area.

With millions of votes yet to be tabulated, Biden already had received more than 71 million, the most in history. At an afternoon news conference Wednesday, the former vice president said he expected to win the presidency but stopped short of outright declaring victory. "I will govern as an American president," Biden said. "There will be no red states and blue states when we win. Just the United States of America."

Democrats scoffed at the legal challenges the President's campaign filed on Wednesday in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Georgia. And the flurry of court action did not seem obviously destined to affect the election's outcome.

However weary Americans will have to wait for some more time to know the clear winner of the closely-fought election between Trump and Biden, as the final outcome hinged on a few states on Thursday where a flood of mail-in ballots triggered by the coronavirus pandemic were still being counted.

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## No firecrackers in Delhi, orders Kejriwal Govt

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A head of Diwali, the Delhi Government on Thursday decided to ban firecrackers in the national Capital and ramp up medical infrastructure in hospitals, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said after a review of the Covid-19 situation.

Covid-19 cases have increased in Delhi due to the ongoing festival season and pollution, the Chief Minister said after the review meeting with the Chief Secretary, health department officials and district magistrates (DMs).

Delhi has recorded a spike in Covid-19 cases in the past few days with the number of daily infections crossing the 6,000-mark for the second consecutive day on Wednesday.

"Reviewed corona situation in Delhi and preparedness with Chief Secy, Health officials and all DMs. Corona cases have increased due to festival season and pollution. It was decided to: 1. Ban crackers in Delhi, 2.

Ramp up medical infra, Oxygen and ICU beds are being increased in Delhi govt hospitals," Kejriwal said in a tweet. Earlier in the day, the Chief Minister appealed to Delhiites not to burst firecrackers this Diwali.

## Calcutta HC bans fireworks on Kali Puja

Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Thursday banned the use and sale of firecrackers on Kali Puja to curb pollution amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

A division bench of justices Sanjib Banerjee and Arijit Banerjee gave the direction while hearing two PILs. Kali Puja is on November 15. The court directed that the ban will also be in force during Jagadhatri Puja, Chhath and Kartik Puja.

### CAPSULE

#### JHARKHAND WITHDRAWS CONSENT FOR CBI PROBE

New Delhi: The Jharkhand Government on Thursday revoked its general consent to the CBI to carry out any investigation in the State. Jharkhand is the latest State to withdraw the general consent to the CBI to probe cases.

#### 75% QUOTA IN PVT JOBS FOR LOCALS IN HARYANA

Chandigarh: The Haryana Assembly on Thursday passed a bill to give 75 per cent reservation in the private sector to job seekers from the State, fulfilling an election promise made by ruling alliance partner Jannayak Janta Party.

#### GOVT SCIENTIST: INDIAN VACCINE LIKELY BY FEB

New Delhi: An Indian Government-backed Covid-19 vaccine could be launched as early as February — months earlier than expected — as last-stage trials begin this month and studies have so far shown it is safe and effective, a senior Government scientist said.

#### AMRAPALI DIRECTORS ARRESTED FOR CHEATING

New Delhi: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police has arrested the directors of Amrapali group in connection with two cases of cheating, an official said on Thursday.

## Contesting my last poll, says Nitish at rally

Kumar's detractors mock him, say it's emotional drama to woo voters

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Thursday sprang a surprise by announcing at a poll rally in Purnia that he is contesting his last elections. This was Kumar's last election rally for the third and final phase of the Assembly polls on November 7.

"Jan lijiye aaj chunav ka aakhri din hai aur parson chunav hai aur ye mera antim chunav hai. Ant bhala, to sab bhalla (You should know that today is the last day of campaign and the day after is the election. And this is my last election. All's well that ends well)," Kumar said.

At 69, Kumar could still have many years in politics going by the way his contemporaries have remained active in their late 70s and early 80s. Kumar is seeking a fourth straight term in office.

Kumar detractors have mocked at his decision, saying this was an "emotional" drama to win back the voters. "Kumar never sticks to his words. If he could go back to BJP after vowing never to join hands with the saffron outfit, who will trust his today's announcement," said



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar addresses a gathering during an election rally in Katihar on Thursday

RJD leader Shivanand Tewari. RJD chief and former Chief Minister Lalu Prasad, who is lodged in a Ranchi jail as fodder scam convict, tweeted a video clip of Kumar speaking at Bihar Assembly elections in which he had declared he would never join hands with the BJP even if "mai mitti me mil jau."

"How can anyone be so unprincipled, thoughtless and immoral in public life," Lalu said.

## Bihar CM dubs Yogi's CAA remark 'faltu baat'

PNS ■ PATNA

It seems all is not well within the NDA as it fights a bitter battle with the RJD-led grand alliance in the Bihar Assembly elections. Amid palpable distrust between cadre and workers of the JD(U) and the BJP over Chirag Paswan's mechanism, the differences between the two sides have come in open.

In the run-up to the third and last phase of polls on November 7 in Bihar, Nitish Kumar has hit back at his Uttar Pradesh counterpart Yogi

Adityanath for saying in Katihar that illegal migrants will be thrown out if the NDA returned to power in the State.

"Who does all this malicious campaigning? Who says all this faltu baat (nonsense)? Who will throw out people? No one dares to do that. Everyone belongs to this country, everyone is Indian," he said at a public meeting at Kishanganj.

"Who talks like this? Our effort is to work for harmony, unity and brotherhood so there can be progress. And these

people only want to create divides; they have no other work," he added.

Asking the gathering not to play any heed to leaders who play such divisive politics, Nitish said, "Kuch logon ka kaam hee hai mahaul bigadna (some leaders remain engrossed in vitiating atmosphere...)"

To drive home his point, Nitish later also tweeted that, "It is our duty and in our culture to take everyone along. Bihar will progress only then."

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## Delhi's air worst in 1 year, stubble burning share 42%

PM10 stands at 561 microgram, highest since Nov 15 last year

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The air quality in Delhi deteriorated further and reached the "severe" category on Thursday morning. The worsening of air quality has been attributed to stubble burning whose share has considerably increased to 42 per cent in Delhi's pollution. This is maximum so far this season.

Meanwhile, PM10 levels stood at 561 microgram per cubic metre (g/m<sup>3</sup>) at 10 am, the highest since November 15 last year, when it was measured at 637 g/m<sup>3</sup>.

While the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) settled at 486, highest of the season, the farm fire incidents recorded by the NASA observatory on Wednesday night were 4,135.

According to scientists in Ministry of Earth Sciences, raging farm fires and a fall in the wind speed and temperature pushed air quality in



Vehicles ply amid hazy weather condition in New Delhi on Thursday

Delhi-NCR to the worst in the past one year.

SAFAR said the farm fire count in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and neighbouring areas increased significantly. "The boundary layer wind direction is northwesterly favourable for the transport of pollutants from farm fires," it said.

"The share of stubble burning in Delhi's PM2.5 pollution was estimated at 42 per cent on Thursday," it said.

In weekly trend, stubble burning accounted for five per

cent of Delhi's pollution on Wednesday, 10 per cent on Tuesday, 16 per cent on Monday and 40 per cent on Sunday.

However, the stubble contribution to Delhi's pollution had peaked to 44 per cent on November 1, according to SAFAR data. NASA's satellite imagery showed a large, dense cluster of fire dots in Punjab and parts of Haryana and UP. SAFAR predicted conducive conditions for dispersion of pollutants in the next two days.

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## India slams handing over Kartarpur Sahib upkeep to non-Sikh

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking strong exception to a decision to transfer Gurdwara Kartarpur to a non-Sikh body, India on Thursday protested to Pakistan terming the move as "unilateral and condemnable."

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said here, "We have seen reports about Pakistan transferring the management and maintenance of the Holy Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib away from the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (PSGPC), a body run by the minority Sikh Community, to the administrative control of the Evacuee Trust Property Board, a non-Sikh body. This unilateral decision by Pakistan is highly condemnable and runs against the spirit of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor as also the religious sentiments of the Sikh community at large. We have

received representations from the Sikh community expressing grave concern at this decision by Pakistan targeting the rights of the minority Sikh community in Pakistan. Such actions only expose the reality of the Pakistani Government and its leadership's tall claims of preserving and protecting the rights and welfare of the religious minority communities. Pakistan is called upon to reverse its arbitrary decision to deprive the Sikh minority community its right to manage affairs of the Holy Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib."

Reports indicated as per a notification issued on November 3, Pakistan's Religious Affairs Ministry handed over the management of Durbar Sahib Gurdwara to a "project management unit" under the Evacuee Trust Property Board, a department that oversees the shrines of the country's minorities.

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## China bans entry of travellers from India on rising Covid concerns

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

China has decided to temporarily suspend the entry of foreign nationals holding valid Chinese visas or residence permits to the country from India due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Chinese embassy here said foreigners holding Chinese diplomatic, service, courtesy and C visas will not be affected by the decision.

The decision comes after almost 20 passengers of an Air India Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) Delhi-Wuhan flight of October 30 tested positive on arrival last Friday. A proposed VBM flight for November 6 was rescheduled as China held back clearances on flights from India. Air India had planned four flights to China between November 13 and December 4, which could now be impacted.

"The entry into China with visas issued after November 3 is not affected," Chinese Embassy in India said, adding the suspension is a temporary measure.

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## Centre notifies guidelines to reopen universities, colleges

Central university VCs, State Govts to take final call

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Thursday notified a set of guidelines for the reopening of universities and colleges closed since March in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For Central universities and other Centrally funded higher education institutions, the decision for reopening of campuses has been left to the Vice Chancellors and heads of the institutions.

However, for State universities and colleges, the respective State Governments will have to take a call as per the fresh set of guidelines notified by the Education Ministry issued through the university regulator University Grants Commission (UGC).

As per the new guidelines, universities and colleges out-



side the containment zone can be opened in a sequential manner after consultation with the respective State/UT Governments. UGC has suggested six-day weeks, smaller class-sizes to enable social distancing, however, teaching hours in a day may be extended, as per the institution's requirements.

"Six-day schedule may be followed so that classes can be conducted in phases and the seating arrangement be made keeping in view the requirements of physical distancing. Universities and colleges may consider reducing the class size and break them in multiple sections to maintain phys-

ical distancing during the classes," and Education Ministry official said.

Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank announced that the colleges and universities will reopen as per the UGC guidelines issued in consultation with the Home, Health and Education Ministries. "It is a request to all educational institutions, students, parents and all those associated with the education world to ensure compliance of these guidelines for the survival and bright future of themselves and others," Pokhriyal tweeted on the new SOP.

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## Museums, galleries, expos from Nov 10

Culture Ministry issues guidelines for preventive Covid measures

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After cinema halls, monuments and gyms, now the museums, art galleries and exhibitions are all set to be reopened from November 10. They have been closed since March 17.

The Culture Ministry on Thursday issued guidelines for

preventive measures to contain the spread of Covid-19 in these public places.

"Other similar institutions can be reopened as per convenience and in tune with relevant State, city or local laws, rules and regulations/unlock guidelines in force," said the Ministry in a statement.

These guidelines contain standard operating procedure (SOPs) to be followed by the management of museums, art galleries and exhibitions (both temporary and permanent), as well as the visitors to these spaces, the Ministry said.

"Comprehensive guidelines have been issued for adequate cleaning, purchase of tickets and for ensuring safety of visitors and staff at museums, exhibitions and art galleries," the Ministry said.

The Ministry has also clarified that no museums and/or art galleries shall re-open inside containment zones, and State/UT Governments may consider proposing additional measures as per their field assessment.

# Bill passed to provide 75% quota in pvt jobs to Haryana youth



**Chandigarh:** The Haryana Assembly on Thursday passed a Bill to give 75 per cent reservation in private sector jobs to youth from the state, an election promise made by ruling alliance partner Jannayak

Janta Party. The Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Bill, 2020 provides a 75 per cent job quota for local people in private sector jobs which offer a salary of less than Rs

50,000 a month.

It applies to private companies, societies, trusts and partnership firms, among others, located in the state.

The State Governor has to give assent to the bill before it becomes law. The Bill was tabled by Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala in the State Assembly here.

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IT APPLIES TO PRIVATE COMPANIES, SOCIETIES, TRUSTS AND PARTNERSHIP FIRMS, AMONG OTHERS, LOCATED IN THE STATE

## J'khand withdraws consent to CBI to probe cases

**New Delhi:** The Jharkhand Government on Thursday revoked its general consent to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to carry out any investigation in the state.

Jharkhand is the latest state to withdraw the general consent to the CBI to probe cases, joining a list of non-BJP ruled states including Maharashtra which have effected a similar move.

From now on, the central agency needs state government's permission to conduct

investigations in Jharkhand. Left-ruled Kerala had on Wednesday withdrawn the general consent accorded to the CBI.

Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh are other states that have withdrawn the consent to the CBI to exercise its powers under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act.

The consent is akin to a blanket nod for the agency to probe scheduled offences specified in the Delhi Special Police

Establishment Act (DPSE) Act, 1946.

The probe agency also lacks a "general consent" from Mizoram.

Unlike the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which has countrywide jurisdiction to take over any case related to terrorism, the CBI requires the consent of the state government concerned under Section 6 of the DPSE Act, the law that governs the agency's functioning.

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## RESERVING 80% ICU BEDS FOR COVID PATIENTS

### AAP Govt moves SC challenging HC order

**New Delhi:** The Aam Aadmi Party government in Delhi has moved the Supreme Court challenging the Delhi High Court's order, which stayed the government's decision to reserve 80 per cent ICU beds for Covid-19 patients in private hospitals. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal through a tweet said the government has moved the top court in the matter.

"Del (Delhi) HC has stayed our order to increase ICU beds in pvt (private) hospitals. Filed appeal in SC yesterday. We hope SC will lift the stay keep-

ing in view the critical situation," Kejriwal said.

Delhi is witnessing a record single-day spike in the number of Covid-19 cases for the past few days with over 6,800 cases getting reported on Wednesday. Kejriwal has said the city is witnessing a "third wave" of the virus in the backdrop of rising pollution levels and the festive season.

On September 22, a single judge bench of the Delhi High Court had stayed the September 13 decision of the government to reserve 80 per cent ICU beds in private hos-

pitals for Covid-19 patients.

The high court had said that asking 33 big private hospitals to reserve 80 per cent ICU beds for Covid-19 patients would violate the fundamental rights of those with other health issues.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for the petitioner, Association of Healthcare Providers, had submitted that the order was passed without application of mind as the majority of the ICU/HDU beds in the private hospitals were fully occupied.

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## Bihar CM dubs...

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Nitish didn't name Yogi, but the timing of his assertion -- coming hours after the UP Chief Minister talked about the Citizenship Amendment Act and threatened to throw out every single infiltrators -- left no one in doubt about who was Nitish's target.

"Modi has found a solution to the infiltration problem in the form of the Citizenship Amendment Act. He has ensured that all those who fled Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh following religious persecution find safe here. On the other hand, those infiltrators who try to undermine and sovereignty and integrity of the country will be thrown out," Yogi had asserted in Katihar on Wednesday. Nitish has fielded 11 Muslim candidates in the Bihar polls and as such he could not afford to antagonise the Muslim voters. On the other hand, the BJP would clearly benefit from such communal polarisation in the Seemanchal region.

## Delhi's air...

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"Better dispersion condition and not so low daytime boundary layer height is predicted for the next two days which is likely to improve AQI unless more than estimated fire-related emission takes place," it said. As per SAFAR's observations, the Particulate Matters PM 10 levels in Delhi-NCR stood at 561 microgram per cubic meter (g/m3) at 10 am - the highest since November 15 last year, when it was 637 g/m3. PM10 levels below 100 g/m3 are considered safe in India. Scientists said PM10 is particulate matter with a diameter of 10 micrometers and is inhalable. As per studies, these particles include dust, pollen and mold spores. The levels of PM2.5 finer particles which can enter the bloodstream were 347 g/m3 at 12 noon. PM2.5 levels up to 60 g/m3 are considered safe.

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## South Western Rlys postpones Goa project till further notice

**Panaji:** Days ahead of a protest meeting in South Goa, demanding the scrapping of double tracking of the South Western Railway line, the railway authorities on Thursday postponed the controversial track laying work in Davorlim village, citing "operational constraints".

On November 9, opposition parties as well as civil society activists had called for a public meeting to protest against three central government projects, including the double-tracking of the South Western Railway line, claiming they would facilitate a coal corridor through the coastal state.

In a statement issued on Thursday, the South Western Railway said that the decision to postpone the track-laying work at the level crossing was taken "due to operational constraints".

Opposition as well as civil society groups and tourism stakeholders have expressed apprehension, that the central government projects were being pushed at an "express pace" to facilitate movement of coal imported through the Mormugao Port Trust facility in Goa to steel mills in Karnataka's Bellary district and nearby areas.

Nearly 50,000 trees located in and around Mollem village are slotted for felling for the projects which include expansion of railway lines and highways and drawing of a new high tension power line across protected forests.

The projects have already been cleared by the National Board for Wildlife in April this year.

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## China bans entry of travellers from...

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"Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it's hereby announced that China has decided to temporarily suspend the entry into China by foreign nationals in India holding valid Chinese visas or residence permits. The Chinese Embassy/consulates in India will not stamp the health declaration forms for the holders of the above-mentioned categories of visa or residence permits," the Chinese Embassy in India said in a statement on its website on Thursday.

Foreigners holding Chinese diplomatic, service, courtesy and C visas are not affected. Foreigners with emergency or humanitarian needs to visit China can submit visa application to the Chinese Embassy/Consulates in India. "China will make further adjustment and announcement in accordance with the ongoing pandemic situation in a timely manner," it said.

The new suspension order is a partial reversal of an easing on September 28, when Beijing allowed all foreigners with valid residence permits to enter. At present only Air India operates VBM flights to China. The national airline had operated flights to Shanghai, Guangzhou and Wuhan, from Delhi in October.

This decision comes three days after China issued fresh guidelines for airlines flying

passengers to the country. "In order to reduce cross-border transmission of Covid-19, starting from 00:00 hours (India time) on November 7, 2020, all Chinese and foreign passengers bound for China will be required to take nucleic acid and IgM anti-body tests and apply for a green health code with the "HS" mark or a certified health declaration form before boarding the flight," the notice to "airline boarding requirements for certificates of negative nucleic acid and IgM antibody tests results" issued on November 2 said.

Besides, China made similar announcements to bar entry of non-Chinese visitors from Britain, Belgium and the Philippines and demanded travellers from the United States, France and Germany present results of additional health tests as it guards itself against the resurgence in coronavirus cases rising around the world.

China is not the first country to restrict arrivals from India. Hong Kong has already suspended Air India flights, four times since August. The current suspension stays till November 10. Malaysia had also barred Indians from traveling to the country.

A similar instance, this time of an Air India Express passenger testing positive on arrival in Dubai had led to the Emirate barring the airline. But that was taken back within a day.

## India slams...

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The gurdwara was earlier under the management of the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (PSGPC). Sources said it is the first time that PSGPC has been shut out of the management of a gurdwara in Pakistan. There are no Sikhs among the officials and staff appointed by the ETPB for the Darbar Sahib Gurdwara.

In a major step in November last year, India and Pakistan opened a nearly five km cross-border corridor linking Dera Baba Sahib in Gurdaspur in India with Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan, in a historic people-to-people initiative.

Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara is located in Pakistan's Narowal district across the river Ravi, about four kilometres from the Dera Baba Nanak shrine. It is the final resting place of Sikh faith's founder Guru Nanak Dev, who had spent the last 18 years of his life in Kartarpur.

The corridor was shut in March in view of the coronavirus pandemic. While Pakistan has opened its side of the corridor recently, India is yet to take a decision.

It has also urged Pakistan to construct required infrastructure, including a bridge at Budhi Ravi channel, for the safe movement of pilgrims over a stretch that gets waterlogged during the rainy season.

## 'Need Nitish Govt for Bihar's development,' PM in open letter to voters

**New Delhi:** Ahead of final phase of voting in Bihar, Prime Minister has written an open letter to the voters of Bihar and urged them to vote for development.

The Prime Minister said he is "committed" to development of Bihar and "I need the Nitish Kumar government in Bihar to ensure that there is no hiccup in the state's development journey, and developmental schemes are not stuck," he wrote in the letter.

The PM said since 2005 the atmosphere in Bihar has changed with better law and order situation, infrastructure and social and economic prosperity. The NDA will deliver both to Bihar and its people.

In the letter, PM Modi also mentioned the key promises made by the NDA which include water for every household and better connectivity which includes airports, waterways and roads.

"Better connectivity will help 'ease of living' for the youth, farmers and poor," the PM said in the letter.

The PM said the NDA has laid a strong foundation of better infrastructure and rule of law.

"We are working towards aatmanirbhar Bihar," said the PM.

The PM said the NDA government has presented its report card and vision document for the future. The double-engine government in Bihar will push the state to new heights and stressed that each and every vote matters and those with voting rights are indeed 'powerful'. He urged voters to use that power for the 'bright future of Bihar'.

In his speeches, the PM has been urging people to go 'vocal for local'. This will change the lives of local artisans. "It is a way with which our local products will gradually become a part of the global market."

He had also referred to the Mudra scheme, saying that nearly Rs 2.5 cr have been disbursed in Bihar as loans. Reaching out to women, a key voter base of CM Nitish Kumar in the last election, Modi said that nearly Rs. 1.75 cr out of this amount has gone to women.

As many as 1207 candidates are in the fray for the third and final phase of polling for 78 seats in 15 districts scheduled for November 7.

