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Bihar results proof of sabka saath: PM

Modi says it is endorsement of agenda of all-round development, hits out at family-run parties, says Bihar has chosen 'vikas raaj' over 'goonda raaj'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Amid chant of "Modi hai to Amumkin hai," Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hailed the BJP's victory in Bihar Assembly polls as the country's endorsement of the agenda of all-round development and hit out at the family-run parties.
Addressing party workers at a felicitation function after the BJP's victory in Bihar elections and various bypolls, he asserted that the only mantra for his party's victory was "sabka saath, sabka vikas and sabka vishwas".
Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP chief JP Nadda and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari were also present on the occasion.
In addition to thanking thousands of "committed" workers of the party, the PM repeatedly thanked and praised party president JP Nadda for the Bihar victory and gave him a standing ovation, exhorting the gathering to join him in chanting, "Nadda ji tum aage badho, hum tumhare sath hai".
The PM hit out at family-run parties saying they are the biggest threat to the democracy and rued that even a national party had fallen prey to it.
Modi said the poll results in Bihar and other by-elections across the country have made it clear that people will now support only those who work honestly for development. "People have decided that development alone will be basis of national politics in 21st century," he said.
"In 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP returned to govern with greater numbers than what is got in 2014. In Bihar too, the BJP was the only party which saw a growth in seats while contesting a fourth consecutive term with our partners. In Gujarat too, the BJP has been in power since the '90s, yet even in the latest by-elections too, we won comprehensively... It shows that people are seeing who is working for them," he added.
The Prime Minister said the BJP is the only party which truly has a national connect with the people of India. "From just two MPs and two rooms, the BJP today is there in every corner of India," he said.
"I don't just want to thank the people for supporting us, but for participating in the democratic process. For com-

ing out and doing their bit. The elections that happen in India are unparalleled in the entire world," he added.
Turning his attention to West Bengal, he raised the issue of alleged political murders targeting saffron party members.
"People in some parts of the country think that they will realise their goals by murdering BJP workers. I will appeal to them to see reason... I need not warn them as people will do this. Polls come and go, win and loss happen but this killing game cannot work in a democracy. This 'maut ka khel' cannot get you votes. They should see the writing on the wall," Modi said, without naming any party.
Lauding the people of the country for reposing their faith in the BJP, the Prime Minister also thanked and praised the Election Commission, security forces and administration for peaceful and successful conduct of elections.
These poll results have

broadened the outcome of Lok Sabha elections, the Prime Minister said referring to BJP's success in polls and bypolls across the country.
"BJP is the only national party in which poor, dalits, deprived see their representation; only BJP understands need of every section, region. The poll results have endorsed the way we have tackled Covid-19 pandemic," he said.
Modi also said that women across the country are the "silent voters" which support the BJP across all rural and urban regions.
Amid a festival-like atmosphere with the crowd chanting *Modi hai to mumkin hai* (Modi can make it possible), BJP president JP Nadda earlier said at the event that people of Bihar have put their stamp of approval on Modi's work to deal with Covid-19 and help poor during pandemic.
He also said Bihar has chosen "vikas raaj" over "goonda raaj", "DBT raaj" over "loot raaj" and LED over lantern.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves to party workers at BJP HQ, a day after the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) garnered majority in the Bihar Assembly polls, in New Delhi on Wednesday

India, China mull LAC cool-off plan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
The six-month-long tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) may ease with India and China likely to agree to withdraw their tanks and heavy guns and thin out troops in a phased manner from the stand-off sites.
These agreements may come about in the ninth round of Corps Commander-level talks in the next few days, sources said here on Wednesday. If everything goes well, the gradual disengagement may commence from mid next month, they added.
Army Chief General MM Naravane had hinted on Tuesday that "We are hopeful we will be able to reach an agreement which is mutually acceptable and mutually beneficial."
His observations came days after the Corps Commanders of India and

China held the eighth round of parleys at Chushul, Ladakh on November 6.
Naravane said the senior military commanders of India and China are "ironing out the modalities" of how to proceed ahead.
"We had the 8th round of talks on November 6 between the highest military commanders on both sides. They are ironing out the modalities of how to proceed ahead within the overarching guidelines which had been communication post the interactions and the meetings between the respective Ministers (defence and foreign)," the Army chief had said.
In this backdrop, sources said India and China may agree to a three-step process on disengagement of troops and withdrawal of weaponry from all major friction points in a time-bound manner.
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Amid celebration, Nitish's silence baffling

NAVIN UPADHYAY ■ NEW DELHI
There has been little celebration in the Janata Dal(U) camp in Bihar and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has not even reacted to the poll result even as "Big Brother" BJP has kept reaffirming he will continue to be Chief Minister.
Nitish's silence is baffling. It was expected that having survived a bitterly fought elections where the pollsters had written him off, Kumar's party will have reason to celebrate Dipawali in advance. But during the last 48 hours, the Chief Minister has confined himself to his 1, Anne Marg residence and not even done the formality of thanking the voters.
Sources said Nitish has called a meeting of all his candidates — both winners and losers — at 3.30 pm on Thursday at his residence. The CM will take feedback from them about the reasons for the party's dismal show and then may speak out on the poll result.
A JD(U) leader explained Nitish's silence saying all these years he dictated the terms to

the BJP, but now that the saffron party is doing a favour by offering him the chair of the Chief Minister, Nitish has reasons to be cautious. After all, the BJP will now seek a proportionate share in the Cabinet and would like to have greater say in the Government. "This is not a welcome situation for someone like Nitish Kumar," the JD(U) leader said, adding, "What's there to celebrate for us?"
The JD(U) rank and file is also very disappointed with the BJP top leadership for allowing Chirag Paswan to remain within the NDA at the national level when he went out to sabotage Nitish's prospects in the polls and threatened to send him to

jail in corruption cases.
Those who know Nitish Kumar understand that he is unlikely to forgive Chirag and would mount pressure on the BJP to throw him out of the NDA.
With a wafer thin majority of three seats on his side and his party reduced to 43 seats — 30 seats less than the BJP — Nitish does not seem to be in any hurry to reveal his mind even though several top BJP leaders have met him during the last two days.
On Wednesday, both BJP State chief Sanjay Jaiswal and Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi asserted that Nitish will continue to head the NDA Government in Bihar and the gap between the number of seats of BJP and JD(U) will have no impact on the ruling alliance dynamics in the State.
"Certainly, 100%," Jaiswal told PTI when asked whether Kumar will remain the Chief Minister.
"We are allies and equals. We have to run Bihar collectively," he said.
"Winning the fourth term

is always a great task for anybody. We have won that. This proves everything was fine. It is very rare that you win a fourth term in continuity. We have done this and it settles everything," Jaiswal said.
Echoing similar views, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi said, "Nitishji will remain Chief Minister as it was our commitment. There is no confusion on this."
"Not all parties win an equal number of seats. Who won how many seats is irrelevant, people voted for the NDA. BJP played a role in JD(U)'s victory and JD(U) played a role in BJP's victory. JD(U), BJP, VIP and HAM worked together, then we registered this victory," Sushil Modi was quoted as saying by ANI.
If Nitish continues as Chief Minister, he would be sworn in for the seventh time into the position. However, the relationship between the BJP and JD(U) is expected to be different, as the BJP will be the senior partner in the alliance.
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Many escaped defeat by skin of their teeth

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI
In a see-saw battle, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) managed to win 125 seats — three more than it needed to breach the majority mark of 122 in the 243-member Bihar Assembly, but in nearly two dozen constituencies the victory margin was wafer thin.
Of them, the margin of victory in seven seats was less than 500 votes and four seats have victory margin less than 1,000. The JD(U) has won the Hilsa Assembly seat just by 12 votes. In Barbigaha, JD(U) candidate Sudarshan Kumar defeated Congress' Gajanan Shahi by just 113 votes.
JD(U)'s Krishnamurari Sharan, alias Prem Mukhiya, has polled 61,848 votes, while his nearest Atri Muni, alias Shakti Singh Yadav, of the RJD has got 61,836 votes in Hilsa. As per the poll panel data, JD(U)'s Krishnamurari Sharan has got 232 postal votes and the RJD's Shakti Singh Yadav 233.

Ramgarh, Matihani, Barbigaha, Bhoire, Bachwara and Dehri Assembly seats where victory came after a really close fight and victory margin was less than 500 votes. In Barbigaha, JD(U) candidate Sudarshan Kumar defeated Congress' Gajanan Shahi by just 113 votes. In Ramgarh, victory margin was a mere 189 votes. In Matihani, Raj Kumar Singh of LJP defeated Narendra Kumar Singh of JD(U) by just a 333 votes. Bhoire victory margin was a mere 462. The RJD's Fatehbadur trumped the BJP's Satya Narayan in Dehri by a mere 464 votes.
Besides, Bakhri, Chakai, Kurhani and Parbatta seats where the margin of victory was less than 1,000. CPI candidate Suryakant Paswan has defeated BJP's Ramashankar Paswan by a margin of 777 votes. Chakai seat won by independent candidate Sumit Kumar Singh by a margin of 581 votes by defeating RJD's Savitri Devi.
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CAPSULE

U'KHAND CM RULES OUT BAN ON FIRECRACKERS
Dehradun: Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Wednesday ruled out the possibility of a ban on firecrackers on Diwali but asked people to avoid bursting them to keep the air clean.
VEHICLE-RELATED DOCU VALID TILL DEC 31
New Delhi: In view of the prevailing Covid-19 situation in the city, Delhi Government has extended the validity of vehicle-related documents including fitness and registration certificates, driving licences and all types of permits, till December 31.
AIMIM TO CONTEST BENGAL POLLS
Kolkata: With Asaouddin Owaisi's All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen(AIMIM) announcing its decision to contest the 2021 assembly polls in West Bengal, the ruling TMC in the state Wednesday called it a "communal force which acts as the B team of BJP".

