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Trump's loss not that resounding

It is not always necessary to have passionate views on everything. The presidential election in the United States is very significant and has a bearing on life outside that country. That is because the US, for all its shortcomings, remains a global power and possibly the only superpower that is in a position to check the relentless forward march of Chinese hegemonism, a phenomenon that has a direct bearing on the future of India. Yet, in the ultimate analysis, and despite the far-reaching consequences of the voting preferences of American citizens, the election is an internal matter of that country. As Indians we have every reason to be interested in who occupies the White House for the next four years. However, interest has to be blended with detachment and the awareness that India must view bilateral relations as a continuous process. We have to engage and work with whosoever the US voters choose to run their country.

At the time of writing, neither Americans nor the rest of the world know who will occupy the White House till January 2025. Although it seems increasingly likely that the winner of the president contest is former Vice President Joe Biden, we can never be sure if President Trump's allegation of electoral malpractice will fail to stand up to judicial scrutiny. The charges have certainly not withstood media scrutiny, but as is increasingly evident, the US media tends to notoriously one-sided in its views on everything to do with Trump. The President, in its view, can do nothing right. Nor can his supporters.

This uninhibited partisanship that has brought an entrenched section of the US Establishment together to fight a maverick interloper is, of course, entirely an American problem. However, this phenomenon of perceptions being guided on the strength of condescension is becoming universal. In the American presidential election, for example, the opinions industry — still UN reconciled to the shock

Trump may very well lose the election but the defeat will not be resounding but by the narrowest of margins. This outcome wasn't certainly anticipated by the opinion polls, most of which forecast a landslide victory for Biden. Did the polls make a genuine mistake based on flawed sampling? That would be charitable explanation. However, it is more than likely that the serious under-estimation of Trump's support owed to what has been described as the 'social desirability bias'. In everyday language this translates into a fear among Trump's supporters that their support for the President would be seen to be unacceptable in polite company

victory of Trump in 2016 — went out of its way to convey an impression that the whole of the US, minus some semi-educated bigots, were in revolt against the Trump presidency.

This was a monstrous lie as the closeness of the electoral outcome testifies. Trump may very well lose the election but the defeat will not be resounding but by the narrowest of margins. This outcome wasn't certainly anticipated by the opinion polls, most of which forecast a landslide victory for Biden.

Did the polls make a genuine mistake based on flawed sampling? That would be charitable explanation. However, it is more than likely that the serious under-estimation of Trump's support owed to what has been described as the 'social desirability bias'. In everyday language this translates into a fear among Trump's supporters that their support for the President would be seen to be unacceptable in polite company. In other words, the collective power of the media, academia and big business — not least the tycoons of Silicon Valley — had created an

environment that ostracised real sentiments on the ground. Yes, Trump did fight this insidious manipulation of real feeling but not successfully enough.

What are the implications of this coup — and I use this term quite deliberately — on the rest of the world? This is not idle speculation. Since American soft power is all pervasive, it is almost certain that the strategies used to prevent his re-election will now become a model for others to emulate. Without over-stating the point, it is instructive to note that rudiments of the anti-Trump strategy was also tried, though without success, in the 2019 general election against Narendra Modi.

The comparisons aren't exact. None of the three pillars of the traditional Establishment — media, academia and business — were totally united in their determination to oust Modi and, in any case, there was scepticism over the credentials of the challenger. But the rudiments of the approach successfully tried in the US were evident in India last year. The approach failed because the alternatives to Modi were extremely feeble but it is certain this is not the last we will hear of a concerted manipulation of public opinion, not least by telling a majority that it should be ashamed of itself.

On a more profound note, this election in the US demonstrated the power of the passive voter — those who want a say but are disinclined to queue up before the polling stations. Biden secured his advantage by securing the vast majority of those who either used postal votes or absentee ballots — a legitimate democratic approach as long as the votes were from genuine voters.

I do not share Trump's insistence that only those who actually vote on Election Day should be counted and others, in effect, disenfranchised. In America this gave a chance to professionals and the middle classes to flex their electoral muscles and favoured the Democrats. In other countries this may favour parties of the Right. It will depend on the context. What is however undeniable that the larger participation of people in any election strengthens democracy.

Bihar votes for change!

Exit polls project 120-161 seats for Grand Alliance

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Swept by a whirlwind of change, NDA in Bihar seemed headed for a big setback in the State Assembly polls. The exit polls on Saturday projected the ouster of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and installation of a RJD-led Government headed by Tejashwi Yadav.

The third and final phase of the Bihar Assembly elections took place on Saturday with around 55 per cent turnout. Out of the 243-strong Assembly, 78 constituencies went to polls in the final phase.

While all exit polls gave clear edge to the Grand Alliance, the India Today-Axis Exit polls projected 138-161 seats to the Grand Alliance, while Chanakya projected 180 seats to it.

The exit polls forecast serve a grim message to the NDA that there are few takers for Hindutva-driven campaign if the Opposition could flag issues that concerned the common man.

If the exit polls projection comes true on November 10, then it will be a rude shock to the NDA strategists who till one month ago were confident of winning over 200 seats in the 244-member Assembly. After all, only 18 months ago in the Lok Sabha polls, the NDA swept the State winning 39 out of 40 seats and logging in 54 per cent votes as against 29 per cent by the Grand Alliance.

Apart from 15 years of anti-incumbency, Nitish Kumar also faced sabotage from Chirag Paswan, who put up candidates against each and

AGENCY	GRAND ALLIANCE	NDA	OTHERS
Today's Chanakya-CNN News18	180	55	8
India Today-Axis My India	139-161	69-91	3-5
ABP-CVoter exit poll	108-131	104-128	1-3
Times Now-CVoter	120	116	1
Republic TV-Jan Ki Baat	128	104	7
TV9 Bharatvarsh	120	115	8



every JD(U) candidate went to the poll with the sole objective of ousting Nitish Kumar. Throughout the poll campaign, the BJP could not dispel the impression that Chirag was not fighting a proxy battle on its behalf to cut to size Nitish Kumar. In the end, the LJP seemed to walk away with 7-8 per cent votes, which would translate into loss of dozen of seats for the JD(U).

Political circles in Bihar were abuzz with speculation that the BJP wanted Nitish to get far less seats than it so that he himself will not lay claim to the post of Chief Minister on moral ground. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president JP Nadda did repeatedly claim that Nitish will retain his chair even if his party were to get less seats than the BJP, but their failure to publically chastise Chirag kept the pot of confusion and distrust

boiling throughout the poll campaign.

In the end, both the BJP and the JD(U) paid the price as supporters of both the parties tried to sabotage each other on several seats. JD(U) MP from Bhagalpur Ajay Kumar Mandal was heard asking his workers not to vote for the BJP inviting severe tongue-lashing from Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi. He was not the lone leader to play spoilsport for the alliance. Several BJP leaders also tried to sabotage the JD(U) candidates. The confusion was all the more visible on the ground among workers from both the parties.

With Covid-19 causing extreme economic stress among the lower strata of the society and nearly 25 lakh migrant workers returning to Bihar under heart-rending conditions, the burden of anti-incumbency grew that much heavier for the NDA.

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BJP may get stronger after MP, Guj, UP bypoll results

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The exit polls for the bypolls in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh have indicated that the BJP will consolidate its presence in the three States. According to the India Today-Axis My India exit poll, the Shivraj Singh Chouhan Government in Madhya Pradesh will survive with the BJP likely to bag 16-18 Assembly seats. The Congress is estimated to bag 10-12 of the total 28 seats that were up for by-election in Madhya Pradesh. If these estimates hold true, the BJP's vote share has risen by 5 per cent to 46 per cent while the Congress' vote share rose by two per cent to 43 per cent. It predicts 0-1 seats in MP going to the BSP.

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A security person carries an elderly voter to a polling station during the third phase of Bihar Assembly elections at Mahua in Vaishali on Saturday. PTI

IMD to forecast malaria outbreaks from next monsoon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

For the first time, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) will start issuing forecast for malaria outbreaks from next monsoon.

"The IMD studied the phenomenon of occurrence in malaria and its relationship with rainfall and temperature. The IMD first studied the malaria data it got from Nagpur. This can be applied to other places as well. This can give predictions on large scale malaria outbreaks," Ministry of Earth Sciences Secretary M Rajeevan said on Saturday.

According to the 2019 World Malaria Report, 19 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and India carried almost

85 per cent of the global malaria burden.

Rajeevan said the same technique can be applied to other monsoon-related diseases such as dengue and cholera. Malaria is rampant in parts of Africa and sub-tropical countries.

According to the National Health Portal (NHP), the majority of malaria cases are reported from eastern and central part of the country and from States which have forest, hilly and tribal areas.

These states include Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and some north-eastern States like Tripura, Meghalaya and Mizoram.

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Air pollution raised Covid cases in Delhi by 13%: IMA

'Masks, air purifiers may not provide full protection'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi has reported more than 6,000 Covid-19 cases daily in the past few days and 13 per cent of this increase has been estimated to be due to air pollution, the Indian Medical

DELHI'S AIR TO REMAIN 'SEVERE'

New Delhi: Delhi's air quality deteriorated to 'severe' category on Saturday as Punjab and nearby regions recorded the highest number of stubble burning incidents this season. Delhi's overall (AQI) was 427 on Saturday evening and 443 in the morning.

Joe Biden is 46th POTUS

Kamala Harris VP-elect

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Democrat Joe Biden on Saturday triumphed over incumbent US President Donald Trump in a divisive, bitter and closely-fought presidential election, to become the oldest man ever elected to the White House.

The 77-year-old former US Vice President will become the 46th president of the United States, after a victory in Pennsylvania, the state where he was born put him over the 270 electoral votes needed to win. With Pennsylvania's 20 electoral votes, Biden now has a total of 273 electoral votes.

Before becoming the Democratic presidential nominee, Biden served as vice president under former President Barack Obama.

Senator Kamala Harris, 56, who is of Indian origin, has become the first ever woman Vice President-elect of the United States. She would also be the country's first Indian-origin, first Black and first African American Vice President of the country.

Biden and Harris would be sworn in as the President and Vice President of the country on January 20.

"America, I'm honoured that you have chosen me to lead our great country. The



People celebrate outside the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia on Saturday after Democrat Joe Biden defeated President Donald Trump to become 46th President of the United States. AP

work ahead of us will be hard, but I promise you this: I will be a President for all Americans — whether you voted for me or not. I will keep the faith that you have placed in me," Biden said in a tweet after the US media projected him as the winner of the November 3 election.

"This election is about so much more than" Joe Biden "or me. It's about the soul of America and our willingness to fight for it. We have a lot of work ahead of us. Let's get started," tweeted Vice President-elect Harris.

Trump, a Republican, was playing golf in Virginia when major media outlets called the race. He is now the first incumbent president to lose reelection

bid after George HW Bush in 1992.

Trump, 74, was in no mood to concede the race and declared himself as the winner of the November 3 presidential election. "I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT!" tweeted Trump. Major media outlets started calling Biden the winner after it became clear that he has taken a major lead the battleground State of Pennsylvania, which has 20 electoral college votes.

Counting of ballots is still ongoing in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Nevada and Georgia. Biden has the lead in all the four states, which according to major media outlets is unlikely to be reversed.

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Gupkar Declaration alliance to fight DDC polls jointly in J&K

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

In a major political development, the newly formed People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration on Saturday decided to contest the upcoming District Development Council (DDC) polls unitedly in Jammu & Kashmir.

The eight phase DDC polls are scheduled to take place between November 28 and December 19 amid tight security arrangements along with bypolls on the vacant seats of urban local bodies in J&K.

It is for the first time the Kashmir-based regional parties, considered arch rivals, have decided to contest any polls under the same banner. The alliance was earlier

founded to carry forward their "constitutional" fight for the restoration of Article 370 and 35-A in Jammu & Kashmir.

The announcement was made by the spokesman of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), Sajad Gani Lone, soon after the maiden meeting of all the constituents ended here in Jammu on Saturday. During the day several delegations from Jammu met these leaders at the residence of Farooq Abdullah and shared their assessment of the prevailing political situation in the region.

Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) also announced that it will contest the DDC polls.

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CAPSULE

INDIA LAUNCHES EARTH OBSERVATION SATELLITE



Sriharikota: India successfully launched its latest earth observation satellite EOS-01 and nine customer satellites on board its Polar rocket from the spaceport here on Saturday. EOS-01 is intended for applications in agriculture, forestry and disaster management support.

COVID -VE REPORT FOR HAJ ASPIRANTS MUST

Mumbai: Haj aspirants will have to submit Covid-19 negative report 72 hours prior to their journey to Saudi Arabia in 2021. Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said on Saturday.

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL	CASES: 84,78,689
DEATHS: 1,25,895	RECOVERED: 78,37,061
ACTIVE: 5,13,902	

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	17,14,273	45,115	15,69,090
Karnataka	8,41,889	11,347	7,97,204
Andhra Pradesh	8,38,363	6,768	8,09,770
Tamil Nadu	7,41,488	11,324	7,11,198
Uttar Pradesh	4,95,421	7,180	4,65,250
Kerala	4,73,469	1,641	3,88,504
Delhi	4,23,831	6,833	3,71,155
West Bengal	3,97,466	7,177	3,54,732
Odisha	3,00,140	1,463	2,85,174
Telangana	2,48,891	1,372	2,27,583
Bihar	2,21,811	1,136	2,13,911
Rajasthan	2,09,438	1,979	1,91,132
Assam	2,08,389	938	1,99,455
Chhattisgarh	1,97,991	2,412	1,70,760
Haryana	1,80,424	1,897	1,62,814
Gujarat	1,78,633	3,751	1,62,946



HOME THEATRE

Weak execution



MISS INDIA
Netflix
*ing: Keerthy Suresh, Rajendra Prasad, Jagapathi Babu, Naresh, Nadhiya, Naveen Chandra, Sumanth Shailendra
Rated: 4/10

Some movies have a great subject and story but unfortunately, they fall flat on their face due to the manner in which the plot unfolds and the story is told. Directed and written by Narendra Nath Miss India, a Telugu drama film, loses on many counts.

First, how is it possible for a newbie uprooted to San Francisco, US girl who has yet to get used to coming to America manage to get a job as a tele-marketer after an MBA from the US? If this is what she had wanted to do, why do an MBA at all?

Second, how does the brother manage to afford such a luxurious house on his first salary even if he is brilliant?

Third, the men our heroin encounters seemingly want only two

things — either for her to be a submissive dutiful wife or throw her out? She takes the latter and walks away. While Nath time and again reiterates that our girl is strong and independent and wants to do things her way — no harm here — the problem is that she sure manages to attract the wrong kind of men and therefore even though the entire movie rests on her slim shoulders, the end result is a flop show.

Fourth, Naresh, who plays Samyuktha's (Keerthy Suresh's father) is detected with Alzheimer's. How he behaves, belittle those who actually suffer from the disease.

Finally, it is bizarre that a seasoned businessman who has been in the US for decades is outwitted and outsmarted by Samyuktha. His strange proposals to bring her down are downright childish and so un-businessman-like.

It is sad that a movie that has such a great idea, would end up a damp squib. One needs to stay away from this cup of *chai*

— Shalini Saksena

Cute even if predictable

OPERATION CHRISTMAS DROP
Netflix
*ing: Kat Graham, Alexander Ludwig
Rated: 5.5/10

This is the festival season and the whole idea is to spread joy all over even to those who live in far-flung areas and have no access to civilization for thousands of miles. Their only connection with the rest of the world is the drop of essentials they get every Christmas.

Operation Christmas Drop is all about spreading the joy of sharing on, of course, Christmas. But there has to be a scrooge. In this one, it is a Congresswoman who is hell bent on shutting an air base that does the good deed — saving taxpayers' money is important for the country's strategic location military wise.

But we all know how a feel-good movie is going to end. From

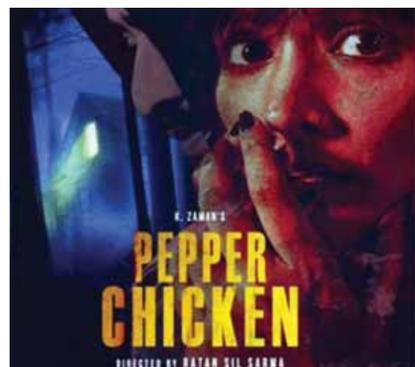


the word go, the film is predictable. Yet, it is sweet and cute especially when there is romance in the air. The smell of romance during the holidays? What could be better.

However, if you are the kind that finds such movies too sweet and give you a toothache, better avoid. But if you want your children to learn a lesson — sharing things with those who don't have it — this one is right up your alley.

— Shalini Saksena

Where is the thrill quotient?



PEPPER CHICKEN
ShemarooMe Box Office
*ing: Dipannita Sharma, Boloram Das, Baharul Islam
Rated: 5/10

It is extremely sad that a movie that was lending itself out as a psychological thriller has not even an ounce of thrill factor and takes nearly 45 minutes into the film of the one hour and 36 minutes of run time to get to the point.

There are a few things that don't make sense in this one directed by Ratan Sil Sarma.

Which girl, who takes a cab late at night would stop somewhere to have a bite with the *cabwala*? Obviously, Sarma has not taken into account the number of incidents involving the cab drivers and their lady passengers. Even if we stretch our imagination and go with the premise that it is a movie and hence make-belief, the idea is bizarre and alien at least in Indian setting.

Then there are the whole three bikes following the cab and when the lone cab driver confronts the six guys with just an iron rod in his hand, they disappear. Either, the men were just trying to be funny or pansies. Or maybe the director was trying to build the scare-quotient. All it does end up doing is make the viewer bang the head against the nearest wall.

Also, the title of the film doesn't have any bearing on what transpires unless one gives credence to the fact that our villain cooks chicken for his victim. Bang head again.

Plan Your Day

Ambience Mall in Vasant Kunj and Gurgaon are gearing up to make Diwali special, gratifying and safe for city shoppers.

Starting from November 1 to November 14, the malls will celebrate the auspicious festival by treating shoppers to various offers, as well as opportunities to win extravagant prizes.

Both the malls are decked in colourful handmade hangings decorations inspired by "Vocal for Local" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative by the government. In Ambience Mall Gurgaon, shoppers will get to see a grand 23ft installation of Shri Ram and Sita Mata, handcrafted by ace artisans from Kolkata. The statue will be adorned with exquisite and original ornaments.

To make the 'Festival of Lights' even brighter for shoppers, Ambience Malls have organised a Shop and Win* campaign with various lavish prizes up for grabs. Lucky shoppers who have

shopped for INR11lakh or more get to win a brand new iPhone 12 from iWorld. It will be a Golden Diwali for shoppers with a total purchase of ₹50,000 or above, who will take home gold coins from Diamond Tree or diamond pendants from Carat Lane (Gurgaon) and Bluestone (Vasant Kunj).

Shoppers with total purchase of ₹25,000 stand a chance to win electronics goodies and accessories, courtesy of Reliance Digital, Chroma and Sunglass Hut.

The fun doesn't stop here as there are more exciting winning prospects.

Social Media savvy shoppers can get on Instagram and take part in mall's online contest called Fun with Filter. Just by clicking a picture with Ambience Malls' Diwali filter and sharing it, shoppers can win gift vouchers worth ₹500. There is also a festive bonus for Loyalty Members; who till November 14 can avail an additional 20 per cent on their shopping point value.

TREAT YOUR LOVED ONES

With an unprecedented and mayhem of a year — the pandemic, the lockdowns, and various other setbacks have dampened our spirits and have toned down the celebrations but the hope and joy of Diwali gifting are still the same.

Ferns N Petals, this year has specially compiled a wide variety of gifts that are thoughtfully packed and dispatched to the destination of your choice with absolute ease. All the gifting options and combo deals are available at a reasonable price range so that the customers are granted with Diwali gifts that suit every budget.

Indoor Plants: During this unprecedented time of Pandemic, Indoor Plants are the best gift to express love and concern to the dear ones. The beautifully handcrafted planters will not only enhance the décor of the house but refreshes the house too.

Immunity Hampers: As Covid-19 has fundamentally changed the world and people have become more health-conscious, Ferns N Petals has a range of Immunity Boosting and Healthy Savories gift hampers which are the perfect gifting options for individuals as well as corporates. The immunity gift hampers have an assortment of branded products like multivitamin supplements, healthy snacks, gluten free cakes by FNP, Dry Fruits, Green Tea, and others.

TELLY TALE

MEET PINAKI AND HAPPY

Post the launch of nine successful IPs, Nickelodeon is introducing the world to a genre which is not explored by any other kids brand. Pinaki and Happy — The Bhoot Bandhu's is a show about Pinaki being raised by the family of ghosts within the four walls of a mansion till the age of 10 before he decided to step out in the real world for the first time. This is where the things go crazy and ghostly funny!

Will it be easy for him to make new 'living' friends and blend in? Watch on Sonic to know more. Read on to know more about the characters.

A 11-year-old smart but misfit boy who has been brought up by his unusual family of ghosts. A well-read kid, Pinaki is a notorious boy but generally makes things work in this favour. Things take a turn when he gets admission in a local school and interacts with humans for the first time in his life. Like most kids, he is generally not scared of things like bats, insects, or darkness and most importantly Ghosts!! Pinaki is a bright kid, scores good marks and is very attentive in class. He is the teacher's favorite.

Happy is like an elder brother to Pinaki and has a very friendly equation. He is the youngest and funniest ghost in the family.



He is 19 years old, flirtatious young boy who is not only artistic but also carries a camera with him most of the time. He also has a great sense of humor, his one-liners even in serious and intense situations make things funny and distracts others.

Special Power: His pocket is like *bhanumati ka pitara*, he can pull out almost anything from it. All he needs is to know what he needs to pull out!

'JUHI KNOWS HER CRAFT WELL'

As a part of the content extravaganza that Zee TV plans to offer its viewers in the festive month of October, the channel presented a heart-warming story that captures the essence of the ever-evolving dynamics of the saas-bahu relationship in Indian society. A relationship, often portrayed as typically at loggerheads, political and manipulative especially on Indian television, will now make way for an equation that is based on trust, hope, a

friendship that has the two going out on a limb for each other in Zee TV's new show *Hamariwali Good News*. In fact, the show presents a most unique role reversal between the daughter-in-law Navya (Srishti Jain) and her mother-in-law Renuka (Juhi Parmar) to give their family the much awaited 'Good News.'

Versatile actress Juhi Parmar plays the role of Renuka in the show, who is the mother-in-law and the lifeline of the Tiwari family. She is a strong-headed and God-fearing person who is also an active member of a *kirtan mandli* consisting of the neighbourhood women. Shakti Anand, on the other hand, is seen essaying the pivotal character of Mukund, who is Renuka's husband and Navya's father-in-law. A grocery shop owner, known for being a miser, he follows the motto of, '*Jaisa chah raha hai badiya hai*, what is the need for change?'

Both these powerhouse performers are well established household names, however, even after 20 years in the entertainment industry, this is the first show they're doing together. Yes, Juhi and Shakti have been a part of several top shows over two decades, but they've never shared a frame until now. And looks like they are quite ecstatic of teaming up with each other for the very first time. In fact, they are bonding quite well on the set too.

Talking about their first show together, Shakti Anand revealed, "*Hamariwali Good News* is my first show with Juhi and the experience has been great till now. She is a well-trained, seasoned and phenomenal actress and what should I say about her. She knows her lines, she knows exactly where to stand, how to take cues and how to improvise, so she is fantastic and knows her craft well. She has been in the industry for two decades now, so she knows when to do what and how to make a scene better. It's been great shooting with her, and we've bonded quite well." Juhi also added, "Shakti is a great actor and it has been great shooting with him for the show."

While Shakti Anand and Juhi Parmar bond on the sets of *Hamariwali Good News*, Mukund and Renuka's arguments continue on the show.

DARE TO DREAM WITH SONY SAB

It's often said if you can dream it, you can do it. Dreams and ambitions play a crucial role in our lives but the key difference in its success and failure is often described by the attempts one makes to fulfil it.

Dreams have no control, it knows no boundaries and it knows limits. Then why do we often define our dreams by the gender of the person?

Taking this thought forward and inspired by actual events, Sony SAB will bring the touching story of two sisters from Rohtak, *Kaatelal & Sons*, starting from November 16, 2020. The show features veteran actor Ashok Lokhande alongside the chirpy duo of Megha Chakraborty and Jiya Shankar.

Kaatelal & Sons is a true testament to Sony SAB's philosophy to produce positive and progressive stories and inspire the audience with compelling content that touches people hearts.