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## World-class Skill Centres to be set up to provide training: Sisodia

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

**Delhi Deputy Chief Minister** Manish Sisodia said that a 'World-Class Skill Centres' (WCSC) will be set up to provide skill-based training and degrees through the Skills and Entrepreneurship University in the National Capital.

Sisodia said "Today during a special meeting on Skills and Entrepreneurship University with the Directorate of Higher Education where its short-term, and long-term vision was discussed in detail."

The education minister reviewed the progress of the university so far, and directed the Directorate of Higher Education to expedite the work. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Neharika Vohra was present.

Sisodia said that the purpose of establishing this university is to fix the existing gaps in this country by up-skilling students and readying future-entrepreneurs of this country. He said, "We will set up a competent solution-based research team which will work to fill the gap between existing, and future jobs by diligently carrying out market research for job creation."



## Centre notifies...

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"For Centrally funded higher education institutions, the head should satisfy herself or himself regarding the feasibility of opening of physical classes and decide accordingly. For all other institutions including State universities, private universities, and colleges, opening of physical classes to be done as per the decision of the respective State Governments," the UGC guidelines said.

Universities across the country were closed on March

16 in order to contain the spread of coronavirus and thereafter remained closed following the nationwide lockdown was announced on March 25. However in between all administrative functions and competitive and entrance tests including admissions to the new sessions continued since July and most of the colleges and institutions like IITs, AIIMs, are undergoing the admission process. Online classes for the students of both schools and colleges are also underway as per the session schedules set by the Education Ministry.

The universities and colleges have been asked to plan the opening of campuses in a phased manner, with such activities that adhere to Covid-19 norms including social distancing, use of face masks and other protective measures. "The universities and colleges shall only be allowed to open if they are outside the containment zones. Further, students and staff living in containment zones will not be allowed to attend the colleges," the guidelines said.

"Students and staff shall also be advised not to visit areas falling within containment

zones. The faculty, staff and students of the university and college should be encouraged to download 'Aarogya Setu App'," said an Education Ministry official.

"Students of all research programmes and post-graduate students in science and technology programmes may join as the number of such students is comparatively less and norms of physical distancing and preventive measures can be easily enforced. Final year students may also be allowed to join for academic and placement purposes, as per the decision of the head of the institu-

tion," it added.

The UGC said that the institutions should have a plan ready for such international students who could not join the programme due to international travel restrictions or visa-related issues. "Hostels may be opened only in such cases where it is necessary while strictly observing the safety and health preventive measures. However, the sharing of rooms may not be allowed in hostels. Symptomatic students should not be permitted to stay in the hostels under any circumstances," it said.

The new guidelines have

asked the institutions to ensure that "before reopening of any campus, the Central or the concerned State Government must have declared the area safe for reopening of educational institutions. The directions, instructions, guidelines and orders issued by the Central and State Government concerned regarding safety and health in view of Covid-19 must be fully abided by the higher education institutions."

Institutions have to provide online study material and access to e-resources to such students who prefer to study online while staying at home.

## Trump sues as Biden nears finishing line

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Trump sues as Biden nears finishing line "The Associated Press continues to watch and analyze vote count results from Arizona as they come in," said Sally Buzbee, AP's executive editor.

"We will follow the facts in all cases." For four years, Democrats have been haunted by the crumbling of the blue wall, the trio of Great Lakes states — Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania — that their candidates had been able to count on in presidential elections. But Trump's populist appeal struck a chord with white working-class voters and he captured all three in 2016 by a combined total of just 77,000 votes.

The candidates waged a fierce fight for the states this year, with Biden's everyman political persona resonating in blue-collar towns while his campaign also pushed to

increase turnout among Black voters in cities like Detroit and Milwaukee. It was unclear when a national winner would be determined after a long, bitter campaign dominated by the coronavirus and its effects on Americans and the national economy.

The U.S. on Wednesday set another record for daily confirmed cases as several states posted all-time highs. The pandemic has killed more than 233,000 people in the United States.

Trump spent much of Wednesday and Thursday in the White House residence, huddling with advisers and fuming at media coverage showing his Democratic rival picking up battlegrounds. Trump used his Twitter feed to falsely claim victory in several key states and amplify unsubstantiated conspiracy theories about Democratic gains as absentee and early votes were

tabulated.

Aides did not say when he next planned to appear in public. Trump campaign manager Bill Stepien said the president would formally request a Wisconsin recount, citing "irregularities" in several counties. And the campaign said it was filing suits in Michigan and Pennsylvania to halt ballot counting on grounds that it wasn't given proper access to observe. Trump campaign spokesman Jason Miller said additional legal action was expected in Nevada.

"We will literally be going through every single ballot," he said of the hotly contested state.

At the same time, hundreds of thousands of votes were still to be counted in Pennsylvania, and Trump's campaign said it was moving to intervene in existing Supreme Court litigation over counting mail-in ballots there.

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# Say no to firecrackers on Diwali: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said his Government has provided a sustainable alternative to stubble burning with the newly-developed bio-decomposer technique to curb pollution, appealing to the people of Delhi to avoid bursting firecrackers this Diwali in view of increasing air pollution.

Kejriwal said he will be performing Lakshmi Puja along with other Delhi Cabinet Ministers on the day of Diwali, which will be live-streamed by TV channels.

Addressing a digital press conference, Kejriwal said, "There are adverse effects of both Corona and pollution in

Delhi this year. "The Delhi government along with the people of Delhi is making all efforts to deal with the issue."

"Every year, the smoke from stubble burning causes pollution in Delhi. This has been continuing for many years now, but no state government has provided any effective solution to the problem of stubble burning. Farmers do not want to burn stubble because it kills the good bacteria on the farmlands, makes the soil infertile and causes major pollution," he said.

To provide an alternative to stubble burning, the Delhi government has taken a crucial step in association with the PUSA Institute, he said, adding that the farmers do not need to burn stubble.



"They can use a chemical developed by the PUSA Institute on the fields and the stubble turns into manure in just 20 days. I hope that this is the last year when we have to suffer due to pollution. No government should be able to make any excuse to not provide an alternative to stubble burning, as Delhi has given an alternative to all the states," he said.

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"We had celebrated Diwali together at Connaught Place through a light show. We will celebrate Diwali together this year as well without burning crackers. If we burn crackers, we will be playing with the health of our children and our family. We are arranging for something different for Diwali this year," he added.

The chief minister also appealed to the citizens of Delhi to join in the Diwali celebrations this year by performing Lakshmi Puja at their homes.

# Amrapali group directors, others held in 14 old cases

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has arrested directors and other officials of Amrapali Group in 14 old cases for allegedly cheating home buyers. Police said that the Group had promised to complete the construction of the residential apartments and hand over the possession within a period of 36 months but they failed to give possession even after elapsing the period of more than 10 years.

The accused have been identified as Anil Kumar Sharma (56), a resident of Maharani Bagh and Shiv Priya (46), a resident of Noida, both directors of the company.

According to Dr O P Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, a complaint was received wherein the complainant alleged that Amrapali Centurian Park private limited a company of Amrapali Group had launched its project "Amrapali Centurian Park, Terrace Homes" at Plot No GH-05, Sector Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

"The complainant alleged that the Directors of Amrapali Group had launched the above said project and had given a wide publicity and advertisement in leading newspapers. It was claimed that the project is approved by the competent Authority. He had booked two



flats in year 2017 and made full payment of the flats and the Builder-buyer agreement was executed. During enquiry, 168 more complaints with the similar allegations were received against the alleged persons," said the Joint CP.

"In another complaint received by the EOW, the complainant had alleged that M/s Amrapali Smart City Developers Pvt. Ltd. launched its project "Amrapali Golf Homes" at Greater Noida. It was further represented that the possession of the project would be handed over to its buyers in 2014. Accordingly the complainant executed the Builder-buyer agreement and paid Rs. 17, 47,169/- to the alleged company but no possession given till date," said the Joint CP.

"The First Information Reports were registered and the accused are presently running

in Judicial Custody in another cases and after obtaining permission from the Court, the EOW team interrogated and formally arrested the accused Anil Kumar Sharma and Shiv Priya," said the Joint CP.

"The Group took advances from buyers, ranging from 40 percent to 100 per cent of the value of the flats. An allotment-cum-flat buyer agreement was executed. The Group had promised to complete the construction and hand over the possession of the apartments, within a period of 36 months but they failed to give possession even after elapsing the period of more than 10 years. The EOW has arrested the Directors and other officials of the Amrapali Group in 14 more cases. Charge-sheets have already been filed in 15 cases. Further investigation is in progress," the Joint CP added.

# Need to prevent waste of water, urges Chadha

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Vice Chairman of Delhi Jal Board (DJB) Raghav Chadha on Wednesday convened a meeting of enforcement officers and emphasised the need to prevent the waste and misuse of water. Talking about the importance of being vigilant, the Vice Chairman said only when DJB officers themselves exercise caution, will it trickle down to an ordinary consumer.

The Vice Chairman emphasised how DJB will now focus on the strict implementation and enforcement of the following provisions under the Delhi Water Board Act 1998 against the misuse of water.

Chadha specified in the meeting that the focus shouldn't be on the aforementioned violations alone, as there are several other offences listed in the Delhi Water Board Act that can invite fines. However, these four specific violations are extremely rampant, and thus require strict vigilance.

"All authorised officers of DJB can check water wastage through overflowing water tanks/ misuse of water for gardening, etc and file challans in the designated courts of the Special Metropolitan Magistrates of their respective areas," he said.

Chadha was stern about the issuing of challans by respective officers. "I would like to remind everyone that our government's vision of the provision of 24\*7 access to water does not mean the 24\*7 misuse of water. It does not mean the misuse of water even for one minute. We have to be vigilant. This is where the enforcement officers need to take action. The issuing of challans must be immediate but scrupulous," he said.

The Vice Chairman also reprimanded the officials for issuing very few challans last year, emphasising that it is necessary to send a firm message to people "Delhi Jal Board will no longer tolerate the wastage of water or illegal connections. The entire society has to suffer because of the mistakes of one-two people. It must be understood that DJB will not let its consumers suffer because of such people. I know how sewers get choked or closed because of garbage, which results in misery for a lot of people. Strict and swift action will be taken against anyone found guilty of letting



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garbage choke sewers," he said. Chadha told the enforcement officials present that DJB will conduct a one-month long vigilance campaign, and asked for a plan to be prepared and submitted in this regard. "Under this campaign, DJB will send teams to different areas across the city where the rules of DJB are being violated. The purpose of this month-long campaign will not be issuing challans alone, but also to spread much-needed awareness among people on the wise and appropriate use of water," he said.

Chadha also said, "It has also been found that the water meant for domestic purposes is used for non-domestic purposes. DJB cannot afford to show any patience for such inexcusable acts. Any individual or body found guilty of such an offence must be issued a challan on the spot."

"I appreciate the hard work of the officers and engineers of DJB but we need to understand that we cannot be lackadaisical even for a minute. The saying 'every drop matters' has to become a reality. We must penalise those who rampantly waste water," he said.

# BJP-ruled NMC has brought in unconstitutional circular, says AAP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak on Thursday said that the BJP ruled North Corporation has brought an unconstitutional circular by which the Mayor will decide which questions a councillor can raise.

However, north mayor Jai Prakash refuted the charges, saying that steps were taken to save time as every week AAP councillors ask the same question to disrupt the functioning of the house. "No one is stopped to ask question. The AAP councillors are in habit of disrupting the house functioning that is why a circular was introduced in house. As per it, councillors will have to give question in advance to the mayor," he said.

Pathak said that the corporation has come down to this fascist technique to silence the opposition as they are scared of being exposed. "The BJP mayor is trying to make MCD his own private property and no one has witnessed such an undemocratic circular in the history of democracy," he said.

He said that the AAP demands immediate rollback of this unconstitutional circular brought by the BJP.

The AAP leader further said, "In the last 14 years, the BJP has transformed the MCD to a den of corruption but with time it has started to realise that this den of corruption is getting disrupted by the questions raised against them."

"To stop the questions against the BJP which can expose the corruption and the miss governance of the MCD they have taken the path of dictatorship. In MCD every councillor has the right to ask questions to the authorities and this is their democratic right. When the BJP ruled MCD saw that their corruption is getting exposed then now they are trying to stop the voice of the elected representatives of the MCD," he added.

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# LOCKDOWN VIOLATION IN G'GRAM

## 73,267 challaned for not wearing face mask; ₹3.66 cr collected as fine

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM:

As many as 73,267 people have been challaned in Gurugram for reportedly violating lockdown norms by stepping outside their homes without wearing masks and also without proper reasons, the police said on Thursday.

The police also informed that fines amounting to more than Rs 3.66 crore were collected from the offenders since March when the lockdown was imposed.

According to the health department, more than 1,400 cases of Corona infections have been reported in Gurugram in the last week which is a serious concern for the district health department as well as the Gurugram police.

So far the police have acted against auto rickshaws, cabs, bike riders and pickup vans for carrying people, police said.

Now to curb the number of Corona cases in the district the Gurugram police chief K K Rao has issued strict directions to its force to implement corona norms effectively.

"People will be inspired to use masks in markets and crowded places via loudspeakers, the police patrolling vehicles across the district will also keep an eye on offenders, the police will also distribute face masks among the people and urge them to maintain social distance," Rao said.

"Apart from this, all the DCPs, ACPs and SHOs in Gurugram will identify the crowded areas in their jurisdiction and visit there to motivate people to comply with the orders / guidelines issued by the government and ask them to use masks. The police will also take prompt action against those who disobey the rules," he said.

Meanwhile, the health department suspects that ahead of Diwali, a number of people will visit markets for shopping and this will float covid norms.

"From the last one week, 1,400 cases of corona infection have been reported in Gurugram. The reason behind that is that the people are not following Covid-19 norms and they are roaming around without face masks. As the festive season ahead we suspect the number of cases will increase in coming days," said Virender Yadav, chief medical officer Gurugram.

Meanwhile, On Thursday, the district health department detected 555 fresh Covid-19 cases, taking the total to 32,551. Of this, 28,074 people have recovered. The Covid-19 toll has reached 222 in the district including three who died on Thursday.



"We appealed to the residents to stay indoors and not come outside unnecessarily. Strict actions will be initiated against those who break Covid-19 norms," he said.

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# Man held for smuggling ₹27L foreign currency

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has nabbed a man for allegedly smuggling foreign currency worth Rs 27 lakhs at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport.

The accused has been identified as Aashkin, an Indian National.

According to CISF officials, on November 4, on the basis of behaviour detection, the CISF surveillance and intelligence team of IGI Airport noticed suspicious activities of a passenger in the check-in area of Terminal- 3.

"The passenger was diverted to a random checking point near departure gate No.05 for thorough checking. During x-ray screening of his bag, the CISF personnel noticed suspicious images of currency notes concealed in the false bottom of his bag. The passenger was allowed

for check-in and kept under close watch physically as well as electronically. The concerned airline was also intimated to hold his registered bag," said the official.

"After clearing Immigration, during Pre-Embarkation Security Check (PESC) at Security Hold Area (SHA) of Terminal-3, the passenger was intercepted by CISF and Customs Officials were informed. Thereafter, his registered baggage was brought into the SHA with the help of airline staff and the bag was thoroughly checked in presence of Customs Officials," said the CISF official.

"On checking of the bag, 1,52,000 Saudi Riyals worth approximately Rs 27.5 Lakh were found concealed in the bottom of the bag. The passenger was bound for Dubai. On enquiry, he could not produce any valid document to carry such an amount of foreign currency," he said.



# City doing better than all metro cities in fighting Covid: Jain

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Health Minister Satyender Jain on Thursday said that Delhi is doing much better than all the metro cities in India and is on the 17th position in Covid death per million population. To analyse any data



regarding COVID-19, Delhi should be compared with the metro cities of India. "By comparing with the other metro cities of India it should be noted that Delhi is at the 17th position in terms of Covid death with 338 cases whereas Mumbai tops the list of death per million due to COVID-19 as it has around 831 cases fol-

lowed by Chennai which has 518 cases, Kolkata which has 503 cases, Bangalore urban which has 408 cases," he said.

Taking to Twitter, Jain said, "Delhi is on 17th position in covid death per million population. Far behind all metro cities." Adding to this statement Delhi CM Shri Kejriwal tweeted, "Del gov't has

taken several steps to ensure that fatality rate does not increase despite increase in no of cases."

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also said that the Delhi government has taken several steps to ensure that the fatality rate does not increase despite an increase in the number of Covid cases.

From the day one of the COVID-19 pandemic the Delhi government has worked around the clock to keep a check on the fatality rate. Delhi government has also stringently implemented the lockdown rules in Delhi and with time aggressively increased the testing capacity in the capital.

# Gang duping 27K Govt job seekers of ₹1.09 cr busted, 5 held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of five people, the Delhi Police on Thursday claimed to have busted a gang which allegedly duped over 27,000 job seekers of Rs 1.09 crore by promising them jobs through a fake website of an entity. The fraudsters had created fake website of a fictitious entity -- Swastha Avm Jan Kalyan Sansthan (SAJKS) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare -- and offered over 13,000 fake jobs through their bogus website -- www.sajks.org

The accused has been identified as Ramdhari, Suresh Singh, Amandeep Khatkari, Sandeep and Joginder Singh, resident of Haryana and Delhi.

Police said that the gang was headed by Vishnu Sharma and Ramdhari, who operated from Hisar in Haryana, and since August 2020, the duo along with their associates cheated over 27,000 job seekers by promising them government jobs. Police said that Ramdhari is one of the key conspirators with Vishnu Sharma who is still at large.

Police also claimed to have recovered Rs 49 lakh of the duped amount and also seized seven mobile phones and three laptops from them.

According to Anshyeh Roy, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Cyber Crime Unit (CyPAD), the matter came to light after the Delhi Police's Cyber Cell received a complaint from a job aspirant who was allegedly duped by the gang.

In his complaint, he alleged that he was cheated through a fake website floated in the name of 'Swastha Avm Jan Kalyan Sansthan'. Believing it to be a genuine website, he applied for various job and also paid the registration fees online, the complainant alleged.

"After initial enquiries, a case of cheating and forgery was registered and investigation was taken up. Police collected technical details and analysed the money trail of the fraudulent activities run by the fake website and learnt that multiple bogus accounts and digital identities were being used to cover their illegal acts," said the DCP.

"On the basis of the technical investigation, the masterminds operating the fake website were identified and

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located in Hisar, Haryana and during investigation, it was revealed that thousands of job seekers were duped through the website and that the gang members were siphoning out the cheated money from ATMs in Hisar," said the DCP.

"One of the gang members, Amandeep was arrested after

he was caught red-handed withdrawing cash from an ATM in Hisar. During interrogation, Amandeep revealed that in August this year, he along with his associates -- Vishnu, Sandeep, Ramdhari, Suresh and Joginder -- had hatched a conspiracy in Hisar to cheat gullible job seekers by

promising them government jobs," said the DCP.

"To execute their plan, Joginder and Sandeep, both software professionals, designed the fake website. They also opened a bank account in the name of Swastha Sansthan under proprietorship of Suresh. Amandeep was tasked to withdraw cash from various ATMs which was distributed among the gang members on a daily basis," said the DCP.

"Both Vishnu and Ramdhari, who run an online examination centre outsourced for conducting government recruitment tests allegedly misused the data of job aspirants appearing at their online examination centre. The contact details of the candidates who appeared for various online

exams in the examination centre run by Vishnu and Ramdhari was used to send SMSes to them, and lure them to apply for job on their fake website," said the DCP.

"The SMSes had link to their website. When a person visited this site, it offered a wide range of jobs under Swastha Avm Jan Kalyan Sansthan (SAJKS) and the victim was prompted to submit his or her bio-data with the prescribed fee," said the DCP.

"It was further revealed that more than 13,000 jobs ranging from accountant, lab attendant, ambulance driver among others were being offered through the bogus website and that over 15 lakh SMSes were sent by the gang members till now to their targets due to which more than

27,000 victims have fallen a prey. Victims had paid Rs 400-500 each, thus totalling an amount of more than Rs 1.09 crore till date from October 1," said the DCP.

The Delhi Police has advised people to apply due caution while applying for jobs through online portals and forums such as social media, instant messaging Apps and emails and said the genuineness of the website or company and its representatives should be checked from credible sources before applying for job, or before accepting an invite for interview.

They added that transfer of money for registration and confidential details should be sent only after thorough check of the website or company's credentials.

# India committed to protect its sovereignty: Rajnath



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India is determined to protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity against unilateralism and aggression, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said here on Thursday. Sending out this tough message to China without naming it, he also said dialogue is the most favoured way to resolve differences.

His statement came in the backdrop of the ongoing tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh for the last six months. His reaffirmation that India is a peace loving country but is ready to make any sacrifice to defend itself was a day ahead of the eighth round of Corps Commander level talks between the two countries at the LAC on Friday.

Speaking at the diamond jubilee celebration webinar of the National Defence College (NDC), Rajnath also said India has fostered close relationships and partnerships with like-minded countries to further the common interests of countries in the region and beyond like Australia, Japan and the US.

"Recently, India has been facing other challenges on its borders. India is a peace-loving country. We believe that differences should not become disputes. We attach importance to the peaceful resolution

of differences through dialogue. However, India is determined to protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of unilateralism and aggression, no matter what the sacrifice," the minister said.

He also said peace can only be ensured through "the ability to deter war," adding the country has attempted to build this deterrence through a judicious combination of capability development and an emphasis on long term policy of indigenisation.