Online films, news, shows now within I&B Min ambit

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
The Government has brought online mediums, including films and news portals, under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The I&B Ministry will also regulate online audio-visual programmes and current affairs content, according to the amendment order signed by President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday. As per this order digital content providers such as Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, and Hotstar will now be regulated by the I&B Ministry.
While the Press Council of India (PCI) looks after the print media, the television news channels come under News Broadcasters Association (NBA). The Advertising Standards Council of India is for regulating the content of the advertisements and Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) monitors films, but there is at present no law or autonomous body governing digital content or Over-the-top (OTT) platforms and the Government was facing questions from courts on many petitions.
The Supreme Court



recently sought the Centre's response on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) for regulating OTT platforms such as Netflix and Amazon Prime Video by an autonomous body. The PIL stated that digital content on these platforms is made available to the public at large without any filter or screening and the Government has sought time to reply in this case.
A Bench comprising Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian had issued notices to the Central Government, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) and Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). None of the OTT/streaming platforms including Netflix, Amazon Prime, Zee5, and Hotstar, have signed the self-

regulation provided by the I&B Ministry since February 2020, the petition challenging the contents of the OTT platforms said.
Anticipating Government's intervention, in January 2019, eight video streaming services introduced a self-regulatory code that laid down a set of guiding principles for content on these platforms. Government did not support this in court. Now after the new order, the I&B Ministry got the regulatory power.
The notification issued by the Cabinet Secretariat has amended the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 by inserting two new entries — 22A and 22B — to the Second Schedule of the Rules.
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Sputnik V 92% effective against coronavirus, claims Russia

PTI ■ MOSCOW
Russia's Sputnik V vaccine has shown 92 per cent efficacy in preventing Covid-19, according to interim trial results announced by the country's health ministry on Wednesday.
The announcement follows results unveiled earlier this week by vaccine developers Pfizer and BioNTech, who said their vaccine was more than 90 per cent effective at preventing Covid-19.
The calculation is based on the 20 confirmed Covid-19 cases split between vaccinated individuals and those who received the placebo, said Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF).
The efficacy of the vaccine, developed by the Gamalaya Centre, was demonstrated on the basis of a first interim analysis obtained 21 days after the first injection.
There were no unexpected adverse events during the trials. Monitoring of the participants is ongoing, the ministry said.
The interim research data of Sputnik V has not been published or peer-reviewed yet.
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Ban on Chhath at public places, river banks in Capital

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has instructed officials to ensure that Chhath Puja this year is not performed at public places, river banks and temples in Delhi, citing the recent rise in Covid-19 cases in the national Capital.
An order issued by Chief Secretary and DDMA executive committee chairman Vijay Dev on Tuesday issued directions to all DMs and DCPs for strict compliance and to encourage people to celebrate Chhath at their homes during the pandemic.
It also directed the DMs and DCPs to hold meetings with religious and community leaders as well as Chhath Puja Samitis before the festival to get their cooperation to maintain law and order and harmony, and to sensitise the public on the compliance of guidelines and instructions to combat Covid-19.
The situation of Covid-19 in Delhi was reviewed and it had been observed that there is a persistent rise in Covid-19 cases in NCT of Delhi in the

recent period, the order stated.
"Considering this, it has been decided that Chhath Pooja celebrations in the month of November 2020 may not be allowed in public places and people may be advised to celebrate the festival at their home only," it said.
Delhi BJP leader and former minister in the city Government Kapil Mishra questioned the order and claimed it was issued as the AAP Government failed to make adequate preparations for Chhath Puja.
"This order banning Chhath Puja in Delhi will not be obeyed Arvind Kejriwal ji. Delhi Government, which was the first to open liquor shops in the country, cannot issue an order to stop Chhath Puja."
"The AP government banned Chhath Puja as it could not prepare for it. Chhath Puja will be performed," Mishra said in a Hindi tweet.
The Chhath Puja is celebrated in Delhi in a big way by the natives of Bihar and eastern UP. The two-day festival falling on November 20-21, involves worship of the Sun God at a water body like a river, pond,

Delhi's air improves to 'very poor' as wind blows away pollutants



New Delhi: After remaining in the "severe" zone for six days on the trot, Delhi's air quality improved slightly on Wednesday as a change in the wind direction reduced the contribution of stubble burning to the pollution, though it was still in the "very poor" category. The city recorded an air quality index (AQI) of 344.
The 24-hour average AQI was 476 on Tuesday. An AQI between 201 and 300 is considered "poor", 301-400 "very poor" and 401-500 "severe", while the AQI above 500 falls in the severe plus category.
Delhi had witnessed six consecutive "severe" air quality days till Tuesday. It had

recorded seven such days in November last year.
The neighbouring cities of Faridabad (327), Ghaziabad (360), Noida (309), Greater Noida (340), and Gurgaon (288), which fall in the National Capital Region (NCR), also recorded their AQI in "poor" and "very poor" categories on Wednesday.
The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) ordered the closure of hot mix plants and stone crushers in Delhi-NCR till November 17 in view of a likely increase in pollution levels during the coming days, when a number of festivals will be celebrated.
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4,907 Covid cases, 125 deaths as Maha sees spike

IN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a spurt in Covid-19 infections and fatalities, Maharashtra on Wednesday logged 4,907 fresh infections and 125 deaths in various parts of the state.

A day after the infections dipped to 3791 and deaths dropped to 110, there was some upward movement in the GO Covid-19 graph in the state where the infections dropped by 1216 and deaths went down by 15.

With fresh 4907 infections,

the total number of infected cases jumped from 17,26,926 to 17,31,833. Similarly, with 125 fresh deaths, the total number of deaths in the state rose from 45,435 to 45,560.

As 9,1,64 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 15,97,255. The recovery rate in the state rose from 91.96 per cent to 92.23 per cent.

Of the 125 deaths report-



ed on Wednesday, Mumbai accounted for a maximum of 22 deaths, followed by 17

deaths in Thane, 16 in Pune, 9 in Satara, 8 in Solapur, 7 each in Aurangabad, Nanded and Nagpur, 6 in Ahmednagar, 5 in Nashik, 4 in Osmanabad, 2 each in Beed, Buldhana and Chandrapur and one death each in Palghar, Raigad, Dhule, Jalgaon, Sangli, Jalna, Washim, Wardha, Bhandara and Gondia. In addition, one person from outside Maharashtra died in the state.

Meanwhile, the number of "active cases" in the state came down one lakh mark as the total cases dropped from 92,461 to 88,070. The fatality rate in the state stood at 2.63 per cent.

Currently, 9,41,118 people are in home quarantine while 6,551 people are in institutional quarantine.

Pune district, which continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra,

was the total number of cases increase from 3,39,450 to 3,40,023, while the total number of deaths in Pune increased from 7086 to 7102.

Thane district remained in the third spot --after Pune and Mumbai -- after the total number of infections rose from 2,28,538 to 2,29,097, while the pandemic toll climbed from 5319 to 5336.

Meanwhile, out of 96,000 samples sent to laboratories, 17,31,833 have tested positive (18.04 per cent) for COVID-19 until Wednesday.

90 cases in the earlier trial. This is not a competition," he said.

"We need all trials to be carried out to the highest possible standards and it is particularly important that the pre-set criteria for unblinding the trial data are adhered to avoid cherry picking the data," Riley said, adding anything less than this risks a public loss of trust in all vaccines, which would be a disaster.

Currently, Sputnik V Phase III clinical trials are approved and are undergoing in Belarus, UAE, Venezuela and other countries, as well as Phase II-III in India. The Sputnik V vaccine is based on a human adenoviral vector platform that had proven safe and effective with no long-term side effects in more than 250 clinical trials globally conducted during the past two decades, the ministry said.

The Russian vaccine uses two different human adenoviral vectors that enable to provide strong and long-term immune response after the second injection.

"The publication of the interim results of the post-registration clinical trials that convincingly demonstrate Sputnik V vaccine's efficacy gives way to mass vaccination in Russia against COVID-19 in the coming weeks," Alexander Gintsburg, director of the Gamaleya Center said in a statement.

"Thanks to the production scale up at new manufacturing sites, Sputnik V vaccine will soon be available for a wider population.

This will break the current trend and lead to an eventual decrease in COVID-19 infection rates, first in Russia, then globally," Gintsburg said.

Eleanor Riley, Professor of Immunology and Infectious Disease, University of Edinburgh in the UK said while the results are encouraging.

"I worry that these data have been rushed out on the back of the Pfizer/BioNTech announcement earlier in the week."