The show is an inspirational journey of sisters, Garima (Megha Chakraborty) and Susheela (Jiya Shankar), who believe 'Dreams know No Gender.' As the show progresses, the audience will get a more in-depth insight into what it actually means, but let's hear it from Megha and Susheela herself.

Megha Chakraborty sharing her thoughts on the concept of the show said: "The concept of the show weaves in a beautiful thought that dreams know no gender. *Kaatelal & Sons* brings a light-hearted story blended with humour to inspire the dreamer in you. Garima and Susheela while coming from a small town in Haryana will bring about a question, if our pursuits and dreams in life should ever be restricted by gender? Like for example, a woman can be an ace barber, while a man can do the chef's hat and prepare a lavish meal for the entire household. This show inspires this thought to look beyond the pre-conceived notions that we have. Even for me this show has been an eye opener on many levels and I am so glad to be portraying the role of Garima and living her life. If even one person gains the courage to pursue their dreams through *Kaatelal & Sons*, it will mean a lot to me. As they say, we can't change our past, or predict our future. But we can shape our present."

Jiya Shankar further added: "The show has a beautiful underlying message which my character Susheela rightly says '*sapno ka koi gender nahi hota*'. I have stepped entirely out of my comfort zone with this role and what I simply love about Susheela is the fact that she is courageous and challenges the set notions in the society. She isn't a girl who fits into the set stereotypes. She weight lifts and undergoes training for boxing. The prospect of having an opportunity to inspire our women as Susheela was something I want to give my 100 per cent to. The concept of the show is also something I truly believe in — which is un-gendering your dreams. Dreams do not have any gender and this show will bring this belief alive."

'You have to be true to your character'

AMAR UPADHYAY, who will be seen in Colors' new offering *Molkki*, which will go on air from November 16, speaks with MUSBA HASHMI about his role, how the industry has changed in the last two decades and that he can't play a spineless character

■ What is your role in Molkki?

I play Virender Pratap Singh, he is the *mukhiya* and runs 40 villages. He gets married to a molkki girl, who is half her age. There is no connection between the two and the show revolves around their struggles and how he handles situation. Molkki is a tradition in Haryana, where the man has to buy the bride from outside the State because women are less in number. The tradition is good but it is being misused.

■ How is this different from Dharam Suryavanshi in Saath Nibhaana Saathiya?

There is a major difference between the two characters, apart from the fact that both Dharam and Virender get married to a much younger girl. Both the shows and the stories are different. Dharam wanted to take revenge from the Modi family, hence he married Meera, but here it is a different concept. Molkki is a tradition that Virender has followed. In *Molkki*, a poor girl has been bought by a super rich family and the story talks about how things change drastically in their lives.

■ What is your take on shows that give out a social message?

It is good. Even for *Molkki*, I didn't know that such a tradition does exist. I had to do my research. Through, the show we are getting to know about this old tradition in Haryana. Hence, there is a need to come up with more shows that give out a social message to bring in awareness.

■ How does it feel to be back to work after lockdown?

I was very excited for the show. After spending so many months at home, it was something I was looking forward to. When I was offered this show, I found myself to be lucky to be able to work after the lockdown was lifted. Also, I am back on Colors after *Bigg Boss 5*, so it does feel great.

■ From Dekh Bhai Dekh to Molkki, how has your experience been?

Brilliant. I feel lucky to have started working so early and that I am still working. When I got *Dekh Bhai Dekh*, I had no idea of what was happening around me. It was like an acting school for me. Till date, 95 per cent of my shows have been Number 1. It has been a long journey and I have no complaints at all. I have got to play brilliant characters, there is nothing I could have asked for more. Yes, this industry is demanding and one needs dedication to survive here. You have to work for 12 hours a day, but having said that I have enjoyed every bit of this beautiful journey. Even today, I feel that I have just started. One thing that I have learnt in the industry is that you have to be true to your character. You can just feel



that people know me well and I will be able to pull off a character. At least for me it is not like that, I put in all the efforts for every character that I take. Even for Virender, I had to learn that Haryanvi accent and work upon my body language a bit. If you are not true to your role, you can't survive in this industry for long.

■ You have been in the industry for about 27 years now. How do you think it has evolved?

From having VHS recorders on sets to now hi-tech equipments, the industry has become huge. TV has grown and I have grown with TV. Back then, there was no pressure on the producer or the actors in general. There were no daily soaps, it was a weekly thing and everyone had ample time to prepare and shoot. We used to reach our sets at 9 am and around four hours were reserved for improvising things. We did rehearsals or were just randomly listening to the script. Now things have become fast forward. There is pressure on the producer and the creatives to create good content everyday. Because the audience has become habitual to watching daily soaps. Then the producer has to get the desired TRPs, it is an added pressure. If not, then there are chances that the show might get off-air. Also, there are way more channels now. TV has become a game changer now and there is high competition in it. Even film actors come to TV shows to promote their films, so it has grown leaps and bounds.

■ Was there a moment when you felt like quitting?

Not really. But there were times when I didn't know what to do with a character. Like in *Kyonki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*, I had a lot of confusion with the makers for the character. I have had faced situations that were completely new and so I didn't have anyone has an example for me. In fact, I became an example for many with the choices that I made.

■ What kind of roles attract you?

I am very clear about the roles I do. I can't stand uselessly in a scene. I like to do characters that have a spine. Hence, I always sort things out with the makers beforehand. Not that I have to be there in every scene, but when I am there I should do something and play my part. When it is the other character's part, I won't mind that. But it's just that my part has to be clear.

DELHI AIR 'SEVERE', TO IMPROVE AFTER DIWALI

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Air quality in Delhi is recorded in the 'severe' category on Saturday with 32 per cent contribution of stubble burning from the neighbouring States escalating value of Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 to 306. This is five times higher than abnormal limit which is 60 (µg-m³) by the World Health Organisation (WHO) for India.

While the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded 456 on the National Ambient Air Quality Index (NAAQI), Delhi's map has turned 'dark red' first time in the season.

In its air quality forecast, SAFAR said city's air quality is likely to remain 'severe' on Diwali as well.

After a short respite from pollution, Delhi's air deteriorated further with 4528 farm

fire incidents observed on NASA's observatory leading health emergency in the National Capital of India popular for winter pollution.

Citing MeT and stubble burning, major cause of pollution, SAFAR in its health bulletin advised any outdoor activities causing unusual coughing, chest discomfort, wheezing, breathing difficulty, or fatigue and consult Doctor.

"If the room has windows, close them. If the air conditioner provides a fresh air intake option, close it. Avoid burning anything, such as wood, candles or even incense. Keep the room clean — don't vacuum. Do wet mopping frequently," SAFAR said, adding, "Masks known as N-95 or P-100 respirators may only help if you go out. Do not rely on dust masks for protection."



Mentioning about reasons of sudden spike in pollutants

values, it said, "Despite moderate day time dispersion condi-

tion, air quality has declined, owing to sustained unusually

high fire emissions. Surface winds have become calm today morning and pollutants are accumulating near the surface."

SAFAR synergized stubble fire counts over Punjab, Haryana, UP, Uttarakhand, and neighboring areas increased and stood at 4528 yesterday, the highest of this season.

The boundary layer wind direction is Northwesterly, and favorable for the fire-related intrusion to Delhi NCR region, stubble burning share in PM_{2.5} in Delhi's air is estimated as 32 per cent."

"Surface winds are forecasted to decrease on the November 8 and 9. No quick recovery is expected unless a drastic reduction in fire counts takes place. Air quality is forecasted to stay at the Severe to the higher end of very poor," it added.

Meanwhile, AQI at Siri fort — 398, PUSA — 379, Mandir

Marg 417 Dwarka — 236, Kirti Nagar — 343, RK Puram — 398, IBHS-380 recorded.

EDMC punishes polluting units

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In view of the increasing air pollution level in Delhi, East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) took action against pollution causing units due to the ongoing construction activities. As per the data provided by the corporation till 7th November 2020, it has issued 212 challans for illegal dumping of garbage, nine for open burning, 18 under construction and demolition activities, 22 for dust control violation on construction sites and 17 challans were issued for health activities.

The civic body also took action to remove debris across its areas. Besides, mechanical road sweeping has also been done regularly. Apart from this, about 640 km of roads have also been sprayed with water with the help of water sprinkler machines to settle dust, a senior official said.

Also, about 2800 metric tonnes of garbage is being picked up on a daily basis, he added.

Delhi Cong chief criticises Govt

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar criticised the Delhi Government over "failing" to contain pollution at 13 identified hotspots with lack of proper strategy and relevant infrastructure to tackle the menace.

Kumar said Delhi Chief Minister Arvind had declared a war ('yudh') against pollution by identifying 13 hot spots across Delhi but did nothing to create any infrastructure to address the issues related to the problem. The congress president said that CM Arvind's plans have gone haywire is evident from the fact that Delhi's air has turned from "very poor" to "severe" category.

Meanwhile, in a special meeting of dalit and backward caste organizations that held under senior party leader and chief advisor of the Landless Conflict Committee, Jaikishan said "It has been decided not to celebrate Diwali this year. The decision was taken after receiving no response from Rashtrapati Bhavan as many organizations representing dalits wanted to meet the president and apprise him about issues being faced by the community."

Eight held for obtaining credit cards on fake documents

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of eight persons, including four women, the Delhi Police has busted a gang of cheats who used to prepare Government documents and then obtained credit debit cards of various banks on fake ids. Over 60 cards, jewellery and Rs 14 lakh cash recovered from their possession.

The accused have been identified as Ajay Kshatriya (35), his wife (32), Manish Kshatriya (40), Kawal Raj (66), his wife (65), wife of Manish Kshatriya (37), Arun Sharma and his wife.

According to Dr O P Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, Economic Offences Wing (EOW), The Citibank, after its internal audit, filed a complaint with EOW regarding identification of 36 customers who got the savings accounts opened in different names and addresses.

"They also procured PAN cards, Voter IDs and Aadhar Cards on the basis of fake documents. These customers also obtained Citibank credit cards. In the complaint filed



also. On the basis of their complaint, a case was registered and investigation was taken up," said the Joint CP.

"The accused were arrested after raids by the police team at different locations and they revealed that they have prepared several fake PAN Cards, Voter ID Cards, Aadhar cards on impersonated fake details viz different surnames, date of birth, parentage and address. On the basis of these fake identity documents they opened accounts in different banks and also obtained credit cards from these banks," said the Joint CP.

"These credit cards were immediately used by the accused persons for heavy shopping of jewellery, other costly items. The accused have their own swiping machines and they further misrepresented to banks that credit cards were swiped but payment couldn't be credited and got credited provisional payments from the banks. After that they also obtained loans on these credit cards and thereafter absconded by changing their addresses," said the Joint CP.

10 HAFTE 10 BAJE, 10 MINUTE CAMPAIGN

Kejriwal congratulate people for participation

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on the last week of '10 Hafte 10 Baje, 10 Minute' campaign congratulated the people of Delhi for their participation in this campaign which has resulted in zero deaths due to dengue. The chief minister appealed to all the citizens to join this campaign on Sunday.

Kejriwal has also expressed his gratitude for the citizens of Delhi as the massive participation from the people this year. "People have successfully managed to bring dengue cases to 489 this year from 15,867 in 2015. Compared to 60 dengue-related deaths in 2015 there have been no dengue-related deaths this year," he said.

Responding to the appeal of the chief minister, this year starting from children to 'Resident Welfare Association', traders, celebrities and the citizens of Delhi made the campaign a significant success story.

Hailing the 10 campaign, Anand Mahindra the chairman



of Mahindra Group tweeted, "A seemingly small piece of news but such 'human development' indicators affect the quality of our everyday lives. Such milestones are worth celebrating."

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain had credited the Arvind Kejriwal government's anti-dengue campaign for no dengue-related deaths this year. He tweeted, "Delhi people did it! No death due to dengue this year. There is also

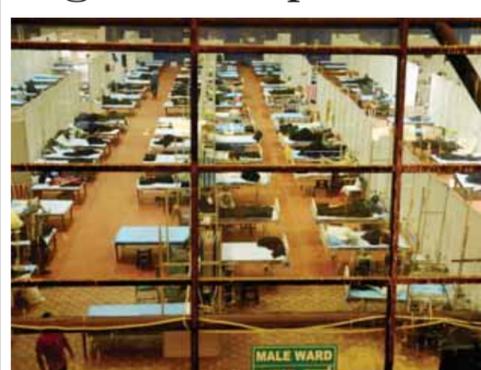
a sharp fall in the number of cases compared to the figures reported last year. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's campaign '10 Hafte 10 Baje 10 Minute' has been made a success by you all."

On September 6, CM Kejriwal kickstarted the 10 campaign by inspecting his house for any signs of stagnant clean water and draining it, which can lead to the breeding of mosquitoes and other vector-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria, and chikungunya.

Last year, the same cooperation from all people, RWAs, religious and cultural associations, ministers and MLAs and public leaders and influencers had played a huge role in reducing the impact of Dengue in the city, with only 2036 cases and two deaths as against 15867 cases and 60 deaths in 2015. The first edition of the anti-dengue campaign was launched in 2019. This year, the Delhi government has also launched a Dengue helpline - 01123300012 and WhatsApp helpline - 8595920530 to assist the general public with Dengue.

RISING POLLUTION, SURGE IN COVID-19 CASES

Hospital beds in Delhi begin to fill up fast



New Delhi: The twin factors of rising air pollution and a surge in Covid-19 cases have increased the burden on Delhi's hospitals with the number of vacant beds shrinking fast and out patient departments (OPDs) witnessing a spike in footfall, doctors said on Saturday.

Besides, the ICU beds with ventilators at most top private hospitals and major Centre-run facilities are also getting filled up with spiralling cases in the last few days.

Delhi recorded over 7,000 Covid-19 cases for the first time, taking tally to over 4.23 lakh on Friday, while the toll rose to 6,833 with 64 more deaths, authorities said.

The 7,178 fresh cases came out of the 58,860 tests conducted on Thursday, while the positivity rate stood at 12.19 per cent amid the festive season and rising air pollution in the city, according to the bulletin issued by the Delhi health department.

The previous highest single-day spike was 6,842 cases recorded on Wednesday.

The number of daily cases had crossed the 6,000-mark for three consecutive days from November 3-5.

Sixty-four new fatalities were recorded, pushing the death toll in the national capital to 6,833. On Thursday, 66 fatalities were reported from Covid-19.

The air quality in the national capital has also deteriorated and greater movement of people in public places, especially crowded areas such as markets and shops, and laxity in adhering to safety norms, have led to surge in cases, experts have said.

Rana A K Singh, Medical Superintendent at RML Hospital said, there is a rise in the number of patients visiting the hospital with complaints of respiratory problems probably due to spike in pollution levels and because of change in weather.

"On top of that, the number of Covid-19 patients coming to the hospital has also increased," he said.

"Our Covid and non-Covid ICU facilities are at full capacity and to create ICU beds at the stroke of the ham-

mer is not possible because it requires equipment and manpower," Singh said.

Large number of coronavirus positive patients who come with complaints of breathlessness become better with high-flow oxygen therapy for which one requires a special equipment (high-flow nasal), which is in adequate numbers, he said.

AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria too said that beds are filling up fast in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

With the spike in Covid-19 cases, patients requiring admission will also increase, putting a strain on the hospital services and healthcare infrastructure, he said.

"Additionally, there is an increase in the number of patients coming to the emergency with acute respiratory problems because of air pollution and respiratory viral infections. It's a double whammy," Guleria told PTI.

He further said that there is data which suggests that air pollution can increase severity of Covid-19 cases.

Air pollution leads to inflammation in the lungs making it more vulnerable for the virus to penetrate. Those already suffering from respiratory diseases like asthma, COPD or fibrosis etc are facing exacerbation of the symptoms, he added.

"Also, healthy people are coming with complaints like dry cough, throat irritation, nasal congestion and feeling of malaise which may be directly related to sudden spurt in pollution levels," another doctor at a leading hospital, who did not wish to be identified, said.

"There is an emergent need to curb the pollution levels as the likely morbidity in this season where Covid-19 also is affecting lungs adversely will increase," the doctor added.

The online coronavirus dashboard of the Delhi government showed that at 6.30 pm, out of 1,253 ICU beds with ventilator facility, only 250 were vacant. At Max hospitals in Saket, four out of 51 ICU beds with ventilators were vacant, while at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, the number was 16 out of 45. PTI

SDMC inaugurates first of its kind low cost compost plant at Tagore Garden

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) inaugurated the first of its kind low cost compost plant at Tagore Garden with a capacity to process two tonne waste per day.

A senior SDMC official said that the civic body is successfully running its two tonnes per day (TPD) aerobic compost plant to convert biodegradable garbage into fertilizer from wet waste per day collected from the residents of nearby colonies of Tagore Garden and Rajouri Garden with negligible operation cost.

In a function organised at Tagore garden, the compost

generated from these plants is supplied to all the parks of west zone in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Sanjay Sahay, P C Meena (chief engineer), Dinesh Yadav Director (DEMS) and other senior officials of the SDMC.

On the occasion Nodal Officer of Swachh Bharat Mission Rajeev Jain said "This is the first such plant set up with negligible capital cost in Delhi. The capital cost of this plant was Rs 50,000/- only. Now five metric ton organic compost of high quality is generated from this plant and today we have supplied this compost to the horticulture department for use in SDMC

parks," he said. "The organic compost is prepared from bio-degradable waste mixed with some qty of saw dust and old compost/soil to decrease the duration of composting. This compost is prepared by adopting different modules such as drum composter, Jali Boxes of different shape and size. The time taken for composting is three week. SDMC Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti applauded the project, saying that it will reduce the burden on landfill sites by utilising the compost prepared in municipal parks which will also increase the fertility and nutrient value of the soil.



Salespersons sit outside the closed firecrackers' shops after the Delhi Government put a ban on bursting and sale of all kinds of firecrackers from November 7 to November 30, owing to rising air pollution, ahead of Diwali festival, in Old Delhi on Saturday PTI

Delhi Police Commissioner holds meet

TO DISCUSS LAW & ORDER AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID GUIDELINES AHEAD OF DIWALI AND OTHER FESTIVALS

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Commissioner, DSN Shrivastava, on Saturday held a Crime and Covid-19 meeting to discuss the law & order and implementation of Covid guidelines ahead of Diwali and other festivals.

The CP, Delhi directed to take strict action against criminals such as burglars, drug traffickers, bootleggers and gamblers. During the meeting emphasis was also laid on solving cases on crime against women while discussing MHA's latest advisory on women's safety.

The CP expressed satisfaction with application of community initiatives like YUVA and encouraged the district heads to further spread awareness on such programs on juvenile reforms so that more and more youngsters feel motivated to stay away from crime.



On the efforts to trace missing children, it was underlined that desired results are coming, but a lot more can be done. It was recommended that jail-bail released criminals be verified and watched, and preventive action be initiated wherever required.

The CP also directed the attendees to strengthen the

mechanism of Case Property Disposal at police station level and divide work among the force on the lines of segregating law & order from investigation. While discussing arrangements on festivals and anticipating rush in markets, he advised all the personnel to take adequate precautions while implementing govern-

ment's guidelines.

The CP also discussed the officers' presence on social media and directed them to take support of volunteers to keep them updated of movements on such platforms. On welfare measures, concerned officers were directed to clear pending cases in respect of providing compensation to families of deceased Corona Warriors.

The CP also rewarded the beat officers from North and Central districts for handling digital beat books and making required entries to maintain maximum data about their respective Beats. He also applauded the personnel from Outer-North District in recognition of gallant and exemplary work done by them in catching four desperate criminals of 'Gaurav Monti Gang' involved in seven heinous cases, after exchange of fire in Kanjhawla area.



People buy decorative items ahead of the Diwali festival, in Old Delhi on Saturday PTI

Covid -ve report must for Haj aspirants

MUMBAI: Haj aspirants will have to submit COVID-19 negative report 72 hours prior to their journey to Saudi Arabia in 2021, Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said on Saturday.

After holding a meeting with the Haj Committee and other stake-holders, the minister for minority affairs told reporters that December 10 is the last date for submitting applications for Haj pilgrimage 2021.

"The applicants can apply online, off-line or through Haj mobile application as well. In view of the coronavirus pan-

demia, we are making it mandatory for all the pilgrims to submit their COVID-19 negative report of RT-PCR test. The date of testing should be 72 hours prior to boarding a flight to Saudi Arabia," he said.

Naqvi also said embarking points for Haj 2021 have been reduced to ten in view of the COVID-19 situation and the feedback received from Air India and other agencies.

Previously, there were 21 such embarking locations across the country.

He said the ten boarding spots are Ahmedabad,

Bengaluru, Cochin, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Srinagar.

Naqvi said applications filled for Haj 2020 by women in "without mehram (male companion)" category are valid for Haj 2021 as well.

"Besides, new applications are also being accepted from women who want to perform Haj 2021 without mehram," he said.

The minister also said Muslim women applying in "without mehram" category will be exempted from the lottery system. **PTI**

30 farmers in Fatehpur booked for flouting stubble burning ban

Fatehpur/Lucknow: Cases have been registered against at least 30 farmers in different areas of Uttar Pradesh's Fatehpur district for allegedly burning farm stubble in the past two days and eight of them were sent to jail as they could not pay the fine, police said on Saturday.

Several states, including Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, have banned stubble or crop residue burning to check air pollution.

To stop stubble burning in the state, awareness programmes are being held in all districts and they are showing good results, a senior government official said in state capital Lucknow.

"On Thursday, in Bhairampur village, cases for burning farm stubble were registered against eight farmers and the sub-divisional mag-

istrate has recovered the fine from them," Station House Officer (SHO), Hussainganj, Satyendra Singh Bhadauria said.

The action was taken on reports from lekhpals (revenue officials), he said. "Eight farmers have been sent to jail as they were unable to pay the fine to the sub-divisional magistrate," SHO, Mallawa, Sher Singh Rajput said.

His Kotwali counterpart, Ravindra Srivastava said that action has been taken against three farmers in his area and a fine of Rs 10,000 has been recovered from each of them.

SHO, Thariyon, Upendranath Rai said that late on Friday night, cases were registered against 14 farmers in his area. Prior to this, almost a fortnight back, cases were

registered against six farmers at the Khakheru police station and four farmers at the Khaga police station for violating the ban on stubble burning.

District agriculture officer Brijesh Kumar Singh said that so far cases have been registered against 28 farmers for burning stubble, and nine has been recovered from them.

However, a senior district police officer alleged that the agriculture department was not giving correct figures.

In the last fortnight, cases have been registered against over 100 farmers on complaints lodged by revenue officials, he said.

Bundelkhand Kisan Union president Vimal Kumar Sharma said that the action taken against farmers amounts to "atrocities". **IANS**

Rebel JD(U) leader in Bihar poll fray dies of corona in Patna

Patna: While the three-phase Bihar Assembly elections are slated to come to a close on Saturday evening, an independent candidate in the poll fray from Benipatti segment in Madhubani district died of coronavirus at AIIMS here.

Sanjay Jha died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences where he was admitted for the last 10 days. Jha, a former Janata Dal-United leader, rebelled against the party after denial of ticket from Benipatti.

Reports said a 45-year-old woman was mowed down by a speeding car in Supaul district on Saturday morning while she was returning after casting her vote. The accident occurred in area in the jurisdiction of Lalit Gram police post on National Highway-57. Meanwhile, Congress Rajya Sabha member and AICC incharge of Bihar affairs, Shaktisinh Gohil tested positive for coronavirus after an RT-PCR test. Gohil tweeted on Saturday: "I will fight coronavirus too with your blessings. Nothing to worry about." **IANS**

Maha cases dip to 3,959; 150 more die

With fresh infections, the total number of infections jumped from 17,10,314 to 17,14,273.

The daily death tally came down 161 to 150 during the last 24 hours. With fresh deaths, the Covid-19 toll crossed 45,000 mark as the deaths jumped from 44,965 to 45,115.

In Maharashtra on Friday, as 161 people succumbed to the pandemic in various parts of the state.

As 6,748 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 15,69,000. The recovery rate in the state rose from 91.35 per cent to 91.53 per cent.

Of the 150 deaths reported on Saturday, Pune accounted for a maximum of 38 deaths, followed by 32 deaths in Satara, 23 in Mumbai and 16 in Thane.