Elaborating upon deterrence, Rajnath said "perhaps the most fundamental lesson that the roller coaster of the rise and fall of nations taught us was that peace cannot necessarily be achieved by a desire for peace but by the ability to deter war. Unfortunately, the mere desire to seek peace, if not reciprocated by others, does not necessarily succeed in building a harmonious environment in a world beset by conflicting ideas of security, sovereignty and national interests."

He outlined four broad principles that are likely to guide India's quest for national security in the future. The first is the ability to secure India's territorial integrity and sovereignty from external threats and internal challenges.

Second, the ability to create secure and stable conditions that can facilitate India's economic growth, thereby, creating the resources for nation building and to meet individual aspirations.

Third, "we remain steadfast in the desire to protect our interests beyond the borders in

areas where our people reside and our security interests converge. And finally, we also believe that in a globalised and interconnected world, a country's security interests are inter-linked by shared and secure commons," he said.

On forging ties with various countries, Rajnath said the strategic partnership with the U.S. was stronger than ever before. Moreover, the nation shares traditional and deep-rooted relations with Russia. India has also forged a very special partnership with reliable friends like France and Israel, he stated.

Stating that India and Australia share "common concerns" and "shared values", the minister said India-Australia virtual summit in June 2020 gave a fillip to the already strong comprehensive strategic partnership.

Last month, the foreign ministers of Quad grouping consisting of India, Australia, Japan and the US met in Tokyo and later India invited Australia for Exercise Malabar 2020. The four nation exercise is currently underway in the Bay of Bengal.

As regards Pakistan, Rajnath said it continues to remain adamant in the use of terrorism as state policy. "However, we have achieved substantial success in working with progressive and like-minded countries to not only expose Pakistan's regressive policies but also make it increasingly difficult to continue with its previous business as usual approach," he said.

# Grand-alliance Govt will create 'Naya Bihar' by bringing in industry: Rahul



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At the head of the last phase of Bihar elections in Bihar, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi promised on Thursday that a grand-alliance Government will create "Naya Bihar" by bringing in industry, ensuring employment, waiving farm loans, reducing electricity tariff by half, and providing free education and justice to girls.

In an appeal to voters of Bihar, the Gandhi scion tweeted in Hindi, "Get ready, now the grand-alliance Government will provide employment to you, waive loans of farmers, reduce power bill by half, provide free education and justice to girls, will clear obstacles in the progress of all classes, will set up trade and industry and will create Naya (new) Bihar."

In another tweet, he attacked the BJP Government at the Centre for not providing employment opportunities to people, alleging that the job crisis in the country is further deepening and the Modi government is doing nothing to resolve it.

"Lack of employment is a national crisis which is further deepening. The Modi Government knows only to make hollow promises, not to

# The Modi Government knows only to make hollow promises, not to resolve them: Rahul

resolve them," he said citing a news reports that employment opportunities have further reduced in October.

The former Congress president also termed the boat tragedy in Bhagalpur as "very tragic" and urged Congress workers to provide all possible help. "The boat accident in Bhagalpur is very tragic. My condolences to the families of the deceased. The local administration is expected to quickly find and treat the missing passengers. I appeal to the Congress workers to do everything possible to provide all help possible," he said in yet another tweet in Hindi.

A boat carrying nearly 50 people capsized in Bihar's Bhagalpur district on Thursday, killing a 40-year-old woman, while seven others were feared drowned, officials said.

Polling in 71 and 94 constituencies, out of the 243 Assembly seats, was held in the first two phases on October 28 and November 3 respectively. The remaining 78 seats will go to polls on November 7 and the counting of votes will take place on November 10.

The Congress is contesting the elections in alliance with the RJD and Left parties.

# CRPF to recover Risk and Hardship Allowance from personnel for 30 days leave



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has asked all its formations to recover Risk and Hardship Allowance from personnel who availed over 30 days of cumulative leave in a year.

The circular styled as "Regarding clarification on Recovery of Risk and Hardship Allowance (RHA) against availed cumulative leave beyond 30 days in a year" was sent across the formations on October 28.

Earlier, the CRPF headquarters had on September 24 issued a clarification articulating that the leave stretching for more than 30 days will

make a person ineligible for drawing RHA.

Only when a person avails leave for more than 30 days at a time, he/she will not be eligible for RHA for the whole period, the circular said.

"Leave period of any kind of less than 30 days may not be counted for deduction of RHA," it said, adding, "Take action accordingly."

Officials said the rule will be applicable to all the Central paramilitary forces like the Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) among others.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. Vikas Agarwal son of late Mr. Pawan Kumar Agarwal is owner of Left Wing at Ground Floor of GDA Commercial Complex at Chandra Nagar, (area measuring 650.89 Sq.Mtrs), situated at Chandra Nagar, Dist. Ghazabad (U.P.) the said property, by virtue of Mutation Record dated 12.12.2019 from the record of GDA. After demise of his father Mr. Pawan Kumar Agarwal, who was lessee of the said property vide a lease deed dated 29.03.2005. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to take a loan against the said property from ICICI Bank Ltd. If anybody has any objection upon the said property and its ownership / Title / Mortgage, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.  
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# KVIC's e-portal brings early Diwali for potters



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Earthen lamps (Diya) made by potters in the remote parts of Jaisalmer and Hanumangarh districts in Rajasthan are reaching every corner of the country, thanks to Khadi India's e-portal.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), this year, for the first time, decided to sell diyas to online and through stores to become foot soldiers of the Prime minister's vision of Vocal for Local.

The KVIC launched an online sale of Diyas on October 8, and in less than a month, nearly 10,000 diyas have already been sold online. Huge demand for Khadi's clay diyas was seen from the very first day of its launch and in less than 10 days, a majority of designer diyas were completely sold out.

Following this, KVIC launched new sets of designer diyas that are also in huge demand. The sale of diyas is further rising with Diwali inching closer.

KVIC has launched 8 types of designer diyas that are priced nominally between Rs 84 and Rs 108 for a set of 12 pieces. KVIC is also offering a discount of 10% on these diyas. KVIC potters have expressed happiness that they are earning Rs 2 to Rs 3 on sale of every

diya. Khadi's designer diyas are available at [www.khadiindia.gov.in](http://www.khadiindia.gov.in).

The KVIC is also selling diyas and other clay items such as Laxmi-Ganesh idols and other decorative through its outlets in Delhi and other cities. These idols are being made by potters in Varanasi, Rajasthan, Haryana and other states and are fetching good income for the potters. Diyas, on the other hand, is being procured from KVIC units in Pokharan in Jaisalmer and Rawatsar in Hanumangarh district in Rajasthan. Over 10,000 diyas have also been sold through various Khadi outlets.

KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena said the online sale of clay items is a unique way to truly empower potters. "Potters in a particular region would only sell their items locally but with the pan-India reach of Khadi's e-portal, these products are being sold in every part of the country. Through KVIC e-portal, diyas made in Rajasthan are being purchased in remote states like Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Kerala, Assam, Maharashtra, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. This has prompted an increase in production and higher income of the potters," Saxena said.

Notably, KVIC has trained these potters and provided them with electric potter wheels and other equipment under Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana that has increased their production and income by up to 5 times.

# Submit list of health workers: Centre to State

Covid warriors have been identified as priority group to get vaccination



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Even as strategies are being worked out towards the preparation of Covid-19 vaccine, with the shots expected to be available early next year, the Central Government has asked all the States to submit the list of health workers — doctors, MBBS students, nurses, paramedic staff and ASHA workers — in the Government and private sector who have been identified as the priority group to get the first doses.

In a letter to all the State Governments, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that the Centre is in the process of preparing a database of healthcare workers who may be prioritized for receiving the Covid-19 vaccine once it is available.

Asking the State

Governments to undertake the task of listing the healthcare on priority, Bhushan said that "you are requested to direct all facility incharge i.e. both Government and private to submit the data with immediate effect. If required, additional staff may also be engaged using the funds available under the Emergency Response COVID-19 package. Please ensure completeness, quality and authenticity of the healthcare workers data."

The data will be compiled at the District level only. "After receiving the completed datasets from the facilities, the Districts will upload the templates on Covid:19 Vaccination Beneficiary Management System (CVBMS), for which guidelines will be shared later," said the health secretary.

After the data is shared, the central government will supply free doses of the vaccine to the state governments as per their need.

According to the Government, the health workers would get shots in the first

phase followed by aged people with co-morbidities.

"Doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, technicians, pharmacists, ward assistants, scientists and research staff, students of medical, dental, Ayush and nursing courses, supporting staff including dieticians, bio medical waste staff, sanitation workers, ambulance drivers and clerical and administrative staff are among those who will get the vaccine once it is ready," said an official from the Ministry.

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) had last month said that over 500 doctors in the country have died due to Covid-19, even as it criticised the Centre for "washing its hands" of responsibility by admitting that it does not maintain a database of health workers who have succumbed to the viral infection.

The IMA had slammed the Centre after it said in parliament that the Union Health Ministry does not maintain data about the number of healthcare staff who died from Covid-19.

# India Inc pledges to work for tackling climate change

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Responding to the call of the Government, India Inc on Thursday pledged to work to combat climate change and build sustainable economies, thereby helping the country achieve its targets under the Paris Agreement.

CEOs of companies like Reliance Industries Ltd, Tech Mahindra, Dalmia Cement, Ambuja Cement, Dr Reddy's, Sun Pharma and Adani Transmission, among others, held a virtual discussion with Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar at the India CEO Forum on Climate Change who had exhorted them to work for helping India achieve climate change targets.

Following the discussion, they issued a "Declaration of Private Sector on Climate Change", pledging to take necessary action to help India achieve its targets under the Paris Agreement.

The declaration stressed that "a coordinated response by the

government and private sector on climate change that protects the country's interests and ensures that India is on track towards meeting its climate change obligations under the Paris Agreement is the need of the hour."

The companies recognised that India is committed to combating climate change and has demonstrated exemplary leadership in addressing the challenge.

India is party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The objective of the convention is to achieve stabilisation of GHG concentrations in the atmosphere that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system, it noted.

The CEOs are reduction in emissions' intensity of GDP by 33-35 per cent by 2030 from the 2005 level, achieving about 40 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030, and creating

an additional carbon sink of 2.5-3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030.

Addressing the India CEO Forum on Climate Change, Javadekar had requested the companies to provide their internal roadmaps and targets on a yearly basis to the Environment Ministry and participate in achieving targets set under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

"I appeal and I'm sure factories are reducing emissions and bringing more greenery in campuses. Using new technologies to save water and (increase) energy efficiency is also a concern which you are taking care of. You (CEOs) are the captains. This is a CEOs' forum. You will give shape to India's actions," he said. About the importance of combating climate change, Javadekar said India was doing well towards achieving its nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

# Indian Airlines cap on domestic flights raised to 70-75%

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Civil Aviation on Thursday said that the cap on the number of domestic flights that Indian airlines are permitted to operate would be increased to 70-75 per cent of their pre-COVID levels as the passenger traffic surges. The ministry had earlier stated that the Indian airlines can operate maximum 60 per cent of their pre-COVID

domestic passenger flights till February 24 next year due to the prevailing coronavirus situation.

In a press release on Thursday, the ministry said, "MOCA is monitoring traffic everyday, and it is expected that the traffic would further pick-up because of the festival season and as passenger traffic increases, the upper cap would be revised to 70-75 per cent of normal capacity in the coming days."

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Priya  
Company Secretary

Dated: 05.11.2020  
Place: New Delhi

# Celebrate firecracker-free Diwali, appeals Maha Govt

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a virtual ban on the bursting of firecrackers during the forthcoming Diwali, the Maharashtra Government on Thursday appealed to the people across the State to celebrate firecracker-free festival of lights to prevent Covid-19 patients from being exposed to air pollution caused by firecrackers.

Hours after Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope exhorted the people to refrain from bursting firecrackers, the State Government came out with a set of guidelines for the Diwali celebrations this year.

Among other things, the state government appealed to the people to celebrate this year's Diwali in a simple manner and not to burst firecrackers as the smoke from it would contribute to air pollution which would add to the respiratory problems of the Covid-19 patients in the state. It also urged the people to wear masks and maintain social distancing

and avoid crowds during the festival. It also asked the children and senior citizens to refrain from stepping out of their homes during Diwali.

The State government also appealed to the people not to organise social events or early morning sessions during the festival. If they want to organise events during the Diwali festival, the people could do so online on social media platforms like Facebook and Cable networks.

"In place of social events, the people can organise blood donation and health camps during the festival. They can also organise programmes to create awareness among epidemics like Dengue and Malaria.

Earlier in the afternoon, talking to media persons, the State Health Minister said that he would personally request chief minister Uddhav Thackeray to ban bursting of firecrackers.

Tope, who reviewed the

pandemic situation at a meeting of Covid-19 State Task Force and Death Audit Committee, appealed to the people to maintain social distancing and wear masks during the festival.

"Though the Covid-19 situation is very much under control, we will increase the number of tests and increase fever surveillance among the people during the coming days," Tope said.

Meanwhile, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation announced that it would ban the bursting or lighting of all fire-crackers at public places during the upcoming Diwali festival.

Additional Municipal Commissioner Suresh Kakani said that any violators would be penalized and the SOPs in this regard would be issued shortly. "We have proposed the ban on bursting of firecrackers in view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the early onset of the winter," Kakani said.

# High drama amid ED raid at Kodyeri's house

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Raid by Enforcement Directorate officials in the residence of Bineesh Kodyeri, son of CPI(M) State secretary Kodyeri Balakrishnan, led to a stand off between the ED officials and officers of the Kerala Police on Thursday.

The sleuths of the ED had launched a simultaneous raid in the residence and business premises of Bineesh since Wednesday morning. The raid in the house of the CPI(M)'s younger son continued till 11 am on Thursday in the presence of his wife and mother-in-law.

According to Renitta, wife of Bineesh, the ED team wanted her to sign on a statement in which it was mentioned that the latter seized the credit card belonging to Anoop Mohammed from the residence. Mohammed has been arrested earlier by the Narcotics Control Board on charges of drug trafficking and money laundering. He had told the ED about his business dealings with Bineesh Kodyeri and this led the investigating agency to arrest the son of the Marxist leader.

There was a stand off between the members of the Kodyeri family and the ED team once the latter finished the raid operations. "We were harassed and assaulted by the ED officials. Both our children

were threatened by them," alleged Renitta while speaking to reporters who had assembled in large numbers. A team of Kerala Police too had a face off with the central agency as the former blocked the vehicles of the ED while they were coming out of the palatial house. The cops wanted to inspect the vehicles of the ED and this led to tense moments.

A team of senior officials from the office of the Child Welfare Commission too reached the spot on hearing the news that the grandchildren of the party secretary were threatened by the ED officials.

The Kerala Police had demanded an explanation from the ED for the charges made by the father-in-law of Bineesh Kodyeri that his wife, daughter and grandchildren were harassed by the central agency even while the raid was under progress. The Police team had asked the ED officials to explain why they raided the residence and asked them to furnish the details of the members in the team. Thursday's developments assume significance in the backdrop of chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan's warning to the central probe agencies not to meddle with the development works in Kerala and Wednesday's decision by the CPI(M) led government to withdraw its permission to CBI to investigate any future cases in the State.

# Mehbooba shown black flags at Jammu airport during protests against her tricolour remark

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

People's Democratic Party (PDP) Chief and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti was greeted with black flags during her maiden visit to Jammu after the Abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A on Thursday.

The security personnel deployed outside the exit gate of the airport premises stopped traffic for some time to allow her cavalcade to move smoothly without facing any road block.

Displaying black flags and placards, activists of Bajrang Dal and Shiv Sena shouted slogans 'Go back Mehbooba'. She had earlier provoked strong reactions in Jammu by announcing that she will not uphold the Tricolour till the time the state flag is restored.

Mehbooba later chaired a meeting with the PDP leaders from different parts of Jammu division at the state Guest house. She gathered feedback from them about the prevailing political scenario and hardships faced by the people across Jammu region. Three senior PDP leaders from Jammu who recently quit

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the party stayed away from the meeting. Emerging out of the meeting former PDP MLC Surinder Choudhary told reporters, "PDP Chief took stock of the political situation and also interacted with PDP leaders from different areas of Jammu division during her maiden visit to Jammu".

He said the political affairs committee of the party will hold a separate meeting to take a final call over the issue of participating in the District Development council polls beginning November 28.

During her brief stay in Jammu, Mehbooba Mufti is scheduled to attend a meeting of the Peoples Alliance for Gupka Declaration in Jammu on November 7. Member Parliament from Srinagar and National Conference Chief Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah are also reaching Jammu on Friday to address a workers meeting.

# AIADMK Govt denies permission to BJP's Vel Yatra

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu BJP's efforts to cash in on the religious fervour of the Hindus by staging a Vel Yatra (journey with spear) across the State from Friday came to a nought as the AIADMK Government denied permission for the same citing the possibility of a second wave of Covid-19 attack.

Vijay Narayan, advocate general, told the Madras High Court on Thursday that the request for Vel Yatra submitted by the BJP leaders were thoroughly examined by the government and it was decided not to grant permission in view of the covid-19 pandemic in the

State. The AG also told that the government's decision was also after considering the threat to law and order situation arising from the Yatra.

He said that the BJP leadership would soon be communicated about the decision. He was replying to the plea made before the first bench comprising of Chief Justice AP Sahi and Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy by two Dravidian activists.

Narayanan Thirupathi, BJP spokesman said that the decision of the Tamil Nadu Government was shocking and

it has pained the Lord's devotees. But he ruled out the possibilities of the BJP-AIADMK alliance coming under any strain because of the decision. "That's another issue and we will cross the bridge when the time comes," he said.

The Vel Yatra has been planned by the BJP as a prelude to its 2021 assembly election campaign. Vel (spear) is the holy weapon carried by Lord Murugan, the popular god of Tamil Nadu. Interestingly, even DMK leaders spot the image of Vel on the rear side windshield of their cars as it is believed to be a good omen.

Vel and Lord Muruga were in the news recently when a group of Dravidian politicians campaigned against Skanda Shasti Kavacham, a popular hymn in praise of Lord Muruga.

The Dravidian activists made a parody on the lines of Shasti Kavacham, termed it Aabhasa Puranam (obscene epic) and aired it through social media.

This resulted in the devotees of the Lord across Tamil Nadu coming out of their residences and rendering the hymn a la Gandhian style in the month of July. PNS

# Disappointed labourers who walked on foot in lockdown, returned after not getting job

PNS ■ ALIGARH

During the corona period, the Government made a lot of promises to 63,000 migrant laborers who returned home after losing their jobs, but nothing happened at the ground level. Neither they get help from the government nor employment.

After waiting for several months, the migrants decided

to return. So far, more than 90 percent of the workers have returned to the old locations. Those who are left are unemployed.

The Prime Minister has announced a lockdown on 25 March to prevent the spread of Coronavirus infection which stopped businesses. People working in other cities and states returned to their homes.

# Covid: 28 more deaths, 1,879 new cases in UP



Lucknow: The COVID-19 death toll in Uttar Pradesh reached 7,131 after 28 more people succumbed to the disease, while 1,879 fresh cases pushed the tally to 4,91,354, Principal Secretary, Medical and Health, Alok Kumar said on Thursday.

There are 23,150 active cases in the state, of which 10,303 are in home isolation, he said. A total of 4,61,073 people have recuperated from the infection so far and the state's recovery rate stands at 92 per cent. PTI

# 2 hurt in terrorist firing at Pampore in Kashmir

Srinagar: Two persons were injured in firing during a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) launched by the security forces at Pampore in South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Thursday evening, officials said. Police said two persons were injured after terrorists fired indiscriminately during a CASO at Lalpora in Pampore. PTI

# Rare kidney surgery at Aligarh's JNMC

Aligarh: Rare surgical procedures continue to schedule at the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) even as a backlog of surgical cases looms large at hospitals all over the country due to Covid-19 outbreak. Recently, 50-year-old man, Nasir from the Qazi Para area of Aligarh, got a new lease of life when a very rare cancer was removed from his kidney and the inferior vena cava, a large vein carrying deoxygenated blood from the lower body.

# Maha Covid infections cross 17L mark, as 5,246 test +ve

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra crossed a grim milestone of 17 lakh Covid-19 infections on Thursday, as 5,246 people tested positive for the pandemic, while the state - with an additional 139 fatalities arising out of a reconciliation process - witnessed 256 consolidated deaths during the day.

That the infections have been under control could be evidenced from the fact that the infected cases remained below 6000 mark for the sixth consecutive day. With 5246 fresh infections, the total number of infected cases jumped from 16,98,198 to 17,03,444.

Similarly, with 117 fresh deaths reported on Thursday and 139 additional deaths arising out of reconciliation, the Covid-19 toll rose from 44,548 to 44,804. "Owing to the death reconciliation process, there is an increase of 139 fatalities in the cumulative deaths of certain districts and corporations. As a result, the total number of deaths recorded today has gone up to 256," a state health official said.

As 11,277 more people were discharged from various hospitals the number of people discharged from the hospitals after full recovery since the second week of March this year went up to 15,51,282. The recovery rate in the state rose from 90.68 per cent to 91.07 per cent.

Of the 256 deaths (including the 139 old fatalities) recorded on Thursday, Sangli district in western Maharashtra topped

the list with 51 deaths, 43 deaths in Solapur, 41 in Kolhapur, 26 in Nanded, 25 in Mumbai, 18 in Thane and 12 deaths in Pune.