"The Sputnik data are based on only 20 cases of COVID-19 in the trial participants, compared to more than

Yogi directs PSU banks to organise loan melas in dists

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed the public sector undertaking (PSU) banks to organise loan melas in all districts and disburse admissible loans to eligible persons under the different schemes of the Government.

The Chief Minister also asked the banks to set district-wise and branch-wise targets for disbursing loan to the beneficiaries under different schemes.

Yogi Adityanath said under the Stand-up India scheme, each branch of the PSU bank should provide loans to at least one woman from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and two women entrepreneurs. He said this would benefit 36,000 women entrepreneurs.

A government spokesman said here on Wednesday that since May 14 this year, the PSU banks had provided credit of Rs 18,330 crore to 6.24 lakh micro, small and medium units in the state. He said under the Atmanirbhar package, the banks had provided loans of Rs 10,847 crore to 4.37 lakh MSME units already in operation. He added that so far banks had provided financial assistance of Rs 29,000 crore to MSME units in the state.

The spokesman said the Central government had communicated to the UP government that all the MSME units were eligible for loan under the emergency credit line guarantee scheme (ECLGS) provided they fulfilled the required minimum conditions.

He said as per the Centre's guidelines of ECLGS and Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana, all persons were eligible for obtaining loan, working capital for setting up MSME unit and employment creation.

Meanwhile, UP Chief Secretary RK Tiwari on Wednesday reviewed the progress of the Mission Rojgar being implemented by the state Labour department.

The chief secretary directed all the departments to draw employment plans and the district magistrates to also draw plan for their respective districts.

He asked the Training and Employment department to secure and update the data on employment and also develop a portal and an app to upload all relevant information about employment on them.

Tiwari said each department would nominate a nodal officer in each body like directorate, corporation and commission under their administrative control.

The nodal officer will upload departmental schemes on employment on the portal of Mission Rojgar.

Additional Chief Secretary (MSME) Navneet Sehgal informed the chief secretary that by the end of the current fiscal 2020-21, as many as 50 lakh persons were targeted to be provided employment through self-employment, skill development and other schemes of the government.

He said the data of employment provided by other departments of the government was being compiled

Delhi's air...

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It also asked the governments of Punjab and Haryana to take immediate stringent actions to curb stubble burning and authorities in Delhi-NCR to strictly check biomass burning.

The levels of PM2.5 -- which is about three percent the diameter of a human hair and can lead to premature deaths from heart and lung diseases -- was 177 microgram per cubic meter (µg/m3) at 5 pm, below the emergency threshold of 300 µg/m3.

The safe limit is 60 µg/m3. On Tuesday, PM2.5 levels had soared to 528 µg/m3 in the afternoon.

PM10 level stood at 343 µg/m3 at 5 pm. It had peaked at 685 µg/m3 on Tuesday, according to CPCB data. PM10 levels below 100 µg/m3 are considered safe in India and 500 µg/m3 is the emergency threshold.

According to the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), the air quality is considered in the "severe plus" or "emergency" category if PM2.5 and PM10 levels persist above 300 µg/m3 and 500 µg/m3 for more than 48 hours.

GRAP recommends measures such as a ban on construction activities, entry of trucks and car rationing scheme in such a scenario.

The Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas on Tuesday tasked the CPCB with operationalising and monitoring

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The BJP will certainly extract its pound of flesh if it allowed Nitish to remain in the driver's seat. It will try to have greater say in policy formulations and try to expand its base taking advantage of a situation where it is seen as the true winner of the battle of Bihar.

Meanwhile, to a question on the massive damage Chirag

GRAP measures till a mechanism is set up by the newly-constituted panel.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor, SAFAR, said the change in transport level wind direction has led to a significant decrease in stubble burning-related intrusion in spite of high fire counts.

The farm fire count in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and neighbouring areas was 2,422 on Tuesday and the share of stubble burning in Delhi's PM2.5 accumulation is almost negligible -- 3 percent -- on Wednesday due to unfavourable transport-level winds, it said.

"Deterioration (in air quality) is expected on Friday towards the higher end of the 'very poor' category," it said.

An official of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the predominant wind direction is east-northeasterly, which is not favourable for the transport of pollutants from farm fires in Punjab and Haryana.

Paswan-led Lok Janshakti Party inflicted on the NDA, especially the JD(U)'s prospects, he said that the LJP also hurt the BJP in a number of seats.

If the LJP was not there, the BJP would have defeated RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav in Raghapur constituency, Jaiswal claimed.

To a question on whether LJP will now have any place in the ruling alliance, he said it is for the BJP Parliamentary

Board, the apex decision-making body of the saffron party, to decide on that.

He, though, added that the NDA means the BJP, JD(U), Vikassheel Insaan Party and Jitan Ram Manjhi-led HAM(S) in Bihar.

The BJP had the best strike rate among all parties in the fray as it won 73 of the 110 seats it contests. Allies VIP and HAM(S) won four seats each.

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Currently, 40,000 volunteers are taking part in Phase III of Sputnik V clinical trials, out of which over 20,000 have been vaccinated with the first dose of the vaccine and more than 16,000 with both the first and second doses of the vaccine.

India, China...

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However, they said these were proposals and no agreement has been inked so far.

The broad contours of the proposal include removal of armoured personnel carriers within one day of inking an agreement, withdrawal of troops from specific areas on the north and south banks of the Pangong Lake in eastern Ladakh and carrying out verification of the disengagement process by both the sides, they said.

The specific proposals for the disengagement and restoration of the status quo ante as existed in April were finalised during the eighth round of high-level military talks, they said.

As a first step, both sides will remove their tanks, artillery guns, armoured vehicles and large equipment from the friction points along the LAC to their rear bases within three days from inking the agreement.

The second step entails the Chinese army will go back to Finger 8 areas from their current position of Finger 4 on the north bank of Pangong lake while the Indian troops would position themselves close to the Dhan Singh Thapa post, sources said. The mountain spurs in the area are referred to as Fingers. It was broadly agreed to withdraw around 30 per cent of the troops every day for three days, they said.

In the third step, it was agreed to complete the disengagement process in areas along the southern bank of Pangong lake like Rezang La, Mukhpari and Magar hill.

The Indian troops occupied a number of strategic heights in the Mukhpari, Rezang La and Magar hill areas around the southern bank of the Pangong lake, after the PLA soldiers attempted to intimidate them in the area on the intervening night of August 29 and 30.

In the final phase of the disengagement process, both sides will carry out a detailed verification process following which normal patrolling is expected to resume.

More than one lakh troops from both the sides are now deployed on the 1,700 km long LAC in Eastern Ladakh. In fact, both the armies are also digging in for a long winter deployment as the multiple round of talks at the military and diplomatic levels have failed so far.

Also, China cannot be trusted as it happened in June when after agreeing to pull back from the stand-off sites they did not honour the commitment. It led to a bloody brawl in the Galwan valley on June 15 leaving 20 Indian army personnel including the commanding officer dead.

After the last round of military talks, both sides described the negotiations as candid, in-depth and constructive. They said it was agreed to earnestly implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries and ensure that the frontline troops exercise restraint and avoid misunderstanding and miscalculation.

At the seventh round of talks too, both sides had agreed to maintain dialogue and communication through military and diplomatic channels to

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"The two new entries are as follows: 1. Films and Audio Visual programmes made available by online content providers. 2. News and Current Affairs on online platforms," said the Order.

The Central Government had recently told the Supreme Court that digital media is "uncontrolled" and needs to be regulated. I&B Ministry had told the apex court that any endeavour to regulate media has to begin with digital

media. This stance was taken by the Centre during the hearing of a case concerning Sudarshan TV's controversial "UPSC Jihad" programme in which the court was contemplating framing of guidelines to regulate television channels.

arrive at a mutually acceptable solution for disengagement "as early as possible".

Following the sixth round of military talks, the two sides announced a slew of decisions including not to send more troops to the frontline, refrain from unilaterally changing the

situation on the ground and avoid taking any actions that may further complicate matters.

The sixth round of talks took place days after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi reached a five-point

agreement to resolve the row at a meeting in Moscow on September 10 on the sidelines of a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) conclave.

The pact included measures like quick disengagement of troops, avoiding action that could escalate tensions, adherence to all agreements and protocols on border management and steps to restore peace along the LAC.

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In Kurhani, Anil Kumar Sahni of RJD defeated Kedar Prasad Gupta of the BJP by 712 votes while CPI candidate SuryaKant Paswan defeated Ramashankar Paswan of BJP by 777 votes in Bakhrui.

In Siwan, RJD's Awadh Bihari Choudhary has defeated BJP candidate OP Yadav by a margin of 1,973 votes and Simri Bakhtiyarpur seat was won by RJD candidate Yusuf Salahuddin by a margin of 1,759 votes. He has defeated Mukesh Sahni of Vikassheel Insaan Party. Ashok Choudhary of JD(U) has defeated Umesh Ram of the Congress by 1,537 votes in Sakra.

Pratima Kumari of the Congress won Rajapakar seat by a margin of 1,796 votes. He defeated Mahendra Ram of JD(U). Gaytri Devi of the BJP has defeated Ritu Kumar of RJD by a margin of 1,569 votes in Parihar.