In the lower range, there were seven deaths in Nashik, 6 each in Solapur and Sangli, 4 in Nanded, 3 each in Yavatmal and Nagpur, 2 in Latur and one death each in Raigad, Ahmednagar, Dhule, Jalgaon, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri,

Aurangabad, Beed, Bhandara and Chandrapur.

With 23 deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Mumbai climbed from 10,399 to 10,422, while the infected cases went up by 576 to trigger a jump in the total infections from 262,473 to 263,049.

Meanwhile, the number of "active cases" in the state came down one lakh mark as the total cases dropped 1,02,099 to 99,151. The fatality rate in the state stood at 2.63 per cent.

Currently, 10,71,163 people are in home quarantine while 9,799 people are in institutional quarantine.

UP's first VVPAT warehouse ready in Aligarh

Aligarh: The state government has set up a VVPAT warehouse in Aligarh, a senior government official said on Saturday.

The warehouse, which is ready to receive VVPAT machines, is situated in the city's industrial area. It will be used to store VVPAT machines for the upcoming assembly elections.

The warehouse is a part of the state government's efforts to ensure the smooth functioning of VVPAT machines during the elections.

Hathras case: Family ready for audio test instead of polygraph

Pradeep Saxena ■ ALIGARH

In Hathras's case, the victim's brother has refused to undergo a polygraph test, but the family is ready for the audio test.

The call detail record of the conversation with the main accused Sandeep with the SIM number purchased in the name of the victim's husband has also been denied by the brother once again.

The brother told that the CBI asked him to do a polygraph test, but he refused by saying that he did not know

Bihar votes for change!

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Add to that massive unemployment caused by Nitish Kumar's decision to enforce liquor prohibition, and it was a tailor-made situation for the Opposition to politically exploit by promising a welfare-oriented "change."

The exit poll will gladden the heart of former Chief Minister Lalu Prasad, who is incarcerated in a Ranchi prison as a fodder scam convict. Unlike Lalu Prasad, who practiced brazen caste politics, his son Tejashwi Yadav kept the focus squarely on the issue of employment, health, education and development.

If M-Y was the campaign slogan for Lalu Prasad for 15 years, then Tejashwi invented the catchy slogan of A to Z, implying he would try to carry every caste and grouping together to make a new Bihar. That was the reason the youth voters rose over the caste lines to support him.

Unlike the divided NDA, the Grand Alliance ran a smooth campaign with few hiccups. The Grand Alliance leaders didn't react to aggressive Hindutva card played by the Prime Minister and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and stuck to their campaign theme. Exit polls also show that younger voters who have only heard about the so called "jungle raj" and not lived in it, have overwhelmingly voted for the Grand Alliance. That's where the NDA poll campaign went totally wrong. The focus on jungle raj didn't resonate with this class of voters who wanted to embrace the future and move out of the shadow of the past.

Multinationals hiring students despite economic slowdown

Aligarh: Samsung, Reliance Jio, Zoho Corporation, Ultra Tech Cement, UHM Vacations, Softnics and EFS Facilities recently hired 40 Arts, Social Sciences, Commerce, Engineering and Science graduates from the Aligarh Muslim University despite the economic slowdown triggered by the Covid-19 outbreak. These students were selected in an on-campus placement drive arranged by the Training and Placement Office-General of the university. The candidates were hired through virtual interviews and online pre-placement talks with their employers. **PNS**

Man sets Dalit girl ablaze for rejecting his sexual advances: Police

Ballia: A 15-year-old Dalit girl was set ablaze in a village here in Ballia district by a youth for rejecting his sexual advances, police said on Saturday.

The girl was set on fire by 21-year-old youth Krishna Gupta, a resident of her village on Friday after which the victim was admitted to a hospital in Ballia, said Dubhar police station SHO Anil Chandra Tiwari. As the girl situation turned critical, she was referred to a hospital in Varanasi, he said.

On the girl's father complaint, the police registered a case against the accused under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. **PTI**

Kerala adds 7,201 new Covid-19 cases; toll climbs to 1,668

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala recorded 7,201 new COVID-19 cases on Saturday, including 61 health workers, as the toll climbed to 1,668 with 28 new fatalities.

As many as 7120 have been cured of the disease, taking the total recoveries so far 3,95,624, while 83,261 are under treatment, Health minister K K Shailaja said in a press release.

The Covid case load in the state has mounted to 4,80,669 with the new additions.

In the last 24 hours, 64,051 samples have been tested while so far 50,49,635 samples have

been sent for testing.

Ernakulam reported the maximum number of cases (1042), followed by Kozhikode 971, Thrissur 864 and Thiruvananthapuram 719, the minister said.

Of the positive cases, 6,316 persons were infected through contact while 96 had come from outside the state.

As many as 3,07,107 are under observation in various districts, including 20,785 in hospitals.

Fourteen new areas were included in the hot spot list and 38 were removed. **PTI**

12-yr-old raped by father in UP

Pratapgarh (UP): A 12-year-old girl was allegedly raped by her father in a village under Kandhai Police Station area here, a senior officer said. Acting on the complaint of the daughter, police lodged a complaint under relevant sections including the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the father has been arrested, Superintendent of Police Anurag Arya said. The girl has been sent for medical examination and investigations are on, the SP added. **PTI**

13 more Covid deaths, 1,841 cases in R'than

Jaipur: Rajasthan recorded 13 more coronavirus deaths, taking the toll to 1,979 on Saturday, while the tally rose to 2,09 lakh with 1,841 new cases, the Health Department said.

There are 16,327 active cases of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and 1.91 lakh people have been discharged so far. The total number of people infected with the virus rose to 2,09,438, according to a health bulletin. **PTI**

Joe Biden is 46th US President

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"Former vice president Joe Biden is projected to win Pennsylvania and its 20 electoral votes, according to Edison Research, putting him over the 270 needed to win the presidency," The Washington Post reported.

The call came about 11:30 a.m. Saturday (local time), after a report of more counted votes from Pennsylvania.

Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. Was elected the 46th president of the United States on Saturday, promising to restore political normalcy and a spirit of national unity to confront raging health and economic crises, and making Donald J. Trump a one-term president after four years of tumult in the White House," The New York Times said.

Biden's victory amounted to a repudiation of Trump by millions of voters exhausted with his divisive conduct and chaotic administration, and was delivered by an unlikely alliance of women, people of colour, old and young voters and a sliver of disaffected Republicans. **PTI**

BJP may get stronger after MP, Guj, UP bypoll results

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"Former vice president Joe Biden is projected to win Pennsylvania and its 20 electoral votes, according to Edison Research, putting him over the 270 needed to win the presidency," The Washington Post reported.

The call came about 11:30 a.m. Saturday (local time), after a report of more counted votes from Pennsylvania.

Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. Was elected the 46th president of the United States on Saturday, promising to restore political normalcy and a spirit of national unity to confront raging health and economic crises, and making Donald J. Trump a one-term president after four years of tumult in the White House," The New York Times said.

Biden's victory amounted to a repudiation of Trump by millions of voters exhausted with his divisive conduct and chaotic administration, and was delivered by an unlikely alliance of women, people of colour, old and young voters and a sliver of disaffected Republicans. **PTI**

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Second e-Tender Notice

e-Tenders are invited by Senior Superintendent of Police (Radio) MP Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for the following items :-

S.No.	Name of Item	Qty.	EMD Required Rs.	Tender Fee Rs.
1	Six Position Li-ion Battery Charger for TK 2317	153	1,22,000.00	10,000.00
2	Six Position Battery Charger for MTX 960	40		
3	Six Position Battery Charger for DMR XIRP 8668i	05		
4	Battery charger single position for Motorola MTX 960	500		
5	Battery charger single position for Kenwood TK 2317	1436		
6	AC Adopter for Battery charger of Kenwood TK 2317	991		
7	AC Adopter for Battery charger of Kenwood TK 2170	101		
8	AC Adopter for Battery charger of Tetra MTP 3150	400		
9	Charging base (holder) of Tetra MTP 3150	100		
10	Charging base (holder) of TK 2170	25		
11	Charging base (holder) of TK 2317	955		
12	Charging base (holder) of GP 328/338	252		
13	Microphone of Motorola GM 338/950+	505		
14	Microphone of Kenwood TK 7360	950		
15	Microphone of Motorola XTL 1500	110		

1. Cost of tender documents (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition.
2. The Tender fee and EMD should be deposit online through website.
3. The Tender should be submitted online on website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> in favour of SSP (Radio) M.P. Bhopal within scheduled date and time.
4. Tender documents also available for ready reference on the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in)
5. Schedule:-

Documents download/Sale Start Date	04-11-2020 from 1800 Hrs.
Bid Submission Start Date	09-11-2020 from 1800 Hrs.
Bid Submission End Date	19-11-2020 up to 1600 Hrs.
PQ Bid will be Opened on Date	20-11-2020 at 1610 Hrs.

Sr. Superintendent of Police (Radio)
M.P. Bhopal

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2020 (₹ in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Current Quarter ended	Corresponding Quarter ended	Previous Year ended
		30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	31.03.2020 (Audited)
1.	Total income from operations (net)	606.59	44.74	182.50
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	511.66	25.21	18.88
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	511.66	25.21	18.88
4.	Equity Share Capital	600.00	600.00	600.00
5.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	0.00	0.00	216.14
6.	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of ₹10/- each)	Basic: 8.52	0.42	0.31
	Diluted:	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Notes: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites of BSE and also on company's website at: www.keycorppltd.com. 2. Above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the board of directors of the company at its meeting held on 07.11.2020. The Statutory Auditor of the company have carried out a limited review of accounts of the company for the 2nd quarter ended 30th September, 2020.

By Order of the Board
(G.D. Maheshwari)
Director

Place: Kanpur
Date: 07.11.2020

Air pollution raised Covid...

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"Increased air pollution leads to increased inflammatory response. In the last few days, Delhi has reported more than 6,000 Covid-19 cases per day. 13 per cent of the increase has been estimated to be due to pollution," the IMA said.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) in Delhi on Saturday remained above 350 while safe limit is 0-50. The WHO's ambient air pollution data shows that the levels of PM 10 and PM 2.5 in Delhi are way above the normal levels, the IMA stated.

Poor air quality may result in the aggravation of asthma, COPD, high BP and even cardiovascular diseases. Merely walking could result in health complications due to the high concentration of particulate matter (PM) 2.5 in Delhi's air.

"N-95 masks and air purifiers may not provide full time protection. An AQI of above 300 makes it difficult not only for people with respiratory problems, but healthy people as well. Hence, it is advisable that people do not go out early in the morning when pollution levels are the highest. Elderly

and children are more likely to develop infections and allergies due to smog," the doctors' body said.

The major sources of air pollution in Delhi are vehicular pollution, construction activities, carriage of construction material, dust on roads, burning of agricultural or crop residue, industrial and powerhouse emissions, burning of municipal wastes, thermal energy power plants and mining in Aravalli hill areas, it said.

It listed measures such as use of public transport, buying energy efficient vehicles, planting a garden wherever possible, making use of solar energy, using recyclable products which can be adopted by the people to help reduce pollution. There is also a graded response action plan in Delhi and NCR which includes measures such as prohibition on entry of trucks into Delhi, ban on construction activities, introduction of odd and even scheme, closure of brick kilns, ban on diesel generator sets, garbage burning in land fill etc. Banning of crackers and stubble burning in hinterland are helpful public health measures.

"Implementation of long term measures is important," the IMA added.

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In India, malaria cases have consistently declined from 2.08 million in 2001 to about 4 lakh in 2018. Of the countries hardest hit by malaria, only India showed progress in reducing its disease burden, the NHP said.

Delivering a lecture on "recent advances in weather and climate predictions", organised by the Indian Academy of Sciences, Rajeevan on Saturday said India also plans to ramp up its high performance computing (HPC) facility from the existing capacity of 10 petaflops to 40 petaflops, a step that will significantly help in improving weather predictions. Currently, India is only next to the US, the UK and Japan in HPC.

A report released by the Ministry of Earth Sciences this week said nearly Rs 990 crore spent on the National Monsoon Mission and HPC had yielded dividend 50 times the investment made. In his lecture, Rajeevan said 90 per cent of the meteorology-related data comes from satellites. The rest of it comes from conventional sources like Doppler radars, buoys in the sea, ship and aircraft observation and other observations.

Modi urges ITians to recognise Atamnirbhar Bharat's aspirations

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asked IIT graduates to recognise the needs of the country and connect with the changes on the ground.

Addressing the 51st Annual Convocation Ceremony of IIT Delhi as chief guest via video conferencing, the PM also asked them to identify with the aspirations of the common people in the context of Atamnirbhar Bharat.

The Prime Minister encouraged the fresh graduates to take up the AtmaNirbhar Campaign that he claimed gives opportunities to youth, technocrats and tech-entrepreneurs in the country.

The Prime Minister said post-Covid world is going to be very different and technology will play the biggest role in it. He said Virtual Reality was never thought of but now Virtual Reality and Augmented



Reality have become the Working Reality. He said the present batch of students has a first mover advantage to learn and adapt to the new norms emerging in the workplace and he urged them to make most use of this. He said Covid -19 has taught Globalisation is

important but Self-Reliance is equally important

He claimed that a favourable environment has been created for implementation of the ideas and innovation of the technocrats freely and to scale them and market them easily. He said that today's

India is committed to provide 'ease of doing business' to its youth so that they can bring changes in the life of crores of their countrymen through their innovation.

"The country will give you 'ease of business' you just work for 'ease of living' of the people

of this country," Modi said.

He further explained that this has been the thought process behind the major reforms that have been done in almost every sector in the recent past. He listed the sectors where opportunities have been created for innovation and new start-ups for the first time due to the reforms.

The Prime Minister said Other Service Provider (OSP) guidelines have been simplified and restrictions have been removed recently, which would reduce the Burden of Compliance for BPO Industries. He said BPO Industry has also been exempted from various requirements including bank guarantee.

The PM added that provisions that prevented the Tech Industry from facilities such as Work From Home or Work From Anywhere, have also been removed. This will make the country's IT sector globally competitive and will give

more opportunities to young talent.

The Prime Minister said India is among the countries where corporate tax is the lowest. More than 50 thousand startups have started in India since the Start-up India campaign. He listed the outcome of the Government's efforts with respect to promoting startups like the 4 fold increase in the number of patents in the country in the last five years, a 5-fold increase in trademark registrations. He said over 20 Indian unicorns have been established over the years and this number would increase further in the next one or two years.

The Prime Minister pointed out that today from incubation to funding, Startups are being helped. He said for funding of startups, Fund of Funds has been created with a corpus of ₹10 thousand crores. In addition for a period of 3 years, startups are offered many facilities like Tax Exemption,

Self-Certification and Easy exit.

The Prime Minister said today under the National Infrastructure Pipeline, investment of more than ₹1 lakh crore has been planned. This will create a state-of-the-art infrastructure across the country that will meet the needs of both present and future. He said today the country is working in new ways to achieve maximum potential in every field.

The Prime Minister also gave four mantras to the students for their workplace-focus on quality; never compromise; ensure scalability; make your innovations work at a mass scale; assure reliability; build long-term trust in the market and bring in adaptability; be open to change and expect uncertainty as a way of life.

He said working on these basic mantras will bring shine on one's identity as well as on brand India, since students are India's biggest brand ambassadors. He remarked the work

of the students will give global recognition to the country's product and will accelerate the efforts of the country.

The Prime Minister said the country has shown in the recent past, how technology can be the most powerful means for the governance to reach the poorest of the poor.

He listed the schemes of the government which have reached the poorest of the poor with the help of technology like construction of toilets, gas connections etc. He said the country is making rapid strides in digital delivery of services and making the lives of ordinary citizens easier. He remarked technology has made last mile delivery efficient and reduced the scope of corruption. In the case of Digital Transactions also, India is far ahead of many countries of the world and even the developed countries want to adopt Indian platforms like UPI.

ISRO launches EOS-01, 9 other satellites



PNS/PTI ■ Sriharikota \ New Delhi

In its first mission this year amid the COVID-19 pandemic, India on Saturday successfully launched its latest earth observation satellite EOS-01 and nine international customer spacecraft on board a Polar rocket from the spaceport in Sriharikota. The pandemic induced lockdown 'disturbed 10 missions being planned by the agency.

The Indian Space Research Organisations work-

horse Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C49) injected EOS-01, intended for applications in agriculture, forestry and disaster management support and other satellites one by one in orbit around 20 minutes after lift-off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), about 110 km from Chennai, at 3.12 pm.

The nine customer satellites are from the USA, Lithuania and Luxembourg. ISRO Chairman K Sivan described the mission as a

"success" and termed it as "unusual" for ISRO as a rocket launch cannot happen like "work from home" and all engineers and technicians had to travel from different centres and work together at Sriharikota for rocket launches.

"Today, I am extremely happy to declare that PSLV-C49 successfully placed earth observation satellite EOS-01 as well as nine customer satellites precisely into 575 kms orbit," he said at the mission

control centre.

Subsequent to the successful launch, the primary satellite commenced operating its own functions including deployment of solar panels, Sivan added.

In view of the pandemic, ISRO implemented precautions for COVID-19 and scientists, mission directors, project directors, were seen with face masks and maintaining social distancing at the mission control centre. There was no gathering of media

persons and the public viewing gallery too was closed. ISRO made arrangements for live telecast of the launch through various platforms, including its website and social media sites.

In a text book sequence, the four stage 44.5-metre tall PSLV-C49, in its 51st flight, blasted off from the first launch pad of SDSC at 3.12 pm at the end of the 26-hour countdown and soared into the sky. The launch, originally scheduled for 3.02 PM, was delayed slightly as the scientists before lift-off "decided to put it on hold following debris on the path of the rocket and inclement weather conditions."

After the 10 minute delay, the rocket blasted off amid heavy rain leaving a trail of orange fumes before vanishing into thick clouds over the spaceport. After a flawless flight with all four stages performing as programmed, the rocket first injected primary satellite EOS-01 into orbit around 15 minutes after lift off, followed by the customer spacecraft as the mood at the mission control centre turned jubilant with scientists breaking into cheers.

PSLV Mission Director S R Biju announced that all the 10 satellites were separated and were placed into desired orbits.

ED raids houses of former officers of Comunidade of Serula in PMLA case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday conducted searches at the residential premises of former functionaries of Comunidade of Serula in a money laundering case related to illegal allotment of plots as well as illegal acquisition of land belonging to the Comunidade of Serula, Goa.

Those whose premises were searched are Agnelo C. Lobo, former Attorney of Comunidade of Serula, his brother Reginaldo Lobo, former official of the Comunidade, Joseph D'Sa, former clerk, and Rajesh Suhas Venenkar, under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in illegal allotment of plots as well as illegal acquisition of land belonging to Comunidade of Serula in Goa.

PMLA investigation was initiated by the ED on the basis of FIRs registered by the Crime Branch, Goa Police. According to the FIRs, the members of Managing Committee of Comunidade of Serula were involved in illegal allotment of plots by fraudulently citing and using duplicate file numbers per-



taining to files of Offices of various Administrators of Comunidades and Gazette Notifications of Government of Goa, thereby cheating the Comunidade of Serula and other authorities.

"During the course of searches, incriminating documents and records relating to the illegal allotment/acquisition of plots/land belonging to the Comunidade of Serula have been seized," the ED said in a statement here on Saturday.

The incriminating documents, the agency said, include old blank Indian stamp papers of 1960s, old blank papers having Portuguese stamps used for making forged documents and Deeds of Sale used for illegal acquisition of land belong-

ing to Comunidade of Serula. The documents seized also include old registers belonging to the office of Administrator of Comunidades, Bardez, Government of Goa which were being used for the purpose of illegal allotment of plots, the agency said.

The ED is conducting further investigation in coordination with the Crime Branch, Goa Police.

The Comunidades of Goa were a form of land association developed in Goa where land-ownership was collectively held, but controlled by the male descendants of those who claimed to be the founders of the village. It was the predominant form of landholding in Goa before 1961.

91.54% turnout in Manipur bypolls

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Saturday said that the polling percentage recorded in the by-elections to Lilong and Wangjing-Tenta seats in Thoubal district, Saitu in Kangpokpi and Wangoi in Imphal West in Manipur was 91.54 per cent. The by-elections were necessitated after Congress MLAs of the four constituencies resigned from the state Legislative Assembly, quit the party and joined the BJP.

According to the EC, the polling percentage at Lilong was recorded at 93.29, Saitu at 90.88 per cent, Wangjing Tenta at 90.86 per cent and 91.19 per cent was recorded at Wangoi. The Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA) has been alleged of threatening voters to vote for BJP. A video that has gone viral shows a woman from Leimakhong crying as she wasn't able to vote as per her choice. The EC official said that 11 candidates



from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Indian National Congress (INC) and National People's Party (NPP) are in the fray, including three independent candidates.

The ruling BJP is contesting in three seats and supporting an independent candidate in Lilong assembly segment, while the opposition Congress is in the fray in all four constituencies.

The Wangoi assembly segment will witness an interesting battle as the National People's Party (NPP), a coalition partner of the BJP-led Government in the state, has fielded its candidate against the nominees of the Congress and the saffron camp.

The counting will be conducted on November 10.

Fadnavis Govt wanted to exploit Aarey Colony land commercially: Cong

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Questioning the very intention behind the previous Devendra Fadnavis Government's decision to choose Aarey colony as the venue for Mumbai Metro-III car shed, the Maharashtra Congress charged that the then ruling BJP wanted to commercially exploit part of the land at Aarey colony.

Giving a dimension to the MVA Government's decision to shift the Mumbai Metro-III car from Aarey colony to Kanjurmarg, the Congress alleged that the previous BJP-led Devendra Fadnavis government had chosen Aarey colony as venue for the metro-3 car shed project "only from a commercial point of view".

A day after he claimed that it was the previous BJP-led government that had planned to shift the project to Kanjurmarg and that there was no dispute over the land as was being made out by the Opposition BJP now, Maharashtra state Congress' general secretary and spokesperson Sachin Sawant said: "The proposal for the Kanjurmarg site was deliberately rejected. It has now been proved that a private person will have to be paid ₹5,000 crore for the Kanjurmarg land was a lie floated by the Fadnavis Government".

Sawant charged that that despite knowing that the metro project in Aarey Colony required only 20 hectares of land, the previous Devendra Fadnavis government had allocated 62 hectares of land for the project so that it could exploit the remaining 41 hectares of land.

SC stays Delhi HC order asking SpiceJet to deposit ₹243 crore



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has stayed a Delhi High Court order asking cash-strapped airlines SpiceJet to deposit around ₹243 crore as interest in connection with a share transfer dispute with its former promoter and media baron Kalanithi Maran and his firm KAL Airways.

A bench comprising Chief Justice S A Bobde and justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian also issued notices to Kalanithi Maran and his firm on an appeal of SpiceJet Ltd and its promoter filed against the September 2 order of the Delhi High Court.

"Issue notice returnable within four weeks. There shall be a stay of operation of the impugned order until further orders," said the bench in its order after hearing both parties via video conferencing on Friday. SpiceJet and its promoter Ajay Singh were asked to deposit around ₹243 crore as interest payable on ₹579 crore, which the high court had in 2017 asked the airline to deposit under the 2018 arbitration award in the share transfer dispute.

The high court had granted six weeks to SpiceJet Ltd to make the payment and the deadline for paying the money, as per the September 2 order, expired on October 14.

After this, Maran and his firm had moved the high court for attachment of the entire shareholding of Singh in SpiceJet and taking over the management for non-payment of ₹243 crore.

The top court took note of the appeal of the SpiceJet and passed an interim order staying the high court order.

Maran and KAL had moved the high court over a share transfer dispute with SpiceJet, demanding that 18 crore warrants redeemable as equity shares be transferred to them.

The high court on July 29, 2016 had asked both parties to settle the share transfer dispute under arbitration. It had directed SpiceJet and Singh to deposit ₹579 crore in the high court's registry.

SpiceJet was permitted to furnish a bank guarantee for ₹329 crore and make a cash deposit of the remaining sum of ₹250 crore by the high court.

BIHAR POLLS

Postal ballot facility, extension of polling time for Covid patients

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Noting that the coronavirus pandemic presented a unique challenge for the poll panel in holding safe elections, Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra on Saturday said various facilities were extended to COVID-19 patients to cast their vote in the Bihar Assembly polls, including postal ballot facility and extension of polling time. He said the Election Commission cannot remain "silent" to situations where persons suffering from COVID-19 are unable to exercise their democratic right.