In the lower range, there were nine deaths in Beed, 5 in Nashik, 4 each in Ahmednagar and Satara, 3 each in Palghar and Aurangabad, 2 each in Buldhana, Nagpur and Chandrapur and one death each in Dhule, Jalgaon, Jalna, Parbhani, Latur and Osmanabad.

With 25 deaths, the Covid-19 toll rose from 10,352 to 10,377, while the infected case went up by 841 to trigger a jump in the total infections in the metropolis from 260,840 to 261,681.

Meanwhile, the number of "active cases" in the state dropped from 1,12,912 to 1,06,519. The fatality rate in the state stood at 2.63 per cent. Currently, 12,52,758 people are in home quarantine while 12,003 people are in institutional quarantine.

Pune district, which continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra, saw the total number of cases increase from 3,36,430 to 3,36,982 while the total number of deaths in Pune increased from 6978 to 6990.

Thane district remained in the third spot - after Pune and Mumbai - after the total number of infections rose from 2,25,470 to 2,26,109, while the pandemic toll climbed from 5219 to 5237. Meanwhile, out of 92,50,254 samples sent to laboratories, 17,03,444 have tested positive (18.42 per cent) for COVID-19 until Thursday.

# For 9th consecutive day, Nagaland reports more Covid recoveries than fresh cases

Kohima: Nagaland for the ninth consecutive Day reported more Covid recoveries than fresh cases as 144 patients recuperated while 57 new infections and pushed the tally to 9,264, a health department official said on Thursday.

The recovery rate has gone up to 87.17 per cent as 8,078 patients have recovered from the infection, the official said. "57 positive cases of Covid detected today Kohima 28,

Dimapur 26, and one each in Mon, Peren and Mokochung districts. Also, 144 positives have recovered Dimapur 72, Kohima 58, Mon 6, Peren 5 and Zunheboto 3," said Minister for Health and Family Welfare, S Pangnyu Phom in a tweet.

Nagaland now has 1,055 active cases, which is 11.39 per cent of the caseload, said Director of Health Department, Dr Denis Hangsing in the daily Covid bulletin.

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# Six more deaths, 524 new corona cases in J&K

Srinagar: Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday recorded 524 fresh Covid-19 cases and six fatalities linked to the disease in the last 24 hours, bringing the infection count to 97,224 and the death toll to 1,517, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 185 were from the Jammu division and 339 from Kashmir valley, they said. The officials said Srinagar district recorded a maximum of 155 new cases, followed by 99 in Jammu.

The Union Territory has 5,802 active cases of the novel coronavirus while 89,905 patients have recovered so far, they said. PTI

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Anurag Singh Rathore  
Company Secretary

Dated : 05.11.2020  
Place : New Delhi

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2. Date of Start for submission of E-tender	06/11/20 from 3:00 P.M
3. Last date/Closing date of submission of e-tender	On 23/11/20 till 4:30 P.M
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## Nitish's outburst

The JD(U) leader takes on Yogi Adityanath over infiltration, says he is fighting his last election. Will this rescue his political worth?



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is fighting the binary of being wanted and unwanted at the same time. And is desperate to squeeze some self-worth in between, be it for legacy or future rehabilitation. He is wanted by his dominant alliance partner, the BJP, as the chief ministerial face, given his regional appeal, the absence of a towering leader in its own State unit and his utility as a deflector of criticism that the Central party gobbles up allies. At the same time, he is unwanted by the people for a dismal performance in his last term, a burden that the BJP is not quite happy with, what with the ignominy of onions being hurled at him. On his part, the Janata Dal (United) leader is torn, too, between his ideological moorings as a secular-socialist and political expediency. A conflict he had forcibly resolved to stay relevant but is now too tired to continue. Which is why he publicly announced that this would be his last election as campaigning for the State Assembly election ended yesterday. Perhaps, that also explains his exasperation with the BJP without which he would not have got the throne after he deserted Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Lalu Yadav. Even now, it is the BJP carpet-bombing the State all the way and deploying Prime Minister Narendra Modi, generating a swell that could get him there. But at heart, Nitish knows that he wouldn't really be deserving of the verdict if he got it, facing as he does unprecedented negativity for failing to push the State's development, mishandling the pandemic and bungling the rehabilitation of jobless migrant workers and students. Besides, he doesn't want to be seen as further ignoring local issues or being swept away by the tide of the BJP, which has predictably talked only about national issues than pledging deliverables at the State level. Or be seen as betraying his grain. So in the last leg, he reached out to Muslim voters in the Seemanchal region, dispelling fears over UP Chief Minister and BJP campaigner Yogi Adityanath's speech on "throwing out infiltrators" and the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. Though he did not name Adityanath, he dismissed the speech as "faltu", saying everyone was an Indian and safe in his State. He even tweeted, "It is our duty and in our culture to take everyone along. Bihar will progress only then." Clearly, he is against the BJP's Hindutva-driven agenda and its positioning of everything else as anti-national. A seasoned politician, he knows that the Opposition, now spearheaded by the feisty RJD leader and Lalu's son Tejashwi Yadav, has a pulse of the locals. Therefore, he wants to make the right noises than appear as a genuflecting stooge. Besides, Nitish has an axe to grind with Adityanath, who is the new-found favourite of Bihar's electorate, comprising a large chunk of returnee migrants and students, for rehabilitating them in camps in UP. Nitish has never been comfortable with either the new citizenship law or the National Register of Citizens (NRC). In fact, the JD(U) suffered a blow with then vice-president Prashant Kishor publicly asking him to rethink the support for the legislation. And though Nitish assured that NRC would not be implemented in the State, he did not contest the CAA for enabling a religion-based criterion that privileged naturalisation of persecuted refugees. But now, at the fag end of his political career, he is not willing to compromise his integrity anymore.

The man, who once built his relevance by pitting the majoritarian BJP against the secular-socialist Lalu, oscillating between both depending on trade winds, is now trapped by his own machinations. He cannot go back to Lalu or the secular camp, having shut the door forever when he chose the BJP. And although he crafted a new caste equation, uniting the most downtrodden, the extreme backward castes and Dalits, that number-crunching did nothing to solve what became a statewide epidemic of joblessness and hopelessness. The BJP though ambitious about being the single largest party in the State and having its own CM some day, will be chortleing Nitish for now. And despite promising big economic packages and special status in 2015, it didn't quite push them, unwilling to benefit Nitish by association, preferring to keep him at its mercy. With his political stock at an all-time low, he could be attacking the BJP to show that he still counts. And by dramatically signing off on the campaign as his last, he might be hoping for some emotional response that gives some respectability to JD(U) than it being reduced to the status of a B-team of the BJP. But if he goes back on these statements again, he would be lost forever.

## Legal conundrum

In the biggest democratic exercise conducted during the pandemic, the US isn't doing a great job upholding it



Everywhere else in the world, where people directly elect a national leader, whether it is France, Mexico or Nigeria, the candidate with the plurality of the vote wins. Which is perfectly reasonable. Sure, there can often be legal challenges to the way an election has been conducted, particularly in nations new to the concept of democracy and in those where religious and ethnic fissures exist. In such cases, political violence can erupt and elections might be far from "free and fair", whether they are presidential or legislative. But this is hardly expected of a nation that for decades has been the beacon of democracy. If anything, the US, over the past two days, has been a horrible advertisement for the concept of democracy. Let alone the convoluted "electoral college" system that chooses the President, let alone the fact that twice in the last two decades the candidate who won the presidency lost the popular vote, the fact that the President himself is threatening a legal challenge to the polls even before the last votes are counted is frankly ridiculous. The US does have an established postal ballot system which many States have strengthened, thanks to the Coronavirus pandemic. Few other nations conduct such extensive absentee voting but for the US, where close to a quarter million individuals have succumbed to the pandemic, this was a logical step to curb the spread of the disease. Sure, the system can be manipulated but because most American States have their own set of rules for polling, many precautions were taken. However, it appears inevitable that Donald Trump and his team will challenge the legality of the polls, particularly mail-in ballots, and the time it is taking to count them. The matter is almost certain to head up to the US Supreme Court where he has managed to tilt the balance totally in favour of the conservative side. The US Supreme Court did take a major call in the controversial 2000 election when it stopped the vote count in Florida, which turned the election in favour of George W Bush. The consequence that decision had for modern history is known to all of us. It would be vital for the US Supreme Court to remember that any decision it might make on the elections will have a global reaction since the US has an outsize influence on policy. And should the courts intervene in the democratic process at all if there is no clear evidence of wrongdoing? A valid vote should be counted whether it was mailed in or cast at the polling centre.

As the counting continues in the tense presidential race, visuals of mayhem on the streets erode faith in an institution that should have remained sacred. Supporters of both Trump and Democrat candidate Joe Biden are confronting each other. In response to Trump's aggressive effort to challenge the vote count and even accusing Biden of trying "to steal the election," protesters in Minneapolis blocked a freeway while in Portland, hundreds gathered on the waterfront with another group in downtown urging for racial justice. However, things took a violent turn when protesters started smashing shop windows and confronting police officers and National Guard troops. Pro-Trump protesters gathered outside the county recorder's office in Phoenix and outside a ballot-counting centre in Detroit, demanding that officials "stop the count." The biggest democratic exercise conducted during the pandemic has turned into a farce.

# Nuh still a cauldron

Fresh sociological studies should be conducted to ascertain how far the Islamic prohibitions on certain issues have kept the Meo Muslims backward



PRIYADARSHI DUTTA

Tauseef Ahmed and his accomplice Rehan were arrested by the Haryana police from the Mewat region (Nuh district) for the murder of teenager Nikita Tomar in broad daylight in Ballabgarh (Faridabad district). Tauseef was, allegedly, compelling Nikita to marry him and convert to Islam. In a separate development, a group of lawyers and a social worker have filed a plea in the Supreme Court seeking formation of a special investigating team (SIT) to probe alleged forceful conversions of Hindus in Nuh. The petition, filed through Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, argues that the district administration and the Haryana police have failed to exercise their due powers.

Nuh is different from the rest of Haryana because of its religious demography. While Muslims constitute 7.06 per cent of the State's population (as per Census, 2011), they constitute 75 per cent of the district. As per the 1971 census, the Muslims constituted 62 per cent of the population in the five tehsils that now form Nuh. This reversal of the majority-minority relationship has had its consequences, particularly in the polarised context prevailing in the rest of the country. That's why Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar declared that his Government would bring a law against forced conversions and set up a board to protect Hindu properties.

The Mewat district was renamed as Nuh in 2016. Earlier in 2001, Mewat (1,507 sq km) was carved out from Gurgaon district. Nuh has been in the news for the wrong reasons. Mewati gangs are notorious for cattle smuggling, automobile thefts and highway robberies. Jails in Gurugram and Faridabad districts have a disproportionate number of Mewati inmates. Terror suspects have been arrested from Nuh. There have been reports of communal disturbances.

Yet things need not have played out like this. The Meo Muslims were a different lot; they were more or less Hindu in custom and culture until the beginning of the 20th century. Their syncretism could have been an example for the rest of the Muslims of the subcontinent. Major Percy William Powlett wrote about the Meos of Alwar (then a princely State) in *Alwar Gazetteer* (1878). He said: "The Meos are half-Hindu by their habits. Mosques are rarely to



be seen in their villages. There are only eight mosques in the 50 villages of the tehsil of Tijarah. Leaving aside the temples, the places of worship of the Meos are very much similar to those of Hindu neighbours. They are known, for instance, as *Paanch Peera, Baisa and Chahand*."

Mewat, as a historical region, extends into Alwar and Bharatpur districts of Rajasthan and Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh beyond its heartland, that is Nuh. One has to cross the region while going to either Agra or Jaipur from Delhi. It lies at the heart of the "golden triangle" tourist circuit comprising Delhi, Agra and Jaipur.

It is barely known to the outsiders how this region, merely 70-80 km away from Delhi, acted as the laboratory of Islamic alienation over the last century. Maulana Mohammad Ilyas (1885-1944), who started the itinerant Tabligh movement (Tablighi Jamaat), chose Mewat as its nursery in the 1920s. The movement has been run from its headquarters in the Bangladeshi Masjid in the Nizamuddin area of Delhi. Since Maulana Ilyas was a product of Dar-ul-Uloom at Deoband (in fact, a pet student of its co-founder Ahmed Rashid Gangohi), the imprint of its orthodoxy is evident in the Tabligh movement.

Tabligh is an outreach movement by Muslim missionaries to take authentic Islam to the doorsteps of the believers. It encourages nominal Muslims (*Momin*) to become true Muslims (*Ihsaan/Muhsin*). The process involves disavowal of all

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"Kafiresque" (that is not sanctioned by Islam) practices, which might be the legacy of the pre-Islamic past. The recital of six *Kalimas* (six verses of Quran) and performing *namaaz* form the foundation of Tablighi practices. The six *Kalimas* are avowals that there is "no God but Allah and

Muhammad is the messenger of Allah." The sixth *Kalima* is especially a rejection of disbelief and polytheism. The *Kalimas* constitute disavowal of associating Allah with any other divine authority. Naturally, syncretism is not merely out of place, but sinful, to be practised alongside Islam.

Way back in 1970, Hashim Amir Ali, Director, Rural Institute, Jamia Millia Islamia, had, by examining the features of the movement, stated that the "institution of Tabligh has begun to blow a wind of change for the worse in the hitherto tranquil and uniquely syncretic culture of the Meos" (*The Meos of Mewat: Old Neighbours of New Delhi, P.41*). Ali feared that orthodox, championed by Tabligh, would be ruinous for the economic life of the Meos. The religious injunction against interest might discourage them from accepting loans from banks, opening bank accounts or even joining cooperative societies. It might be remembered that Dar-ul-Uloom at Deoband has pronounced several *fatwas* against any kind of borrowing/lending which involves payment of interest. It is high time that fresh sociological studies are undertaken to ascertain how far the Islamic prohibitions on certain issues (like interest on lending/borrowing and family planning methods) have kept the Muslim community backward and impoverished.

The result of the Tabligh movement manifested during the tumultuous times of 1946-47 when a popular demand for a

separate "Meostan" was raised. Interestingly, it was pitched by the Communist leader Kunwar Mohammed Ashraf. Its boundaries were envisaged as extending from Mehrauli in Delhi to Bandikui in Dausa district of Rajasthan. The Meos of Alwar and Bharatpur had formed the Rajputana Muslim League. One of its sections was determined to achieve Meostan, envisaged as adjacent to Pakistan, by the power of guns. This naturally culminated in a riotous situation where Meos suffered heavy losses due to the Hindu backlash. Narayan Bhaskar Khare, the Congressman who was then the Dewan of the Alwar State, had described the situation in detail in his memoirs (*My Political Memoirs or Autobiography, 1959*).

However, Lord Mountbatten's Partition declaration, dated June 3, 1947, which stipulated the division of both Punjab and Bengal, knocked out the plan for a Meostan. Beleaguered, a large number of Meos fled to Pakistan but only to be invited back to India by the Jawaharlal Nehru Government. Stopping them from migrating to Pakistan also became an article of faith for Mahatma Gandhi. Khare, therefore, was not certain that permanent peace had returned to Mewat. He was apprehensive that communalism could still rear its ugly head. Time has vindicated Khare as the discontent continues to simmer.

(The writer is an author and independent researcher based in New Delhi. The views expressed here are personal)

## SOUND BITE

He (Nitish Kumar) is the most greedy person and will do anything to remain in power. He used to stand with folded hands in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at political rallies.



Lok Janshakti Party chief —Chirag Paswan

As I've said repeatedly in the last few months, we need another (COVID) rescue package. And we need to do it before the end of the year.



US Senator —Mitch McConnell

We will celebrate Diwali together this year as well, without burning crackers. If we burn crackers, we will be playing with the health of our children and our family.



Delhi Chief Minister —Arvind Kejriwal

Kai Havertz has tested positive for COVID-19. He is in isolation. Everybody has been tested, the whole squad since, and the results have come negative.



Chelsea manager —Frank Lampard

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Tejashwi's time

Sir — A month ago, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) was cruising merrily to win a fourth term in the Bihar Assembly while the *Mahagathbandhan* (Rashtriya Janata Dal, Congress and the Left parties) was struggling to stitch together an agenda, which could bring people of all castes and ages together. A confident BJP allowed the incumbent Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, chief of the Janata Dal (United), to lead the coalition. Even so, Lok Janshakti Party, an old member of the NDA, sulked about it and turned into a vocal critic of the Chief Minister.

However, things changed when massive crowds thronged the rallies of Tejashwi Yadav, throwing up more than one possibility. Even the *Mahagathbandhan* emerged as a cohesive unit with an agenda that caught the imagination of the poor, oppressed and the economically backward. The NDA carried on with its usual rhetoric woven around Article 370, Ram Mandir, Muslims via Pakistan and nationalism blissfully. It underplayed crucial issues like the woes of migrant workers, the poor state of the health sector,

### Ban crackers, now

Since the onset of winter, Delhi has been wrapped in a blanket of toxic air. On November 4, the Air Quality Index (AQI) entered the "severe" zone. The PM10 levels in Delhi-National Capital Region stood at 561 microgram per cubic meter (g/m3) at 8 am, the highest since November 15 last year, when it was 637 g/m3, according to Central Pollution Control Board data. Experts say that the rise in pollution is due to low wind speeds and solar radiation. On November 3, the noxious haze reduced visibility to merely 600 metres at the Safdarjung Observatory and it increased to 1,200 metres the next morning. As if the things aren't already bad, some people in Delhi-NCR decided to celebrate Karwa Chauth by bursting firecrackers.

A day after the National Green Tribunal asked the Ministry of Environment and Forests to ban the use of firecrackers from November 7 to 30 in the interest of public health and environment, a number of States issued restrictive orders. Starting from Rajasthan and Odisha to Bengal and Haryana, all these States have



banned the use of firecrackers. However, it is up to people to take the situation seriously. By continuing to burn fire crackers, they are not just flouting rules but also aiding in the degradation of the overall air quality. And not to forget that toxic pollutants can make people more susceptible to COVID.

Bal Govind Noida

### Long road to recovery

Sir — The BJP Government has cited the GST inflows, which crossed the ₹1 lakh crore mark for the first time in this financial year, as a clear sign of recovery in the economy after its 23.9 per cent contraction in the first quarter. However, economists and businesses are sceptical about the sustainability of this

trend. Only if this level of revenue is maintained through the rest of 2020-21, will we see a reduction in the shortfall in the GST compensation for the States. Also, the economy can be firmly back on its feet only if exports and private investment return to pre-COVID levels. At present, need-based and time-bound stimulus can go a long way in achieving such a turnaround. However, we need

to await data for November and December before we can confidently say the economy has recovered.

Yash Pal Ralhan Jalandhar

### Race to White House

Sir — With no clear winner emerging from the counting so far, the result of the US presidential elections hangs in the balance. Donald Trump's description of the election as "a major fraud on America" without basis, his accusation against Joe Biden of trying "to steal the election" and his decision to ask the Supreme Court "to stop all vote counting" have just added to the confusion. In the US elections, nothing is predictable as it's the swing States that hold the key to the White House. The race is so close that it can go either way. With both sides ready to deploy legal teams, a cloudy outcome could possibly lead to a court battle. In such a scenario, it might take days or even weeks for the results to come out.

Krishnan Ramani Ghaziabad

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## FIRST COLUMN

## A 2016 redux in the US?

The battle in the courts will be long and exhausting, and there's not going to be any closure or healing in the US



GWYNNE DYER

By the time you read this, you may know more than I do as I write it, but some conclusions about the US presidential election are already certain. First, this has been essentially a re-run of the 2016 presidential poll, when Hillary Clinton was the Democratic nominee four years ago. The final Electoral College tally and therefore the presidency may still be in doubt, but we already know the popular vote as the knife-edge race tilted toward Democrat Joe Biden early on November 5, with wins in Michigan and Wisconsin bringing him close to a majority. President Donald Trump claimed he was being cheated and went to court to try and stop the vote counting. His allegation of a giant "fraud on the American people" is not a reckless statement made in the heat of the moment by a losing candidate. There is no doubt that this chest-beating was a calculated move to discredit a late surge of Democrat votes as postal ballots are counted.

The tragedy is that this "blue shift" syndrome has become a set pattern of the US presidential elections. More so this year after 100 million US citizens voted through the postal ballot or in advance as they tried to dodge the Coronavirus bullet. Trump has been trying for days, in the run-up to the election, to defame postal ballots and to assail the credibility of the US electoral system. Not something that is particularly difficult for him to do considering the fact that he controls the Justice Department, and the Republicans dominate the executive machinery of swing States.

However, as the momentum moved to Biden, the unfazed politician made a televised speech from his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware, to say that "when the count is finished, we believe we will be the winners." But does Biden not realise that there is no more a guarantee of victory than Hillary Clinton's three million majority in 2016?

So the Electoral College is as big a problem as ever, and the "great demographic shift" that was going to make a Republican victory impossible is still becalmed somewhere over the horizon. Second, the Republicans will most likely keep their majority in the Senate, in which case they can block any new legislation the Democrats want to pass even if Biden does win the presidency. That includes any attempt to tackle the Electoral College issue, which was a fairly forlorn hope in any case. Not winning the Senate also means the Democrats cannot create new Supreme Court judges, which is their only possible way to roll back the Republican policy of packing that court with conservative appointees (currently a six-three majority). In that case Supreme Court decisions that will probably re-ban abortion and dismantle former President Obama's healthcare reforms, will be impossible to reverse.