In Munger, BJP's Pranav Kumar has defeated Avinash Vidyarthi of the RJD by a margin of 1,244. In Maharajganj, the victory margin was 1,976 while in Mahishi, it was a mere 1,630. The victory margin in Kishanganj was just 1,381 where the Congress candidate defeated BJP's Sweetie Singh. In Jhajha, the victory margin was 1,679 votes. In Kalyanpur, it was 1,193. It was 1,113 in Bhagalpur.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, FATMA TALAT holding Indian Passport No Z2489862 issued at DUBAI on 23/02/2014 and Permanent Resident of H.NO 15 F/1 SIR SYED ROAD JOGA BAI EXTN OKHLA NEW DELHI 110025 and presently working at UAE do here by change my name from FATMA TALAT to FATIMA TALAT with immediate effect.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of Bharatiya Hind Party (name of the party). The officer of the party is located at 90 Iswari Dayal Building Arya Samaj Road, Ganeshganj, Lucknow 226018 (U.P.). (give full address). This Party has submitted application of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 Names/address of the office-bearers of the Party are as follows:

President : Durga Shankar Bajpai
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Mob. 9706167998

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If any one has any objection to the registration of Bharatiya Hind Party (name of the proposed Party) they may send their Objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, DELHI
4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING,
PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001

O.A. NO. 239/2019

Bank of India Applicant
Versus
Mr. Pappu Wishwakarma Respondents

To,
1. Sh. Pappu Wishwakarma (Since Deceased) S/o. Sh. Rajman Wishwakarma Through his Legal Heir.
(a) i- Mrs. Sumitra Devi w/o Late Sh. Pappu Wishwakarma L-799, Gali No. 15, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi- 110062.
Also at
ii- Mrs. Sumitra Devi W/o Late Sh. Pappu Wishwakarma, H. No. 1168, Gali No. 25, Block-L-1, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi- 110062
(b) Mast. Suraj Wishwakarma (Minor) S/o Late Sh. Pappu Wishwakarma Through His Mother/ Natural Guardian Smt. Sumitra Devi W/o, Late Sh. Pappu Wishwakarma, H. No. 1168, Gali No. 25, Block-L-1, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi- 110062
(c) Mast. Ram Wishwakarma (Minor) S/o Late Sh. Pappu Wishwakarma Through His Mother/ Natural Guardian Smt. Sumitra Devi W/o, Late Sh. Pappu Wishwakarma, H. No. 1168, Gali No. 25, Block-L-1, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi- 110062
(d) Mast. Beby Anjali Wishwakarma (Minor) D/o Late Sh. Pappu Wishwakarma Through Her Mother/ Natural Guardian Smt. Sumitra Devi W/o, Late Sh. Pappu Wishwakarma, H. No. 1168, Gali No. 25, Block-L-1, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi- 110062
(2) Mr. Sunil Kumar s/o Sh. Jaipal Singh, A-40/13, School Wali Gali North Ghonda, Shastris Park, Delhi- 110053.
(3) i- M/s. Rudra Buildwell Projects Pvt. Ltd. Through Its Directors Having Its Registered Address D-53, Okhla Phase-I New Delhi- 110020.
Also at
ii- M/s. Rudra Buildwell Projects Pvt. Ltd. Through Its Directors Having Its Administrative Office At A-66, Sector-63 Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301.
Also at
iii- M/s. Rudra Buildwell Projects Pvt. Ltd. Through Its Directors Having Its Project Office Rudra Place Heights, Plot No. GH-02B, Sector-01 Noida Extension, Greater Noida-201303 (U.P.)

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of **Rs. 22,54,210.48/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lacs Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Ten and Forty Eight Paise Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on **26.02.2021 at 10.30 A.M.** (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.tribunal.gov.in, Phone Number: 011-23748473)

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. **Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-**

(i) All the advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software;
(ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by 'Registrar/Recovery Office-1 and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head.
(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/ Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 07th November of 2020

Respondent may contact under mention Ph. No. for further enquiry
Mr. Amit K. Dar, Ld. Registrar
DRT-1, New Delhi,
Phone No.: 011-23748473
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By Order of this Tribunal
For Registrar

संचालनायक महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग
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// विविदा सूचना //

भारत सरकार द्वारा वित्त पोषित पोषण अभियान के अंतर्गत संचालनालय महिला एवं बाल विकास, भोपाल तथा मध्य प्रदेश के 51 जिलों एवं 453 बाल विकास परियोजनाओं में संचालित कार्यक्रम के क्रियान्वयन हेतु मार्च 2021 तक के लिए कुल 1027 योग्य एवं अनुभवी मानव संसाधन की सेवाएं प्राप्त करने हेतु केवल ऐसी संस्थाओं से सर्विस चार्ज की दरें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं जिनमें केन्द्र अथवा मध्य प्रदेश शासन की श्रेयहोल्डिंग हो तथा संस्था के मैनेजमेंट बोर्ड में शासकीय प्रतिनिधित्व हो। मानव संसाधन की योग्यता, अनुभव, मानदेय संबंधी विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट www.mpwcdmis.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। इच्छुक संस्थाएं प्रथम लिफाफे में संस्थान का विवरण, मानव संसाधन की सेवाएं प्रत्येक हेतु अधिकारिता एवं मानव संसाधन सफाई का अनुभव तथा दूसरे लिफाफे में जोड़सटी छोड़कर कर सर्विस चार्ज की दर (प्रतिशत में) सोलबिंद प्रस्ताव उपरोक्त पते पर दिनांक 26 नवम्बर 2020 को दोपहर 3.00 बजे तक प्रस्तुत किए जा सकते हैं। नियत दिनांक एवं समय के उपरान्त प्राप्त प्रस्ताव पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।

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G-15417/20 दो गज दूरी मार्क है जरूरी। महिला एवं बाल विकास भोपाल म.प्र.

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No. MID/WZ/06/PUR/NIT-25/15297 Indore, dated: 11.11.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
(A) Online tenders are invited for Supply/ Services/ Works as per tender specifications given below:-

TS No.	Particular	Unit	Qty.	Tender opening date
1474	Leasing out the Canteen building & Rate Contract for providing of Food Catering Services.	LS	2-300 no. of Plates	17.12.2020
1475	Rate Contract for supply of 8 Mtr & 9.1 Mtr. Long PCC Poles	No.	5,715	03.12.2020
1476	Rate Contract award Repairing & Testing of 33/11 KV BGP failed Power Transformers	No.	59	14.12.2020
1477	Selection of Project Management Agency (PMA) for Monitoring, Supervision & Quality Control Services for Turnkey award pertaining to installation of Smart Meters in 5 R-ADPRP Towns of MPWSVCL, Indore	LS	-	16.12.2020
1478	Outsourcing of Internal Audit of 7th pay scale of employee and pensioners by CA Firm for FY 2020-21	LS	-	19.12.2020

For TS-1474, 1476, 1477 & 1478, Pre bid conference will be held on date 01.12.2020, 28.11.2020, 01.12.2020 & 07.12.2020 respectively.

(B) Online tenders are invited for following TURNKEY WORKS as per tender specifications:-

TS No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. Lacs)	Tender opening date
1479	Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning of 10KW and above in 1479 Meters on Non-AG consumers having load 10KW and above in Indore city circle on partial OPEX model	2248	29.12.2020

For turnkey TS-1479, Pre bid conference will be held on date 15.12.2020.
For further information visit our website <http://www.mpwz.co.in> or portal <https://www.mpwz.com>

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Clean water from pipeline to 1,622 more colonies soon

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) will start providing clean water supply from the pipeline to 1,622 more colonies in the next six months.

In a review meeting chaired by the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on

Wednesday regarding 24x7 water supply and water augmentation action plan, the DJB officials said that Delhi will need about 1500 MGD water by 2031.

"The efforts to provide water supply pipelines in Delhi's colonies are continuing at a fast pace and out of 1799

pipelines have been laid in 1622 colonies," they said.

In the next six months, these colonies will have a clean water supply from the pipeline. Besides this, the water pipeline will reach the remaining 113 colonies by March 2022.

The DJB apprised the CM of various ongoing and future

projects to provide a 24x7 water supply to the people of Delhi. The DJB also gave a presentation on the laying of sewer lines and rain-harvesting across Delhi.

Kejriwal said that he will review the monthly progress of the project of 24x7 water supply, rain harvesting, and laying

of sewer pipeline. The review meeting was attended by senior officials along with DJB Chairman Satyendar Jain and Vice Chairman Raghav Chadha.

The chief minister said, "We have to complete all the projects within the stipulated time frame. The time limit for

completion of the projects has been fixed.

This has to be ensured to provide relief to the people and also prevent the unnecessary expenditure of money. I will review the ongoing projects on a 24x7 water supply across Delhi around the 15th of every month. The DJB officials will

also inform me about the monthly progress of work through presentations, including the progress of laying of sewer lines and rainwater harvesting projects."

Satyendar Jain, Chairman of DJB said, "It is often seen that the road has to be dug again and again to put sewer lines. It

causes distress to the people. We should lay a proper sewer system wherever the road construction is happening so that we do not end up digging up roads again and again. Delhi is not getting the necessary water from other states. 100 per cent of the water received is now being supplied."