"This time, besides senior citizens and women, we had to make additional arrangements for COVID patients... We extended polling time by one hour," he said addressing an event. Chandra said though postal ballot facility was extended, any person wanting to cast vote at the polling station was free to do so.

"Our polling officials were fully equipped with PPE kits and other measures to handle the situation," he said. Many people suffering from COVID-19 came to cast their votes in all the three phases on October 28, November 3 and November 7 (Saturday).

"We cannot remain silent, we cannot remain spectators that a person suffering from COVID... and he be deprived of casting vote. That is the basic theme of EC," he said. Chandra said the voter turnout in the first two phases has dispelled all fears and doubts, adding the voters of Bihar have defeated the fear of virus as they came out in large numbers.

In its broad guidelines issued in August for holding



polls amid the pandemic, the poll panel extended the option of postal ballot for electors who are marked as persons with disabilities and those above 80 years. Electors who are COVID-19 positive or are suspected of having the infection and in quarantine at home or at an institution were also allowed to exercise the postal ballot option.

An official explained that this postal ballot facility is different from the one extended to service voters. Here, those willing to use the facility have to fill up a form. Officials then carry the ballot to the residence of such voters and videograph the voting to ensure transparency.

"COVID-19 patients who are quarantined will be allowed to cast their vote at the last hour of the poll day at their respective polling stations, under the supervision of health authorities... Sector magistrates shall coordinate this in their allocated polling stations," the guidelines said.

India records 50,356 fresh Covid infections, 577 deaths

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India's COVID-19 caseload mounted to 84,62,080 with 50,356 infections being reported in a day, while the number of people who have recuperated from the disease crossed 78 lakh pushing the national recovery rate to 92.41 per cent, while the case fatality rate has further declined to 1.48 per cent.

The number of active cases of COVID-19 remained below 6 lakh for the ninth consecutive day.

A total of 78,19,886 people have recuperated from COVID-19 so far pushing the national recovery rate to 92.41 per cent, while the case fatality rate has further declined to 1.48 per cent.

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There are 5,16,632 active cases of coronavirus infection in the country as on date which comprises 6.11 per cent of the total caseload, the data stated.

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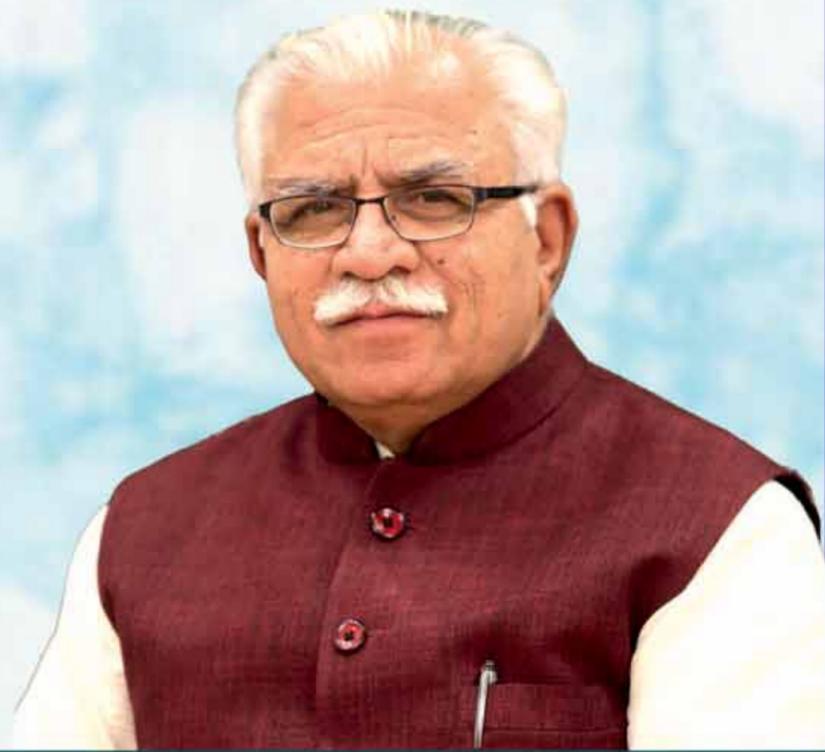
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Vikas Khandelwal
Company Secretary

Place : Gurugram
Date : November 7, 2020



Govt. of Haryana



Sh. Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana

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Employment and Skill Development Making Haryana Self-Reliant



Sanitization Mask Social Distancing

Armed men held outside counting centre in Philadelphia: Reports

Were trying to deliver fake ballots

New York: Two heavily armed men "coming to deliver a truck full of fake ballots" have been arrested near the Philadelphia convention center where election workers were counting votes from the undecided US presidential election, police said.

Antonio LaMotta, 61, and Joshua Macias, 42, both of Chesapeake, Virginia, were arrested on Thursday night outside the center on suspicion of carrying handguns in Pennsylvania state without permits, according to US media reports.

Philadelphia police said they found the men on Thursday night after receiving a tip that people with firearms were heading to the Pennsylvania Convention Center in a silver Hummer



A supporter of Vice President Joe Biden demonstrates outside the Pennsylvania Convention Center where votes are being counted in Philadelphia

truck.

Both men were carrying loaded handguns, and police found an AR-type rifle in the Hummer, authorities said at a news conference on Friday.

About 160 rounds of ammunition were found in the

weapons and the vehicle, authorities said.

Details about the alleged fake ballots -- including where they came from, whether they were found in the Hummer, or what was marked on them -- were not immediately available,

CNN reported.

It's unclear what those men were allegedly intending to do. The FBI and Philadelphia Police are investigating the incident, CBS News reported.

Prosecutors say text messages show the men say they

were concerned about the vote counting happening at the Convention Center and they were "coming to deliver a truck full of fake ballots to Philly."

The vehicle with Virginia tags was found unattended on the 200 block of North 13th Street in Center City.

A few minutes later, officers stopped two armed men on the street. Police say they did not have a license to carry in Pennsylvania and were placed under arrest.

Stickers and a hat with logos of the far-right QAnon conspiracy movement were found in the vehicle, Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner said.

"I don't have information that any of them are known members of an extremist group," Krasner said.

The two men were charged with having a concealed firearm without a license and carrying a firearm on a public street or public property, Krasner was quoted as saying by CNN.

Evangelicals stick with Trump, see upside even if he loses

Washington: The conservative evangelical Christians who helped send Donald Trump to the White House four years ago stuck by him in 2020. But even if Trump doesn't get a second term, some conservative Christians see reasons to celebrate in this year's election results.

White evangelical voters made up 23% of the vote nationwide and overwhelmingly favoured Trump this fall, with about 8 in 10 backing him, according to AP VoteCast.

Their support may not have been enough to reelect the president yet evangelicals still took heart in their strong presence at the polls and the GOP's success in down-ballot races.

3rd court blocks Trump's order on congressional seat count

Washington: A panel of three judges on Friday became the third federal court to rule that President Donald Trump's effort to exclude people in the country illegally from the numbers used for dividing up congressional seats is unlawful.

The federal court in Maryland prohibited the Commerce Department, which oversees the Census Bureau, from sending to the president any figures that include the number of people in the country illegally in each state when transmitting the apportionment count at the end of the year.

Federal courts in New York and California already have issued similar orders. The Trump administration has appealed the New York case, and the Supreme Court

is hearing arguments on it at the end of the month.

The Maryland decision was more like the New York ruling in that it merely found Trump's order unlawful, rather than unconstitutional. The California court decided that Trump's order violated the Constitution and federal law.

The Maryland lawsuit was brought by several advocacy groups and individuals who said Trump's order discriminates against Hispanic people and immigrant communities of colour, and that they will be harmed because the states they live in will lose congressional seats if the order is enforced.

The census determines not only how many congressional seats each state gets, but also the distribution of \$1.5 trillion a year in federal spending.

Police question children for supporting teacher's beheading

Le Pecq: Police in France questioned four 10-year-olds who voiced support for the beheading of a schoolteacher and who said they would kill their own teacher if he lampooned Islam's prophet, the government reported as the prime minister warned Saturday that Islamic extremists are recruiting in France with "ignorance and hate."

The children and their parents were detained and questioned for several hours Thursday by police in the Alpine town of Albertville, Interior Ministry spokeswoman Camille Chaize said.

On Monday, when French schools held a nationwide minute of silence to honour the slain teacher, Samuel Paty, the children voiced support for

his killing last month near Paris, the spokeswoman said in a video statement Friday night.

They "justified the teacher's assassination by arguing that it was forbidden to offend the prophet and adding that they would kill their teacher if he caricatured the prophet," she said.

Paty was killed on October 16 outside his Paris-region school by an 18-year-old refugee of Chechen origin after he showed his class caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad for a debate on free expression.

The children in Albertville were released after questioning. Judicial authorities ordered educative training for them, the ministry spokeswoman said. Police also searched their

homes.

Paty's killing was followed Oct. 29 by the killing of three people in a knife attack at a church in Nice. Leading a Saturday memorial for the three victims in the Mediterranean city, French Prime Minister Jean Castex warned that extremists were recruiting French citizens. "We know the enemy," Castex said.

"Not only is it identified, but it also has a name: It is radical Islamism, a political ideology that disfigures the Muslim religion by distorting its texts, its dogmas and its commandments to impose its dominance by ignorance and hate, an enemy that benefits from support overseas but, alas, also counts French citizens in its ranks."

AP

Tens of thousands in B'desh protest against France

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

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

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

UAE announces relaxing of Islamic laws for personal freedoms

Dubai: The United Arab Emirates announced on Saturday a major overhaul of the country's Islamic personal laws, allowing unmarried couples to cohabit, loosening alcohol restrictions and criminalising so-called "honour killings."

The broadening of personal freedoms reflects the changing profile of a country that has sought to bill itself as a skyscraper-studded destination for Western tourists, fortune-seekers and businesses despite its legal system based on a hard-line interpretation of Islamic law.

The changes also reflect the efforts of the Emiratis' rulers to keep pace with a rapidly changing society at home.

The announcement also follows a historic US-brokered deal to normalise relations between the UAE and Israel, which is expected to bring an influx of Israeli tourists and

investment.

Changes include scrapping penalties for alcohol consumption, sales and possession for those 21 and over.

The legal reforms were announced on state-run WAM news agency and detailed in state-linked newspaper The National.

Previously, individuals needed a liquor license to purchase, transport or have alcohol in their homes. The new rule would apparently allow Muslims who have been barred from obtaining licenses to drink alcoholic beverages freely.

Another amendment allows for "cohabitation of unmarried couples," which has long been a crime in the UAE. Authorities, especially in the more free-wheeling financial hub of Dubai, tend to look the other way when it comes to foreigners, but the threat of punishment still lingered for such behavior.

Egyptians vote in 2nd stage of Parl election

AP ■ CAIRO

Egyptians began voting Saturday in the second and final stage of the country's parliamentary elections, after a relatively low turnout in the first stage that embarrassed the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi.

Polling centers opened at 9 a.m. In 13 of Egypt's 27 provinces, including the capital Cairo and the restive northern part of the Sinai Peninsula.

Nawaz Sharif a 'jackal' trying to create 'rebellion' in Pak Army: Imran Khan

Islamabad: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Saturday lashed out at three-time former premier Nawaz Sharif, describing him as a "jackal" who is trying to create "rebellion" in the Army by accusing it of involvement in the country's politics and calling for a change in the military as well as the ISI leadership.

Sharif, the 70-year-old supreme leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) who was ousted from power in 2017 by the apex

court on graft charges, had last month for the first time directly named Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa and ISI head Lt Gen Faiz Hameed for interfering in the general elections of 2018 to ensure victory of Khan.

Sharif had made the comments virtually on October 16 during a joint rally organised by the Opposition parties under the banner of Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), formed to oust the Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Insaf (PTI) government.

Prime Minister Khan said that Sharif is sitting in London "like a jackal" and targeting the Army. Hitting out at Sharif, Khan said the former prime minister was "trying to stir up a rebellion in the Pakistan Army by alleging it is involved in politics and calling for changing the Army and ISI chiefs," Khan said while addressing a public gathering in Mingora in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province.

Bangladesh opens first madrasa for transgenders

Dhaka: A madrasa has been opened for transgenders in Bangladesh's capital city Dhaka, believed to be the first-of-its-kind initiative for the community in the Muslim-majority country.

More than 100 students of any age can study in the non-residential Islamic school, Dawatul Quran Third Gender Madrasa, at Lohar Bridge Dhal in Kamrangirchar, the bdnews24.Com reported.

At the inauguration on Friday, 40 transgender people joined. Besides the Islamic teachings, the madrasa authorities also plan to launch a sepa-

rate department of technical education for the transgender people. The government passed a policy in 2013 recognising the members of the Hijra community as of the "third gender".

The Election Commission allowed the registration of the transgender people as "third gender" voters the following year. They have stood in elections as well. Abdul Aziz Husaini, one of the 10 trainers at the madrasa, said that it is a memorable day for the entire world because the first known Islamic school for the transgender people has been launched, the news website reported.

Belarus opens nuclear plant opposed by neighboring Lithuania

Kyiv (Ukraine): Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko on Saturday formally opened the country's first nuclear power plant, a project sharply criticized by neighbouring Lithuania.

Lukashenko said the launch of the Russian-built and -financed Astravets plant "will serve as an impetus for attracting the most advanced technologies to the country, and innovative directions in science and education."

Lithuania has long

opposed the plant, located about 40 kilometers (25 miles) southeast of its capital, Vilnius. Lithuanian authorities say the project has been plagued by accidents, stolen materials and the mistreatment of workers.

In line with a law banning electricity imports from Belarus once the nuclear plant started up, Lithuania's Litgrid power operator cut the inflow of electricity from Belarus when the plant began producing electricity on Tuesday.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 28-30 Years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'7", **Built:** Medium, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Grey Shirt, White Pant and bare footed, was found dead, Near Nepali Park, Ring Road, Kashmir Gate, Delhi on 30.10.2020.

In this regard a DD 29A, U/s 174 Cr.PC dated 30.10.2020 has been registered at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi DP/704/N/2020(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23967889, 875087023

SEARCH FOR MISSING



SHANTU @ BITTU

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), **Name:** Shantu @ Bittu **S/o** Chirangi Lal **R/o:** B-4, Mehendru Enclave, Model Town, Delhi has been missing since 13.09.2020 from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 57A dated 13.09.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Model Town, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Age: 37 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** Black colour pant and red colour T-shirt.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Model Town, Delhi at E-mail id - cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

SHO P.S. Model Town, Delhi North-West Distt., Delhi DP/479/NW/2020 Ph. No. 011-27456072, 27459202

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STATEMENT OF UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

S. No.	Particulars	Un-audited Half year ending September 30, 2020	Un-audited Half year ending September 30, 2019
1.	Total Income from Operations	3,529.43	2,774.31
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	837.59	970.41
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	837.59	970.41
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	624.05	714.24
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	623.43	751.07
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	6,402.44	5,667.06
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	28,436.51	18,881.69
8.	Net worth	34,838.95	24,548.75
9.	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	20,028.64	9,764.82
10.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	0.00	0.00
11.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.57	0.39
12.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)		
	1. Basic:	0.91	1.35
	2. Diluted:	0.90	1.34
13.	Capital Redemption Reserve	81.21	81.21
14.	Debt Redemption Reserve	N.A.	N.A.
15.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.
16.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.

Notes to the Financial Results:

- The above financial results of DMI Finance Private Limited ("the Company") for the half year ended September 30, 2020 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 06, 2020. The standalone financial results have been subjected to a limited review by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
- The above results is an extract of detailed format of the half yearly financial results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. These financial results are available on the website viz. www.dmfinance.in and on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com).
- The financial results have been prepared in accordance with requirement of Regulation 52 of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as modified by Circular No. CIR/CFD/FAC/62/2016 dated July 5, 2016 read with CI/MD/DF/169/2016 dated August 10, 2016.
- For items referred in sub clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Regulation 52 of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to BSE Limited (BSE) and can be accessed on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website i.e. www.dmfinance.in.
- There is no Debenture Redemption Reserve created as Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC) registered with Reserve Bank of India are not required to create DRR for privately placed debentures.
- Figures for the prior year / period have been regrouped and / or reclassified wherever considered necessary.

For DMI Finance Private Limited

Date: November 06, 2020
Place: New Delhi
Yuvraja Chanakya Singh
Joint Managing Director

US sets daily record, tops 126,000 new virus cases

Baltimore: The United States set a record of more than 126,400 confirmed cases in a single day on Friday.

The seven-day rolling average of new daily cases in the U.S. is approaching 100,000 for the first time, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

Total U.S. cases since the start of the pandemic are nearing 10 million, and confirmed cases globally are approaching 50 million.

Worldwide infection numbers are also setting records. The world reached 400,000 daily confirmed cases on Oct. 15; 500,000 on Oct. 26, and 600,000 on Friday.



The seven-day rolling average for daily deaths in the U.S. rose in the past two weeks from 772 on Oct. 23 to 911 on Friday. Those numbers were higher in the spring and August. The global death toll hit a daily record of 11,024 confirmed deaths on Wednesday.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

यसुना एक्सेसरे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत M/S SuperTech Township Project Pvt. Ltd. के मूडर्स संख्या-TS-05, Sector-22D पर दिनांक-21/03/2012 को पवन मानविक सर्वोक्ति प्रदान की गई है। तदुपरोक्त विवरण द्वारा पूर्व में स्वीकृत भवन मानविक में निवर्तन व अन्य स्वीकृत संशोधन किया जा रहा है। अतः प्रायः आदिवासी द्वारा अपनी Consent भी गयी है व नदी के समन्वय में अपटैटिड और अपचित करवा सकते है। इस समन्वय में विवरण द्वारा प्रस्तुत संशोधन declaration एवं मानविक का परीक्षण किसी भी कार्यविध में सुदूर 9:30 बजे से सायं 6:00 बजे के मध्य निवेशन विभाग के Display में नक़्शे में किया जा सकता है। मानविकों में उद्योग अपटैटिड एक्ट-2010 के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत उक्त प्रस्तावित संशोधन की घोषणा के संबंध में अपटैटिड स्थापित / संतु को नोटिस जारी करने के साथ 30 दिन के अंदर आपत्तियां आमंत्रित की जाती है। अतः उपरोक्त निवर्तन अपनी आपत्तियां लिखित रूप से अपने आवेदन पत्र, नाम, पता एवं दृष्टान्त नम्बर के साथ कार्यालय समय व कार्यदिन में यमुना एक्सेसरे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के मुख्य प्रशासनिक कार्यालय, सर्वोपरीष्ठल इन्फोटेक, ब्लॉक-पी-2, सेक्टर-ओपेन-1, इंदर नौझा सिटी-201306 जिला गौतमबुद्ध नगर, उत्तर प्रदेश में स्थित प्रथमी महारक्षक (निवेशन/नवस्तु) विभाग में निर्धारित अवधि अर्थात् सूचना प्रकाशित होने के 30 दिनों में प्राप्त कराया जा सकती है।

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of **Indiabulls Integrated Services Limited** ("the Company") will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020, to consider and approve, inter alia, the unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2020.

For further details, please visit the website of the Company (www.indiabullsinvestmentservices.com) or that of National Stock Exchange of India Limited (www.nseindia.com) and BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com).

for **Indiabulls Integrated Services Limited**
Sd/-
Priya Jain
Company Secretary
Place : Gurugram
Date : November 7, 2020

PNIT No.F.8(58)/H&SC/TM/2020-21/10118 Dated: 04/11/2020
PRESS NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-Tender is invited from the competent agencies/firms capable of executing Commercial Floricultural Projects on Anthurium under protected structures of 200 sq. mt. each with Micro irrigation system and also supply of planting materials of Anthurium for a single unit i.e 200 sq.m area.
The competent agencies/firms capable of executing such projects and have a minimum turnover of Rs. 3.00 crore per year, at least for a period of last three consecutive years, having documentary evidence on completed projects, only would be eligible for participating in this tender process. The Tender value is **Rs. 172.00 lakh** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Two Lakh) only. The Bid submission end date is on 05/12/2020.
The bid shall be opened online by the designated Bid Openers on behalf of the Director of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, Paradise Chowmuni, Agartala, West Tripura, 799001 on 07/12/2020 and the detail shall be accessible by intending bidder through website <https://tripuratenders.gov.in>.
For any enquiry, please contact e-mail: dhctripura@yahoo.co.in/ tmcelltripura@gmail.com.
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Director
Horticulture & Soil Conservation,
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India expected to become 'Fastest Growing' major economy from FY22: PHD Chamber

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

India is expected to become the 'Fastest Growing' major economy from FY22, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry said on Saturday.

According to Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the country's economy is "going to attain its fastest growth trajectory from the next financial year 2021-22 onwards".

In a recent growth estimate by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India is projected

to become the fastest growing economy among the top 10 major economies in the world economic system from 2021 to 2025. "The average GDP growth of Indian economy in next five years from 2021 to 2025 will be at 7.8 per cent, highest as compared with top 10 economies including 6.2 per cent of China, 3 per cent of France, 2.9 per cent of United Kingdom, 2.9 per cent of Canada, 2.4 of United States, 2.3 per cent of Germany, 2.3 per cent of Italy, 2.3 per cent of Brazil and 1.4 per cent of Japan," Aggarwal was quoted as

saying in a statement.

"The size of the economy will increase from Rs 203 trillion in FY 2019-20 to Rs 331 trillion in FY 2025-26 at current prices, which becomes at around US\$ 4.42 trillion considering the exchange rate at 74.9 (average of current fiscal year 2020-21; April-October)."

Besides, the industry body pointed out that percolation of more and more economic reforms at the ground level with effective implementation would be crucial to attain the potential trajectory of \$5 trillion in the next 6 financial years

by FY 2026-27 (GDP at current prices; considering the exchange rate between 74-75).

"On the back of various reforms undertaken by the government, economic recovery has become visible in the high frequency economic and business indicators of the recent months," he said.

Recently, PHD Chamber on the basis of PHDCCI Economic and Business Momentum (EBM) Index, estimated that the GDP growth will be at around (-) 7.9 per cent for the current financial year 2020-21 as compared with

the median forecasts of (-) 9.3 per cent by various national and international forecasting organisations.

"At this juncture, demand creation measures are needed to attain a positive growth trajectory sooner rather than later," he said. "Demand creation along with increased spending on infrastructure will have multiplier effects on the economic growth trajectory by boosting private investments, creating new employment opportunities in the country, generating demand for commodities such as steel, cement and power."

Economy expected to bounce back from next fiscal: SBI chairman

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The country's economy, which has

Shown resilience to come out from a downturn caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, is expected to bounce back from the next fiscal, State Bank of India chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara said on

Saturday.

There will be a "paradigm shift" which will lead to a more matured economy with economic players learning to contain costs, he said.

Addressing the virtual annual general meeting of Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Khara said, "The economy is expected to bounce

back from the next fiscal starting from April 2021. The next normal will see a paradigm shift and some of them will be permanent." Khara said the economy had shown "resilience to come out from the downturn" and some positive traction was witnessed towards the end of the first quarter of the current fiscal.

Govt allows flexibility in selection of power supplies under RTC bids

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

With the aim to drive bids for round-the-clock (RTC) power supply, the Ministry of Power has amended the guidelines for tariff-based competitive bidding for power procurement from such projects, allowing them bundling with any non-renewable source of energy rather than just coal-based thermal projects.

The earlier guidelines for bundled projects required a bidder to place tariff bids after allowing power generated from renewable resource and via based thermal power projects.

With the changes in guidelines, a bidder for a RTC tender can quote tariff by bundling power from renewable and any other non-renewable resource such as thermal and hydro, including power from energy storage systems.

The measure is expected to give more flexibility to gener-

The penalty will be higher at 400% even for any shortfall in supply of committed level of renewable power

ators while placing bids for RTC. However, under the amended guidelines, bundling will be allowed only with one non-renewable resource and not multiple resources.

Also, the amended regulations have made stricter provisions for penalty if a power generator is unable to meet commitments on power supply. The regulations provide that the generator maintain minimum power supply of 85 per cent annually and if it falters, it would have to pay a hefty penalty equivalent to 400 per cent of the cost of power they fell short of. The penalty level earlier was 25 per cent.

The penalty will be higher at 400 per cent even for any shortfall in supply of committed level of renewable power.

Global push, local cues to accelerate equities' rise

IAN S ■ MUMBAI

Fast paced economic recovery along with healthy earnings results are expected to accelerate the rise of India's main benchmark equity indices during the upcoming trade week.

Besides, analysts opined that positive global cues such as an early outcome of the US Presidential elections will buoy sentiments.