Finally, the culture war that already obsesses and disfigures the US will continue. Indeed, it will intensify if Trump loses the election and continues to deny it and claim fraud. Losing the presidency is virtually an existential question for him, since without it he would be exposed to an avalanche of legal charges. There has been some speculation that an amnesty would encourage him to accept his electoral defeat and leave the White House quietly, and that would be a good idea if it could actually work. Unfortunately, even a victorious Biden could only offer Trump an amnesty for federal charges, and some of Trump's worst legal problems are at the State level.

So Trump must hang on to the leadership of the Republican Party and mount as many legal challenges as possible for his own survival. Back in his real-estate days, his first reflex was to tie his opponents up in court battles, even if the courts were ultimately likely to decide against him. At the very least that was a way of buying more time, and now there's also the slim chance that some key lower-court decision might be appealed all the way up to his friends on the Supreme Court. The battle in the courts will be long and exhausting, and there's not going to be any "closure" or "healing" in the US in the aftermath of the election.

At the time of writing this column, it looks like Joe Biden will win and become the 46th President of the US but his victory will be as unconvincing in the eyes of foreigners as it is to many of his fellow Americans. A conclusion that has been growing elsewhere about the US since 2016 has only been strengthened by this election: America is not to be trusted. Are they to be trusted as partners and/or allies? For example, within few inches of victory, Biden immediately announced that if he wins, the US will rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement (which the US officially quit on November 4), but it is actually a treaty and he'll never get ratified by the Senate. Obama got around this once by pretending it wasn't really a treaty, but it's hard to get away with that trick twice. The same goes for the US' existing alliances and trade deals. They may be safe under a Biden presidency but other countries would be unwise to count on them for the long term. The partners and allies will have to start looking for insurance elsewhere, because it is now clear that Trump was not a fluke. The "other America" is permanently just one roll of the electoral dice away from regaining power, and it is both ugly and unreliable.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work'.)

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## When will we ever learn?

The Army's occupation of heights along Kailash Range may have strengthened the Govt's hand in talks with China but it has not grasped the significance of the military action



DEEPAK SINHA

On October 15, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar stated that the India-China talks on disengagement were "confidential and a work in progress." Subsequently, former military veteran and journalist Ajai Shukla wrote on October 23 that the Government was in talks with the Chinese for a "Doklam-type agreement" which would result in "mutual troop withdrawals in the Pangong Tso sub-sector of Eastern Ladakh." If he is correct, and there is no reason to disbelieve Shukla, given the accuracy of his earlier reports on the imbroglio, then our political establishment (as it has on numerous occasions earlier) is once again showing utter ignorance of how the military operates and is in the process of succumbing to Chinese pressure, grasping at straws in the hope of achieving what can, at best, be termed as illusory peace.

The truth is that even a cursory peep into our history suggests that our politicians lack the resolve to see things through, especially when the going gets tough. Oddly enough, they have also repeatedly shown themselves to be remarkably incompetent when it comes to negotiations with adversaries. Pandit Nehru, for example, turned out to be extremely short-sighted in his handling of the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) issue, seeking to negotiate a settlement just as preparations to recapture lost territory were moving forward. We are still paying with blood in J&K for his follies then.

To add to that, Nehru's disastrous handling of the Indo-China relationship continues to haunt us to this day as well. What was pathetic at the time was his abject surrender and acceptance of defeat without even a semblance of resistance, reflected in his farewell address on radio to our Assamese brethren after our forces had retreated from Arunachal Pradesh. This was not just a reflection of his incompetence or inability to understand the manner in which the military operates, but more importantly, showed him to be irresolute and lacking in moral fibre as well, a flaw that taints most of our political establishment even today.

While one cannot blame Prime Minister Shastri for either lack of spine or absence of principles, he, too, showed complete ignorance of how the military operates and, therefore, a remarkable lack of judgement in his talks with Field Marshal Ayub Khan of Pakistan at Tashkent after the Indo-Pak War of 1965. The decision to vacate Haji Pir Pass, a key feature in the Pir Panjal mountain range, was to put it mildly, not just short-sighted but utterly naive. The fact of the matter is that its capture, after a brilliantly-planned and executed operation, not only allowed us the option to reach Poonch directly from Uri but also dominate the important townships of Rawalkot, Bagh and Kotla in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK). They could have been ours to occupy at any time of our choosing. These locations are now used by Pakistan as launchpads to push militants into Kashmir.

While the Bangladesh Liberation War was undoubtedly an unequivocal victory, its post-war impact weighed heavily on our military. Not only did Prime Minister Indira Gandhi reduce pensions and the status of the military, she agreed to the return of 90,000 prisoners of war (PoWs) without either forcing Pakistan to enter into an agreement on the status of J&K or getting back our own servicemen captured by them. The fact that 54 of our servicemen continue to languish in Pakistani captivity is shameful. But what is worse is the Government's utter disinterest in getting our PoWs back. As some may be aware, there is an ongoing case in the Supreme Court, lodged by their next of kin, requesting it to direct

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the Government to take all necessary measures to arrange for their return, sadly with little success till now. This is not just a reflection of the callousness or lack of empathy within our political establishment that only gives importance to anything that impacts its electoral prospects, but also indicts all of us citizens, who prefer to live in ignorance.

Leaving all this aside, to understand what exactly the signing of a "Doklam-type agreement" signifies, we would need to focus on how that confrontation, in July 2017, which lasted for 75 days, played out. To understand the context, it is necessary to remind oneself that at that time, our general elections were due in just over a year and the NDA Government was already facing difficulties because of a faltering economy, not helped by a rather disastrous demonetisation exercise.

Clearly the last thing the Centre needed was trouble on our borders. This is ironic, given that the BJP probably won handsomely because of the Pulwama incident and our subsequent attack on Balakot.

The critical importance of the Doklam plateau lies in the fact that it straddles the People's Liberation Army (PLA)-occupied Chumbi Valley, which is to its north, and the Jampheri Ridge to its south, which overlooks the Siliguri Corridor, India's lifeline to its North-Eastern States. Though the status of the Doklam plateau itself is under dispute with the Chinese laying claim, it was till recently in the possession of our steadfast ally, Bhutan. Therefore, it would be reasonable to expect that the Indian Army would intervene in support of the Bhutanese Army if the Chinese attempted to illegally occupy the plateau, given the potential threat that it posed to our own security as well.

Therefore, when the PLA commenced road construction towards

the Jampheri ridge, our Army did respond to the ingress in an extremely robust manner to halt Chinese road construction activity. Surprisingly, however, this action was at the initiative of the local commanders on the ground, unwilling to be bullied by the PLA, reportedly much against the wishes of the Army Headquarters and the Government, who were probably fearful of the consequences of opposing the Chinese.

Favourable public opinion, however, forced the Government's hand and they had no choice but to walk the talk on nationalism. This matter was subsequently supposedly resolved at the Wuhan informal summit where a vaguely-worded statement, the so-called "Wuhan Consensus", was released. In view of the mutually-agreed withdrawal of troops by both sides at the confrontation site to reduce tension and probably based on good faith, the Indian Army carried out troop withdrawals as required. However, the PLA reneged and after pulling back only a few hundred metres, established a new camp, recommencing road construction activity along a slightly different alignment three months later. In the process, it illegally occupied much of the Doklam plateau.

The latest reports suggest that they completed construction in January 2019 with the road terminating at the base of the Jampheri ridge.

However, the response of the Government to this provocation was remarkably subdued with no counter-action being initiated by the Army against renewed Chinese activity. Clearly its hands had been tied by the Government making abundantly clear that the present Prime Minister had, like those before him, succumbed to Chinese pressure despite being fully aware of the grave implications of the Chinese activity. Therefore, the

Government's refusal to acknowledge the PLA's alleged occupation of approximately 1,000 sq km of disputed territory in eastern Ladakh was not unexpected. Nor was the public endorsement of this stand despite the loss of 20 bravehearts to Chinese treachery at Galwan.

Since then, the surprise pro-active action of the Army to occupy heights along the Kailash Range may have strengthened the hands of the Government in the continuing negotiations but it has not truly understood the significance of the military action.

If India understood the importance of the military action, it would refuse to discuss the issue in any talks just as the Chinese have done over their occupation of disputed territory in the Depsang sub-sector. While it is quite apparent that the Chinese are not in a favourable position to launch a full-fledged offensive at present due to hostile weather conditions and a lack of requisite forces, the situation may well change by next spring.

Would the Government then still remain steadfast in its aim and continue to confront the bully, or will it back down, as it has before, accepting some facile, token, face-saving tidbit thrown at us by the Chinese? After the Centre's earlier misstep in Doklam, there must be fairly serious reservations, within the security establishment at least, as to whether this Government can follow through on its present course to its logical end, especially given that China controls the escalation ladder.

Actions always speak louder than words and we will soon know if Modi has it in him to be different from those in whose footsteps he follows.

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## Address the emerging pandemic within the pandemic

The chances of mental health turning into a public health challenge in a post-Corona world are vast only if it is left unattended



SUMIT MITTAL

nia, denial, anger and fear. These feelings are fuelled by the fact that people are continually living in fear of contracting the disease. People with pre-existing health conditions and the elderly are under stress of succumbing to the Coronavirus. Worryingly, the urge to commit suicide is looming among the frontline workers and the medical fraternity because of their exhausting and hectic schedules and the ominous situation surrounding them.

Cases of Coronavirus-related suicides have been reported from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Kerala. In fact, suicide was the leading cause of over 300 non-Coronavirus deaths reported in India during the nationwide lockdown. And then, there is the added pressure of salary cuts, furloughs and job losses. Those who are fortunate enough to have a job still are having to cope with extended working hours and household chores. All these

factors have left people irritable and brooding. It is evident that even after the pandemic ends, the mental health conditions brought on by the contagion and their socio-economic impact on people will linger for quite some time.

According to a survey, about 41 per cent of the population in India has been affected by loneliness. Between 33 to 74 per cent of the people have reported psychological distress and over 40 per cent are suffering from depression and anxiety. As India faces a mental health pandemic, it is high time that the State invests in establishing a holistic mental healthcare infrastructure that is not hidden under the carpet of physical healthcare.

However, the one good thing that has come out of all this is that the contagion has put the spotlight back on mental health issues. Before the pandemic struck, mental well-being was largely ignored and people did not talk



about it, forget about seeking help. Now, India is more comfortable talking about it. Once the problem is detected, it becomes easy to devise a cure. Vocalising the problem has also given a better insight into things that bother people.

As of now, India accounts for 2.2 lakh suicides each year, as per a World

Health Organisation (WHO) report, and work needs to be done from the grassroots level. Beginning with education, the desired outcome of successful treatment can be realised. Given the paltry number of psychiatrists in the country, the Government needs to increase the number of seats for students of the discipline in the already

existing channels.

Following the initiation at the educational level, reform and sensitivity need to be brought in at the professional level, too. Given the dismal state of affairs right now, where psychiatrists prescribe medicines at the start of treatment without thoroughly assessing the patient's condition, counselling requires an intensive revival. Likewise, a structured guideline describing the conduct of the treatment must be in place. It is important to increase the access of troubled people to counselling and mental health centres and doctors. This may seem difficult given India's poor mental health infrastructure and massive population, but the surge in the number of people suffering right now demands massive efforts nevertheless.

During the pandemic and in the post-Corona world, there is a crying need for mental health insurance, too, so that it is instrumental in relieving the

burden of treatment expenditure. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in 2018 asked mental illnesses to be included in regular health insurance coverage. In line with its directions, some insurers have already started customising mental health products but they are few and far between.

Technology can be harnessed to keep mental health issues at bay. Virtual contact can be a means to connect with isolated people. The arrival of virtual consultancy and chatbots has encouraged the masses to seek help. This has helped those who fear being discovered and judged by others. The chances of mental health issues turning into a sweeping problem in a post-Corona world are vast only if they are left unattended.

(The writer is founder and CEO of a mental wellness platform)

# Young American voters hold key to White House

**Houston:** Young electors in the US have been making their voices heard and although the votes are being counted, their choice could shape the outcome of the closely-fought 2020 presidential election and decide the presidency of the world's oldest democracy. According to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at Tufts University, voters aged between 18 to 29 are voting in record numbers, including more than eight million young people who voted early or absentee in the 2020 elections.

"I think with the recent happenings, racial injustice and the pandemic, it's kind of driving people to be more passionate about the things that are happening in our world as well as just passionate about electing leaders that have the same ideas and values that they do," Texas Southern University junior Mariah Campbell said.

Young voters have been making their voices heard and mobilising, an extension of rising youth activism in response to concerns over issues such as racial inequality, climate change and gun violence, CIRCLE said.

According to an analysis from the CIRCLE, the pre-eminent, non-partisan research center on youth engagement at Tufts University's Jonathan M Tisch College of Civic Life, youth votes have been crucial in the 2020 elections. **PTI**

# World waits nervously, impatiently for US election result

**Washington:** From Ford Model T cars that popped off the assembly line in just 90 minutes to 60-second service for burgers, the United States has long had a major hand in making the world a frenetic and impatient place, primed and hungry for instant gratification.

So the world's realization Wednesday that the U.S. Election winner might not be known for days or longer was jarring for a planet weaned on American speediness.

The guessing game of trying to figure out whether — and how — President Donald Trump or challenger Joe Biden would end up in the White House quickly turned global.

Government leaders scrambled to digest the delay and ordinary people swapped views, hopes and fears on feeds and phones. Some scratched their heads — not for the first time — over the U.S. Presidency being decided not by the overall votes but by whoever wins 270 votes in the Electoral College.

Gloating was heard from parts of the world that have been on the receiving end of U.S. Criticism about their elections and governance. Underscoring how the drama captured global audiences, television graphics in Japan used fireballs to denote some of the battleground states crucial to the outcome.

"I'm hearing it may take some time before things are sorted out," said the Japanese finance minister, Taro Aso. "I have no idea how it may affect us." A Spanish resident of Paris was stunned to wake up without a declared winner. "I thought there was going to be something clear. And I have read different articles, no one really knows who is going to win," Javier Saez said. **AP**

# Biden rebuilding 'blue wall' in race for the White House

**Washington:** Democrat Joe Biden was pushing closer to the 270 Electoral College votes needed to carry the White House, securing victories in the "blue wall" battlegrounds of Wisconsin and Michigan, and narrowing President Donald Trump's path.

With just a handful of states still up for grabs, Trump tried to press his case in court in some key swing states. It was unclear if any of his campaign's legal maneuvering over balloting would succeed in shifting the race in his favour.

Two days after Election Day, neither candidate had amassed the votes needed to win the White House. But Biden's victories in the Great Lakes states left him at 264, meaning he was one battleground state away — any would do — from becoming president-elect.

Trump, with 214 electoral votes, faced a much higher hurdle. To reach 270, he needed to claim all four remaining battlegrounds: Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia and Nevada.

With millions of votes yet to be tabulated, Biden already had received more than 71 million votes, the most in history. **AP**

# Wary China hopes for smooth ending to US Presidential poll amid grim forecast of ties

**Beijing:** A wary China on Thursday hoped the presidential poll process in the US would end smoothly and successfully and said that there is a room for cooperation between the two nations despite "some differences," as observers forecast heightening of the rivalry between the top two economies no matter whoever emerges victorious.

The US presidential election remained undecided Thursday evening, turning the nation's attention to a handful of battleground states that continue to tabulate the crush of mail-in ballots that will decide whether Donald Trump or Joe Biden will be victorious.

"People are following closely, me included but it seems that the votes are still being counted and results have not come yet," China's Vice-Foreign Minister Le Yucheng said at a media conference here when asked to comment on the US Presidential poll. "We hope the election will proceed smoothly and successfully," Le, a former Ambassador to India said, adding that there is a room for cooperation despite "some differences".

"As per the China-US relationship, China's attitude is clear and consistent. China and the US have some differences but we have extensive common interests and room for cooperation," he said hoping that the incoming American administration would meet Beijing halfway. **PTI**

# Biden vows to rejoin Paris Climate Agreement

**Washington:** Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has pledged that his administration would rejoin the historic Paris Agreement on climate change.

Biden, 77, has not won the presidential elections yet, but is inching closer to be declared the winner by garnering 253 electoral votes out of the required 270. His Republican rival and incumbent US President Donald Trump has got 213 electoral votes, according to latest projections released by the US media.

On November 4, the US formally withdrew from the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change, a decision originally announced three years ago.

"Today, the Trump Administration officially left the Paris Climate Agreement. And in exactly 77 days, a Biden Administration will rejoin it," Biden tweeted on Wednesday night, reflecting his decision to reverse one of the key policies of the Trump administration on day one.

The US, under the Obama administration, had acceded to the Paris Agreement in 2016. It was a signature achievement of the Obama administration. The Paris accord committed the US and 187 other countries to keeping rising global temperatures below 2C above pre-industrial levels and attempting to limit them even more, to a 1.5C rise. **PTI**

# Trump immigration rule takes effect again during appeal

**Chicago:** A federal appeals court has allowed a Trump administration rule that would deny green cards to immigrants who use public benefits like food stamps to go back into effect while it considers the case.

The Election Day development was the latest dizzying twist in a legal battle over the controversial rule that the Trump administration argues

helps ensure those who are self-sufficient come to the country.

On Monday, US District Judge Gary Feinerman in Chicago struck down the rule and US Citizenship and Immigration Services stopped applying it to pending applications. Government attorneys appealed, and the 7th US Circuit Court of Appeals put a hold on the ruling the next day, allowing the restrictions to

take effect again. USCIS spokesman Matthew Bourke said Wednesday that the agency would immediately restart applying the rule to pending cases, but not "re-adjudicate any applications or petitions that were approved" in light of Monday's decision.

Under the Trump administration rule, officials can deny permanent residency to legal immigrants over their use of

food stamps, Medicaid or other public benefits. Green card applicants must show they wouldn't be burdens to the country, or "public charges".

Immigrant rights advocates deemed it a "wealth test," while health experts warned of poorer health outcomes and rising costs as low-income migrants chose between necessary services and trying to stay in the country legally. **AP**

# Thousands to attend Tableeghi Jamaat congregation in Karachi despite uptick in virus cases

**PTI ■ LAHORE**

Facing intense pressure from religious leaders, the Pakistan Government has allowed thousands of Tableeghi Jamaat members to hold a three-day gathering in Lahore starting from Friday despite an uptick in the number of new coronavirus cases.

"The government has allowed the Tableeghi Jamaat to hold annual religious congregation in Raiwind with the participation of 54,000 followers," said a handout issued by the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) government here on Thursday.

It added that the three-day congregation will start on Friday and attendees have started to arrive from across the country. However, no one from outside the country is allowed to participate in the religious gathering, the statement read.

The government said the

COVID-19 rules will be strictly followed in the congregation. Children and high-risk adults will not be allowed.

Pakistan has seen a spike in the number of new coronavirus cases after a brief lull in September. The virus death toll stands at 6,893 with over 3.3 lakh confirmed infections.

On Thursday, Pakistan reported 605 new coronavirus recoveries, taking the number of reported cases to 316,665.

Earlier in the year, the Tableeghi Jamaat members were criticised for congregating in Lahore. Some 80,000 members of the Jamaat had attended the religious congregation at the Raiwind Markaz earlier in March. A number of new coronavirus cases had surfaced from there.

Prime Minister Imran Khan was slammed on social media for allowing the congregation on Friday.

# Tanzania's leader sworn in for 2nd term after troubled vote

**AP ■ DODOMA (TANZANIA)**

Tanzania's populist President John Magufuli has taken the oath of office for a second five-year term amid tight security after the opposition called for a fresh election, the disbandment of the electoral commission and an "endless peaceful demonstration" over the October 28 vote.

Magufuli over the weekend said he will not pursue another term amid some concerns that the ruling party, which won nearly all parliament seats, might try to extend the presidency's two-term limit.

Police and the army tightened security ahead of the swearing-in, and the leaders of Tanzania's two main opposition parties, ACT Wazalendo and CHADEMA, were charged with organizing unlawful assembly and demonstration.

# GLOBE TROTTER

## PAK NATIONAL BANK'S MANAGER SHOT DEAD

**Lahore:** A senior manager of the state-run National Bank of Pakistan was killed by the bank's security guard over the allegation of "blasphemy" in the country's Punjab province, the police said on Thursday. Malik Imran Hanif, manager of the multinational commercial bank's Quaidabad tehsil in Khushab, some 250 kms from here, was shot by the bank's security guard Ahmed Nawaz, a retired Army personnel, on Wednesday morning.

## INDONESIA RAISES VOLCANO THREAT LEVEL

**Yogyakarta:** Indonesian authorities raised the danger level for the volatile Mount Merapi volcano on the densely populated island of Java on Thursday and ordered a halt to tourism and mining activities. Indonesia's geological agency raised Merapi's alert level, which had been at the third-highest level since it began erupting last year, to the second-highest level after sensors picked up increasing activity.