'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' drive to curb pollution extended till Nov 30

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Wednesday said that in the wake of current pollution levels in Delhi, the second phase 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign will be launched from 16th November to 30th November.

"The two crore people of Delhi have to contribute and play their part to fight against it, our small contributions create a big impact. We want to appeal to the opposition to support us in fighting pollution. I also want to appeal to the people, please light diyas and not firecrackers; this fight is nothing without the support of the people," he said.

In order to control pollution levels in Delhi, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the 'Yuddh, Pradushan Ke Viruddh' campaign. Under the

campaign, various initiatives have been started to combat several internal sources of pollution in Delhi, and on-ground actions have been taken. The 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign has been launched from 21st October to 15th November to combat the vehicular pollution in Delhi, under which the people of Delhi are contributing to fight pollution by switching their vehicles off on the traffic signals.

"I want to thank and congratulate the people of Delhi for their support in the campaign. In view of the current pollution situation in Delhi, the second phase of the campaign will be launched from 16th November to 30th November," he said.

Like earlier, this phase will also aim to make people aware to switch their vehicles off on traffic signals and around 2500 marshals will be deputed on the



100 junctions in 11 districts for the effective implementation of the campaign. Around 20 environmental marshals, each will be deputed on 10 major junctions. The joint monitoring system of the ACP, SDM, and

traffic police will continue. "The Delhi government has sprayed the bio-decomposer solution, developed by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, on 2000 acres of land across Delhi.

This solution has converted the stubble into manure so that the burning of stubble can be prevented. To study the impact of the solution, a 15 member Bio-decomposer Impact Assessment Committee was

formed with officials, MLAs and five scientists from Pusa Agricultural Institute. The report of the impact of the solution in various areas across Delhi will be prepared by the evening, and we will submit the report to the CM," he said.

Rai said that an Anti-dust campaign has also been launched in Delhi. "The two crore people of Delhi have to contribute and play their part to fight against it; our small contributions create a big impact. Please be aware and support the government in controlling the dust pollution. We are also receiving complaints of garbage burning from various locations on the app. I want to tell the people of Delhi to keep uploading such instances and complaints on the app to make us aware of them and take action to douse the fire," he said.

3rd Covid peak longer than previous ones, may subside soon: Jain

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain said that the duration of the third peak of the spread of Covid-19 in the national Capital is longer than those of the previous peaks but it may subside in the next few days.

The health minister on Wednesday asserted that the city government has significantly ramped up testing by nearly three times on an average per day compared to the number of tests conducted when the second peak had hit around September 16, when over 4,000 daily cases were being reported.

Addressing the media, the minister also said the city government had filed a special leave petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court after the Delhi high court did not allow reserving 80 per cent ICU beds for COVID-19 patients at many private hospitals and the apex court has asked the government to approach a division bench of the high court.

"About two to three months ago, we had written to the Centre to increase about 1,000 beds and 300 ICU beds in Centre-run hospitals in the city," Jain added.

Delhi recorded over 7,800 fresh COVID-19 cases for the first time on Tuesday, taking the infection tally in the national capital to over 4.5 lakh, and 83 new fatalities, the highest numbers since June 16.

This highest single-day spike here till date -- 7,830 cases -- resulted from the 59,035 tests conducted the previous day, while the positivity rate stood at 13.26 per cent amid the festive season and rising pollution in the city, according to the latest bulletin issued by



the Delhi health department.

The previous highest single-day spike till date here -- 7,745 cases were recorded on Sunday. On Tuesday, 83 new fatalities were recorded, pushing the death toll in the national capital to 7,143. On June 16, the city had recorded 93 deaths from COVID-19.

Asked about the long spell of the surge in cases, Jain said in the previous peak which had lasted about 5-6 days, the tests conducted were about 20,000 per day and now the number of tests is nearly three times of that.

The third peak is longer but it "may subside in the next few days," he said. Delhi had recorded 71 fatalities from COVID-19 on Monday and 5,023 fresh cases. On Saturday and Sunday, 79 and 77 deaths due to the disease were recorded respectively.

The active cases tally on Tuesday rose to 41,385 from 39,795 the previous day, while the recovery rate stood at over 89 per cent. The bulletin said the total number of cases has climbed to 4,51,382.

Meanwhile, seeking to reduce coronavirus-related deaths in the national capital, the Delhi government has ordered COVID-19 test centres to mandatorily check the oxygen saturation levels of people, and persons found with below 94 per cent level are to undergo compulsory medical examination.

CM requests Harsh Vardhan to raise Covid beds in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has requested Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan to augment bed capacity in Central Government-run hospitals in the city in view of apprehensions that the number of Covid-19 cases could reach 15,000 a day in the coming weeks.

In a letter to Vardhan last week, Kejriwal cited a shortfall of around 4,900 beds in hospitals, seeking the Union minister's direction to the hospitals run by the central government in Delhi to provide at least 1,092 additional beds, including 300 ICU beds, with the required medical staff.

The chief minister said Delhi is witnessing a renewed increase in the number of COVID-19 cases for the last few days and cited the revised response strategy 3.0 of the Dr Paul Committee, projecting up to 15,000 coronavirus cases per day during the third surge in the upcoming weeks due to the rising pollution, celebration of festivals, wedding season and other factors.

At present, Delhi has a total bed capacity of 15,713, including ICU beds, for COVID-19 patients, he pointed out. However, the shortfall of around 4,900 beds will have to be met by augmentation in hospitals run by both the Centre and the state government, Kejriwal said.

The central government-run hospitals in the national capital have a proposed augmentation of around 1,092 beds, he said and requested Vardhan for the necessary directions so that the bed capacity in Delhi's hospitals for Covid patients is adequate in the coming weeks.

Govt shares vision for clean, green future of mobility

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In recognition of Delhi's landmark electric vehicle policy, the Delhi Government participated and shared its vision for a clean, green future of mobility at the prestigious UNFCCC 'Race to Zero Dialogue: Launching the global race to zero-emission mobility' held on Wednesday.

The dialogue was organised by the Climate Group in collaboration with the UN high-level climate champions and the UK COP26 presidency.

Vice-chairperson, Dialogue and Development Commission, Jasmine Shah represented the Delhi Government at the session "Government's leading the way" to share the experience of the Delhi government drawing



up a comprehensive policy and effectively leading the transition to zero-emission vehicles in the national capital.

Along with Delhi, two other states also shared their experiences and vision for EVs. Governor Gavin Newsom represented the State of California, USA and Izaskun Gohi Razquin, a senior official from the Government of Navarra, Spain.

Addressing a global audience of climate activists and leaders from business and government, Shah said, "The motivation behind Delhi's ambitious roadmap to transition to zero-emission vehicles is to address both climate change and the health emergency that arises from the high level of air pollution in Delhi. This kind of an aggressive roadmap was possible only because of the politi-

cal will that the Delhi government under the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal displayed on the matter of air pollution."

Elaborating on the five key pillars of Delhi's EV policy, Shah said, "First, we targeted fiscal incentives for specific vehicle segments that contribute maximum to vehicular pollution in Delhi's and India's context, which is two- and three-wheelers. Second, we also introduced non-financial incentives to help overcome barriers that might hamper EV adoption.

Citing an example, he said "We have allowed bike taxis to ply in Delhi only if they are EVs. Third, we see it as the government's duty to facilitate the setting up of charging infrastructure - in public as well as private complexes such as

malls, offices etc. Fourth, we believe governments will have to take the lead in conducting public awareness campaigns to sensitize and inform citizens of the benefits of EVs, and finally, our policy also focuses on skill training related to jobs that will arise as a result of this transition to a green economy."

When asked for a message to government leaders around the world looking to transition to EVs, Shah said, "The transition to EVs may look very daunting for large cities and states, but Delhi has shown that with political will, an attitude to learn from successes and failures of cities and countries around the world, and a goal-oriented approach, this is possible. Once cities figure how to get the first 10% EVs on the road, the rest will follow."

Hry CM unveils 65 air purifiers, to be installed at 10 places

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

To check the emerging pollution levels in Gurugram and provide some relief to people, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday inaugurated a total of 65 Wind Augmentation Air Purification Unit (WAYU) which will be installed in 10 locations with high AQI (Air Quality Index) index.

This initiative is part of the 'Project Air Care' in Gurugram.

Project Air Care is a public-private partnership between Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK).

"With several sectors reopening, increase in vehicular movement and the initiation of the crop burning, the national capital region is chocking as

air quality breaches the 'severe' category mark we have decided to install 65 air purifiers at key locations of the city," said a GMDA official.

During the event, Khattar said, "The rising levels of air pollution in Haryana; especially Gurugram is a serious concern amongst all of us. As we move towards the festive season, we would like to bring some relief to citizens with the installation of multiple WAYU air purifiers at strategic junctions. This initiative will help to build a clean and green city."

The first air purifiers have already been installed near the GMDA office in Sector-44.

Air purifiers are being installed in locations such as IFFCO Chowk, Sikanderpur Metro Station, Rajiv Chowk, Cyber City, Huda City Center, Genpact Chowk among others. The CM also appealed to

the people that we should all come forward to curb air pollution.