On the domestic front, healthy reading in high frequency data on factory output data, along with better than expected quarterly results with a rise in auto sales volume and robust GST collection will continue to support the upward trajectory.

"The overall structure of the market remains positive. With the economic activity recovering fast, more earnings upgrade cannot be ruled out," said Siddhartha Khemka, Head

- Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

"Further strong global markets can keep the liquidity abundant in the system, thus providing support to the overall market."

In terms of the US Presidential election, Deepak Jasani- Head of Retail Research at HDFC Securities pointed out the process was still unresolved going into the weekend, but even "if Biden is declared winner, close votes and lawsuits are likely to result in recounts". "Technically apart from positive global cues and FPI flows, the local corporate results give one more reason to cheer going into key festival week," Jasani said.

"Nifty is just 167 points away from its all time high. Though it does not seem difficult at all going by the momentum seen over the last few days, global markets show signs of slowing down.

SC stays HC order asking SpiceJet to pay around ₹243 cr to Kalanithi Maran, firm

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has stayed a Delhi High Court order asking cash-strapped airlines SpiceJet to deposit around ₹243 crore as interest in connection with a share transfer dispute with its former promoter and media baron Kalanithi Maran and his firm KAL Airways.

A bench comprising Chief Justice S A Bobde and justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian also issued orders to Kalanithi Maran and his firm on an appeal of SpiceJet Ltd and its promoter filed against the September 2 order of the Delhi High Court.

"Issue notice returnable within four weeks. There shall be a stay of operation of the impugned order until further orders," said the bench in its order after hearing both parties via video conferencing on Friday. SpiceJet and its promoter Ajay Singh were asked to

deposit around ₹243 crore as interest payable on ₹579 crore, which the high court had in 2017 asked the airline to deposit under the 2018 arbitration award in the share transfer dispute.

The high court had granted six weeks to SpiceJet Ltd to make the payment and the deadline for paying the money, as per the September 2 order, expired on October 14.

After this, Maran and his firm had moved the high court for attachment of the entire shareholding of Singh in SpiceJet and taking over the management for non-payment of ₹243 crore. The top court took note of the appeal of the SpiceJet and passed an interim order staying the high court order. Maran and KAL had moved the high court over a share transfer dispute with SpiceJet, demanding that 18 crore warrants redeemable as equity shares be transferred to them.

China smartphone market drops 14.3% in Q3 2020, Huawei leads

IAN S ■ BEIJING

The China smartphone market witnessed a 14.3 per cent drop in the third quarter this year with 84.8 million units shipped, according to an IDC report, as the country faced soft demand, Huawei's supply constraints and delayed flagship launches from both Huawei and Apple.

At the top of the table with 41.4 per cent share, Huawei cautiously managed its shipments across its product lineups and lowered the production of some popular models like the Mate 30 series.

Its channel management and prioritisation also resulted in a supply shortage in the lower-tier cities, delaying purchases from loyal customers, said IDC "Worldwide Quarterly Mobile Phone Tracker". "The escalated US trade restrictions in August ultimately impeded Huawei's momentum in its home market.

Delegation of officers of Raj Administrative Service met Commissioner

Jaipur: Housing Commissioner Shri Pawan Arora to Rajasthan on Friday a delegation of administrative service officials met and met Residential plan being developed in Pratap Nagar, Jaipur for officers Demanded for inclusion in "AIS Residency".

The Commissioner showed a positive stance on his demand and said that first he was willing to bring the list of officers, then it will be considered. Before this

Through the presentation of this scheme by the concerned officials to the delegation information given

In this delegation, Shri Arun Garg, Officer of Rajasthan Administrative Service, Shri Ramnivas Mehta, Mrs. Alpa Chaudhary, Mrs. Sanchita Vishnoi, Mr. Manish Goyal, Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Prabha Vyas and Mrs. Madhu Rajvanshi were present.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

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Gist of e-tender
NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2020-21/179/e-tendering
Dated: 05.11.2020

For and on behalf of LT. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from Original Equipment Manufacturers of Servo Stabilizers of approved Makes or their authorized dealers /Reputed and experienced firms for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work:- Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 400 KVA Servo stabilizer along with allied works for newly constructed Burn centre at Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.
Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs) :- 23.80
Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees) :- 1000
Earnest Money (Rs):- 48000
Time of completion (in Days):- 30
Position of AAA/funds:- Available

1. Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 08.11.2020 (18.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 08.11.2020 (18.00 hrs).

2. Uploading:- The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 09.11.2020 (10.00 hrs) to 30.11.2020 (14.00 hrs) in two (02) covers.

3. Opening of Bids:- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 01.12.2020 at 13.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

No. DIPK-8627/20 Dated:-07.11.2020

WESTERN RAILWAY E-AUCTION SALE DURING DECEMBER, 2020 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP

SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS
Public e-auction for disposal of P, way scrap, rail scrap and other various scrap material will be held in December, 2020 as per program given below:

1st Round	2nd Round	Depot/ Division	Depot/Divisional officer in Charge	Contact No.
02/12/2020	15/12/2020	SBI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager, SBI	07927500080 09724093774
03/12/2020	16/12/2020	BRC	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-BRC	02652641592 09724091750
04/12/2020	17/12/2020	RTM	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-RTM	07412230080 09752492750
05/12/2020	21/12/2020	PRTN	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-DHD	02673241295 09724090455
07/12/2020	24/12/2020	ADI	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-ADI	07922205888 09724093750
08/12/2020	18/12/2020	BVP	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-BVP	02782443660 09724097750
09/12/2020	22/12/2020	MX	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-MX	022-24929571 09004495750
10/12/2020	30/12/2020	MMCT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-MMCT	022-23094142 09004499006
11/12/2020	28/12/2020	DHD	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-DHD	02673241295 09724090455
14/12/2020	23/12/2020	RJT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-RJT	02812476943 09724094770

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot/Divisional Officers. Note :- 1. Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. 2. e-Auction will start as per scheduled time. 3. e-Auction catalogues will be available on site www.reps.gov.in e-Auction portal. 4. In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures, Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned depot/Divisional Officer. 5. All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway. (No. S/III/Auction Programme-1/December-2020 Dated 05/11/2020)

Deputy Chief Materials Manager (Sales)
For PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIALS MANAGER

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Radia's firm booked for ₹300 crore fraud

New Delhi: The Economic Offences Wing of Delhi Police has registered a case and started probe against two firms, including the Nayati Healthcare, whose chairperson and promoter is Niira Radia of the infamous Radia tapes controversy.

Along with the Gurugram health firm, the other one named in the EOW FIR is the Narayani investment private limited -- both have been accused of misappropriating funds amounting to more than ₹300 crore that were obtained through a loan. IANS

UJVN Limited
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

Ro. No. 716 e-auction of scrap Dated: 07.11.2020

All concerned are hereby informed that Disposal of scrap lying at various project location of UJVN Ltd shall henceforth be carried out on e-auction basis through web portal www.mstcecommerce.com.

All detail can be seen from e-auction portal www.mstcecommerce.com

Executive Engineer (IC&CM)

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WESTERN RAILWAY
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/26/2020 Date 05.11.2020

S.No.	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
698	10" Brake Cylinder	29 Nos.	09.11.2020
699	Crank Case Oil	126200 Ltr.	17.11.2020
700	Helical Spr for Bogie Bolster Susp. Motor Coach	26 Nos.	19.11.2020
701	CAPD 7.5 FLUID with Y Connector	1620 Nos.	21.11.2020
702	Low Maintenance Lead Acid Battery 90AH	90 Sets	26.11.2020
703	203 mm Air Brake Cylinder	545 Nos.	27.11.2020
704	Set of Labyrinth Ring	24 Set	27.11.2020
705	Equalizing Stay Pin & Collar	3326 Nos.	30.11.2020
706	Anchor link complete	1754 Nos.	30.11.2020
707	Set of Lock Assy.	34 Set	30.11.2020
708	ST Porcelain insulator	525 Nos.	02.12.2020
709	M48 Maintenance kit for Air Dryer	88 Set	02.12.2020
710	Support Clamp	1223 Nos.	03.12.2020
711	Flap Door	3730 Nos.	04.12.2020
712	Digital Notch Indicator (DC-DC)..	37 Set	05.12.2020
713	Set of Axle Box Assy.	8Set	09.12.2020
714	Blower for Smoothing Reactor	160 Set	17.12.2020

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.reps.gov.in and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



VISHAL

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Vishal, S/o: Ram Kishan, R/o: H.No. 12/7 Jheel Wale Flat MCD Colony, Azadpur, Delhi, Age: 31 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Colour T-Shirt, Khakhi Colour Capri and Hawaii Chappal in Feet** has been missing since 22.10.2020 from the area of P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 92A, Dated 23.10.2020**, has been lodged at **P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person please inform the undersigned.

Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in> SHO
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334 P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi
DP/480/NW/2020 Ph.: 011-27672452, 27674452

SC: Blacklisting orders may spell death knell for an organisation

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said blacklisting orders may spell the death knell of an organisation, as it set aside an indefinite blacklisting order issued against VeIndia Pharmaceuticals Ltd in 2009.

A bench headed by Justice R. F. Nariman and comprising Justices Navin Sinha and Krishna Murari said: "An order of blacklisting operates to the prejudice of a commercial person not only in present (at the present time) but also puts a taint which attaches far beyond and may well spell the death knell of the organisation/institution for all times to come described as a civil death."

The pharma company was served an order of blacklisting by the Animal Husbandry Department of Uttar Pradesh Government referring state analyst report in October 2008, declaring the batch supplied by it to be of substandard quality (misbranded/not in accordance with Oxytetracycline injection), which violated tender stipulations.

The bench noted the injunction was not supplied.

The company said it had never made any supplies under the tender in question and the misbranding was an inadvertent error.

This order was challenged in 2019 in the High Court, which dismissed it on ground

of delay. The apex court set this order aside.

The bench observed that it found blacklisting order unsustainable and considering the long passage of time, the court is not inclined to remand the matter to the authorities.

The bench said: "The fact that the terms of the tender may have provided for blacklisting is irrelevant in the facts of the case. In absence of any supply by the appellant, the order of blacklisting dated September 8, 2009 invoking clauses 8.12 and 8.23 of the Tender is a fundamental flaw, vitiating the impugned order on the face of it reflecting non application of mind to the issues involved."

Recovery in domestic air passenger traffic continues in Oct: Ica

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Domestic air travel demand continued on an upward trajectory month-on-month, with the October volume witnessing a 33% growth to 52 lakh passengers over September, Ica said.

On a year-on-year basis, however, the domestic travel demand declined 58% and internationally the fall was 87%, it said. The Indian aviation industry has witnessed con-

tinued recovery in domestic passenger traffic in October with a sequential growth (over September) of around 33 per cent to around 52 lakh passengers, Ica said in a release on Friday. Ica further noted that the capacity deployment in October 2020 at around 52 per cent over the same month last year, is a significant increase over the around 33 per cent capacity deployed in August and around 46 per cent capacity in September this year.

Effort to extend healthcare access

New Delhi: With a view to extending healthcare access to people in India, AffordPlan aims to partner with 80% hospitals in most tier-1 cities by 2021. AffordPlan Swasth, the co-branded loyalty card and digital wallet with YES bank, allows hospitals to offer a complete healthcare access to patients, keeping affordability and patient needs at the centre. "With AffordPlan Swasthcard, hospitals can offer financial benefits in less than INR 1 per day to patients and their families," said AffordPlan co-founder and CEO Tejvir Singh.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



GOPAL AGE

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male **namely Gopal Age : About 65-70 years, Height : 5'4", Build : Medium, Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Oval, wearing grey colour pant, shirt and sweater, was found dead on 31.10.2020 on footpath, near Bankhandi Mandir, Delhi.** In this regard a DD No. 17-A dated 31.10.2020 u/s 174 Cr.PC. has been lodged at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi. The deadbody has been preserved for 72 hours for identification in the Mortuary of Subzi Mandi, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this found person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO : P.S. Kotwali, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23977100, 23953442, 8750870121

SEARCH FOR MISSING



RUCHI PATEL

General public is hereby informed that one girl **namely Ruchi Patel, D/o Bharat Chaudhary, R/o N-28/A-39, CSA Colony, WPIA, Delhi, Age: 22 years, Height: 4'11", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, wearing Cream colour Suit-Salwar and Sleeper in feet, has been missing from her house since 10.10.2020 at 07:00 PM.** In this regard a DD No. 76A, dated 11.10.2020 has been registered at P.S. Ashok Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. Ramanand Parsad is the owner of DDA SFS Category-III Flat Bearing No. 8-A, on Ground Floor, Pocket -1, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi "the said Property" by virtue of Sale Deed dated 16.07.2020, Registration No. 3644, executed by Mrs. Renu Gaur through attorney Mr. Ramanand Parsad (Self Sale Deed). All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to Sell the said property and someone want to purchase the same by taking Home Loan from (ICI) 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT at behest of our client, we are investigating title of Mr. Titoo Kumar ("Borrower") for Second Floor Right Hand Side, without roof rights of Property bearing No. A-21, area measuring 700 Sq.Yds., out of Khasra No. 289/M-1, Situated in the area of Village Chordia Gurjan Khadar, in the abadi of Gali No. 4, Bhanj Pura, village Shahdara, Delhi ("Said Property") who intends to buy the said property by availing a loan from our Client i.e. Fullerton India Home Finance Company Ltd, by creating a mortgage against said property. Any person having any claims or rights in respect of the said Property or/and her/his requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned within a period of 7(Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of Said Property & the transaction, if any shall be completed without reference to the claims, if any.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Before the Central Government Northern Region Bench, Delhi
In the matter of sub-section 4 of section 12 of the Companies Act 2013 and Rule 25 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014
AND
In the matter of M/S VANSHESHWAR NIDHI LIMITED having its Registered Office at House No. 111, 2nd Floor, KD Block, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034.
Notice is hereby given to General Public that the company proposes to change



DELHI DAREDEVILS

From a 27-year-old artist who battled suicidal thoughts and gave birth to Portraits of Patriots to a 57-year-old plantologist who has given life to 3,90,000 trees across 16 Indian States, Yeh Dilli Hai Mere Yaar, powered by JSW Group, a series by Delhi Capitals throws light on individuals who decided to take the road less travelled by and create social impact. MUSBA HASHMI brings you a report

Painting memories on canvas

Financial crisis, suicidal thoughts, loss of a loved one and getting fired from the job, he has seen it all at 27. Meet Hutansh Verma, a Delhi-based artist, who has seen the worst of times and is still standing strong.

"Art has always been of interest to me, but painting portraits of martyrs happened only in 2014. It was actually my father's idea. He knew my love and passion for painting. One day, while he was watching news of a soldier who was martyred in Jammu and Kashmir, he asked why not I make portraits of these *jawaans* and gift it to their families. Back then, the idea sounded a bit weird to me. Because my only focus in life was to earn enough money for my family. I wasn't aware of what was going in the country and neither did it was of interest to me. Hence, I just said okay and tried to ignore it. But my father was serious enough and he insisted that I should do it at least once a year," Verma, who works as a Fine Arts teacher in Manav Rachna International School, Noida, tells you.

After listening to his father's advice, Verma finally thought of making the portrait. That is when he realised that he had no clue about the martyred and or his family or even how many wars India has fought till date. "It was like a self-realisation for me. Then I started reading about the Kargil War and got to know that around 527 families were destroyed during that war. That hit me hard and in May, 2014, I decided to start making the portraits. I wrote several mails to army people to seek details about the martyrs and their families. Till September that year, I was able to make around 12 portraits and courier them to their families. I told my father about that and together we came up with the theme — Portraits of Patriots," Verma explains.

Life gave Verma a major blow when in the same month, his father passed away due to several medical conditions. "My father took his last breath in my arms. He suffered multiple organ failures and was gone in a matter of a day. I was left shattered. It left a void inside me that could never be filled. That was the time when the artist inside me was about to die. And it did, at least for the next few months. It was only in 2015 that I decided to take up painting again. This time, more seriously than ever. So much so, that I made up my mind that instead of sending the portraits via courier, I would visit the families of martyrs and gift them the portraits myself. It was because may be now, I was able to connect with their pain," he tells you.

The first family that Verma visited was of Captain Vijayant Thapar's in Noida. "I made his portrait and went to



Hutansh Verma gifting the portrait of Captain Vijayant Thapar to his family in Noida

visit his family. When his father saw the portrait, he said: "*Aesa lag raha hai hamara beta hi vapas aagaya hai.*" Those words got engraved in my heart and that feeling can't be put into words. I was extremely happy," he says.

His father's demise wasn't the only time he had to go through a tough phase in his life, losing his job and getting suicidal thoughts were there too.

"My childhood was filled with challenges. Financial crisis was just one of them. Hence, I always made sure that I was working even when I was in school. It was after I passed Class XII that I was laid off my job. It was a showroom that I worked in and I was just asked to leave without being given a reason. It felt that I have lost everything. I was questioning myself that how will my family survive now. I felt suicidal and decided to take my life on a railway track. I started walking on the track in the opposite direction of the train, so as to I don't get to know when the train comes closer to me. It was when the train was hardly a kilometer away that within a fraction of second my whole life was flashed in front of my eyes. That's when I realised how much my parents have struggled for my education and upbringing and leaving them alone was not a wise decision. Immediately, I got off the track and convinced myself that I am stronger than all this and that I would never try to do it again," Verma recalls.

Till date, Verma has made 65 portraits and delivered them to their families. "From Kashmir to Kanyakumari and from Gujarat to Arunachal Pradesh, I have travelled all over India to deliver the

portraits. I have met dozens of families and the most common thing that I found in all of them was that via that portrait they all felt that their son has come back home," he says.

However, on his way, Verma had to brave a lot of stares and taunts. "Initially, many of my relatives felt that I have gone nuts. They told me that this thing won't take me anywhere. Some of them mocked me, while others gave a piece of their advice. But, I was positive. Today, when celebrities call me over for a meet-up or when people recognise me, those people who once mocked me are the first ones to introduce me as their relatives," he tells you.

Money was another challenge that he faced. "These portraits are not commercial. I fund them. Once, there was a time when I had made a portrait but was unable to go and give it to the family because of financial constraint. I wrote about this on my social media pages. A generous man, who never disclosed his identity, reached out to me and offered me a sponsored trip. So, I believe if you are on a way to do good, things will eventually fall into place on their own," he says.

From writing mails to army personnel to now getting requests for portraits, Verma has already come a long way. "People now reach out to me and request for portraits. Even children reach out to me on my social media handles and request for portraits of *jawaans* who were martyred from their area. It's such a proud feeling that even the youth today are doing their bit and are becoming more responsible," he tells you.

PLANTING LIFE

At 57, this Delhi-based environmentalist and plantologist is making the world a better place to live, if not the best. Till date, she has planted 3,90,000 trees pan India. Meet, Radhika Anand, CEO of Plantology, an organisation which is working towards the cause under the initiative *Fal Van*.

"Environment is in my DNA. My father and grandfather also loved plants, so it naturally there in me. I always had this thing in mind that I will plant trees, no matter what I was doing and who I was talking to, the thought never left my mind," she says.

It was only in 2014 when Anand decided to work this cause. "On a train journey, I met an army man and I shared my idea with him. Later, I came to know that he was the General and he welcomed my idea. He told me that I should go forward with my idea. That's when I thought of giving it a try," he tells you.

Things were not as easy as it seems, there were several roadblocks on Anand's way. "I have done a lot of work with the Delhi government, and the Central government, but initially some were agreeing to my idea, while others criticised it by saying: "What are you saying ma'am, do you see any land available in Delhi, where will you grow trees here?". Some even said: "*Ma'am, aap to hume phaswa doge.*" I asked them the reason to which they said: Ma'am don't you know there is a situation of drought in two States, from where will we get water for the trees. We can't afford it," she tells you.

Not that our Government is not doing enough, they are, but unfortunately, we love to live in this world of status quo, "*Jaise chakra hai waise chalne do*", don't knock the board, she says.

"This was possible only when I decided to utilise my savings and giving it back to the Mother Nature. I went to various army men and shared my ideas with them. One of them agreed and asked me



how many lakh trees I wanted to plant. They talk in big numbers and I was a bit shocked with it. I told my husband, Sharad Anand who is an ex-banker, about it and he asked whether I was sure about putting my money into this. He told me to start with a lesser number first, in hundreds. But then, I planted 85,000 trees back then," she tells you.

Anand is a one-woman army and believes in doing things all by herself. "I was and am a one-woman army. I get a little support from my family company — Parijat Industries, basically the back-office help, but I am the face of Plantology, which I started in 2005. When I work with the army, I give them my know-how and there are three stages in which I visit the site where the plantation has to take place. First, either I go right in the beginning and do recce and see what kind of plants can be planted here so that research is my part and since I am an environmentalist, this much homework I can easily do. The second is, sometimes they call me in the middle of the plantation so that some photo op can hap-

pen. The third is when all the plantation is over and I just go in the end to probably cut a ribbon. The best part working with the armed forces is there are no big challenges as such, because it's just a piece of cake for them," she says.

She tells you that the biggest lesson we should learn from this pandemic is that we should never try to be the master of environment, it will always be our master. Her family, she says, has always been supportive and have respected her decisions. "I am a mother to two boys, both of them are married. In my life, I had gone through a very difficult period medically, so there was a time when I was almost bed-ridden and struggling, she had got that grit and determination, if she can come out of that, then she can do anything. Hence, my family has been very supportive and they have never ever questioned my decision, not even when I was giving up my money. In fact, somewhere in the back of their mind they are happy that their mom is up and about, she is doing so much and she is getting all the energy from the environment. Yes, they do get concerned about my health, when I go overboard. So, I have to balance it out," she tells you.

To her credit, she has been awarded the title of Green Ambassador by the Army. "That was very exciting. I was elated that day. It all started when I was in NSG for the plantation day and there was one gentleman in plain clothes, who was a VVIP. He took my business card and vanished. The next day, I was called to the CISF office. When I went there, to my surprise, this gentleman who had taken the card, was no one but the Director-General of the CISF. They were all waiting for me in a huge conference room, where there must have been 40-50 officers. The Director-General stood up and asked me "Ma'am, can you be our Green Ambassador for CISF?" I was left awestruck. And then they organised a planting day in Ghaziabad, and there they honoured me with the title. After knowing this, the director-general of NSG called me and said, "Ma'am how can this happen, how can CISF steal our idea?", and I found out that NSG were also making me their Green Ambassador, so at the next function, they graciously awarded me the Green Ambassador, and eventually, the BSF also did it. So, I'm the Green Ambassador for all three of them. It was humbling experience for me," she tells you.

There are a few lines that Anand recites whenever she addresses a talk on environment and it sums up the message that she wants to give. "If the heat bothers you, plant a tree; if the water bothers you, plant a tree; if you like birds, plant a tree; if you like fruits, plant a tree, and if you like life, plant many trees. You have to start very young so that the seed of the environment is embedded in you and that seed can grow into a beautiful tree," Anand tells you.



IPL
2020

KL Rahul | 670 runs

Jasprit Bumrah | 27 wickets



We have had lots of discussions about certain players and in the heat of the battle, it's all about executing. Led by our bowlers, we have used our skills and our brains



They're (Sunrisers) a strong team, and have got some really good batters, some in-form players, some dangerous bowlers as well, so it's going to be a good game



Looking back, we (RCB) think we ran out of a bit of steam probably with the bat and that's one area that faded a bit after a really good start to the tournament



It was a season of two halves for us. As the wicket got slower we could not adapt, and batting first provided further challenges in the last five games

DUGOUT

MOTION PICTURE



Supernovas skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and Trailblazers captain Smriti Mandhana chat during toss



Delhi Capitals' players signed autographed bats

One more chance for Delhi

After losing against Mumbai in Qualifier 1, DC face Sunrisers for place in IPL decider

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Speaking at the right time and with all their boxes ticked, Sunrisers Hyderabad are certain to hold sway over a dishevelled Delhi Capitals in the second Indian Premier League qualifier here on Sunday.

The past couple of weeks have been a picture in contrast for the two franchises.

After an underwhelming first half, Sunrisers Hyderabad started pushing the envelope with the mercurial David Warner marshalling his resources well.

Capitals, on the other hand, looked like serious contenders till their first nine games, winning seven in that phase before an inexplicable slump saw them lose five out of their next six matches with skipper Shreyas Iyer looking all at sea.