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Whereas as per Recovery Certificate No. 58/2015 drawn by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II mentioning a sum of **Rs.27,13,099/- (Rs. Twenty Seven Lacs Thirteen Thousand And Ninety Nine Only)**, CDs are jointly and/ or severally liable to pay the amount of **Rs.26,84,099/- (Rs. Twenty Six Lacs Eighty Four Thousand And Ninety Nine Only)** alongwith simple interest @ 14% p.a. from the date of filing of the OAI, i.e. 05.06.2014 until recovery with cost.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.  
3. Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website [www.bankelections.com](http://www.bankelections.com) on **23.12.2020 between 03 P.M. to 04:00 PM** with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon, if required.  
4. The sale shall be of the property of the CD(s) above-named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.  
5. The property shall be put up for the sale as specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if, before auction is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.  
6. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with the sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.  
7. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions:

7.1 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.  
7.2 The reserve price below which the properties shall not be sold and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) are as under:

Description of property	Revenue Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)
2121 D, 1st Floor, Tilak Bazar Delhi- 110006	22,50,000/-	2,25,000/-

7.3 The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price, alongwith documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof, etc., and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company also, latest by **21.12.2020 before 4:00 PM** in the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from **03:00 PM to 04:00 PM on 23.12.2020**. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.  
7.4 The bidder(s) shall improve their offer in multiples of **Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lacs Only)**.  
7.5 The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.  
7.6 The Successful/ highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 58/2015 by next bank working day i.e. by **04:00 PM** with this Tribunal, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.  
7.7 The successful/ highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 58/2015, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT- II Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).  
7.8 In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.  
8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".  
9. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY**

Description of the property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
2121 D, 1st Floor, Tilak Bazar, Delhi- 110006	Not known	Not known	Not known

(Dattatrey Bajpayee)  
Recovery Officer-II,  
DRT-II, Delhi

# UK Min warns of tough fines as England enters 2nd lockdown

**London:** The UK Government on Thursday reminded people about the tough fines in place over severe breaches as England entered its second stay-at-home lockdown in order to try and control the rapid spread of COVID-19 infections, expected to last at least until December 2.

UK Justice Secretary Robert Buckland said that while the police forces of the country will continue to follow the principle of policing by consent, they would respond to "egregious breaches" and hand out fines where necessary.

Under the legal requirements in place, people have been told to stay at home unless leaving for work if they can't work from home or to shop for essentials or a form of daily exercise. **PTI**

**DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED**  
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Delhi Transco Ltd, a Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking, invites online tenders for following works:

- Tender No.T20P122242:** Providing Maintenance Assistance Team (MAT) for 400 KV Transmission Lines and 400 KV sub stations under GM(O&M)-I (400 KV sub station Bawana and Tikri Kalan).
- Tender No.T20P122244:** Requirement of Retrofitment of High Velocity Water (HVM) Spray System and Hydrant System for 4 No. ICTs at 400 KV sub station Bannauli.
- Tender No.T20P122241:** Requirement of Annual Maintenance Contract for HVM spray system at 400 KV sub station Bannauli.

Last date for bid submission: (03.12.2020 for sl.no.1), (08.12.2020 for sl.no.2) & (08.12.2020 for sl.no.3) at 1.00 p.m. For downloading of tender documents and further details please visit website Delhi Govt website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> Tender ID No.2020\_DTL\_196369\_1, 2020\_DTL\_196371\_1 & 2020\_DTL\_196372\_1 respectively and DTL website [www.dtl.gov.in](http://www.dtl.gov.in) Unique No. DTL-7953-051120, DTL-7952-051120 & DTL-7951-051120 respectively. PR/20-21/29

All Corrigendum/Addendum/ Amendments/Date of Extension/Clarifications, if any, to the above tender/e-tenders would appear only on the above mentioned websites.

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Namely** : Shivani W/o Jitender R/o H.No. 11, Sawan Park Extn., Ashok Vihar, Delhi has been missing since 11.10.2020 from the jurisdiction of P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 48A dated 11.10.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Bharat Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under :-

**Age** : 20 Years, **Height**: 5', **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Face**: Round, **Built**: Medium, **Wearing** : Gajari colour saree and chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Bharat Nagar, Delhi at E-mail [cbi.gov.in](mailto:cbi.gov.in) or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

**SHO**  
011-24368638, 24368641 **P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi**  
Fax No. 011-24368639 **North-West Distt., Delhi**  
DP/461/NW/2020 **Ph. No. 011-27301200**

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**  
**SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Bharat, S/o Amar Singh, R/o Jhuggi No. 368, Near Sulabh Shauchalaya, Indira Basti, Timarpur, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 212/20 Dt. 28.08.2020, u/s 307/34 IPC & 25/27/54/59 Arms Act, at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Bharat** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Bharat** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Bharat of case FIR No. 212/20 Dt. 28.08.2020, u/s 307/34 IPC & 25/27/54/59 Arms Act, at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi** is required to appear on this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **10.12.2020**

By Order  
**Ms. Riya Guha,**  
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate,  
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi  
DP/686/N/2020-(Court Matter).

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
E-Notice Inviting Tender

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Security Commissioner (Cord)/ RPF/Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites 'e-Tender' in prescribed tender form for the following work:-

1 Name of the work with its location	Comprehensive AMC of 27 Nos. Baggage Scanner Machine installed over Delhi Division under Security plan for One year.
2 Office Address	Sr.DSC (Co-ordination)/RPF, P.K. Road, New Delhi.
3 Approx. Cost of work (Tender value) (Rs)	Rs. 57,95,000/- With GST
4 E.M.D. (in Rs)	Rs. 1,15,900/-
5 Online bid submission start date	As per NIT
6 Online bid submission End date & time	19.11.2020 at 15:00 hrs
7 Bid opening date online	19.11.2020 at 15:00 hrs
8 Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>
9 Cost of tender documents	Rs. 5000/- + 18% GST i.e. 900/- total Rs. 5900/- payment of tender document Fee in respect of e-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only

T. Notice No. Sr.DSC(Cord)-RPF-BSM/CAMC/DLI/2019(20-21) 2448/2020  
Date: 05.11.2020

**Serving Customers With A Smile**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one female namely **Jamuna, W/o Bhikha, R/o H-2/615, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 27 years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Strong, wearing Blue colour Saree,** has been missing from the area of P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 89A, dated 17.10.2020 has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail : [cbi.gov.in](mailto:cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641 **P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi**  
DP/468/NW/2020 **Ph. No.: 011-27636000, 27631600**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMEN**

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Roshni W/o Guddu R/o Vicky Ka Makan, Ishwar Colony, Bawana, Delhi** Age: 25 yrs Height: 5'3", complexion fair, face round, Build Medium, wearing light yellow colour shirt with black dots, green colour pants, chappal and Black colour dupatta has been missing since 10.10.2020 from the area of PS Bawana, Delhi.

**Roshni**

In this regard a **DD No. 55A dated: 14.10.2020** has been lodged at PS Bawana, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing lady, but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing lady may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: [cbi.gov.in](mailto:cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-23011334  
Ph.: 011-23014046 **S.H.O., P.S. Bawana, Delhi**  
011-23015218 **Ph.: 011-27752534, 7065036321**  
DP/565/ON/20

**MODI RUBBER LIMITED**  
CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392,  
Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204; Dist. Ghaziabad, (U.P)  
Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025; Website: [www.modirubberlimited.com](http://www.modirubberlimited.com)  
Email: [investors@modigroup.net](mailto:investors@modigroup.net); Phone: +91-11-47107398

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Company is processing for issuance of duplicate Share Certificates in pursuance of intimation about the loss of shares certificates having the following particulars:-

S. No.	Name of the Shareholders	Folio No.	No. of Shares	Certificate No.	Distinctive No.
1.	SHAM LAL GUPTA	S001108	200	12041-12044	5318301-8500
			66	59942-59943	7682765-2830
			220	234340-234344	21851753-1972

Public is cautioned against purchasing or otherwise dealing with the above mentioned share certificates. A Duplicate thereof will be issued to the shareholders, unless any objection is received by the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

For Modi Rubber Limited  
Sd/-  
(S K Bajpai)  
Head-Legal & Company Secretary

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 04.11.2020

**M/S BHARAT BHUSHAN FINANCE & COMMODITY BROKERS LIMITED**  
(CIN-L67120DL1992PLC049038), Tel No. 011-49809090, Fax: 011-49809033  
E-mail: [commodities@bharatbhushan.com](mailto:commodities@bharatbhushan.com), Website: [www.bbinvestments.in](http://www.bbinvestments.in)  
Regd. Office : 503, Rohit House, 3 Tolstoy Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER/SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020 (Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Six Month Ended		Year Ended
	30.09.2020 (UNAUDITED)	30.06.2020 (UNAUDITED)	30.09.2020 (UNAUDITED)	30.09.2019 (UNAUDITED)	
1. Total Income from operations	6.83	15.23	8.96	22.06	56.73
2. Net Profit for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-1.10	9.27	1.32	8.17	0.93
3. Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-1.10	9.27	1.32	8.17	0.93
4. Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-0.92	7.82	0.35	6.90	-3.20
5. Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	99.55	141.94	-3.91	241.49	-5.17
6. Equity Share Capital	338.04	338.04	338.04	338.04	338.04
7. Earnings Per Share (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinuing operations)					
- Basic	-0.03	0.23	0.01	0.20	-0.09
- Diluted	-0.03	0.23	0.01	0.20	-0.09

Notes: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter/Six Months ended September 30th, 2020 which have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors and filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulator's 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter/ Six Months ended September 30th, 2020 is available on the Stock Exchange website ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and on company's website ([www.bbinvestments.in](http://www.bbinvestments.in)).  
2. The above financial results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 05.11.2020.  
3. The figures of the previous period have been regrouped/reclassified, wherever considered necessary.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Sd/-  
Vijay Bhushan Director  
DIN: 00002421

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 05-11-2020

# GST collections expected to be 30 per cent lower

About ₹9L crore in FY21

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Government facing severe pressure on revenues due to the Covid disruptions may end the current financial year with a 30 per cent drop in Goods and Service Tax (GST) collections.

This would be a big setback to the Centre that is already burdened with adequately compensating the states for GST related revenue shortfall.

According to the EcoScope report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services, GST collections is expected to come in at Rs 9-9.2 lakh crore range in FY21 as against the budgeted estimate of Rs 13.8 lakh crore.

This comes despite the fact that GST collections stood at Rs 1.05 lakh crore in October, 10.2 per cent higher than the collections in October 2019.

The October collections

were also the highest amount of GST collected since February 2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic broke out in India.

With this, the total amount of GST collected during April-October 2020 stood at Rs 5.6 lakh crore, a decline of 20.2 per cent year-on-year (YoY).

Additionally, as against the target of Rs 13.8 lakh crore for FY21, the government has collected Rs 5.6 lakh crore so far, which is 41 per cent of FY21 budget estimate (BE) as against 58 per cent (of FY20 BE) achieved last year by this time.

Within the total GST collected last month, CGST amounted to Rs 19,190 crore, SGST amounted to Rs 25,410 crore and IGST amounted to Rs 52,540 crore. Moreover, GST collection on imports also rose by 9 per cent YoY to Rs 23,380 crore in October 2020, implying pure domestic collections at Rs 81,780 crore (which saw growth of 10.6 per cent YoY) during the month.

Notably, daily e-way bill generation in October 2020 (up

to October 25) was 2 million units, the highest in eight months. This is indicative of sustained pick-up in economic activity, the brokerage said.

Growth in GST revenue in Sept-Oct 2020 (vs the contraction seen in Mar-Aug 2020) implies the trajectory of the economy's recovery, and correspondingly, the government's revenues, Motilal Oswal said.

Since the relaxation given for filing of returns has ended, the 8m GSTR-3B returns filed in October 2020 is for the economic activities conducted only in September 2020.

The report highlighted that the level of returns filed has reached pre-Covid levels.

Overall, another monthly growth in GST collection in October 2020 is definitely welcome. The uncertainty regarding the trajectory of GST collection under normal circumstances - post the nationwide lockdown and compliance related reliefs - seems to have reduced after last month's reading.

# Sensex erases 2020 losses with 724-pt leap

GLOBAL MARKETS RALLY AMID US POLL GRIDLOCK

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks galloped to near nine month-highs on Thursday following across-the-board buying as global markets ratcheted higher despite uncertainty surrounding the US election results.

Rallying for the fourth straight session, the BSE Sensex surged 724.02 points or 1.78 per cent to close at 41,340.16.

The benchmark has closed above the 41,000-level for the first time since mid-February this year. The Sensex has also wiped off all losses for the 2020 calendar year. It had closed at 41,306.02 on January 1, 2020.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty zoomed 211.80 points or 1.78 per cent to finish at 12,120.30. All Sensex components closed in the green, led by banking, finance, energy, IT and metal counters.

SBI was the top gainer, soaring 5.63 per cent following robust Q2 results. Tata Steel, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, HCL Tech, Asian Paints and Titan were the other prominent winners, spurring up to 5.34 per cent. Global equities marched higher amid indications that Democratic Party candidate Joe Biden may clinch the US presidential polls, even as the Republicans look likely to retain their slim majority in the Senate. Meanwhile, the Trump campaign has moved court over the ballot counting process in battleground states like Pennsylvania and Michigan, raising prospects of protracted legal wranglings over the tightly-contested election.

Investors are expecting less confrontational trade policies with China and other countries under a possible Biden presidency, while the Republican-controlled Senate would prevent measures like higher taxes or stricter regulations, analysts said. "Domestic market moved in tandem with the

## Gold up ₹158, silver rises ₹697

New Delhi: Gold prices rose ₹158 to ₹50,980 per 10 gram in the national capital on Thursday, supported by a rally in global prices, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the precious metal had closed at ₹50,822 per 10 gram. Silver prices also jumped ₹697 to ₹62,043 per kilogram from ₹61,346 per kilogram in the previous trade. In the international market, gold rose to \$1,916 per ounce, while silver was also trading in the green at USD 24.34 per ounce.

PTI global market and marched to 8 months high, in expectation that the US presidential election is moving in favour of the Democratic Party.

## INBRIEF

### DILIP RATH ELECTED FOR THE BOARD OF IDF

New Delhi: National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Chairman Dilip Rath has been unanimously elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF) at the General Assembly of IDF. "I see my election to the IDF Board as an opportunity to bring along valuable insights from the Indian dairy experience and foster complementarities and synergies between dairying nations. It is a privilege for me to represent the world's largest milk producing nation and contribute to promoting the Sustainable Goals of dairying and also meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals. I keenly look forward to furthering IDF Board's mandate," said Rath after his election.

### IMC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ORGANISES INDO-AFRICA VIRTUAL SUMMIT

New Delhi: Just ahead of the 12th BRICS summit, the IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised a three-day long Indo-Africa Virtual Summit 2020. The inaugural day of the first-ever virtual Indo-Africa Summit was graced by the presence of Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal and Cabinet Secretary (Minister for Sports, Heritage and Culture, former Foreign Minister, Kenya, Dr. Amina Mohamed, President, IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry Rajiv Poddar was also present on the occasion. The summit is taking forward the vision set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Uganda in 2018 to empower Africa and enhance bilateral ties. The combined markets of India and Africa encompass 2.5 billion people and a GDP of \$5.5 trillion. The volume of trade between India and African countries grew from US\$5.3 billion in 2001 to 70 billion in 2013.

### PUNJAB LEADERS MEET PIYUSH GOYAL OVER KISAN AGITATION



New Delhi: The ongoing Kisan agitation in the State of Punjab, especially targeting rail property has severely affected passenger and goods train services in the State for the past month. As a result the State is now experiencing a huge crunch of Coal, Fertilizer, Cement, POL, Container and Steel, adversely affecting the functioning of Thermal Power plants and other industries.

A high level delegation of central and state level leader representing Punjab: Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, GOI, Sh. Tarun Chug, National General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Sh. R.P. Singh, Spokesperson, BJP and Sh. Ashwani Sharma State President, BJP met Sh. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways in New Delhi, today. They apprised him of the dismal situation in the state due to the agitation, which is disrupting normal life and production in farms & industries. They requested him for restoration of train services in the state as soon as possible.

### AAI SIGNS MOU WITH NTPC VIDYUT VYAPAR NIGAM LTD



New Delhi: AAI as a responsible organization has taken a progressive step towards conserving environment, reduction of carbon emissions and working towards making AAI airports carbon neutral. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed today between AAI and NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd., (NVVN) subsidiary of NTPC Ltd for setting up solar power plants and adoption of e-vehicles at AAI Airports. Ms. Reena Rai, General Manager (Engineering), AAI and Shri K.S. Bandyopadhyay, Chief General Manager, NVVN signed the MoU at AAI's Corporate Headquarters in presence of Shri Arvind Singh, Chairman, AAI, Shri Gurdeep Singh, CMD (NTPC), Shri A K Gautam, Chairman (NVVN) and Shri Mohit Bhargava, CEO (NVVN)

### 151ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF DESHBANDHU IN CLW



Chittaranjan: 151st Birth anniversary of great freedom fighter, Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das was observed today in the CLW Administrative foyer on 5th Nov, 2020. On this occasion, Ram Prakash, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer/CLW placed the wreath at the bust of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das and paid homage to the great patriot on behalf of General Manager. SD. Patidar, Principal Chief Personnel Officer welcomed the guests and conducted the programme. Members of CLW Women's Welfare Organisation were also present on the occasion. Ram Prakash, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer urged the staff, supervisors and officers of CLW to re-dedicate them and follow the path shown by the great freedom fighter after whom the workshop was named. Members of CLW-WWO lighted 151 numbers of Candles to mark the birthday of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das. Sr. Officers, members of CLW-WWO, Staff Council members, Supervisors and staff were also present on the occasion by maintaining all precautionary measures of #COVID\_19. Cultural programme was also presented by the members of CLW-Cultural Association.

### ICICI BANK LAUNCHES BANKING PROGRAMME FOR MILLENNIALS

Mumbai: Lending major ICICI Bank on Thursday launched India's first banking programme for millennial customers, in the age bracket of 18 years to 35 years. The proposition called 'ICICI Bank Mine' offers an instant savings account, a feature driven iMobile application that offers investment guidance to suit the demand of millennials, curated credit and debit cards, instant personal loans and overdrafts. "We estimate that the country has around 40 million progressive young millennials, who would contribute significantly to the economy and banking in the years to come.

### SBI'S PROFIT BUMP SHOWS RESILIENCE AGAINST DOWNSIDE: S&P

New Delhi: State Bank of India (SBI) has the financial strength to withstand tough operating conditions in the next 12 months due to its strong deposit franchise and liquidity, global rating agency S&P on Thursday said. The very high likelihood of the government support, if needed, provides a cushion to accentuated downside risks, it said in a statement. SBI's performance in the second quarter was broadly in line with our expectations of a rebound in performance after the lockdown, with uncertainty about the amount of incremental stressed assets emerging over the next six months, the rating agency said. The country's largest lender SBI on Wednesday reported a 55 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit to Rs 5,245.88 crore for the second quarter ended September 30, on account of decline in bad loans.

## Uptick in demand for festive travel; safety, hygiene top priority, says survey

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With an uptick in demand for travel, a majority of respondents (75 per cent) are planning on vacations during this festive season with high priority on safety and hygiene, including looking at the number of cases in the vicinity and sanitisation measures, according to a survey.

About 75 per cent of respondents said they are planning to take up a vacation during this festive season, as compared to 61 per cent in 2019 who were willing to go on a holiday during the festive season, indicating an uptick in demand for travel, online travel company Yatra.Com said in the survey.

The trend of advance booking continues with 39.3 per cent of respondents planning leisure trips for more than one month in advance, it added. Further, the survey showed that safety and hygiene take priority while planning a holiday, as travellers are looking at the number of cases in the vicinity, sanitisation mea-

sures, government guidelines, and amenities in case of emergency, among other factors.

The Yatra annual festive survey was done online among 5,000 respondents.

Further, the survey showed that about 52.5 per cent of respondents are seeking medical or travel insurance for the sake of security and more than 50 per cent of respondents said they would prefer ordering room service rather than visiting restaurants and bars. On taking extra safety precautions, about 72.1 per cent of respondents said they will be going through sanitisation processes followed by the monuments and tourist spots before planning a visit to them. This assurance is important as about 48.2 per cent of the respondents are planning their holiday with the family, it added. The survey also found that mountains have beaten beaches as a preferred location for holiday goers, with 37.9 per cent of respondents saying they would like to visit the hills to escape the monotony and stress brought by the pandemic.

## Housing sales likely to decline 35-40 pc in FY21: ICRA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Housing sales may fall by 35-40 per cent in the ongoing fiscal year even as demand improved during the September quarter, rating agency ICRA said while revising its forecast.

It had earlier estimated a 45 per cent decline in sales volumes in FY2021.

Sales across the top eight cities - Delhi-NCR, Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Pune, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad - rebounded in the second quarter of FY2021, indicating some green shoots of normalisation.

"With some further recovery expected in H2, ICRA is revising its earlier estimate of sales volume decline in FY2021 to 35-40 per cent," it said in a statement.

ICRA said the uptick in absorption levels during the second quarter of FY2021 has been driven by affordable and mid/upper-mid segments.

The residential real estate segment witnessed a sharp recovery in the September quarter, post a severe decline in Q1 FY2021.

"The Covid-19 pandemic had triggered one of the worst demand crashes that the Indian residential real estate industry witnessed in recorded history.

"Overall, the housing sales volume witnessed a year-on-year decline of 50 per cent in H1 FY2021 across the top eight cities of the country," ICRA said.

However, sales volume bounced back considerably, with a quarter-on-quarter growth of 60 per cent recorded across property markets in the second quarter of the current fiscal.

The recent improvement was primarily driven by a gradual unlocking of the economy, pent-up demand and improved affordability on the back of reduced home loan rates and attractive payment schemes/discounts, the rating agency said.

# Transformation to the new normal

The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India stepped up to meet the challenge posed by the pandemic. In a conversation Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, Managing Director tells The Pioneer's Saimi Sattar how the federation intends to keep serving the farmers

What were the challenges during the distribution of pulses under the PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)?