"Curbing pollution levels is everyone's responsibility and we need to come together to bring about a change. While the government and industry bodies are implementing various laws, I urge citizens to contribute by making small changes in their everyday life like encouraging carpooling, using bicycles and ensuring proper waste disposal," Khattar said.

"We plan to install these air purifiers at various locations and traffic junctions in Gurugram under our CSR project 'Mission Health'. This may only be a small step in the battle to secure cleaner air for all," Navneet Saluja, Area Managing Director, GSK Consumer Healthcare, Indian Subcontinent.



—Ranjan Dimri

Lifafebaaz gang which robbed people after offering them lift busted, 4 held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of four men, the Delhi Police on Wednesday busted 'Lifafebaaz' who, posing as policemen, used to target those waiting for conveyance particularly on bus stands or roadsides in the National Capital.

The accused have been identified as Robby (40), Rahul Kumar (29), Alik Abraham (37) and Rahul (27), all members of 'Lifafebaaz' gang.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South District, on Monday, based on an input received, a trap was laid on Ring Road and car with four people onboard was intercepted near a bus stand in Defence Colony.

"Upon enquiry and checking some suspicious articles were recovered and on further verification, they were found to be members of 'Lifafebaaz' gang. Six stolen mobile phones, jewellery, 14 envelopes, a walkie-talkie and clothes resembling the police uniform were recovered from their possession," said the DCP. "The car in which they were travelling was also found to be stolen from Hazrat

Nizamuddin area," he said.

"The gang used to target those waiting for conveyance particularly on bus stands or roadsides. On the way, they posed themselves as policemen or officials of any law enforcing agency," said the DCP.

"The accused used to tell victims that police checking is on the way ahead, and asked them to put their cash and valuables in an envelope. To convince them, one of the accused persons also used to put his cash and valuables in another envelope. They also asked victims to share the PIN of their ATM cards," said the DCP.

"Meanwhile, the accused used to exchange the envelope with another similar-looking envelope and drop the victims on the way. Later, they used to withdraw money from ATMs and flee with the valuables," said the DCP.

"The accused are notorious criminals who have been involved in several cases of cheating, theft, robbery and Arms act in the past. One of the accused Bobby has more than 50 criminal cases registered against him," said the DCP.

Man held for duping investors

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has arrested a man for allegedly duping over 100 investors on the pretext of promising them higher returns in his commercial project based in Noida.

The accused has been identified as Satinder Singh Bhasin, a resident of Rajouri Garden in west Delhi. Police said that the accused was arrested on Tuesday and he was also released on bail as per directions of a Delhi court.

According to Dr O P Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, the matter came to light in 2018, when police received several complaints from various people against Bhasin and his company.

"According to the complainants, in 2012-13, alleged company Mist Avenue Pvt. Ltd.

Invited people through an advertisement to invest in one of its Nodia-based projects. Initially, they claimed to build a building's 33 floors in 99 days and collected money from people but they kept raising multiple fraudulent demands without constructing it in real as agreed and even levied interest on the amount paid," said the Joint CP.

"Later the accused changed the name of the company and the project. In 2012-2013, they had assured that possession of its project will be delivered within 2015 but they arbitrarily extended the date of completion to 2022, forcing the allottees to enter into a new contract with the alleged new company. The project has been kept in abeyance without any further construction," said the Joint CP.

"The victims also alleged that the said company threatened to forfeit 35 per cent of the

amount paid if any demand of returning the invested money is raised. However, in spite of all this, the accused company did not hand over the allotted units or refund the money of the investors," said the Joint CP.

"During investigation, it was revealed that the alleged company had no authority to make the project while it was some other company which had been granted a license for the development of the project. Without due diligence about the land, the accused started the project and collected money from people. The details of the bank accounts were received which revealed the collection of money from public at large," said the Joint CP.

"The man had earlier as well started a project in Greater Noida which has remained in controversy and he was also arrested in several cases in Uttar Pradesh pertaining to this project," he said.

AAP: BJP-ruled MCDs lied to Delhites regarding fund crunch to defame Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak on Wednesday said that the BJP lied to the people of Delhi regarding the fund crunch to defame the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and the party.

He demanded the BJP to immediately apologise to the people of Delhi.

Pathak said that for the past several months the BJP ruled Municipal Corporation was claiming that they do not have the money to pay the salaries and blaming the AAP government for this but on Tuesday they have promised to release all the pending salaries; this shows that the BJP was lying.

The AAP leader said that no one in the world has ever witnessed such a shameless and insensitive governance model like the BJP ruled MCD.

"From the past several months the BJP ruled MCD was claiming that they do not have a single penny to pay the salary of their employees. The mayors were in protest in front of the CM's residence. But yesterday the BJP mayors have submitted written assurance to the protesting employees that the corporation will release the salaries, pensions and also give a bonus to their employees. The AAP wants to ask the BJP why they were lying to the people of Delhi for the past several months regarding the funds," he said.

Pfizer Covid vaccines' delivery difficult in India



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

While the Government has indicated that it is open to dialogue with Pfizer Inc so that its coronavirus vaccine can be made available for use in the country, health experts have pointed out that it will not be an easy affair. They said that the vaccine candidate which has 90 per cent effectiveness against Covid-19 will be expensive and difficult to deliver in India, particularly in rural areas where deep-freeze storage and transportation networks needed for the vaccine are almost nil. On Tuesday, Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE had shown 'extraordinarily' early results from final stage trials, raising much hopes, which were though short-lived, after

experts explained that it will need a complex and costly system of deep-freeze airport warehouses, refrigerated vehicles and inoculation points for distribution across India.

After they reach vaccination centers, the shots must be thawed from -70 degrees Celsius and injected within five days, if not they go bad, said the experts.

Delhi-based AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria was skeptical on the availability of the Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine as he said that the data released by the company is very encouraging but it should be looked very carefully.

"Whatever vaccines they are making have potential of giving immunogenicity and protection as far as COVID-19 is concerned," he said.

"The challenge with the vaccines is that, how long the immunity lasts and how much protective value that it gives as far as individuals are concerned," Dr Guleria added. He said that other challenge with the Pfizer vaccine is that the vaccine should be kept at a very low temperature which is not practical for rural parts of the country and tough to maintain the cold chain.

CMC Vellore scientist Dr Gagandeep Kang echoed similar sentiments. She said Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine is an mRNA vaccine which is going to be very expensive for India.

"...Currently, we have no system in this country to be able to deliver a minus 70 degree Celsius vaccine," Gagandeep Kang was quoted as saying by the report.

Senior scholar at Johns Hopkins Center, Amesh Adalja gave similar opinion pointing out that the cold chain is going to be one of the most challenging aspects of the delivery of this coronavirus vaccination.

"This will be a challenge in all settings because hospitals even in big cities do not have storage facilities for a vaccine at that ultra-low temperature," he added.

Covid caseload drops to 5 lakh, 106-day low

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when many countries are witnessing a surge in their Covid-19 caseload, India on Wednesday registered a drop in the infections that went below the 5-lakh mark for the first time after 106 days.

The 4,94,657 active cases are in contrast to the 6,07,384 in August and 10,09,976 in mid-September.

However, in a review meeting, Union Health Minister Dr Harshvardhan took serious note of a spike in deaths in Maharashtra, Goa and North eastern States like Mizoram, Meghalaya and Tripura, calling it a matter of concern.

With 44,281 new infections reported in the past 24 hours, India's total cases have surged to 86,36,012 as on Wednesday.

Highlighting the State specific areas of concern that would require focussed attention, the Union Health Minister noted that although the active cases have come down in Maharashtra, it continues to have a large active caseload, with a high Case Fatality Rate (2.6 per cent) which increases to 3.5 per cent in and around Mumbai.

BIHAR POLLS:

Many political heir apparents fail to carry forward legacies

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In times of an intense debate on nepotism, some political dynasties succeeded in carrying forward their legacies but many heir apparents failed in the recently concluded Bihar Assembly polls.

Senior politician Sharad Yadav's daughter Subhasini Raj Rao, Shatrughan Sinha's son Luv Sinha, senior RJD leader Prabhunath Singh's son Randhir Kumar Singh, Mandal Commission report's author B P Mandal's grandson Nikhil Mandel and former union minister Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav's son Jayvardhan Yadav are among those political dynasties who could not win and failed to carry forward their fathers' legacies.

The issue of dynasty politics has been a subject of intense political debate, with representatives of each party accusing leaders of other parties of promoting their kin.

Subhasini Raj Rao who contested from Bihariganj seat falling under the Madhepura Lok Sabha, which is considered a stronghold of his father, could not win the seat. She had contested on a Congress ticket. Subhasini lost to seasoned politician and sitting MLA Neeranjan Mehta of Nitish Kumar's JD(U) by 18711 votes.

Luv Sinha, son of actor-politician Shatrughan Sinha, who was contesting on a Congress ticket from Bankipur seat of Patna lost to BJP's Nitin Nabin by 38965 votes. In Chapra, senior RJD leader Prabhunath Singh's son Randhir Kumar Singh failed to win against sitting MLA Dr C N Gupta (BJP) by a margin of 7,222 votes.

JD(U)'s Nikhil Mandel, grandson of Mandal Commission report's author B P Mandal, lost to Chandrasekhar of the RJD on the Madhepura seat by a margin of over 15000 votes.