The current situation notwithstanding, young Iyer would want to lead the Capitals to their first summit clash in 13 editions while Warner wouldn't mind adding another silverware to his 2016 triumph.

In fact, if he can win the next two games, Warner could boast

of guiding comparatively one of the more inexperienced teams in this IPL.

For Capitals, the biggest worry has been their top-order woes — especially the first three slots where Shikhar Dhawan (525 in 15 games) has shone the brightest.

Prithvi Shaw's (228 from 13 games) technique against top quality fast bowling has left a lot to be desired and Ajinkya Rahane (111 from 7 games) has had only one knock of note so far.

Something that would definitely worry coach Ricky Ponting is the number of ducks by the top-order — nine. Dhawan has four, Shaw has three and Rahane didn't bother the scorers twice.

However, the bowling unit has done well save a few occasions like the first qualifier, where Mumbai Indians batting took them apart.

Kagiso Rabada (25 wickets), Anrich Nortje (20) and Ravichandran Ashwin (13) have done exceedingly well in most of the games.

Sunrisers' batting line-up, which has gathered momentum over the last few games, is well aware of that, and Orange Army's



Delhi Capitals skipper Shreyas Iyer shake hands with SRH's David Warner

premier all-rounder Jason Holder acknowledged the fact.

"What we have done in batting is that we have been aggressive upfront. David has obviously led the charge, well supported by (Wriddhiman) Saha.

"Jonny (Baird) has done an outstanding job and Manish (Pandey) has kept the momentum going," Holder said when asked about their strategy to face DC attack.

"And then we have the level headedness of Kane (Williamson). Being good to come and finish games. So we don't play names, we see the ball and strike the ball," Holder said.

Saha's groin injury, which ruled him out of the eliminator, might also keep him out of the second qualifier.

"We have faith in (Shreevats) Goswami. He has been around for some time and we need to give confidence," said Holder, whose 13 wickets in six games along with crucial middle-order contributions, has been the 'x factor' for his side.

Rashid Khan's parsimonious economy rate of less than six runs per over, the unheralded T Natarajan's subtle variations and Sandeep Sharma's ability to get some swing upfront only add to

the strengths of Warner's team.

For the Capitals however, the weak spots which they can exploit is the inexperience of two middle-order players — Priyam Garg and Abdul Samad — who are playing some of the biggest matches of their nascent careers.

In the event Capitals make early inroads, it will be a test of character for the young but talented duo.

Daniel Sams' poor show with the ball so far is a concern for the Capitals and they might explore the option of bringing back Shimron Hetmyer in place of the left-arm seamer, which will also add some batting firepower.

In that case, Marcus Stoinis might have to bowl his full quota of overs alongside Rabada, Nortje, Ashwin and Axar Patel.

Supernovas beat Trailblazers, enter final

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Sri Lanka's Chamari Atapattu smashed a quick-fire half-century as two-time champions Supernovas reached their third successive final with a narrow two-run win over Trailblazers in a last-ball thriller at the Women's T20 Challenge here on Saturday.

After the final league game, all the three teams ended with two points each but Supernovas (-0.054) and Trailblazers (+2.109) qualified due to their better net-rate than Velocity (-1.869) in the competition.

The Harmanpreet Kaur-led Supernovas will now take on Trailblazers captained by Smriti Mandhana in Monday's final.

Opting to bat, Atapattu laid the foundation with an aggressive 47-ball 67, which was studied with five fours and four sixes. Harmanpreet then played some big shots (31 off 29) to take the team to 146 for 6. In reply, Deepti Sharma (43 not out) and Harleen Deol (27 off 15 balls) took the chase deep but



Supernovas players after win the match held at the Sharjah

Trailblazers could only manage 144 for 5 in the end, courtesy a superb last over by left-arm spinner Radha Yadav (2/30).

For Supernovas, the spinners did a fine job with Anuja Patel (1 for 18) and Radha drying up runs in the middle while medium-pacer Shakera Selman picked up two wickets.

Trailblazers were off to a good start to their chase with Deandra Dottin (27) and Smriti Mandhana (33) raising 43 for no loss in the first six overs.

But Selman struck twice in the seventh over,

first trapping Dottin in front of wicket and then cleaning up Richa Ghosh (4).

Deepti and Mandhana tried to repair the innings but Anuja, who came in for Pooja Vastrakar, caught and bowled the skipper in the 13th over to reduce Trailblazers to 83 for 3. Deepti then kept them in the hunt but Trailblazers could only score seven out of the 10 runs required in the last over.

Earlier, Atapattu notched up the first fifty of the competition and added 87 for the opening wicket

with Priya Punia (30 off 37). However, Trailblazers spinners Harleen (1/34) and Salma Khatun (1/25) pulled things back after 10 overs, giving away just 23 runs in next five overs.

Atapattu amassed 14 runs in the 16th over with a four and six, while Harmanpreet exploded in the 19th over, smashing a four and a six to pile up 15 runs to swell the total.

Left-handed opener Atapattu looked for runs from the word go and made her intentions clear with two boundaries in the second over of the innings bowled by Deepti Sharma.

Later in the fourth over, the Sri Lankan nonchalantly hoisted one over mid-off for a six and then swept Deepti for a boundary as Supernovas amassed 15 runs.

Atapattu's opening partner Priya Punia, who got off the mark in her ninth ball, played second fiddle as the duo scored fifty in the powerplay.

Priya, on 17, got a reprieve when Dottin dropped a catch off Rajeshwari Gaikwad's bowling.

Expectant father Kohli might miss last two Oz Tests

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India skipper Virat Kohli might skip the last two Tests of the highly-anticipated four-match series against Australia as he gears up for the birth of his first child in January which could pave the way for an in-form K L Rahul's entry into the middle order.

Kohli's actor wife Anushka Sharma is due to give birth to the couple's first child in early January.

An official word on the skipper's itinerary is not yet out but a BCCI source told PTI that Kohli can be expected to take paternity leave after the first two Tests of the series starting December 17.

"The BCCI has always believed that family is priority. In case, the skipper decides on availing paternity break, he will then be available only for the first two Test matches," the senior source said.

The four Test matches will be held in Adelaide (D/N, December 17-21), Melbourne (Dec 26-30), Sydney (Jan 7-11, 2021) and Brisbane (Jan 15-19).

The BCCI has, over the years, encouraged cricketers to take paternity breaks and it is no different for India's captain and best batsman.

"Look, in normal times, he could have flown back for the birth of his first born, missed a Test and played the final one in Brisbane. However, if the 14-day quarantine is still in place, it will be difficult to go and come back again," the source added. There is a school of thought that KL Rahul's presence in the Test squad could be doubly beneficial in such a scenario.

While Rohit Sharma (expected to be fully fit before the Test series starts), Mayank Agarwal and Prithvi Shaw are there as opening options, Kohli's probable absence might warrant a bit more solidity in the middle-order.

Time to remove Kohli from RCB captaincy: Gambhir

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India opener and two-time IPL champion skipper Gautam Gambhir feels Virat Kohli's non-performance as Royal Challengers Bangalore captain should lead to his removal from the hot seat as it is now a question of accountability.

Known for his straight-talking, the hero of India's two World title triumphs made it clear that Kohli's name as a leader shouldn't be taken alongside the likes of Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Rohit Sharma, who are IPL's most successful captains.

Asked if Kohli should be removed from RCB's captaincy, Gambhir told ESPNcricinfo, "100 per cent, because the problem is about accountability. Eight years into the tournament (without a trophy), eight years is a long time.

"Tell me any other captain...forget about captain, tell me any other player who would have got eight years and wouldn't have won the title and would have still continued with it.

"So it has to be accountability," Gambhir, who led KKR to two IPL titles in 2012 and 2014, said on the show *Time Out*.

Gambhir has been a staunch critic of Kohli's IPL leadership over the years but he insisted that there is nothing personal. "...But somewhere down the line, he needs to put his hand up and say, 'yes, I am responsible. I am accountable'."

Gambhir then cited the example of Kings XI Punjab, who didn't show patience with Ravichandran Ashwin after the veteran off-spinner failed to deliver as captain for just two seasons.

"Eight years is a long, long time. Look at what happened to R Ashwin. Two years of captaincy (for the Kings XI Punjab), he couldn't deliver and he was removed."

For someone like Kohli, who is on the cusp of his fifth title, a long stint as Mumbai Indians captain has been only possible because he has delivered, said Gambhir.



"We talk about MS Dhoni, we talk about Rohit Sharma, we talk about Virat Kohli...Not at all. Dhoni has won three (IPL) titles, Rohit Sharma has won four titles, and that's the reason they've captained for such a long time because they've delivered."

"I'm sure if Rohit Sharma wouldn't have delivered for eight years, he would have been removed as well. There should not be different yardsticks for different people."

Gambhir said it irksome to see Kohli's reluctance to accept that the buck stops at him.

"You're the leader, you're the captain. When you get the credit, you should take the criticism as well."

He even went to the extent of saying that RCB did not deserve to qualify for the play-offs after four successive losses.

"You can keep saying 'we qualified for the playoffs and we deserved to qualify for the playoffs', absolutely not. RCB actually never

deserved to qualify for the playoffs."

Gambhir said RCB has increasingly become a side about only two people — Kohli and AB de Villiers.

"And then they should have had a squad, probably if Virat wanted to open, they should have picked a middle-order batter in the auction. But again it was all about Virat and AB (de Villiers)."

It was only de Villiers who came up some match-winning performances to prevent RCB's season from becoming a total disaster.

"Imagine if AB would have had a bad season, tell me what would have happened to RCB," Gambhir said.

"He was the one who actually won them two or three games out of seven. I don't think as a unit they've done anything different from what they did last year. It's exactly the same this year as well."

"Only because you've qualified for the playoffs, just because of one individual's absolute brilliance, it doesn't make you a strong contender to win the IPL."

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02462 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express	08.11.2020
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09718 Daulatpur Chowk-Jaipur Festival Special	From Ambala Cantt.	Daulatpur Chowk-Ambala Cantt.	09.11.2020
02357 Kolkata-Amritsar Mail Express Special	At Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 07.11.2020
02358 Amritsar-Kolkata Mail Express Special	From Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	09.11.2020
02025 Nagpur-Amritsar Mail Express Special	At Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 07.11.2020
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Bruno scores twice and assist one for Cavani's first Man Utd goal in 3-1 comeback away win against Everton

BACK AT THE WHEEL

AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

While Gunnar Solskjaer lashed out at the Premier League's scheduling after Manchester United fought back to beat Everton 3-1 on Saturday, saying his struggling team were "set up to fail".

Man-of-the-match Bruno Fernandes scored twice after Bernard had given Everton the lead, before Edinson Cavani opened his account for United, easing the pressure on the beleaguered United boss. United started the match at Goodison Park a lowly 15th in the Premier League table, smarting after defeat to Arsenal and an embarrassing loss to Istanbul Basaksehir.

A visibly angry Solskjaer praised his players after the match but fired a broadside at league bosses for scheduling United's match early on Saturday after their midweek Champions League commitments.

"We were set up to fail," the Norwegian told BT Sport.

"The kick-off time set us up to fail. We have been to Turkey, played loads of games this season already, we got back Thursday morning and we are playing Saturday lunchtime, it's an absolute shambles.

"These boys deserve better. Luke Shaw has got injured because of it. It's a hamstring which might be a long one and Marcus Rashford might be struggling.

"The authorities set us up to fail, who is responsible? We've had enough of that. Players this season, in these times, a pandemic, mentally and physically it's draining. Let us play on a Sunday, there's an international break after this, it's a joke."

AWAY FORM

The victory at the home of Carlo Ancelotti's early-season pacesetters was United's seventh straight Premier League away win.

Their form on the road contrasts sharply with their struggles at Old Trafford, where they have not won a single league game so far this season.

Bernard put Everton ahead in the 19th minute. The ball fell to the Brazilian after a long Jordan Pickford punt upfield.



Bruno Fernandes celebrates with Marcus Rashford and Fred after scoring Man Utd's second goal

He shuffled the ball onto his right foot, beating Aaron Wan-Bissaka, before driving a shot past David de Gea at his near post. United's heads could have dropped but they were level six minutes later when Fernandes, given far too much space in the box, headed a Shaw cross into the top corner past Pickford. Lucas Digne had a chance to put Everton back in front as the game opened up but smashed his shot against the outside of De Gea's near post from a tight angle. United, now playing with far more zip and purpose, were ahead in the 32nd minute. Rashford

collected the ball before feeding Fernandes on the left of the box.

The Portuguese, thriving in the absence of Paul Pogba, who was left on the bench, curled over a cross for Rashford, who failed to connect with his attempted header but the ball crept in off the far post.

Everton dominated possession in the early stages of the second half but United's defence, marshalled by the impressive Harry Maguire, was largely untroubled. United had a shout for a penalty on the hour mark after a clumsy Pickford challenge on Maguire but Everton escaped.

Solskjaer brought on Pogba and Cavani with eight minutes to go and the Uruguayan scored his first goal for United deep into stoppage time from Fernandes's unselfish pass, lifting United to 13th in the table ahead of the international break.

Everton, who topped the Premier League table earlier this season, have now suffered three consecutive league defeats.

"I hope that after the international break we will back in a different shape," said Ancelotti. "It is not only a problem of the defenders, it is all of the team. I know how to manage difficulties, every year you have them. We can start again after the break, we are really bad at the moment but we started well."

Frank Lampard's Chelsea have the chance to climb to third in the table if they beat Sheffield United at Stamford Bridge later Saturday.

Elsewhere, Crystal Palace host Leeds and West Ham welcome Fulham to the London Stadium.



Zverev see off Nadal

DREAM COME TRUE FOR DJOKER

Novak claims year-end world No 1 ranking for sixth time to match Sampras feat

AFP ■ MONACO

Novak Djokovic on Friday emulated childhood hero Pete Sampras by claiming the year-end world number one ranking for the sixth time.

Djokovic, 33, was confirmed in the position after Rafael Nadal, the only man who could deny him top spot, opted not to play in the Sofia event next week.

Djokovic was also a season-ending world number one in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2018.

"Pete was somebody I

looked up to when I was growing up, so to match his record is a dream come true," said Djokovic.

The Serb star, a winner of 17 Grand Slam titles, had already moved past Sampras' tally of 286 weeks in the top spot in September.

Djokovic can go past all-time record-holder Roger Federer's mark of 310 weeks on March 8 next year.

"To finish the year as No 1 is one of the most impressive achievements in our sport, one which requires sustained excellence across the season," said ATP chairman



AP ■ PARIS

Alexander Zverev advanced to the Paris Masters final for the first time by beating top-seeded Rafael Nadal 6-4, 7-5 on Saturday, denying Nadal the chance to win a tournament that continues to elude him.

The fourth-seeded Zverev faces No. 3 Daniil Medvedev in Sunday's final, and leads him 5-1 in career meetings.

Nadal has won 86 titles, including a record-equaling 20 Grand Slams and 35 Masters events, but lost his only final here in 2007 to David Nalbandian.

Serving for the match at an empty Bercy Arena because of the coronavirus pandemic, the imposing Zverev opened with his 13th ace.

He double-faulted on his first match point at 40-0. But on the next one, Nadal's forehand down the line went wide to give the 23-year-old German only his second win in seven matches against the Spanish veteran.

Nadal was broken to love in the third game and dropped the opening set for the third time in

his four matches. Zverev won 78% of points on first serve compared to 60% for Nadal and led 9-1 in aces in that set. He clinched it with a sliced shot at the net which Nadal could not reach.

Zverev broke Nadal again in the third game of the second set.

A frustrated Nadal punched his racket head when he failed to convert two break points in the sixth game, but held his nerve to save four break points in the next game and then finally broke Zverev to make it 4-4.

But an erratic and agitated Nadal was conceding too many chances on his serve and, after Zverev broke him for a third time, he sat shaking his head during the changeover.

Earlier, Medvedev reached the Paris Masters final for the first time after beating Milos Raonic 6-4, 7-6 (4) in a contest between big servers. He secured the win with a smash at the net.

The 10th-seeded Raonic has never won a Masters event and missed out on a second final here, having lost to Novak

Djokovic in 2014. The Canadian had 12 aces compared to seven for Medvedev and both players won around 80% of their points on first serves.

"I don't think it was the best tennis I have played this year, but it was definitely one of the best matches," Medvedev said. "I was playing good in the beginning of the year, and then there was a stop (because of the pandemic)."

Raonic missed a chance in the second set when Medvedev saved three break points at 0-40 down in the eighth game, but Raonic finally broke him on his fourth break point in the 12th game to make it 6-6.

"I think in some key moments he found a way to be a bit more the aggressor. He was dictating a bit more, I was trying to change the pace up," Raonic said. "He was a lot more efficient at creating his opportunities." Medvedev raced into a 4-0 lead in the tiebreaker and sealed victory on his first match point. The 2019 U.S. Open runner-up is seeking his eighth career title and first this year.

Leo turns it around

AP ■ BARCELONA

Lionel Messi came off the bench at halftime to score two goals as Barcelona beat 10-man Real Betis 5-2 on Saturday to end its four-game winless streak in the Spanish league.

Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman gave Messi some rare rest during the first half. It was Messi's first league game as a substitute in more than a year. Assistant coach Alfred Schreuder said before kick-off that Messi "was not fresh."

Ousmane Dembele blasted a shot past former Barcelona goalkeeper Claudio Bravo to give the hosts the lead in the 22nd minute.

Betis forward Antonio Sanabria equalized in the final seconds of the first half that featured four clear misses by Barcelona's struggling forward Antoine Griezmann, including a penalty blocked by Bravo.

Messi spent the first half tucked in a winter coat and wearing a face mask like other substitutes in the otherwise empty Camp Nou. That all changed when Messi went on at the start of the second half for Ansu Fati and had a decisive impact.

Messi only needed four minutes to impact the match



Hazard, Casemiro test Corona +ve

AFP ■ MADRID

Real Madrid's Belgian forward Eden Hazard and his Brazilian teammate Casemiro have both tested positive for coronavirus, the La Liga club announced on Saturday.

"Real Madrid informs that our players, Casemiro and Eden Hazard, have tested positive in the Covid-19 tests undertaken yesterday (Friday), in the morning," the club said in a statement. "Neither player will feature in the side to

take on Valencia on Sunday. Nor will they be able to join up with their respective national teams during the coming international window as both are required to go into isolation. It marks another setback for Hazard who missed the start of the season owing to a series of ankle injuries. He only returned to the Madrid line-up for the Champions League meeting with Borussia Munchengladbach on October 27.

Dembele, whose shot was goal-bound when defender Aissa Mandi blocked it with his arm. A video review led to Mandi being shown a red card for impeding a clear goal.

I-League 2020-21 to start on Jan 9

OPTI ■ NEW DELHI

The 14th edition of Hero I-League will kick off on January 9 next year in Kolkata, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) said on Saturday.

The 11 participating teams will be required to enter a bio-secure bubble 14 days prior to their first match according to the schedule, which will be announced shortly.

The matches will be telecast Live on I Sports.

Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the previous edition of the second-tier league was stopped abruptly before football action resumed in India through the I-League Qualifier in October this year.

The West Bengal Government and Indian Football Association (IFA) joined hands with the AIFF to organise the qualifiers successfully.

All the 11 teams will face each other once in the first leg of the league before they are divided into two different groups.

The top six teams, according to the points table, will face each other once again to decide the winner while the other five teams will play against each other in a one-leg league format.

The team with maximum points (cumulative points collected from all fifteen matches) will be the winner of the I-League 2020-21.

The tournament will be organised by adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines released by the union health ministry and no spectator will be allowed inside a stadium during a match.



Babar leads Pak to big win

AP ■ RAWALPINDI

Captain Babar Azam hit a fluent half century and spurred Pakistan to a six-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in first T20I on Saturday.

Azam made 82 off 55 balls to reach his 15th half century in T20s as Pakistan eased to 157-4 in 18.5 overs for a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Mohammad Hafeez scored 36 off 32 balls and together with Azam shared an 80-run stand as fast bowler Blessing Muzarabani finished with 2-26.

Earlier, 20-year-old

Wesley Madhevere hit nine fours and a six to score an unbeaten 70 but Pakistan's pace staff restricted Zimbabwe at 156-6.

Elton Chigumbura made a quickfire 21 off 13 balls, but Zimbabwe's top order struggled to accelerate against fast bowlers Haris Rauf (2-25), Wahab Riaz (2-37) and Mohammad Hasnain (1-25). The second match will be played on Sunday before Zimbabwe, which lost the ODI series 2-1, wraps up its limited-overs tour to Pakistan on Tuesday.

Chigumbura to retire after Pak series

Former Zimbabwe captain Elton Chigumbura will retire from international cricket after the conclusion of the ongoing T20I series against Pakistan, his country's cricket board said on Saturday.

The veteran Zimbabwe all-rounder will bring the curtain down on a 16-year international career that began in 2004. The 34-year-old Chigumbura had featured in 14 Tests, 213 ODIs and 54 T20I matches before the start of his farewell series. He made

his Zimbabwe debut in 2004. According to ZC, the all-rounder is retiring because "injuries had continued to take a toll on him as well as to pave the way for young blood in the national side".

Te all-rounder had amassed 5782 international runs and taken 138 wickets, including two hundreds and 26 half-centuries. He is only the second player from Zimbabwe to achieve a double of 4000 runs and 100 wickets in ODI cricket, after Grant Flower. PTI



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'I chose to do smaller roles in films'

What inspired you to write Sir Sarla?

The play was written back in 2001. I have been playwriting since 1988-89 — short plays. The journey turned to writing one-act plays. Till 2000 I was writing plays which were abstract and absurd. I was experimenting with a

lot of space all the time. I felt that there was a need to write around love. Pure love, after a parents' love it is that of a student for the teacher. This is from where you evolve and learn about life. So, I wrote a play keeping this in mind. Since then the play has been running for 20 years now and standing tall.

What makes this play so popular?

Nobody sees the complications or simplicity of a relationship between a Professor and a student. It is so pious and everyone knows their limitations and yet so much is offered unconditionally. All the four characters — Professor and his three students — in the play have been identified by people in real life. There are so many people who find a connection and think of the girl they could never confess their love to and say: "Aree Sarla, I love you." Or that I got married to Keshav but still love the Professor. That is why people find a connection here. The cast and the dialogues also make a difference.

Is it difficult to write, direct and act

in your own projects?

I love doing all three. It is the actor that gives the rhythm to the writer — to write for the character. The director helps the writer to write in such a way that you have, in playwriting, set a craft. Everything is interlocked perfectly.

How did you get interested in acting?

I had been part of the inter-college theatre since forever after Class X. We used to take these competitions very seriously. I was a sports person and part of kho-kho, cricket and a mountaineer. But I felt I wanted to create and be part of something from where I didn't have to retire. I felt that writing helped me to answer questions that I had. I used to act and decided to concentrate on it.

Why is theatre in Mumbai different from the rest of India?

The Mumbai audience is willing to buy tickets and watch theatre. In Delhi, people want passes. In Mumbai, we have a show even on the weekday at 4 pm in Marathi. We have a 6 pm and 9 pm show at Prithvi Theatre. It is nice that I have had the audience for so many years. People here want to see plays.

There have been instances where people have come to see a play even though there has been a blockbuster film or a cricket match.

You have been part of Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Marathi, Telugu and Malayalam cinema. How did you end up being part of diverse languages and cinema?

I need to thank the South cinema for this. It is they who decide whom they want to cast. They really go out of their way to cast you. That is how I ended up in their projects.

In many of your Hindi films, you end up playing a drunkard. Why?

I chose to play characters that were smaller. I chose to take up roles where I had little to contribute since I wanted to do more theatre. I used to be offered bigger roles. I was offered the role in Circuit in *Munna Bhai MBBS*. But I turned it down because I wanted to be around the theatre.

What is the best thing about doing theatre?

Money is not the attraction of being part of the stage since it doesn't

pay that much. Theatre gives a thrill and experience. There have been cases where I have performed with no audience because it was a new place and we were trying to create awareness. There were instances when there was no transport and we walked. We have done two shows back-to-back. It is one hell of a job.

Tell us about Ansh Theatre.

I have been doing original theatre for Ansh barring one by Rabindranath Tagore's Chitrangada. I want to put out original work, not that I am trying to boast about this. When I say original, I mean a play that has never been staged before where it answers questions that I have.

What is your take on showcasing plays on TV?

We tried and ensured that it doesn't look like a TV serial or resemble a project on an OTT platform. Care has been taken that the essence of theatre has not been lost. Due to the pandemic, no plays are being staged, Zee Theatre has a wide reach and people who have only heard of the plays can now watch them on TV.