During lockdown everything was shut. The labour was not available, vehicles were not moving and offices were shut. The first 15-20 days were extremely challenging. NAFED was entrusted with the task of supplying 5.85 lakh MT pulses to 36 states/UTs by the Government of India towards the end of March. After that we gradually obtained permissions to get the supply chain moving. We shifted all the operations online and got the pulses delivered in the states. The passes for the mill labourers too were taken by us. April, the first month was very slow. During May we managed to complete more than 50 per cent and completed the supply in the third month.

We started dispatching the pulses from April 15 since the auctions too had to take place before the pulses were allotted, bags printed and repacked. Our pulses are not available in districts unlike those of the Food Corporation of India. Pulses are grown and were stored in five-six states. These had to be moved to mills, where they were milled and repacked. Moreover, the mills did not have the capacity to meet the demand so more millers were added to the approved list.

On the procurement side, we had to double the number of centres to ensure that the farmers don't have to travel too much. We used all modes of transport to distribute the pulses - ship, flights, road.

What were the challenges during procurement?

The mandis posed a huge challenge as social distancing had to be maintained. Farmers were called in a staggered manner through SMS and their arrival had to be planned in a way that social distancing was maintained. We had to increase the number of centres. For instance, in one cluster of villages, there was one centre and we increased it to two-three. We made payments online. During Covid times we pumped in more than Rs 30,000 crores in the rural economy.

The prices have soared during and post lockdown. So how are you ensuring that consumers are not affected by this?

We were giving free pulses under PMGKAY. As per government instructions, we are intervening in the market and selling the pulses, especially the ones which have seen a spike in the rates. For instance, the prices of Tur have increased. So the intervention of NAFED is to sell it at Rs 85/kg throughout the country. The operation has already started in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

and soon it will be rolled out in Delhi. This will be sold in our stores and at other places too at this rate under the government of India's initiative. In the market it is Rs 135/kg.

Then there are onions. In the history of India for the first time we have procured 1,00,000 MT of onions. Normally it is 10-15,000 MT. Last year it was 50,000 MT and this year it has doubled. We started procuring from the farmers towards the end of April when farmers were getting Rs 4 or 5 per kg in the mandi. We bought it for Rs 8-9 per kg. This programme was inaugurated by Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.

How is NAFED's business evolving in the new normal?

We have to change with the times. During the procurement we have to implement safety measures. Recently we have been declared as an agency for formation of FPOs also. We will make and register farmer producer groups at par with NABARD. We are now focussing on, according to the new Agricultural Policy, whether we should register them in groups or in companies. This will be a game changer. The Prime Minister has announced one lakh crore for infrastructure. We are making business plans for farmers to see how they can access funds.

There is a mandi ahead of Nashik, where in partnership with FPOs who have given us about 4-5 acres of land, where NAFED has made the DPR for the infrastructure that is needed. The group will get a partial subsidy and for the remaining amount NAFED has filed a loan application which could be obtained from the infrastructure fund. We will be linking all the farmer groups



with the government schemes. The mandi will have all the infrastructure for packing, sorting, grading, pre-cooling for vegetables so that they stay for some days.

We are setting up a portal for e-kisan mandi. All the big buyers and sellers would be on the platform. The quality of the product can be checked here and the registered farmers will confirm the deal if they find it worth it. Farmers will get that kind of freedom. But it is a long-term project and can only happen over a period of time. We plan to make 100 mandis in the next six months.

NAFED will set up the structure of the mandis outside APMC and hand it over to the APOs and other stakeholders who will run these mandis. The farmers and NAFED have an equal stake in this. These will be transparent so that the farmers know what is happening inside them.

The decision of selling or not is with the farmer. If the moong dal which the farmer brings has high moisture level of say around 14 per cent as opposed to 12 per cent, which is allowed, earlier he would have been forced to sell it at a price lower than MSP. Now the mandi would have facilities

for drying. There will also be a machine to remove foreign matter as this too is often a ground for paying less to the farmer. The Fair Average Quality (FAQs) will be maintained by the different facilities that the mandi offers. A minimal service charge would be levied on the farmers which would go to the FPO running the mandi. This would go in providing the value additions at the mandi, infrastructure, port costs and more. We are empowering the farmer not to get exploited.

Will the new Agricultural policy lead to a mass migration of farmers to new mandis?

People are apprehensive about the new policy but why are they underestimating the farmer? He will go to the best place where he is getting a benefit. If APMCs don't do any business below MSP then farmers will never leave those. If farmers have a choice, they can go to the kisan mandis run by him. Just like consumers have the freedom to buy from a shop or a mall, the farmers too should have the freedom to sell anywhere.

If private people set up these structures and there is no

## Trend Slazer

### Virtual world has prospered: Big B

The virtual world has prospered in the time of COVID, observes **AMITABH BACHCHAN**. Big B took to his official blog to express his thoughts.

"The virtual world has prospered in the times of the pandemic. Even though the loved ones are far away and not in the proximity, the moon is video-called to them so that they can break their fast," he wrote.

"The country is filled with such emotion and culture... traditions of thousands of years and the dedication to carry it through... how were they designed... how did they last for so many years... what has been the devotion of its compliance and its lasting presence ever," he continued.



The good old theatre is taking a U-turn in our otherwise socially-distanced lifestyles. And Delhi theatre enthusiasts are definitely in for a treat as the Shri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, Mandi House, has opened its doors for the first play to be showcased in the post-COVID era. Culture-starved and in revenge mode, aficionados have already booked all shows.

Rama Theatre Natya Vidya (RATNAV) in collaboration with Austrian Embassy, Austrian Cultural Forum, The Embassy of the Czech Republic and supported by Sideways Consulting, is set to present *Giraftari*, based on Franz Kafka's novel, *The Trial* — today and tomorrow.

Media veteran and founder of RATNAV, Rama Pandey, also the director of the play, lists the necessary measures taken to follow the social distancing norms, due to which there will be only 50 per cent seat occupancy in the auditorium. The area is being sanitised before the play and every audience member will be given a complimentary mask. With *Giraftari*, Rama plans to "kickstart the theatre space which has been shut for the past few months."

The Theatrician (in association with The Cacophony), at Akshara Theatre, is set to present two 'one hour, one act' plays — *The Red Hot Bombay Lovers* and *The Lockdown Lovers*.

Being the first such play to be showcased in an indoor theatre, Anusuya Vaidya, co-founder, Akshara Theatre, talks about the safety protocols — 50 per cent auditorium occupancy, distanced seating availability, sanitisation after every show and masks for those who require.

However, a few questions arise here — even as all the norms are being followed, is there enough participation from the public to watch live shows? And why not continue showcasing it digitally until the situation gets into place?

Vaidya shares that Theatrician, the first theatre company to begin online theatre post lockdown, was "keen on resuming the



## THE CURTAIN RISES AGAIN

The Shri Ram Centre stages its first live play today in a post-COVID setting while Akshara has two shows over the weekend. **TEAM VIVA** assesses the mood of culture vultures

theatre physically. They wanted to make the audience relive what theatre actually felt and experienced like. Performing spaces and arts have been adversely affected due to the pandemic and I think, now was the time to bring it on again. I am sure people have also grown bored of everything going online. In-person experiences have their own significance."

As per the recent observations, she points out at how the amphitheatres have started grabbing attention again. "Even at Akshara, we can see the audience for the outdoor theatre growing, where a few comedies have been staged recently. This indicates that people now want to venture into the outdoor space once again. And when amphitheatres can grab attention, why not closed ones too? We are actually expecting a full house on Sunday. The response has been positive," adds Vaidya.

Pandey says, "The last few months have been quite difficult for the theatre community. The impact of lockdown on performing arts has been immense. I am glad that we have got an opportunity to be the first play in the post-COVID era at the SRCPA. The show must go on!"

She adds that given the pandemic, "it is our responsibility to take adequate precautions and bring back our audience. It's important that these spaces flourish again. Mandi House is the cultural heart of Delhi. We need to let it throb again and reignite the passion."

Pandey believes that since the audience will be back, watching theatre, after a long time, the theme of the play should resonate with the public's mind to grab more eyes. "The plot of *Giraftari* will remain relevant in all times as it addresses the plight of the common man in such scenarios," she adds.

Set in contemporary Delhi, *Giraftari* is the story of a common Indian man, who has been alienated by society. Pandey uses a fusion of the lost Indian oral and folk forms in the play. Art forms ranging from Tasha Dhol and Nafiri instruments of the streets of Purani Dilli, can be seen, too.

Lending support to the initiative, Abhijit Avasthi, founder, Sideways, says, "Especially, in a time when most of us are finding it hard to make sense of what's going on around us, we are certain that Rama ji's adaptation with nuanced local sensibilities will leave a deep positive impact on the audience. It's our privilege to partner with RATNAV and the Consulate of Austria in the staging of this timeless and important classic."

Matthias Radosztics, Minister Plenipotentiary, says, "Although, the play was published a few years ago but keeping in mind the pandemic situation, the play is suitable for all! Its primary objective is to reach the common man in uncertain times."

Directed by Tathagata Chowdhury, the play, *The Red Hot Bombay Lovers*, aims to explore the dark complexities and non-stop exuberance of humans, which aims at reju-



venating the public minds after seven months of lockdown and staying put. Anusuya adds that the two plays are light-hearted comedies as "people now want to come back to entertainment." (The plays at Akshara will be staged on November 8 at 7 pm and 8.15 pm.)

### 'One can never know on their own of the reach that films have unless one comes across

stories of how they've impacted someone. I spoke to an officer who, while training 2500 election officers, held a screening of *Newton*. It's the kind of film that resonates with people till date, especially those who try to escape election duty.'

—Pankaj Tripathi

The trailer of the forthcoming web series *Naxalbari* has released and actor Rajeev Khandelwal, who plays a protagonist, promises an action-packed tale of conflict between industrialists and Naxalites.

"The trailer gives viewers a glimpse into the war between the Naxalites and the industrialists. Both parties have their agenda. Then there is politics. Everyone wants to sell the idea that they are doing it for the greater good, but there's a lot more going on. A lot has gone into the project and I hope the audience loves it," said Rajeev.

### Pedro Pascal relives childhood

Actor **PEDRO PASCAL** says he relived his childhood while essaying his character in popular series, *The Mandalorian*.

For Pascal, wearing the iconic helmet of his character was a very special moment.

"You can't see very well through the helmet, but I got a pretty clear impression the first time I put it on. If you grew up playing with *Star Wars* toys and watching *Star Wars* movies and then you're staring at yourself and you are the image from your childhood imagination, it's a super moment," Pascal said.

Created by Jon Favreau with five directors — Dave Filoni, Bryce Dallas Howard, Taika Waititi, Rick Famuyiwa, and Deborah Chow — the show also stars Werner Herzog and Nick Nolte.



A clutchless manual gearbox in a mass-market car is a true innovation and something that should be applauded

## Technology of the year

Almost every automotive writer and publication in India will award different types of best car awards, and I'm guilty of that as well. But a few awards look at new technologies introduced in a year or even new engines for that matter. This is because unless forced to by regulations, the pace of technological development in cars these days is fairly gradual. If you would have told me in 2000 that in 2020 not only would the world be brought to a halt by a virus but a commercially available two-litre diesel engine can produce close to 250 horsepower, I would have thought you out of your mind. Even petrol engines today are incredibly lean-burning. You can easily get small petrol hatchbacks to 14-15 kilometers a litre in urban conditions without resorting to hyper-miling.

Sometimes the change is a bit dramatic, take the advent of popular automatics in India for which Maruti should take the credit when they fitted an 'Automated' Manual Transmission (AMT) on the Celerio and have made AMT technology so popular that many other manufacturers including Hyundai, Nissan-Renault and Tata have followed suit. Don't get me wrong here, while driving cars fitted with an AMT is still a



lot more convenient than a car with a manual, AMT's compared to regular automatics, cars fitted with traditional torque converters, Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) boxes or even more modern dual-clutch transmission (DCT) systems, feel horribly lazy. Yes, you learn how to get the best out of them but truth be told, AMT's are not for enthusiastic driving. And nor, to be very honest, are the large majority of CVT systems. Many of them do not even let you hit the rev limit. Then there are DCT systems, designed for exhilaration but not exactly economical.

However, none of these are new. These are all clutchless systems that remove the need for one to operate their left foot and change the gears automatically. Some systems offer various types of manual override contraptions,

from a simple up-down pusher by shifting the lever to the side or a paddle system, but they're not manuals by any stretch. This is what makes the 'Intelligent Manual System' (IMT) brought to India by the Hyundai Motor Group through their Hyundai (Venue and i20) and Kia (Sonet) products fairly unique. There are a couple of things here, I describe this as a clutchless manual system because you, as the driver, are always in control of the gears. But you are not operating a clutch. I have just completed one month with my long-term Kia Sonet with an IMT system and while I will be honest and admit that I was a bit hesitant of the IMT when I drove it for the first time on a Venue, I've actually grown to like the system. In my first review of the IMT system, I wondered whether you can teach an old dog new tricks? Well, this old dog really likes the IMT.

I have honestly never driven anything like an IMT before, something so unique rarely comes in a ten-lakh rupee car. That said, I will be the first to admit that IMT systems are not for everyone and can be very confusing to those who drive one for the first time. But as anyone who has driven a manual in bumper-to-bumper traffic in Bengaluru, Delhi or Mumbai can attest, the constant changing

of gears in such conditions is tiring and stressful even though many of those who swear by manuals will say that 'manuals' are the only way to drive a car properly. Okay fine, there is a slight lag when you change. But unless you are a fearsome heel-and-toe style changer, the lag in gearshifts is nothing really to be concerned about. Yes, as the weather in Delhi gets colder I am noticing that the gears are a bit sticky upon a cold start first thing in the morning but once the car gets up to temperature there are a few problems. This is something though that I will keep an eye on over the coming months with the Sonet as the mercury continues to dip in Delhi.

But as a system, this does not feel as compromised as say an AMT does, and mated to the Group's 120PS one-litre turbopetrol engine, you can really have some fun with the IMT as well. And given that it is a lot cheaper than the Dual-Clutch Transmission available on the same models, it is a great combination of performance, convenience and price. I do not know if other manufacturers have access to this technology or if they will bring cars equipped with an IMT into India even if they do, but in opinion, the IMT is the automotive technology of the year.

## Lights, camera, thrill

TIGER SHROFF will star in a film set in the post-pandemic world

Actor Tiger Shroff is set to star in an action film set in a post-pandemic, dystopian era. Sharing a teaser motion poster that goes with the theme of the film, titled *Ganapath*, Tiger wrote on Instagram, "This one is special for me, and especially for you guys! Presenting #Ganapath — get ready for more action, thrill and entertainment!"

The teaser has a dialogue by Tiger that goes: "Jab aapan darta hai nah tab apan bohot marta hai (when I get scared, I bash up a lot)." The action-packed thriller is helmed by director Vikas Bahl, who directed *Queen* and *Super 30* in the past and produced by Jacky Bhagnani. *Ganapath* is planned as the first film of a franchise.

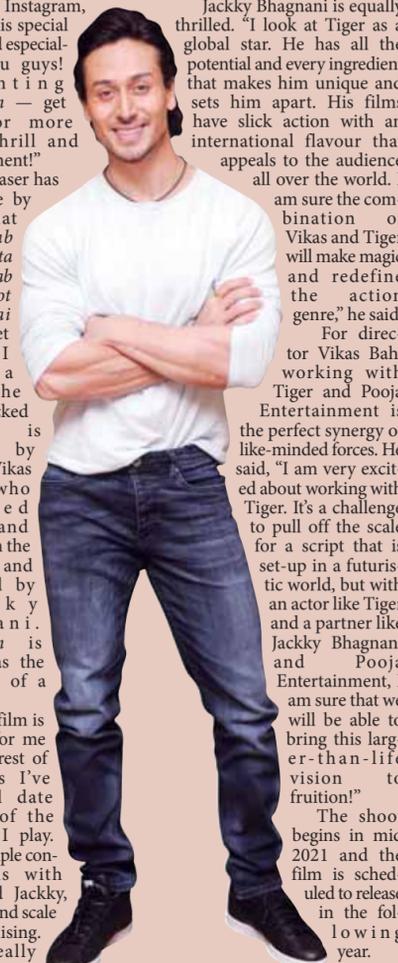
"This film is different for me from the rest of the films I've done till date because of the character I play. After multiple conversations with Vikas and Jacky, the script and scale look promising. I am really

looking forward to this one. This will be my first time working with Jacky and Vikas and it will be exciting to collaborate with them," said the *Baaghi* actor.

Jacky Bhagnani is equally thrilled. "I look at Tiger as a global star. He has all the potential and every ingredient that makes him unique and sets him apart. His films have slick action with an international flavour that appeals to the audience all over the world. I am sure the combination of Vikas and Tiger will make magic and redefine the action genre," he said.

For director Vikas Bahl working with Tiger and Pooja Entertainment is the perfect synergy of like-minded forces. He said, "I am very excited about working with Tiger. It's a challenge to pull off the scale for a script that is set-up in a futuristic world, but with an actor like Tiger and a partner like Jacky Bhagnani and Pooja Entertainment, I am sure that we will be able to bring this larger-than-life vision to fruition!"

The shoot begins in mid 2021 and the film is scheduled to release in the following year.



# Your signature drink



- Ginger
  - Ice cubes: 2-3
  - Mint leaves
  - Lemon juice: 1tsp
  - Black salt to taste
- METHOD**
- Peel ginger and wash the mint leaves.
  - Now put all the ingredients in a blender and blend.
  - Serve chilled.

**VIRGIN MOJITO**  
**WHAT YOU NEED**

- Sprite: 300 ml
- Lemon juice: 2 to 3 tsp
- Mint leaves: 1/4 cup
- Sugar syrup: 3 tsp
- Ice cubes

**METHOD**

- Pour lime juice and sugar syrup with crushed mint leaves in a tall glass and pour sprite in it along with few ice cubes, mix well.
- Garnish with a slice of lemon and a small sprig of mint leaf.
- Serve chilled.

**FRUIT PUNCH**  
**WHAT YOU NEED**

- Fresh Orange juice: 1/4 cup
- Pineapple juice: 1/4 cup
- Mango Juice: 1/4 cup
- Sugar syrup: 1 tsp
- Lemon juice: 1 tsp
- Ice (crushed)

**METHOD**

- Mix everything together in a tall glass and serve chilled.

**VIRGIN SANGRIA**  
**MOCKTAIL**  
**WHAT YOU NEED**

- Orange juice: 100 ml
- Apple juice: 150 ml
- Sprite and Coca-Cola: 100 ml
- Lemon juice: 1 tsp
- Ginger juice: 1/2 tsp
- Apple (finely chopped): 1 tsp
- Pomegranate seeds: 1tsp
- Ice cubes (as required)

**METHOD**

- Put all the ingredients together and mix well.
- Serve in tall glasses and enjoy the refreshing drink.

(The writer Anuradha Gulati is an expert at Momspresso.)



## Everyday extraordinary

Chef KUNAL KAPUR shares personal insights, instances and anecdotes on keeping kids glued to home platters and helping them forget the burger and pizza

Jelimals, ITC's confectionery brand in the Jelly segment, has shifted its portfolio offerings to Jelimals Immuno — jellies fortified with two key nutrients Vitamin C and Zinc that help support the immune system amongst children. A serving of two, great tasting jellies per day will ensure kids get 50 per cent RDA of Vitamin C and 15 per cent RDA of Zinc — both essential to support the immune system.

The pandemic-led, unprecedented rise in demand for immunity supporting products paved way for the need to safeguard children through the category and the product's launch comes as a natural progression to enable support towards their welfare in the present context.

Data gathered by InfoLeap Market Research & Consultancy LLC for Jelimals Immuno from 364 children, aged 8-12 years across Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata revealed that 86 per cent children feel that their mother is putting extra effort in the kitchen to make new and interesting food, 92 per cent still miss the experience of eating outside food/eating in a restaurant. If given a 'Superpower' 74 per cent children would utilise it to save people and find cure from COVID-19 with concern for parents and family being foremost for the children. This followed by saving humanity including doctors, soldiers, friends, animals and testing



khana gained relevance during this lockdown, beside sharing tips on how to jazz up regular everyday meals.

Speaking about the initiative, Mr. Anuj Rustagi, COO — Chocolate, Coffee, Confectionery and New Category Development — Foods, ITC Ltd, said, "It is our endeavour to support the health of kids with our products and we are doing this in the 'Jelimals' way" — making this fun and engaging for both parents and kids much like our Do the 5 video. We are delighted share hacks on how mothers can spice up the fun quotient for their children through exciting dishes, without compromising on the nutritional and health benefits."

individuals for the virus.

To discuss the findings and how adults can help make the transition for children, the brand hosted an exclusive webinar with experts, parents and kids Jelimals Immuno: Kid Me Not. Father and celebrity chef Kunal Kapur, mother and actor Sameera Reddy, child artist Aaryan Prajapati and artist and anchor Karan Wahli moderated the discussion.

In the backdrop of the current times when hygiene and safety are of paramount importance in every family, chef Kunal shared personal insights, instances and anecdotes on how to prepare fun and tasty home-made food for kids that are alternatives to outside food. He elaborated and emphasised on how ghar ka

Commenting on the collaboration, chef Kunal said, "Even in the most difficult times, food has been a comforter for children and adults alike. The disproportionate surge in search for interesting recipes, videos and experiential in the kitchen are all a testament to this analogy. With the lockdown, individuals got creative with the essential options available in their kitchen or in the fridge to cook-up exciting meals that would not only satiate hunger but also nourish the soul. Mothers especially have been exploring trendy variations to dishes or broadening their culinary creativity to make food exciting for children which has also become a mainstay during the lockdown."