Among other notable losers are -- Chandrika Roy, son of former chief minister Daroga Prasad Rai, from Parsa. Roy, also the father Tej Pratap Yadav's estranged wife Aishwarya, had switched over to the JD(U) from the RJD has lost by a margin of 16947 votes against Chhotelal Rai who moved to Lalu Prasad's party leaving Nitish Kumar's just before the assembly polls.

In Jokitah seat in Araria district, sons of former union minister Mohammad Taslimuddin, were pitted against each other. Younger brother Mohammad Shah Nawaz, who contested on Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM party, defeated his brother Sarfaraz Alam of the RJD, by over 7,000 votes. Sadhu Yadav, brother-in-law of Lalu Prasad Yadav, who had contested on Mayawati's BSP ticket, lost to Subhasini of the BJP by 36,641 votes from Gopalganj seat. Jayvardhan Yadav, grandson of former union minister Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav, who had crossed over to the JD(U) from the RJD, also lost to Sandeep Saurabh of CPI-ML in Paliganj seat by a margin of 30,928 votes. Hindustani Awam Morch president Jitan Ram Manjhi won the Imanganj seat, but his son-in-law Devendra Kumar lost to

163 winning candidates face criminal charges

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 163 winning candidates of the total 243 in the Bihar Assembly polls, results of which were declared on Wednesday, have declared criminal cases against themselves.

Of them 123 (51 per cent) have declared serious cases including cases related to murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping and crimes against women. Besides, 194 candidates are crorepatas.

According to the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) report, 19 winning candidates have declared cases related to murder while 31 have declared

cases of attempt to murder against themselves. RJD is top in the list of winning candidates having criminal cases, followed by BJP and Janata Dal (United).

This time, the ADR had analysed the self-sworn affidavits of 241 of the 243 victorious candidates. The ADR did not say anything on such details of remaining winners. The results of the three-phase elections were declared on Wednesday early morning after counting that went on for over 20 hours.

Out of the 123 winners, 19 have murder cases, 31 attempt to murder and eight crimes against women against their names.

RJD's Satish Kumar on Makhampur seat by a margin of over 21000 votes.

However, Lalu's sons Tejashwi Yadav and Tej Pratap Yadav, former union minister Digvijay Singh's daughter Shreyasi Singh, RJD vice president Shivanand Tiwari's son Rahul Tiwari and Jagannath Mishra's son Nitish Mishra are among

those who have succeeded to carry forward their fathers' legacy. Among the other victorious candidates are Sanjiv Chaurasia (Digha), son of Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad, Sudhakar Singh (Ramgarh), son of state RJD president Jagdanand Singh and Alok Mehta, son of late RJD leader Tulsi Das Mehta.

Preservation of life more important amid Covid pandemic: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court refused on Wednesday to interfere with the Calcutta High Court order banning the use and sale of firecrackers in West Bengal on Kali Puja to curb air pollution, saying preservation of life was more important amid the coronavirus pandemic.

A vacation bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Indira Banerjee said

though festivals were important, but "life itself has been in peril" amid the pandemic. The bench said the high court knew the local condition better and it should be allowed to do the needful.

The top court was hearing an appeal filed by one Gautam Roy and the Burrabazaar Fireworks Dealers Association challenging the high court order of last Thursday banning the use and sale of firecrackers dur-

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ing upcoming festivals, including Kali Puja and Chhath Puja, to curb pollution. Kali Puja will be celebrated on Saturday.

"We are all battling for life in this situation and all of us have elderly people in our home," it observed. "We are in a situation where at this time, preservation of life is more important and the high court knows what is required at the ground level."

It said the high court had taken care of the interest of citizens, especially senior citizens who may have comorbidities.

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Statement of unaudited financial results for the period ended 30th September, 2020			
(Amounts in INR millions, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated)			
Particulars	6 months ended	6 months ended	Year ended
	30 September 2020	30 September 2019	31 March 2020
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	683	716	1,439
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	72	99	209
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	72	99	209
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	53	82	156
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	53	82	156
Paid up Equity Share Capital	133	133	133
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	2,025	1,897	1,971
Equity component of compulsory convertible debentures	1,144	1,144	1,144
Net worth**	3,302	3,174	3,248
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	6,625	6,954	6,789
Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares *			
Debt Equity Ratio *	2.48	2.25	2.20
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
1. Basic :	2.32	3.57	6.81
2. Diluted :	2.32	3.57	6.81
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	2.83	3.59	3.04
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	2.21	0.72	1.18
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	2.05	2.09	2.13
Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.			
Credit Rating : IND AA+ (CE)			
Change in credit rating : Rating by Care rating changed to "Under credit watch with development implications"			
Asset Coverage Ratio : 151% (31 March, 2020 : 149%)			
Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above			
Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above			
Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above			
Previous due date for the payment of interest/repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not (as on 30 September, 2020)			
Previous due date for the payment of interest : 30 September, 2020 and the same was paid			
Previous due date for the payment of principal : 30 September, 2020 and the same was paid			
Next due date for the payment of interest/repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities (as on 30 September, 2020)			
Next due date for the payment of interest : 31 December, 2020			
Next due date for the payment of principal : 31 March, 2021			
Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable			
Net Worth ** (30 September, 2020) : INR 3,301 (31 March, 2020) : INR 3,248			
Net profit after tax : mentioned above			
Earning per share : mentioned above			
Debt Service Coverage Ratio (30 September, 2020) : INR 283 (31 March, 2020) : INR 304			
There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7))			
Notes :			
1 Ratios have been computed as follows : - Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares - Debt Equity Ratio = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital + share premium + quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing but excluding unamortized fees) - Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / Total Interest Expense - Debt Service Coverage Ratio = (PAT based on Project Revenues realised + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents)) / (Interest + Principal Repayment + Guarantee fee.) - Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets - Current Liabilities excluding maturities of long term borrowings) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) * As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 20 September, 2017. ** Networth represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance.			
2 The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34") as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies.			
3 The company is in the business of development and operation of solar power and hence has only one reportable operating segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".			
4 The above reviewed financial results have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 10 November 2020.			
5 India Rating have assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "IND AA+ (CE)" with negative outlook and CARE have assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "IND AA+ (CE)" with credit watch with developing implications.			
Place : Gurugram For and on behalf of the ReNew Akshay Urja Limited Date : 10 November, 2020 Rahul Jain, Managing Director, DIN- 07641891			

VP calls for change in lifestyle to make water conservation way of life

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Underlining that water is a finite resource, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on Wednesday called for a change in lifestyle and make water conservation a way of life.

He said reduced use of water also results in less use of energy required for pumping and supplying water to homes, offices and farming activities. In effect, it will also help in reducing pollution, he noted. "Unless we reduce the wastage of water and take up saving and conservation of water on a war footing, there is a danger of potable water becoming a scarce resource in the future," Naidu said.

With the rising population, he said, urbanisation, industrialisation and expanding agricultural activities, the water requirement will continue to increase.

"The key message that needs to be taken to people again and again is this:

the water that is available is finite. It is not unlimited. It is the responsibility of each and every citizen to save water and use it judiciously. The need of the hour is to change our lifestyles and make water conservation a way of life," Naidu said.

The vice president was speaking at the National Water Awards to honour the excellence in water management and conservation across the nation. Tamil Nadu bagged the 'Best State' award, followed by Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

Practises like micro-irrigation, drip and sprinkler systems have to be promoted in a big way for efficient use of water for agriculture, he said.

"Reduce, reuse and recycle must be the watchwords if we have to handover a sustainable and liveable planet to the future generations," he said.

Naidu pointed out that watershed development is another area that can spur local economic development.

New 'hidden' gene in Covid-19 virus identified

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Researchers have identified a new "hidden" gene in SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for Covid-19, that may have contributed to its unique biology and pandemic potential. In a virus that only has about 15 genes in total, knowing more about this and other overlapping genes — or "genes within genes" — could have a significant impact on how we combat the virus.

"Overlapping genes may be one of an arsenal of ways in which coronaviruses have evolved to replicate efficiently, thwart host immunity, or get themselves transmitted," said lead author Chase Nelson, a postdoctoral researcher at Academia Sinica in Taiwan and a visiting scientist at the American Museum of Natural History. "Knowing that overlapping genes exist and how they function may reveal new avenues for coronavirus control, for example through antiviral

drugs." The research team identified ORF3d, a new overlapping gene in SARS-CoV-2 that has the potential to encode a protein that is longer than expected by chance alone, according to the study published in the journal eLife.

They found that this gene is also present in a previously discovered pangolin coronavirus, perhaps reflecting repeated loss or gain of this gene during the evolution of SARS-CoV-2 and related viruses. In addition, ORF3d has been independently identified and shown to elicit a strong antibody response in Covid-19 patients, demonstrating that the new gene's protein is manufactured during human infection. "We don't yet know its function or if there's clinical significance," Nelson said. "But we predict this gene is relatively unlikely to be detected by a T-cell response, in contrast to the antibody response.

And maybe that has something to do with how the gene was able to arise."

Overlapping genes are hard to spot, and most scientific computer programmes are not designed to find them. However, they are common in viruses.