Talktime

MAKARAND DESHPANDE

He has been seen in supporting and pivotal roles in films like Sarfarosh and Swades. His contribution to theatre includes over 50 short plays and 40 full-length plays, including Sir Sarla. The actor speaks with Shalini Saksena about what made him write this play, his theatre group and why he has chosen to play only small roles in films

Come festivals and all one is excited about apart from eating the delicious foods is receiving gifts. Hence, it makes it all the more important to make our loved ones feel special by showing these sweet gestures in these testing times.

Here are a list of gifts one can choose from:



Say it with makeup: Kiko Milano is all about making this meaningful day extra memorable with its well curated & customised assorted season's greetings gift box. Keeping it thoughtful and personal, the wide & curated selection of gorgeous gift box starting from ₹4990. It is the perfect Diwali gifting box that's luxe, marvellous and absolutely glam to light up this Diwali even more.

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Shoes speak: There's no better way to embrace festivities than to get your favourite pair of footwear because festivals are a great excuse to grab hold of what you have been eyeing all this while. Keeping up with the spirit of this festive season, Alberto Torresi in their latest collection 'Thee Ordain' has launched the most progressive designs and an exploration of the most avant-garde production methods & technical fabrics.

Feel good in and out: Diwali is undoubtedly the most anticipated festival on the Indian calendar. And to make it more special, The Body Shop is offering a range of exquisite products that are carefully formulated to spread goodness amongst your family and friends. Replace or compliment your

LIGHT UP YOUR MOOD

While festivities this year don't feel the same, there are a few things one can do to uplift the mood and bring in the spirit of Diwali. SUNDAY PIONEER tells you more

sweet boxes and dry fruit baskets with a thoughtfully designed gift hamper from The Body Shop. The assortment of gift hampers are not only pleasing to the eye but nourishing for the body. Whether you wish to select from our pre-made gifts or Create Your Own Gift, it will carry with itself a personal touch that is bound to make your presence felt and a reminder of the appreciation you have for your loved ones.

Gift of health: From saying 'No to Crackers' to welcoming 'organic & healthy' Diwali gift variations, people are now more inclined looking for more considerate gifting options for their loved ones. This Deepavali, give your loved ones

the gift of premium flavours, freshness, and bountiful good health with Vahdam India luxury gift collection. Break the chain of regular sweet boxes and monotonous gifting options and opt to shower love with a gift of a box of good health and stronger immunity. ₹749 onwards

Love is in the air: The el Love collection is an ode to Desigual's essence, which is to discover the artist within us all. Sneakers are on trend, and Desigual is bona fide sneaker-nerdmatics. This season, the focus is

strongly on embellishments to adapt sneakers to previously unimagined moments of the day. Snakeskin effect, Sparkles, Lace, Sequins, Bows, Denim, Crochet and foil tones too. Backpacks, handbags, bum bags and sneakers all make up the soul of a collection that oozes the Desigual essence. ₹5790 onwards

Slaying It: This Diwali, worry not; as Slay Coffee for the first time; launches a first kit to brew your coffee at the comfort of your home and convenience of your time without compromising on the flavour of a perfectly brewed gourmet coffee. Their DIY coffee brewing kit is all you need for the perfect cuppa! The thoughtful kit comes with a packet of grounds and a French press to brew your coffee. Additionally, the DIY kit has flavour sachets, for those who like customised coffees and a ceramic mug that lets you relish the aroma while you sip your coffee.

Carrot Delight: If innovating in the kitchen is something you enjoy, then try making this baked carrot sweet this Diwali. Mix



Let's chill

It's that time of the year again where life is all about diyas, lights, rangolis, mouth-sweets, and happiness. While Diwali is mostly celebrated on one of darkest nights of the year, you all would agree when we say that 2020 has been one of darkest years in all our lives. This pandemic has not only taught us the importance of health, but also the importance of home-cooked food. This Diwali, it's time to ditch those packaged drinks and colas, and instead indulge in some delicious and simple DIY mocktails that will keep you hydrated.

Cucumber Mojito: This refreshing drink is probably the easiest one to make. All you need are some sliced cucumbers, fresh mint leaves, water, sugar and lime juice. Blend the mint leaves and cucumber and strain the juice. Add that juice to the water. Additionally, you can add sugar and lime juice to that minty water according to your taste. This recipe is perfect to kick start your Diwali celebrations.

Trusty ol' Jaljeera: No festive season is complete without the famous tangy Jaljeera. This mocktail has been our go-to-welcome drink since generations. So after you have gorged on some delicious Diwali food, you must gulp down a glass of this digestive drink. Trust us, your stomach will thank us later! All you need to do is mix some dry mango powder, dry mint powder, black salt, cumin powder, black pepper powder and add this to a glass of water. And voila, you're done!

Red Blood: This one is a hatke mocktail. If you like the taste of tomato juice, then this recipe is something you definitely need to try. You'll need fresh tomatoes (peeled, deseeded, blended), fresh orange juice, fresh green chilly, crushed ice cubes and some black salt. Mix these ingredients together and you'll love the concoction. It's definitely for the faint hearted, but if you like a kick in your mocktail, you can definitely try this one.

Tip: Skip using the chilly if you're planning on serving this mocktail to your kids
By Kriti Gulati, Expert at Momspresso

In a sweet way

orange juice, grated carrots, condensed milk along with sugar, ghee and bake it after you have cooked it well in the pan. **Goodness of dates:** From diabetes to high blood pressure and heart patients, dates can be beneficial for one and all! Dates make for an excellent sugar substitute and can be great for times you are craving desserts of sugary foods. Rooted deep down in Middle-Eastern culture since 1936, Bateel enjoys an unparalleled legacy as the world's only gourmet date grower,

producer, and seller. There can be no better way to show your loved ones that you truly care than gifting them a luxurious box of Bateel's delicious dates. **Corn Kheer:** Eating nutritious food that tastes delicious should be the ideal way to celebrate Diwali this year. Prepare this kheer using skimmed milk, sugar, corn seeds mixture, and milk powder. You may add your choice of dry fruits to enrich the preparation with bags of flavor and nutrition.

'A mission to take Indian music every where'

Singer SUR's latest number Asar has got rave reviews. He speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about his journey, challenges faced due to lockdown and why he chose to sing in Punjabi as a first solo



How did you end up as a singer?
I grew up in New Hampton in the UK. Where I grew up, there were lots of kids who were into different styles of music like Hip-hop and 80s pop. For Indians living outside, my parents were always playing Bollywood music, Punjabi bhanga and qawwali. There was so much music around me as a kid. I was always encouraged to perform when we had family and friends over. My dad would set up a camera and music and my sister and I would dance. When I was six-seven I was given the opportunity to sing at our satsang. Even though it was a spiritual environment and I was in front of only 30-40, it gave me an adrenaline rush of just singing. I grew older, my interest only increased and knew that I wanted to pursue music even when my father is a businessman and wanted me to join him.

What is your Asar about?
While we were writing the song with producer Bharat Goel and lyricist Siddhant Kaushal, before we would start the session, we would catch up with what was happening with each other. We were talking about relationships and how difficult it is in the age of Tinder and Snapchat and striving to be what we are not. I told them how I was sure about who I am rather than pretend to be what I am and how I have improved as a person because of my partner. So, on the basis of this, we started writing this song. It is more of a self-love song — how your asar on me has made me a better person.

What were the challenges due to the pandemic?
I came to know that the song had been selected for competition that Universal Music are doing with Sterling Reserve when I was back in London. I was told that I would have an audition in front of Shaan and Devraj Sanyal, MD & CEO, India & South Asia at Universal Music Group. I had to do an online audition. I was a bit apprehensive since I had not sung in months but it was successful. The biggest challenge was to shoot the video. We couldn't go through the normal auditions. The lead opposite me tested positive, we had to reschedule and look for another actress. We all had to all take the test to rule out COVID-19. We had to take frequent breaks to air out the room. Even the direction was happening remotely; he was in India. We just learnt how to make do with what we had.

Is this your solo song?
Yes, this is my first Punjabi solo single. Before this, I used to be part of a band and released a few songs in India. But this is my first song since I have moved here.

How tough has been the shift?
Since I was part of this band, we had already released a few labels here. In 2014, I came to Delhi, I spent a couple of months making the video with the band and realised that I liked the kind of music that was being made here. I ended up living here for two years and worked with a few artists here. It became a personal mission that I share the great music being made here with the rest of the world.

Does it help, creatively, that you can go back to the UK?
Definitely. The way technology works, one doesn't have to be in a particular place to record music. I can carry my equipment in my bag now and record it. When I produced my first song, I was lying on a hospital bed but I had my laptop and headphones. The benefit of being able to be in the UK and here is that in India, one hears more Bollywood and Punjabi music. In the UK, one hears western music. This exposure to different music has helped me develop my music.

Why choose a Punjabi song as your first solo?
I was in an English band and sang and wrote in English. But I grew up in a Punjabi family. Any artist or musician who does music out of passion and not just for money, every time, they find something new that becomes exciting to them, they pursue it. I found I loved singing in Hindi and Punjabi because of the language. I loved the techniques used here. While it is easy for me to sing and write in English, to do a Hindi or Punjabi song, the feeling is great. It is more fun.

'Music provides normalcy in abnormal lives'

AMIRA GILL, a vocalist, songwriter and music therapist, speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about her latest song, her collaboration with Jason Sibi Okumu and why she chose to pursue music therapy as a profession

What is your song Black Coffee about?

The song was done during the lockdown due to COVID-19. The year has been very volatile and damaging for a lot of people globally. So many people have lost their jobs and have had to make life altering decisions. This song is a reminder to people to just breathe in and let music and small activities of your life be. The video is as heartwarming as the song itself - featuring friends from all over the world enjoying and surrendering to everyday activities and truly

finding comfort in the small pleasures.

What is Chori Chori about?

I come from a rich Punjabi culture. I just wanted to revisit my roots and one way of doing this was revisiting the music that was born in undivided India. The stories and sentiment of the culture has been dispersed through the songs created by the poets and singers of that era. Chori Chori is one such song originally sung by iconic singer Reshma. I have been singing this song for years now and

decided to reinvent this classic with producer and guitarist Karan Pandav. It is a contemporary take on electronic production and beats but retaining the folk. There is sarangi in the middle played by maestro S u h a i l Y u s u f Khan.

What made you pursue music therapy?

Over time, my music taste and preferences started to evolve and change. I realised that I wanted to do more than just perform. I wanted to do something more with my music. The drummer of the band I was a part of left for the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

He told me about the programme on music therapy. I knew what I wanted to do. I got accepted to Berklee on scholarship to pursue music therapy and have worked with a variety of clients ever since.

There are many situations a music therapist can help — the scope is vast. My personal experience has been in a hospital setting and with neurologic music therapy. In the hospital I worked with chronically and terminally ill patients. These patients have to be in the hospital for extended periods

of time, sometimes their entire lives. They experience pain, social isolation, medical trauma, financial burdens, and a lot of times end in the demise of the patients. Music supports them in providing normalcy in their abnormal lives. Music also is used in accompanying procedures to reduce stress and pain perception. Songs written by patients and their families are recorded and are memories with those patients who pass away. However, due to COVID-19, this has shifted online and things have to be done differently.



You get what you give. What you put into things is what you get out of them
— Jennifer Lopez



FROM THE INSIDE

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Astro-analysis can surprise

Planetary positions in one's horary chart can be very telling and a reasoned astrological prediction can be surprising

THE REVIVAL OF INDIAN STORIES THROUGH COMICS

In recent years, comic books have seen a resurgence in India. The advent of digital technology and social media are helping new designers and artists create and promote their work more easily, writes KANINIKA MISHRA

India is a land of stories. The tales from our ancient past have been told and re-told over millennia in different ways and forms. We have heard them from elders; seen them depicted in art through the devotional scrolls of *Pichwai* and *Phad*; experienced their enthralling rendition in *Ram Leela* or *Kathakali*; and even watched them come alive in festivals such as *Dahi Handi*. Modern historical figures such as Rani Lakshmi Bai, too, have become a part of our storytelling traditions. Indeed, our sense of history, cultural and moral sensibilities have been shaped by our indigenous stories. The legends of the heroes and heroines have inspired us through our growing-up years.

THE WRITTEN WORD

Along with the various oral storytelling traditions in India, the written format has also existed for centuries. Long before the printing press came to the country, Indians have been preserving their stories on birch or palm leaf manuscripts. *Panchatantra*, one of the most ancient fables in the world has been found preserved in both the ancient manuscripts and also 18th century hand-written paper versions with colourful illustrations. In contemporary times, old stories from Vedic and Puranic literature continue to inform, entertain and educate us as they adapt to new forms and mediums.

Hinduism with a huge pantheon of revered characters and universally relevant themes provides artists and writers with enormous creative fodder. It is also the only major religion in the world that allows great freedom in artistic representations of its Gods. The inherent liberalism of Indic thought not just accepts, but also encourages new expression. The breadth and brilliance of its texts also lend well to fantastical adaptations in illustrated mediums. It is not surprising therefore that these tales were the springboard that catapulted the Indian comic industry to popularity and success for almost three decades from 1960s onwards.

THE COMIC WORLD

Comic books came to India a couple of decades later than the West. The initial comics published in the country were the American ones. Indian comics, however, saw their most successful phase later when *Amar Chitra Katha* with its beautifully illustrated comic series from Hindu literature and Indian history became a household name. The blend of art and story brought India's culturally history alive for the 20th century and it became a hit with both children, teachers and parents.

A children's magazine of that era, the classic *Chandamama*, though not a comic book *per se*, was known for its illustrations and published long-running mythological stories that ran for years. The stories embedded in the never-ending story of King Vikramaditya and *Betal* (Vampire), an adaptation of an ancient Sanskrit work *Baital Pachisi*, brought wide repute to this magazine.

The story was adapted in the form of a television series in 1985. This shift was portentous. As the number of television sets grew exponentially over the next decade, reading became a less favoured pastime. Stories from ancient India such as *Vikram-Betal*, and series such *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* still remained popular but the medium had changed. By the time the century ended several comic book publishers were out of business.



SIGN OF TIMES

In recent years, comic books have seen a resurgence. The advent of digital technology and social media are helping new designers and artists create and promote their work more easily. Today's comic artists are both passionate creators and smart entrepreneurs. They are driven by a strong conviction about the type of work they undertake but also know how to effectively reach the readers. The graphic novel has now moved from being focussed on children to targeting adults.

During the research for my book *The Indic Quotient, Reclaiming Heritage through Cultural Enterprise*, I came across one such comic book venture, Vimanika comics. The founder Karan Vir Arora told me that his motivations to start this venture were multi-pronged. "I had a three-point agenda: firstly, educating the youth around the world about Indian culture, heritage, and spiritual values. Secondly, I felt the need to share the stories in a format that appeals to young people. And thirdly, I wanted these graphic novels to be ultimately created into live-action and animated films like Superman and Batman," he said.

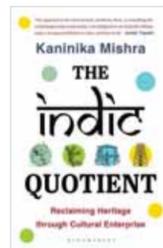
Vimanika's stories are steeped in Indian mythology, but the art is highly stylised. Apart from a team of animation artists, writers, and editors, Vimanika also has archaeologists, researchers, and historians, who help keep the content authentic. Arora says that they pick up historical events that

have created an impact, especially those that exemplify individual courage. "Our comics are a complete package of drama, emotion, action, and spirituality. They also have fantastic artwork." Vimanika is a part of the new wave of comic books in India. Not only is the expression more in tune with the times, the comic book publishers are using unconventional ways to promote and market their books.

COMIC CONVENTIONS & NEW MEDIA

Conventions like Comic Con are specifically curating events around comic books and their characters and drawing thousands of visitors in Indian cities. These gatherings do not only sell the books, but also other paraphernalia connected with popular comic book themes. Comic Con attracts young professionals, college kids and parents. Since this consumer segment has more disposable income it brings higher publicity and sales. Inspired by this trend, Arora too has tried to build a new revenue channels based on his comics. "We decided to take our heroes beyond books," says Arora, adding, "We have ventured into merchandise, collectibles, and toys."

While Indian comics take tentative steps into new channels to boost visibility and sales, innovative digital platforms are setting a new trend in the West. With comic apps and dedicated mobile based platforms, comic books are finding it easier to reach a generation that is more comfortable with smart phones than physical copies of books. Marvel Comics, one of



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America's biggest comic book company was an early mover and launched its digital app several years before the others caught up. While Marvel and DC Comics, which is Marvel's biggest competitor, have their own apps, there are others which work like e-readers for comic books and offer a range of comics from different publishers. They provide readers a catalogue of comic titles for a specific download price or work on a subscription model with unlimited access to their library.

With growing downloads and increasing revenues, the digital app-based graphic novel has become a game-changer in comic book publishing. In India, too, comics have adapted to the digital ecosystem. Not only do we find bigger names such as *Amar Chitra Katha* and *Tinkle* comics available as apps but several other players have leveraged the this medium to reach out to readers. These include both graphic novels based on war heroes such as those by Indian War Comics as well as stories from Indian legends from the fast-growing comic company Graphic India.

Graphic India states, on its website, "In the same way that America created superheroes and Japan created anime, Graphic is tapping into the creativity of India to launch a new wave of enduring characters and mythic heroes to captivate the imaginations of youths in India and around the world." The company says that it is using uses digital comics and animation to develop new stories targeting the 550 million Indian youth under the age of 25 and the 900-mil-

lion-person mobile market as they take their stories directly to smartphones.

Graphic India, in fact, is highly focussed on the new media. It is sparking a new creative revolution in comic book storytelling by using enhanced visual effects and interactive elements that lend well to a digital medium. It made waves when it recorded 20 million views for the first of its kind short-form comic books '*18 Days: The Mahabharata*', and its female superheroine series, '*DEVI*' which it launched on the video-content platform TikTok for a limited period of time.

Graphic India is now expanding their motion comics and audio comics to include new languages beyond English and Hindi, and a quick look at Google Playstore reveals that many lesser known Indian comic apps are also available in Hindi and other regional languages.

As comic book players continue to pursue new creative ways to compete in an increasingly competitive space, the best is perhaps yet to come. The past two decades have seen an expansion in the genres and formats of Indian comics. While the storytelling is getting more attractive and the formats more diverse, Indian themes form the bulk of the comics sold. It seems like Indian stories rooted in tradition and cultural ethos are here to stay.

The writer is an author. She has recently published *The Indic Quotient, Reclaiming Heritage through Cultural Enterprise* with Bloomsbury India



ONCE YOU REPLACE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS WITH POSITIVE ONES, YOU'LL START HAVING POSITIVE RESULTS — WILLIE NELSON

THAT FLIGHT CAN WAIT

We have a vicious circle, a game of 'passing the virus', across socio-economic groups. The break from this pattern depends to a large extent on those belonging to higher income groups by way of practicing restraint and caution

STILETTOS



MINIYA CHATTERJI

Six months ago India had 3,500 Covid-19 cases. At that time, India was under lockdown and one evening millions beat their plates congratulating Indians for successfully staying home. Six months ago it would have been unthinkable to step out of the safety at home, take a flight (wearing the PPE kit) to Mumbai which continues to be India's Covid-19 hotspot, and supervise a construction site full of people, who too have ultimately chosen to step out to work. But this is precisely what a family member will do this week, at a time when we need to be more careful than ever in a country with over 8,267,623 cases such that one has greater chances to run into infected people now than one was six months ago.

Offices have opened even if hospital beds are full. Roads are packed with traffic even if greater number of people need to be quarantined indoors. Flights are on despite the high risk of giving the virus to a co-passenger. We are clearly living in a dystopian world.

Ask anyone in your circles who is out and about the reason, and it is likely that many of them will tell you about lockdown fatigue. The more people realise that Covid-19 is here to stay for a while more, the more they feel that life must go on with or without Covid-19.

"Covid-19 is not a fatal disease," I have often been told. "Kids will go crazy and drive us crazy if kept with us indoors," a parent once told me. "I need to step out to earn a living," said a family member. This is not just in India. "Cases have risen again in Switzerland and we have another lockdown. But, thankfully, the day care for our baby is open this time round, so it is more manageable," a friend told me. Some others these days also point to data that suggests that the Covid-19 curve in India has bent and daily new cases are declining since mid-September in the country, and so it is alright to step out. All of them belong to high income groups.

These are all very sound reasons to get on with life out of our homes, except that these are also great examples of our impressive capability to find reason for actions we desire rather than actions that will keep us safe.

Increasingly more of my friends and acquaintances are out and about, and they are also increasingly being either infected or seem to know those in their immediate circles who are Covid-19 infected. Now this is a fairly logical correlation to make — Covid-19 is a fast spreading virus



and more you get in contact with others the more you are bound to catch it. The lack of information as well as new mutations of the virus make it impossible for us to make assumptions that wearing a mask or keeping some distance from people while interacting, will protect us. Indeed all we need to do is stop meeting people for a few months of our life until there is a vaccine (or other such solution). We do not know how long this will take — but is this unpredictability not the

very characteristic of difficult times we all have certainly encountered in our lives? Times that are tough and difficult do seem that they will never end until we know better when difficult times finally recede. However, my point is that lack of caution leading to more cases is explicable.

What is less comprehensible is that how are the numbers of Covid-19 cases in India decreasing when around me — and perhaps around the readers of this

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piece — more numbers of people are getting infected? I hear more numbers of friends and their friends and family getting infected, than ever before. Yet the total number of Covid-19 cases in India are declining. Why are the national numbers in India not matching the news in my social circles?

This was an interesting question in a chat group (equivalent these days to a live conversation) that echoed my bafflement. The members of this chat group were peo-

ple like me who are engaged in the fight against Covid-19 in India. They, like me, were also all members of high income groups. We and our family members are more likely to take flights, go to offices, and return to social entertainment.

In India, the high income groups are smaller in number compared to the larger proportion of India's population which is the economically weaker sections and slums from where we have been told with great euphoria that the cases have stabilised to a large extent.

The latter perhaps explains why the overall national numbers have been recently declining. However, what we do know is that higher income groups have clearly had enough of social distancing and Covid-19 wariness, forgetting that it was precisely them who, by their travel and various socio-professional activities, are responsible for the unprecedented global spread of the virus.

So if we indeed have a situation where Covid-19 cases have moved from the economically weaker groups where the majority of India's population is, to the higher economic groups that have fewer numbers but possibly where the majority of our social circles are, how long will it take for the economically weaker group to be re-infected?

A plausible answer is that this mass infection will take three months which is approximately when the immunity will wear off.

Here we have a perfect vicious circle, a game of 'passing the virus' across socio-economic groups. The pandemic started with people who travelled internationally, so indeed it infected the high income groups first who then spread it to the large numbers of economically weaker groups. However each time these economically weaker groups gain immunity for two or three months the case load will decline, but then this will lead to the higher income groups lowering their caution as well as we are seeing in current times.

I do not wish to add more worrying news to the daily Covid-19 stress. Yet at this time the break from this vicious circular pattern once again depends to a large extent on those belonging to higher income groups. We need to focus only on essential physical meetings with people for some time longer. For now dump that flight, work meeting, family trip out.

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Storytelling in day-to-day business

Hacks for Life and Career aims to bridge the gap in terms of what Corporate India needs and tries to help us become ready to face the world professionally and personally, writes SANDEEP DAS, as he hands out tips to starting one's own business

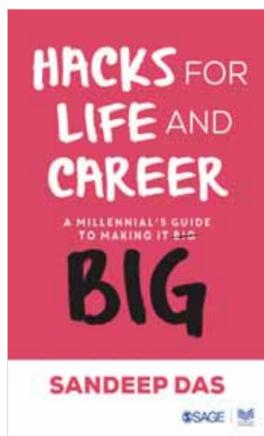
The decision to take the ultimate plunge to build your own firm is never an easy one. The decision can be spurred in a moment of realising a path-breaking idea or an intense desire for individual freedom driven by a stifling corporate culture. Whatever the reason, the path is akin to a game of thorns where the entire world seems to queue up against you. This chapter intends to serve as a primer for aspiring entrepreneurs to help them navigate through the initial days before the real battle begins!

BUILD A GREAT PRODUCT AT THE RIGHT PLACE, TIME AND COST

It is a no-brainer that you need to have a potential idea that solves a genuine pain point for end consumers. The pain point is termed as genuine if at least a million consumers feel it (not just a few consumers on 80 feet road, Koramangala, Bangalore) and are ready to pay for it. By paying, it implies an amount that makes unit economics positive. While this idea of yours is getting prototyped, it is advisable to not rock your existing job or source of stable cash flow. The disruption to your steady cash flow is advisable only when your great idea has successfully been piloted.