With group bubbles becoming the new rule of celebrations, top up your guests' glasses with innovation

Planning a party at home can be interesting but creatively exhausting as well because there is so much to experiment and play with the party menu — be it the decor, food or the drinks.

While the run of the mill drinks like the colas and the alcohols or the lemonades are easy to whip up and serve, what will really amaze your guests is the personal touch and innovation.

This festive season celebrate in style with fun party drinks and be a great host. Here are some drinks tried and tested across numerous gatherings and the feedbacks have just made them better.

**FRESH LIME SODA**  
**WHAT YOU NEED**

- Lemon: 1



- Soda water: 1 bottle
- Sugar syrup: 1 1/2 tbsp
- Crushed ice
- Salt to taste
- Chaat masala to taste
- Lemon (for garnishing)
- Mint leaves (finely chopped)

**METHOD**

- Squeeze lemon in a glass and put sugar syrup.
- Then add salt, chaat masala and crushed ice.
- Pour soda water slowly in the glass and stir well.

- Add mint leaves and garnish with lemon slice.
- Serve immediately.

**WATERMELON DELIGHT**  
**WHAT YOU NEED**

- Watermelon (without seeds): 1 bowl

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Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is being convened on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, to consider and approve, inter-alia, the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

For OK PLAY INDIA LIMITED  
Sd/-  
Date : 05.11.2020 Meenu Goswami  
Place : New Delhi Company Secretary

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By Order of the Board  
Sd/-  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is Publicly notified that the Residential House No. 44, Block-F Sec-22, Noida, G.B. Nagar, allottee of Mr. Suraj Prakash Malik S/o Late Sh. Sewa Ram Malik R/o WZ-1793, Rani Bagh, Multani Mohalla, Delhi had sold on the basis of GPA to the following persons. The GPA was registered on dated 03.05.1988, in the name of Mr. Suresh Kabtiyal S/o Late Mitra Nand Kabtiyal R/o Purushottam Enclave, Nathuawala, Dehradun Uttarakhand, and agreement to sell is not executed. Because agreement to sell is not executed so it is Publicly notified that the transfer of the property bearing Residential House No. 44, Block-F Sec-22, Noida, G.B. Nagar U.P., is going to be transferred through G.P.A. in the name of Mrs. Lajju Kabtiyal W/o Suresh Kabtiyal R/o Purushottam Enclave, Nathuawala, Balawala Road, Dehradun Uttarakhand, if some one has any objection he/she file his/her objection along-with the sufficient proof in the Housing Department (H) of the Noida Authority with in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Suresh Kabtiyal

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**  
The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

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3. Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 1,97,700/- (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred only.)
4. Cost of tender document	Rs. 0/-
5. Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	01.12.2020 @ 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.
- For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
- No manual offers are acceptable.
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 4.30 p.m. at Company Head Office at Shubhkhera, Paonta Sahib, H.P - 173025, arrangement is made for participation of Board members electronically through video - conferencing facility, inter-alia, to take on record the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30th September, 2020.

In terms of the Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading in Securities of Himalaya Food International Limited, the Trading window is closed from 1st October, 2020 to 13th November, 2020. The said notice may be accessed on the stock exchanges websites at www.bseindia.com.

For Himalaya Food International Ltd.  
Sd/-  
Date: November 5, 2020 Surabhi Maheshwari  
Place: Delhi Company Secretary

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HPGCL, PANIPAT	(NIT NO.PTP/POM-100063) SUB:- SUPPLY OF WINTER UNIFORM FOR FIRE STAFF OF PTPS, PANIPAT	CLOSING DATE 25.11.2020	3.24 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmcp1g1@gmail.com
2	HPGCL, PANIPAT	(NIT NO.14/2020/AC-216/GS SUB:- REPLACEMENT OF 1 NOS. CENTRAL AC CHILLER UNIT OF CAPACITY 90 TR. SEMI-HERMETIC RECIPROCATING WITH FLOODED SCREW TYPE WATER COOLED OF CAPACITY 90 TR AT UNIT-7, PTPS, PANIPAT	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2020	33.45 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmcp1g1@gmail.com
3	DHBVN HISAR	WHOLE CURRENT AC SINGLE PHASE TWO WIRE DLMS COMPLIANT STATIC ENERGY METER (664/DH/MM (QD-845) DATED 2.11.2020)	03.11.2020 25.11.2020	57.82 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	981256355 semmd@dhbvn.org.in
4	DHBVN HISAR	THREE PHASE FOUR WIRE DLMS COMPLIANT STATIC ENERGY METER (665/DH/MM (QD-846) DATED 2.11.2020)	03.11.2020 25.11.2020	9.28 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	981256355 semmd@dhbvn.org.in
5	DHBVN HISAR	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF SMF (SEALED MAINTENANCE FREE) BATTERIES I.E. 980 NOS. (12V/75AH), 352 NOS. (12V/65AH), 68 NOS. (12V/26AH) AND 468 NOS. (12V/7AH) FOR 6KVA, 2KVA, 20KVA & 600VA UPS INSTALLED IN SDO OFFICES, OTHER OFFICES, DATA CENTER AND CALL CENTER UNDER RAPDRP PART-A (IT) PROJECT IN DHBVN. TER-46/SMF BATTERIES/R-APDRP/2020DATED 30.10.2020 & E-TENDER NO - 2020_HBC_149434_1	CLOSING DATE 17.11.2020	45 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-223194 serapdrp@dhbvn.org.in
6	DHBVN HISAR	ENGAGEMENT OF AN AGENCY FOR PROVIDING IT SUPPORT SERVICES W.R.T. COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OPERATION IN OFFICE UNDER IPDS TOWNS & NON- R-APDRP AREAS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF DHBVN & UHBVN TER-47/R-APDRP/IT SUPPORT SERVICE/2020DATED 30.10.2020 & E-TENDER NO - 2020_HBC_149448_1	CLOSING DATE 23.11.2020	15 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-223194 serapdrp@dhbvn.org.in
7	HVPNL, KARNAL	DISC CLEANING OF 220 KV S/C BHADSON-BASTARA LINE UNDER T/L 220 KV S/STN. HVPNL, UNISIPUR	03.11.2020 11.11.2020	1.61 LACS	WWW.HVPNL.ORG.IN	0172-2583789 prohvpnl@gmail.com
8	UHBVN	HIRING OF 2 NO. VEHICLE ONLY JEEP, ONE NO FOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER 'OP' DIVISION UHBVN SAMALKHA & ONE NO FOR VIGILANCE ACTIVITIES UNDER EXECUTIVE ENGINEER 'OP' DIVISION UHBVN SAMALKHA ( 3 NO SUB DIVISION )	CLOSING DATE 12.11.2020	6000/-	uhbvn.org.in	sdoopbeholi@uhbvn.org.in
9	THE BALLABGARH. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD	SUPPLY OF GHEE CLARIFIER CAP.1000 LPH	05.11.2020 25.11.2020	RS.10000/-	www.vitaindia.org.in	9968604725 vitabil@gmail.com
10	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMBALA CITY	TOTAL 4 NO. OF DEVELOPMENT WORKS TO BE EXECUTED IN THE JURISDICTION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMBALA CITY	04.11.2020 16.11.2020	27 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2443747
11	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BAHADURGARH	FENCING ON MC LAND IN MC BAHADURGARH (WORK CODE:- BAH01820201010195345) + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 18.11.2020	EMD 1.55 LACS	ETENDERS.HRY.NIC.IN	9350496582 NAVEENDHANKHAR@GMAIL.COM
12	HARYANA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD PANCHKULA	PURCHASE OF A.I. GLOVES FOR VETERINARY USE + 1 OTHER WORK	04.11.2020 17.11.2020	EMD 2.38 LACS	http://pashudhanharyana.gov.in	9416172558 hldb-hry@nic.in
13	CADA FATEHABAD.	33 NO. LINING OF WATERCOURSES EXTENSION/NEW WORKS/UGPL	Bid opening date: 23.11.2020	As detailed in the NIT published online	https://www.etenders.hry.nic.in	9996759765 xenfatehabadcad@gmail.com
14	H.S.A.M. BOARD, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF MINI SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN NGM AT NARNAUND (DEPOSIT WORK OF AGRICULTURE DEPT.) + 5 OTHER WORKS	04.11.2020 17.11.2020	EMD 9.30 Lacs	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2891106. xenshams.hisar@gmail.com
15	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DHARUHERA	REPAIR MAINTENANCE OF ROAD NALA, DRAIN NALA, DRAIN CROSSING IN VARIOUS WARD IN MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DHARUHERA. + 7 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 17.11.2020	53.61 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	secy.mc.dharuhera@gmail.com
16	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE SISAI (HISAR)	COMPLETION OF BALMIKI CHOUPAL NEAR MAIN BUS STAND IN MC SISAI (KALIRAMA) & OTHER FIVE DEVELOPMENT WORKS	30.10.2020 09.11.2020	As per DNIT	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	Municipal Engineer
17	CAD DIVISION, BHIWANI	LINING/EXTENSION OF WATERCOURSES ( 28 NOS.)	Bid opening Date: 17.11.2020	Detail of amount in the NIT published online	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-244273 xenbhiwanicad@gmail.com
18	HSRDC, GURUGRAM	SUPPLY OF SKILLED/ UNSKILLED STAFF FOR UTILIZATION OF THEIR SERVICES IN THE OJO SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, HSRDC, GURUGRAM & DGM-I. HSRDC GURUGRAM. (BASED ON APPROVED D.C. RATES FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 AS AMENDED TIME TO TIME) (I.E. FROM 01.10.2020 TO 31.12.2020)	02.11.2020 23.11.2020	11.64 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2891106. dgmhsrdc@yahoo.
19	HVPNL, KARNAL	ARRESTING OIL LEAKAGE OF 220/132 KV, 100 MVA T-8 T/F AT 220 KV S/STN. HVPNL, NISSING	04.11.2020 12.11.2020	2.97 LACS	WWW.HVPNL.ORG.IN	0172-2583789 prohvpnl@gmail.com
20	HVPNL, FARIDABAD	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL COLONY AT 220KV S/STN. A4 HVPNL, FARIDABAD	CLOSING DATE 12.11.2020	2.98 LACS	www.hvpln.org.in	0172-2583789 prohvpnl@gmail.com

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IPL  
**2020**

KL Rahul | 670 runs  
Jasprit Bumrah | 27 wickets

I just told all the bowlers to keep it back of a length and stick to the stump line. I was following IPL, so I thought we had a good bowling attack (with all the spinners)

We haven't even got 12 hours to recover from Wednesday's game. So it has been difficult for the girls to prepare themselves and come back and play the afternoon game

I don't want to speak negatively about the team, but going forward it's important to come with a strong mindset. It's never too late, and we'll see to it that we come back strongly

I guess this is the best performance. The way de Kock and Suryakumar took the momentum after I got out early was good to see. Perfect result for us

# MI hand Delhi 'Capital' punishment

Mumbai enter sixth IPL final with 57 run win as Bumrah picks 4/14 after Surya & Ishan's fifties



Jasprit Bumrah celebrates with Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma after taking wicket of Marcus Stoinis

**PTI ■ DUBAI**

Mumbai Indians, arguably the best T20 outfit in the history of the format, carried out a clinical decimation of Delhi Capitals by 57 runs in the first qualifier, to set sights on their fifth Indian Premier League title.

Surya Kumar Yadav (51 off 38 balls) laid the platform on which Ishan Kishan (55 not out) and Hardik Pandya (37 not out) cashed in to take their team to 200 for 5.

The pressure of scoreboard was writ large on a wobbly Capitals top-order with Trent Boult (2/9 in 2 overs) and Jasprit Bumrah (4/14 in 4 overs) producing a "Test match opening spell" to eventually blow out the opposition for 143 for 8.

Delhi will however get a second shot at glory when they meet winner of the Eliminator between RCB and Sunrisers Hyderabad on Sunday in the second qualifier.

If there was something called putting up a team effort, then the defending champions did that to the "T" on Thursday.

Prithvi Shaw (0) waited for an inswinger which never came and instead edged a Boult delivery that was delivered with angled seam. Ajinkya Rahane (0) expected an outswinger but got a "Boult special" in-dipper that had him plumb in-front.

The in-form Shikhar Dhawan (0) before he could settle down got a toe-crusher from Jasprit Bumrah that missed with his middle-stump. It was 0/3 in 8 balls and there



and they were routed.

On Thursday, with Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje in his corner, Iyer decided to start with inexperienced left-arm seamer Daniel Sams, who instantly taken apart by Quinton de Kock.

Capitals lost the momentum and never got it back through the entire duration of the match.

It was Suryakumar's near flawless half-century complemented by Hardik Pandya's death-over fireworks that saw Mumbai Indians put up an above-par total.

While Ravichandran Ashwin (3/29 in 4 overs) shone brightly with his cerebral bowling, Shreyas Iyer's captaincy left a lot to be desired due to negative tactics as far as his pace department was concerned.

Starting with left-arm seam of Sams (0/44 in 4 overs) badly back-fired and even worse was Rabada (0/4 in 4 overs) and Nortje (1/50 in 4 overs) also had a forgettable day at the office.

De Kock and Surya were in full flow as the boundaries and sixes continued to flow from their blades during the 62-run stand in only 6.1 overs. While De Kock was severe on anything bowled short or on his legs, Surya's flowing drives off spin and pace were a treat for the eyes.

In the end, it was big-hitting exhibition from Hardik as he kept his shape nicely to hammer Rabada and Nortje out of the park.

# Ecclestone spins Trailblazers to win

loose balls. Dottin and captain Smriti Mandhana (6) were finding hard to get the boundaries.

**PTI ■ SHARJAH**

Left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone grabbed four wickets for just nine runs in a sensational bowling display to help Trailblazers beat Velocity by nine wickets in their Women's T20 Challenge match here on Thursday.

English woman Ecclestone, ranked number one in the ICC T20 rankings, was well supported by veteran Jhulan Goswami (2/13) and Rajeshwari Gaekwad (2/13) as Trailblazers dismissed Velocity in 15.1 overs.

Trailblazers then chased down the small target of 48 in just 7.5 overs with opener Deandra Dottin and Richa Ghosh remaining not out on 29 and 13 respectively.

Despite their win against Supernovas on Wednesday, Velocity's net run rate would take a beating after Thursday's loss and that could hit them hard.

It was, however, a quiet start in the run chase for the Trailblazers as the Velocity bowlers denied them any

# DUGOUT



Royal Challengers Bangalore and India captain Virat Kohli cuts cake to celebrate his 32nd birthday on Thursday



RCB spinner Yuzvendra Chahal posts picture with his fiancé Dhanashree Verma, Indian captain Virat Kohli and his actor wife Anushka Sharma after Virat's birthday celebrations



Delhi Capitals spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and batsman Ajinkya Rahane daughters Akhira, Aadhyaa and Aarya Rahane cheer for Delhi Capitals during their Qualifier 1 game against Mumbai Indians on Thursday

# Resurgent Sunrisers target RCB's history

**PTI ■ ABU DHABI**

With momentum on their side, a confident Sunrisers Hyderabad would look for another complete performance to continue their forward march in the IPL when they face a struggling Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Eliminator here on Friday.

Pushed to the wall after a slow start to the tournament, SRH produced a lion-hearted effort in the second leg and peaked at the right time to qualify for the play-offs by finishing third in the league standings, just ahead of RCB.

It has been contrasting results for the two teams in the business end of the tournament.

While RCB suffered four consecutive defeats to finish the league stage at the fourth spot, SRH registered a hat-trick of wins to edge past Virat Kohli's men in the standings.

SRH made a remarkable turnaround in their final three games — defeating Delhi Capitals, RCB and table-toppers Mumbai Indians to book their last-fourth berth.

And come Friday, SRH would be brimming with confidence, especially after their 10-wicket win over MI in the last must-win game.

The credit for SRH's success in the past few matches goes to the opening pair of Warner and Wriddhiman Saha.

The duo has clicked upfront and has so far shared two century stands — 107 against DC and then 151 vs MI.

Warner has led SRH from the front, scoring 529 runs from 14 games to occupy the second spot in the scorers' list, Saha (184 runs

## CANCELLATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION /SHORT TERMINATION/ SHORT ORIGINATION /DIVERSION OF TRAINS

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Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02054/02053 Amritsar-Haridwar-Amritsar Janshatabdi Express	06.11.2020 to 08.11.2020
22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Exp.	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02462 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02461 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
02011/02012 New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02029/02030 New Delhi-Amritsar-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
04624 Amritsar-Saharsa Express	Upto 07.11.2020
04623 Saharsa-Amritsar Express	Upto 08.11.2020
04656 Firozpur Cantt.-Patna Junction Express	Upto 06.11.2020
04655 Patna Junction-Firozpur Cantt. Express	Upto 07.11.2020
05251 Darbhanga-Jalandhar City Express	Upto 07.11.2020
05252 Jalandhar City-Darbhanga Express	Upto 08.11.2020
04652 Amritsar Jn. - Jaynagar Express	Upto 06.11.2020

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02422 Jammu Tawi-Ajmer Express	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02421 Ajmer-Jammu Tawi Express	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
02231 Lucknow - Chandigarh Express	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02232 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
04887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
04520/04519 Bathinda-Delhi Jn.-Bathinda Express	Upto 08.11.2020
02471/02472 Shri Ganganagar - Delhi Jn. - Shri Ganganagar Express	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
02588 Jammu Tawi-Gorakhpur Express	Upto 07.11.2020
09027 Bandra Terminus-Jammu Tawi Express	Upto 07.11.2020
09028 Jammu Tawi-Bandra Terminus Express	Upto 09.11.2020
09611 Ajmer-Amritsar Express	Upto 07.11.2020
09614 Amritsar-Ajmer Express	Upto 08.11.2020
02331 Howrah-Jammu Tawi Festival Special	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02332 Jammu Tawi-Howrah Festival Special	08.11.2020 & 09.11.2020

Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02903 Golden Temple Mail	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	05.11.2020 & 06.11.2020
02904 Golden Temple Mail	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Special Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	05.11.2020 & 06.11.2020
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Special Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
02715 Sachkhand Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi-Amritsar	05.11.2020 & 06.11.2020
02716 Sachkhand Express	from New Delhi	Amritsar-New Delhi	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020

03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Firozpur	05.11.2020 & 06.11.2020
03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Firozpur-Ambala Cantt.	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
04649/04673 Jaynagar-Amritsar Saryu Yamuna Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	05.11.2020 & 06.11.2020
04650/04674 Amritsar-Jaynagar Saryu Yamuna Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
02057 New Delhi - Una Himachal Janshatabdi	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt. - Una Himachal	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02058 Una Himachal - New Delhi Janshatabdi	from Ambala Cantt.	Una Himachal - Ambala Cantt.	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
04653 New Jalpaiguri-Amritsar	at Saharanpur	Saharanpur-Amritsar	06.11.2020
02237 Varanasi-Jammu Tawi Festival Special	at Saharanpur	Saharanpur-Jammu Tawi	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020
02238 Jammu Tawi-Varanasi Festival Special	from Saharanpur	Jammu Tawi-Saharanpur	07.11.2020 & 08.11.2020
04651 Jaynagar-Amritsar Mail Express Special	At Delhi	Delhi-Amritsar	06.11.2020
04652 Amritsar-Jaynagar Mail Express Special	From Delhi	Amritsar-Delhi	08.11.2020
04131 Prayagraj-Udhampur Festival Special	At Saharanpur	Saharanpur-Udhampur	07.11.2020
04132 Udhampur-Prayagraj Festival Special	From Saharanpur	Udhampur-Saharanpur	08.11.2020
02355 Patna-Jammu Tawi Festival Special	At Saharanpur	Saharanpur-Jammu Tawi	07.11.2020
02356 Jammu Tawi-Patna Festival Special	From Saharanpur	Jammu Tawi-Saharanpur	08.11.2020
08237 Korba-Amritsar Festival Special	At Meerut City	Meerut City-Amritsar	06.11.2020
08238 Amritsar-Bilaspur Festival Special	From Meerut City	Amritsar-Meerut City	08.11.2020
09717 Jaipur-Daulatpur Chowk Festival Special	At Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Daulatpur Chowk	06.11.2020
09718 Daulatpur Chowk-Jaipur Festival Special	From Ambala Cantt.	Daulatpur Chowk-Ambala Cantt.	07.11.2020

Train No. & Name	Diverted Via	Date (from the Originating Station)
05909 Dibrugarh-Lalgarh Spl.	Rohtak-Bhiwani-Hisar-Hanumangarh	04.11.2020 & 05.11.2020
05910 Lalgarh-Dibrugarh Spl.	Hanumangarh-Hisar-Bhiwani-Rohtak	06.11.2020 & 07.11.2020

Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
09091 Bandra(T)-Jammu Tawi	At Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Jammu Tawi	05.11.2020
09092 Jammu Tawi-Bandra(T)	From Ambala Cantt.	Jammu Tawi-Ambala Cantt.	07.11.2020
00467 Howrah-Amritsar	At Delhi	Delhi-Amritsar	05.11.2020
00468 Amritsar-Howrah	From Delhi	Amritsar-Delhi	09.11.2020

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