STAY FULLY INVOLVED, STAY FOOLISH

Although it is important to stay fully committed and passion-



ate to your start-up, it is sensible to be legally sound and protected. The business structure of your start-up needs to be agreed upon at the very start to avoid unforeseen future debacles. The most primitive version is the sole proprietorship model where you are the eventual owner with every revenue and cost item hitting your personal wealth. As a consequence, you are individually liable for all losses to your firm. This structure is advisable for freelancers who do not have significant cost liabilities while operating your businesses. A safer version of a business struc-



ture, termed by some as the greatest invention of the previous century, is the limited liability partnership model. As the name suggests, the model guarantees you access to the entire revenue and profits while limiting your losses to the invested capital. As a result, your personal wealth that is not invested in your company is deemed safe.

GET A 21ST CENTURY GARAGE SPACE TO START WORK

While entrepreneurs in the previous century were famous for working in their garages before making it big, the 21st

century has made it easier for aspiring entrepreneurs to get a physical space. The ever-mushrooming co-working spaces (e.g., WeWork, Innov8), with desks and rooms for rent with all other services taken care of (e.g., internet, cleaning, security, cafeteria, parking), are an extremely attractive proposition for aspiring entrepreneurs. The cost of such services is fairly reasonable with an individual desk costing between 8,000 and 12,000 a month while a dedicated meeting room costing between 15,000 and 20,000 a month.

THE PAPERWORK IS NOT AS MESSY BUT NECESSARY

Registering your company is a necessary evil. It involves obtaining a DIN (director identification number), filing the certificate of incorporation at the MCA website, obtaining a permanent account number, tax account number, registering for Goods and Services Tax (GST), blocking the company name among other steps. In case a patent is involved for your product, it involves a few more days. To be reasonably practical, the entire process of registering your start-up can take around three weeks including the

time you require to get the documents ready.

MAKE YOUR FRIENDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA JEALOUS

Even before you have decided to take the plunge and register your firm, a social media presence to test the concept and user interest can be of great help. In terms of effectiveness of media, Facebook is passé while Instagram is the new king of commerce. Not to forget, leveraging LinkedIn for understanding end user traction is picking up. More than product testing, a following of at least 10,000 people on your

product pages is a handy start. To pay for followers or likes is not advisable, they rarely end up subscribing to your product. An organic following is always advisable in the beginning before driving up an audience by paying for them.

In conclusion, as exhilarating as it may sound, starting your own firm is a very difficult job, both emotionally and physically.

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India-US relations to remain robust

Although it will take a few weeks for a formal declaration of results of the November 2020 presidential election in the United States, the results and lead reported so far make it quite clear that there will be a change of guard in the White House.

On January 20, 2021, as the new President, presumably Joe Biden, takes oath as the next President of the United States, a post-Trump era will dawn with substantial challenges for the American people and even for the world.

This election was contested in the midst of a global Covid-19 pandemic that hit the American people the hardest in terms of lives lost, livelihood in jeopardy and health security in absolute red zone. Yet the voters' turnout was the highest in more than a century. Physical security of people, economic security of the nation, and Americas standing in the world were all in stake.

Analysts had begun to ponder whether the Trump era in the country's history would be an aberration or a new trend. But the fact that about four more million people voted for Donald Trump in 2020 than they did in 2016 speaks volume of the post-Trump phase of events in the US even if a Democratic candidate assumes office in the White House. The race has been very close and Trump supporters have proved all poll survey results wrong the way it did in 2016.

Significantly, a new presidency without adequate support in the US Congress is bound to face political hurdles in achieving the policy objectives. The pious intentions of uniting the country, preserving the American values and giving a healing touch to the nation may prove to be a Herculean task.

Today's America is less white and much younger with changing values of Generation Z. The role of the Baby



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

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Boomers and Generation X has declined and role of the Millennials and Generation Z is becoming increasingly prominent.

There is notable demographic shift in the society and the political dynamics have changed with people of colour and minorities being more conscious of their rights and political role. Donald Trump's immigration policy, attitude towards racism, views on the white supremacists, the Black-Lives-Matter movement with supports from a large number of white population are all indicative of an America that is divided.

The priority of the next American President will, of course, be providing a healing

touch to the bruised and wounded society in an utterly divided nation. But how? It is not going to be easy. President Trump may no longer be in the White House, but his influence is unlikely to disappear anytime soon. Sooner the Republican Party is able to discover a more temperate, tolerant, classy and compassionate leadership better it would be for the country to face the shifting reality of a changing demography and settle down with a new societal consensus.

The next US Administration will also have to ensure health security, improve economic wellbeing of the masses and promote racial equity. In all these, the role of the Indian-American commu-

nity is going to be crucial. And this is where the roots of the socio-economic connection between India and the United States can be located.

The Indian-American community has of late provided the strong social bridge between the two countries and the political and the economic role of this community in the US are critical to sustaining the momentum of India-US strategic partnership. This is a complex connection and it cannot be explained in plain language. But it needs emphasis that the Indian Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has successfully engaged the Indian-American community in a manner that serves the interests of India as well as the

United States.

Detractors would likely spread their discourse that Prime Minister Modi through the Indian-American community endorsed President Donald Trump in an election year and thus Joe Biden may play hardball with India. They may also draw attention to Pakistan bestowing "Hilal-e-Pakistan" on Joe Biden in 2008 and thus argue that a Biden presidency may be friendlier with a Pakistani Government.

The reality is quite different. First, Prime Minister Modi had gone to America to bolster India's ties with that country and sought to impress upon the President the role of a vast number of Indian-Americans in promoting American society

and economy. He would have done the same thing in the Houston rally or Ahmedabad roadshow, had it been a different person in the White House.

Reasoning that Biden's policy towards Pakistan will be influenced by an award he received about 12 years ago is likewise untenable and fallacious. After all, Biden was the Vice President when Osama bin Laden was killed in Pakistan!

Significantly, India-US strategic partnership began to take shape since President Bill Clinton's path-breaking trip to India in March 2000 and signing of a Vision Statement with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It is that partnership envisioned by an American

President and an Indian Prime Minister about 20 years ago that has borne fruit today and India-US relationship has never been better than what it is today.

Twelve years of Republican Administration since end of Bill Clinton's Democratic Administration have not erected any barriers to America's strategic partnership with India. Eight years of Obama Administration and now next four years of Biden Administration cannot but further strengthen the US-Indian ties.

It was President Clinton who established a strategic partnership with India not long after India went nuclear. It was President George W Bush who signed the 123 Agreement to bolster India-US civil nuclear cooperation. It was President Obama who considered India a "lynchpin" of his "Asia Rebalancing" strategy and it was President Trump who made India a key anchor of his "India-Pacific" strategy. It was the Obama Administration who started the Defence Dialogue between the Pentagon and the Ministry of Defence. It was President Trump who expanded it into 2+2 dialogue to include the State Department and Ministry of External Affairs. What else example can be given to underscore the robust bipartisan support in the US for having a strategic partnership with India!

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PERSPECTIVE

Pakistan Democratic Movement: Heralding chaos or change?

Looking at Pakistan's tumultuous political and historical past, it can be safely concluded that the PTI Government will not survive the test of time. Economic woes faced by Pakistan at the moment are offering a rare advantage to the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) coalition led by two of the most prominent political parties i.e. the Pakistan Muslim League (N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)



MAKHAN SAINIK

Nearly eleven political parties have been up in arms against the Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Government almost for a month now over a number of issues, especially on the economic front.

Economic woes faced by Pakistan at the moment are offering a rare advantage to the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) coalition led by two of the most prominent political parties — the Pakistani Muslim League (Nawaz) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) among others to attack the Government.

The first PDM rally was organised in mid-October. For now, the veteran Maulana Fazlur Rehman, head of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F), is heading the PDM. Just before beginning his first public appearance, he clearly underlined the objective of the coalition, "The Opposition is committed and there should be no impression that any of the parties are waiting for an agreement. All parties are committed and are united in restoring the sanctity of the people's vote." Outlining the PDM's united role in its fight against the PTI Government, he said, "We don't have personal enmity with anyone. But it should be specified that Pakistan belongs to Pakistanis. It does not belong to western entities." He also stressed on the fact that "Pakistan did not come into power to be ruled by the global establishment. It all implies that the PDM is solidly behind the Maulana and they want an Imran-free Pakistan wherein there would be no western intervention at all.

Maryam Nawaz, former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's daughter and vice-president of the PML(N), while embark-

ing on this journey, regarded herself as the "Nawaz's foot soldier". She vowed to continue her father's mission for Pakistan. Meanwhile Billawal Bhutto-Zardari, the PPP chairman and son of former President Asif Ali Zardari and late Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, too has joined the struggle and made it a united front to bring down the Imran Government.

Indeed, these second-generation leaders of the two main Opposition parties have put forward a rare fight to the Army-backed PTI Government in Islamabad.

The 26-point charter released by the PDM is very significant. It clearly spells out that there should be an end to the establishment's role in politics. Among other things, it also highlights that Imran must resign immediately, and demanded production of missing persons and reduction of the prices of basic commodities. The PDM has also announced a clear line of action for the immediate future. Apart from its huge Gujranwala rally, the alliance will hold joint rallies across the four provinces of the country. Also it says that these rallies will be followed by mass protests across the country in December and a long march to the capital city of Islamabad in January 2021. The coalition lawmakers may also consider the option of resigning from the country's National Assembly.

At the moment, PML(N) founder Nawaz, who was convicted of corruption in 2018, is now based in London after getting bail on medical grounds, had given fiery video speeches at two different rallies organised by the PDM. In one of his speeches, he created almost a history of sort. He called out



Supporters of the Pakistan Democratic Movement take part in an anti-Government rally in Karachi on October 18, 2020 AP file photo

the name of the head of the Pakistan's Army General Qamar Javed Bajwa and accused him of engineering his ouster in 2017 and 2018 victory of the PTI in the general election. It's in fact very rare for a senior politician of a former Prime Minister's stature to

make specific allegations against a sitting Army chief of the country. This is a worry signal for the country at this moment. But Nawaz in his speeches maintained that his fight is not against Imran but only against those people who has brought him to power.

And undoubtedly, it is clear that he is pointing finger at the country's Army establishment. Questioning the all powerful Army is somewhat prohibited in a country like Pakistan as it's popularly known as the "deep state" of the country. Besides, the Army in that country

absolutely regulates all internal and external moves of any civilian Government that has ever come to power since its formation.

Precisely, in the last 73 years of Pakistan's history, there were four occasions when the Army ruled the country. And such Opposition alliances had in the past come together against military rulers and at times with significant successes. In the late 1960s, the Opposition parties had thrown out Field Marshal Ayub Khan from the office of the President of Pakistan. However, the Opposition parties could not register similar success in regard to General Zia-ul-Haq's presidency in the 1980s. The charges against Zia were led by the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD). Again, such an alliance called Alliance for the Restoration of Democracy (ARD) came up to dethrone General Pervez Musharraf in the 1990s. It's not that these Opposition parties only rallied against the military dictators but they also came up to pull down civilian governments in the past. For example, the popularly elected Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Government was pulled down by such alliances in the year 1977 to bring home the General Zia presidency. But here we must remember that there were specific allegations of election rigging and manipulation of economic policies against the then Bhutto Government. In those days, the Opposition coalition was led by the Pakistan National Alliance.

When it comes to the coalition against Imran Government, it must be noted here that it is fully backed by the Army unlike the Bhutto Government of the 1977. So today's PDM struggle is very unique in that sense and it goes

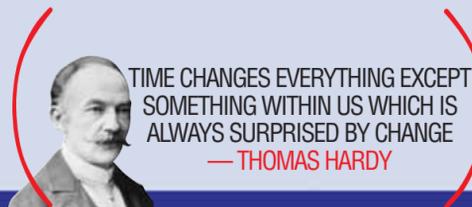
further, it may garner more public support for it.

What has exactly enraged the Opposition and the public is deep economic crisis accompanied by the severe attack of the global corona pandemic across Pakistan. The acute shortage of wheat and sugar has pressed a large number of people to look out for an alternative government in the country. Besides these two problems, the devastating floods and locust attack on grain fields have together accentuated the current crisis in Pakistan.

It is an open secret that corruption of successive establishments, including the PTI in Islamabad, has severely plagued the entire administrative system of the country. It has become an inseparable part of Pakistan's public governance system. Sadly, Imran has added an extremely poor political discourse to the existing public sphere of the country. His scant disregard for political opposition and arrogance in public forums has further aggravated the problems for the Government.

Currently, ousting the PTI Government is seemed to be an insurmountable task. The simple reason is that it is solely backed by the Army of Pakistan. But how long this support sustains is a matter of big question. Till then, Imran is safe. The traditional rivalries of the two Opposition parties within the PDM i.e. the PML (N) and the PPP must make it sure their differences should not break the alliance in the days to come. Looking at Pakistan's tumultuous political and historical past, it can be safely concluded that the PTI Government will not survive the test of time.

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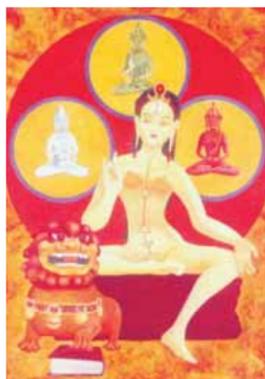


YOUR WEEK AHEAD

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ARIES March 21-April 19
 This week negative energies may be at play around you. Food poisoning, dehydration or other seasonal ailments could make you feel low. In women, thyroid or hormonal imbalance could cause concern. Get a medical examination done and take all care possible. On the career front, your logical and analytical approach to things could keep you busy. You follow truth and discipline. You are likely to experience challenges but understand that this is just a phase of your journey to something much more positive. Stay focused on your long-term goals. On the relationship front, a new romance is on the cards. You want to start afresh in your relations. Fun and entertainment with your family are indicated.
Lucky number 21
Lucky colour Magenta
Lucky day Wednesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22
 You need to be careful about your health this week. More work and no relaxation could be harmful. Your body needs rest. This is a time to create a detailed plan and to follow a schedule. Good time management will pay off and you will enjoy both work and health. Those who are planning a healthy family, need to be persistent and focused. On the career front, you are now headed towards a much better position. Use the opportunities for changing your beliefs about yourself. At some point, you may feel offended. Try and stay away from such a situation, this may give you an upper edge in the times to come. On the personal front, romance is on the cards and you feel heady. Trusting your partner will give you the strength and confidence to overcome the obstacles in life.
Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Sunday



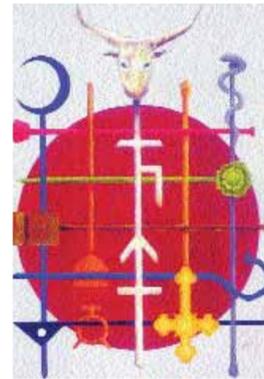
SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21
 You are about to bring some significant positive changes in your life. You will feel rejuvenated. You are likely to go on a deeper spiritual journey that will bring greater meaning and purpose into your life and renew your inner energy. Hope for a better future and optimism is reflected in your creations. There is a call of destiny that motivates you to go on. Professionally, you may have to bring changes in your lifestyle and working schedule. If you are not able to meet the demands of your professional responsibilities, think it over. Try to bring about balance and moderation in your life. On the personal front, there will be issues while communicating with your family. It is time to know the importance of family bonding. It will help you focus your energies on good personal life.
Lucky number 11
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20
 This week brings a sense of fulfilment, health-wise. A new beginning that naturally occurs after the completion of a cycle. You are in the right place, doing the right thing to be in good health. You are following the strict regime of diet, exercise and relaxation. The motto of healthy living is also reflected in your personality. Overall, you will enjoy the week. On the career front, you are filled with renewed energy and enthusiasm. A breakthrough moment is on the cards. You are likely to embark on a new journey towards becoming a self-made person. An idea or passion will inspire and motivate you. On the personal front, you have a crush on an unapproachable person. Chances are that you may face difficulties in the future. To move forward, avoid daydreaming.
Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Saturday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22
 This week you are full of energy. You are a visionary and dream beyond your current limitations and move confidently into new areas. Take this leap of faith to develop the real you. Think big in terms of where you want to be and what you want to discover along the way. On the career front, you feel immense satisfaction once you find your work is on the right path after a long time. All this while, despite putting your heart and soul into your work, some hurdles may have appeared making you frustrated. Now you can bid adieu to the failures and accomplish your tasks. You can start a business that sells items for children this week. This week happy family time and enjoyment in love relations is on the cards. You enjoy a happy family life even if you are single.
Lucky number 22
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19
 This week you are adventurous and curious. You will be filled with a great amount of energy. Use this energy in creative pursuits and to hone your skills. Risk-taking and creative energies will open new areas in your life. If you are facing a moment of doubt, then believe in yourself and follow your heart. On the career front, you feel kind towards others and may decide to use abundance in your life for the benefit of others. You are likely to work for welfare schemes or maybe volunteer for the religious organisation for your happiness. It will give you immense satisfaction. You may lend money to someone in need. On the personal front, you will experience a spiritual spark and divine feeling will fill you with faith. This is a time when you seek solitude and isolation from others.
Lucky number 6
Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20
 This week you need to control your temptations. Be smart and know how to make the best use of everything. You will be healthy, charismatic, and inspiring. People will be awestruck by your spontaneity and play of words. Be positive and in control. Over-confidence could be harmful. On the career front, you feel more stable and mature in terms of finance as well as emotions. You can turn situations in your favour. You are more traditional in your way of working and believe in rules and regulations. Enjoy the confidence that comes with self-control. Take out time to meditate and spend some alone even if you are in a committed relationship. Maintaining your inner balance is equally important.
Lucky number 3
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22
 You may need a medical examination this week. Do not ignore your health. This is a wake-up call. Take timely action which would be to your advantage. Learn to live in the moment and seize the time. You will be radiating good energy. Share these good energies with the people around you who are feeling low. On the professional front, you are likely to make decisions with your mind than heart. You are independent in thought and action. For a better understanding of the situation and a person, you like to know the how, what, why, where, when and who of everything. Your relationship is taking a turn this week. Everything was going fine but some sudden changes could change your life. Your spouse or partner may start doubting you or become over-demanding.
Lucky number 19
Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Friday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18
 This week you may be tempted to fight every conflict to prove yourself right or to defend yourself. You feel aggressive, annoyed by other people's attitude towards you. Beware as there is a conspiracy against you. Analyse and introspect, perhaps you may be at fault. Stay calm. On the career front, you are firm and determined towards your goals. You are clear in your communication and straight forward with your colleagues. Avoid being rude and stay away from conflicts. Utilise your strength and reasoning powers for a good cause. If you are at an authoritative position, then think about the benefits of your subordinates. On the personal front, your mental stability is your greatest strength. Your family needs your support and attention.
Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Tuesday



CANCER June 21-July 22
 This week brings entertainment as well as commitment. You feel contented, both emotionally and mentally. Your physical health will be good. Carelessness such as overeating could prove harmful. Be careful of your diet and avoid junk and fried food. You are open to the risk of putting on weight, BP and acidity problems. Professionally, money will come from various sources and you would want to spend lavishly. It is advised to save your income this week and be happy. This is the time to take certain financial decisions. It would be productive and fruitful in the future. This week your relationship may suffer. You feel disappointed and want to walk away from everything you have built so far. Your attitude is the reason for your current situation.
Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21
 This week you feel inspired to start a creative project like taking up an art class or enhance your skills. You feel comfortable with your real identity and what you feel. You are not afraid to express yourself to the others. Allowing your creative pursuits will bring new potential. Stimulating your imagination will allow your new talent to unfold. You will enjoy good health. Career-wise this is the time to enjoy the pleasures of life. You are likely to spend more time on your happiness. Executing your ideas to achieve a target will put you in your senior's good book. This week you are at ease with yourself and others. You are likely to create a positive environment at home. Trust will give you strength and confidence to overcome the obstacles in life.
Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Tuesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20
 Eliminating unwanted emotions will help you refresh. This is a period of self-evaluation and to think about your mistakes. This will help you release the feeling of guilt and sorrow about the past. This is a good time to take fresh decisions. Share your experiences with others and in healing within a group. Professionally, you have logical and analytical strength and the courage and intellect to accomplish all that you desire. You need to detach yourself in a specific situation, to discover the truth. You need to use your intellect to prove your point and succeed. You can also solve problems through diplomacy. On the personal front, you are filled with unbounded energy. And this energy needs to be balanced with a realisation of responsibility and compassion.
Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Blue
Lucky day Thursday

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Astro-analysis can surprise

A decade ago, one of the North Eastern states was undergoing political turmoil. Many prominent members in the Cabinet were vying to replace the incumbent Chief Minister. All of them were lobbying with the central leadership, staking their claim. But somehow, consensus was not building up in favour of any one. This tussle was helping the then Chief Minister survive. Meanwhile, someone advised one of the challengers to seek my advice about his prospects.
 The person concerned approached me in early March 2007. But he didn't know his exact birth particulars. So, a horary chart was cast, when he approached me. Based on my finding, I offered my opinion: "Well, change of guard is on the cards. You, though hold the potential to occupy that position sometime later, but do not hold a chance in immediate times. Rest assured, you may occupy the high position after four years. At the moment, you will serve to be a king maker. Better rally around someone else." The man accompanying the said leader was an astrologer. He asked me for the basis.
Lagna sub-lord Venus, the 10th lord,

which also happened to be 11th sub-lord though in exaltation but was in the 8th house. Venus occupied the constellation owned by Mercury, the 11th lord in retrogression and tenanted in the 6th house. The *lagna* sub-lord, thus, strongly signifying the 11th, 10th and 6th house, suggested that he had the potential to occupy the high office. All the more, because benevolent Jupiter from 4th house (*Simhasansthana*) extended its aspect to the 10th house and 10th lord. However, the fact that Mercury, the constellation lord of Venus, was in retrograde motion, implied that it did not promise fulfilment of his desires in immediate terms.
 Sun, the natural *Karaka* for the man in power (incumbent Chief Minister) was conjunct Rahu and Uranus, and square to Jupiter. It implied that the one holding charge had lost the favour of central leadership. Also, his fall from power (Rahu conjunct Sun) was imminent.
 A few days later another challenger approached me. In his case, too, the horary chart offered similar finding. In this case, Cancer *lagna* was rising. Saturn, the 7th and 8th lord occupied



the *lagna*, which was detrimental to his interest. *Lagna* sub-lord was again Venus in exaltation in the 9th house aspected by 6th and 9th lord Jupiter. But Venus occupied the *nakshatra* owned by Mercury, the 3rd and 12th lord in retrograde motion. 10th sub-lord was again Venus. 11th sub-lord was Mercury in retrogression. In this case also, Sun was in rapt conjunction with Uranus and Rahu and square to Jupiter.
 So, once again, I opined that there will be change of guard, but he doesn't have a chance at that point of time. He could act as a king-maker.
 Towards March end came the person who finally succeeded in dislodging the incumbent Chief Minister and occupied the high office. A look at the Ruling Planet chart revealed that Moon was over the head, indicating that the questioner will be in public limelight soon. Being a fast moving planet, the result had to come very soon. But Saturn stood guard, being conjunct Moon. So, it had to create hurdle in the way. But then benevolent Jupiter, and also the 6th lord identified with success over adversary, with its trine aspected mitigated Saturn's maleficence towards fulfilment of desire. Venus, the *Lagna* lord and incidentally

the *lagna* sub-lord also, aspected the *lagna*, which lent strength to the person concerned. Venus occupied the sub of Rahu, which was tenanted in the constellation owned by Jupiter posited in the 2nd house. It extended trine aspect on the Sun posited in the 6th house; as well as Moon and Saturn tenanted in the 10th house. 11th sub-lord Jupiter was in direct motion occupying the constellation owned by Mercury, which again was in direct motion. So, fulfilment of desires was promised. Mercury happened to be the 10th sub-lord identified with position of responsibility, is again a fast moving planet, and so, the result had to come fast.
 Sun was at 13 degrees and 48 minutes in Pisces sign. In another 12 days, Sun will move by another 12 degrees when Jupiter will be exactly trine to it. So, I predicted that he may become Chief Minister in another 12 to 15 days. In fact, exactly after 12 days, he was sworn in as chief Minister.
 To sum up, a reasoned astrological prediction can be surprising.
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