This is partly because RNA viruses have a high mutation rate, so they tend to keep their gene count low to prevent a large number of mutations. As a result, viruses have evolved a sort of data compression system in which one letter in its genome can contribute to two or even three different genes.

"Missing overlapping genes puts us in peril of overlooking important aspects of viral biology," said Nelson. "In terms of genome size, SARS-CoV-2 and its relatives are among the longest RNA viruses that exist. They are thus perhaps more prone to 'genomic trickery' than other RNA viruses."

CANCELLATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION / SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIENTATION / DIVERSION OF TRAINS

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CANCELLATION OF MAIL / EXPRESS TRAINS		
Train No. & Name		Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special		12.11.2020
22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat		12.11.2020
02462 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express		12.11.2020
02461 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express		13.11.2020
02011/02012 New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express		12.11.2020
05211 Darbhanga Jn.-Amritsar Jn. Express		12.11.2020
05212 Amritsar Jn.-Darbhanga Jn. Express		14.11.2020

CANCELLATION OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS		
Train No. & Name		Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02422 Jammu Tawi-Ajmer Express		12.11.2020
02421 Ajmer-Jammu Tawi Express		13.11.2020
02231 Lucknow - Chandigarh Express		12.11.2020
02232 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express		13.11.2020
04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express		12.11.2020
04887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express		13.11.2020
04519 Delhi Jn.-Bhathinda Express		upto 20.11.2020
04520 Bhathinda-Delhi Jn. Express		12.11.2020 to 21.11.2020
04401 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express		12.11.2020 to 19.11.2020
04402 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Express		13.11.2020 to 20.11.2020
02471/02472 Shri Ganganagar - Delhi Jn. - Shri Ganganagar Express		13.11.2020
04924 Chandigarh - Gorakhpur Express		12.11.2020
04923 Gorakhpur - Chandigarh Express		13.11.2020
05097 Bhagalpur - Jammu Tawi Express		12.11.2020
02588 Jammu Tawi - Gorakhpur Express		14.11.2020
09611 Ajmer - Amritsar Jn. Express		12.11.2020
09614 Amritsar Jn. - Ajmer Express		13.11.2020

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02903 Golden Temple Mail	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 11.11.2020
02904 Golden Temple Mail	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	12.11.2020
02925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Special Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 11.11.2020
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Special Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	13.11.2020
02715 Sachkhand Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi-Amritsar	of 11.11.2020
02716 Sachkhand Express	from New Delhi	Amritsar-New Delhi	13.11.2020
03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Firozpur	of 11.11.2020
03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Firozpur-Ambala Cantt.	13.11.2020
04649/73 Jaynagar-Amritsar Saryu Yamuna Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 11.11.2020
04650/74 Amritsar-Jaynagar Saryu Yamuna Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	13.11.2020
02057 New Delhi - Una Himachal Janshatabdi	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt. - Una Himachal	12.11.2020
02058 Una Himachal - New Delhi Janshatabdi	from Ambala Cantt.	Una Himachal - Ambala Cantt.	12.11.2020
02237 Varanasi-Jammu Tawi Festival Special	at Saharanpur	Saharanpur-Jammu Tawi	12.11.2020
02238 Jammu Tawi-Varanasi Festival Special	from Saharanpur	Jammu Tawi-Saharanpur	13.11.2020

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF PARCEL SPECIAL TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
00901 Bandra(T)-Jammu Tawi	At Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Jammu Tawi	of 11.11.2020
00902 Jammu Tawi-Bandra(T)	From Ambala Cantt.	Jammu Tawi-Ambala Cantt.	13.11.2020
00467 Howrah-Amritsar Jn.	At Delhi	Delhi - Amritsar Jn.	12.11.2020

DIVERSION OF SPECIAL TRAINS		
Train No. & Name	Diverted Via	Date (from the Originating Station)
05909 Dibrugarh-Lalgah Spl.	Rohtak-Bhiwani-Hisar-Hanumangarh	of 10.11.2020
05910 Lalgah-Dibrugarh Spl.	Hanumangarh-Hisar-Bhiwani-Rohtak	12.11.2020

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Kerala CM, Koderiyeri using party as shield for all corrupt deals: Cong

IAN S ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Launching an attack against Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and CPI-M state Secretary Koderiyeri Balakrishnan, Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala said on Wednesday that both these leaders are now caught neck-deep in numerous scams and are using the CPI-M as a shield. An affidavit filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a court containing the statement of the prime accused in the gold smuggling case, Swapna Suresh, stated for the first time on Wednesday that the former Secretary to Vijayan - M. Sivasankar - and his 'team' in the office of the CM knew about all the deals, including the gold smuggling case. This was filed by the finan-

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cial probe agency after the court extended the ED custody of senior IAS officer Sivasankar, which ended on Wednesday, by one more day.

Chennithala said that never before did the party or any other state government reach the position where the present leadership has reached.

"While Vijayan's office is engaged in smuggling and other dubious deals, Balakrishnan's son is doing business in drug trafficking. Now after they have been caught red-handed, they are using their party as a shield and

misleading their cadres to protect their wrongdoings," said Chennithala.

"It was Vijayan who wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a probe and today the same Vijayan is leading his government and his party to the streets to protest the very same probe that he had asked for. I fail to understand what's happening," added Chennithala.

The ruling Left government has announced a protest to be held on Monday across the state attacking the Centre for using national probe agencies to weaken the Pinarayi Vijayan government.

"I fail to understand why Vijayan, who claims to know nothing, is worried. If one has done no wrong, then why fear? Time will soon tell the truth, and all that the opposition has been saying will turn true," added Chennithala.

Swapna Suresh's statement shakes Kerala Government

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Scams associated with the LIFE Mission and Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-Fone), the two flag ship mega infrastructure projects of the ruling Left Democratic Front Government in the State turned worse with Swapna Suresh, the third accused in the gold smuggling case telling the Enforcement Directorate officials that all illegal transactions and deals involving these programmes were carried out with the full knowledge of the Chief Minister's Office.

Ramesh Chennithala, Kerala's Leader of the Opposition, alleged on Wednesday that the Chief Minister's Office has become the epicentre of corruption, smuggling and anti-national activities. Reacting to the report submitted by the ED in the court on Wednesday, he

alleged that he State administration is under the control of a cabal consisting of corrupt officials, party leaders and smugglers.

In a report submitted to the court on Wednesday seeking an extension of the custody of M Sivasankar, the former principal secretary to chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan, the ED told the court that the bureaucrat refused to answer the questions posed to him by the investigation team. Since Sivasankar was not cooperating with the ED, the agency took into custody Swapna Suresh with the concurrence of the court and she was interrogated.

Swapna, who had close liaison with Sivasankar told the ED officials that the former principal secretary was privy to all illegal and underhand dealings associated with the LIFE Mission and K-Fone projects. The Rs one crore seized from

a ban locker in her name was the bribe amount meant for Sivasankar from one of the beneficiaries of the LIFE Mission project, Swapna reportedly told the ED team. She also disclosed that she too had certain roles in the award of contracts and business associated with these projects.

In yet another setback to the CPI(M), Bineesh Kosiyeri, son of party secretary Koderiyeri Balakrishnan, who was arrested by the ED in connection with money laundering and financing of narcotics trade was sent to judicial custody for 14 days on Wednesday by a court in Bangalore. Bineesh's custody period under the ED got over on Wednesday. Though the ED did not ask for extending his custody period, the agency opposed granting of bail to him on the ground that he wielded massive political and official influence.

Central team visits Andhra areas to assess rain damage

Amaravati: A Central Government team tasked to assess the extensive damage done to crops by heavy rains in Andhra Pradesh has visited East and West Godavari districts, official sources said on Wednesday. IANS

Suburban train services resume in Kolkata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Suburban train services resumed on Wednesday in Eastern and South Eastern Railways from Sealdah and Howrah after about eight months gap with the stations witnessing massive crowd build up despite the authorities maintained a strict vigil to ensure pandemic protocol.

The train services resumed after repeated protests at various suburban stations by angry commuters who complained of lack of transport facility to reach Kolkata.

Though the EMU (local) trains were not fully crowded as is witnessed during normal situations Railways authorities said expected more passengers in the coming days.

"We ran 696 trains today

and will be running about 85 percent of our full running capacity during the office time," a senior official in the Eastern Railways said even as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee requested the Railway authorities to increase the number of trains so as to avoid crowding of the compartments.

The Railways after a series of meetings with the State Government resumed local train services on Wednesday with alternate seating arrangements in coaches with every other seat being cross-marked in order to ensure for physical distance among passengers.

This apart spot markings were made outside the ticket counters in order to ensure social distancing, Railway authorities said adding the pas-

sengers were being checked with thermal screening and were being given sanitizers before entering the platform.

Passengers coming from the suburban centres looked happier with the running of the trains even as those coming from Sonarpur in South Sealdah division said how "we had shell out more than Rs 200 per day to visit our offices 50 km away from Baruripur as we had to avail of different modes of transport from buses, to auto rickshaws to share taxis... but once the trains have started we will be able to reach our offices for Rs 50 only."

Meanwhile in a related development Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday announced that there would be no selection

tests for Class X and XII board examinations this year.

The decision will be relevant to the students of West Bengal Secondary and West Bengal Higher Secondary Education Board.

Earlier, the CBSE had postponed the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) (which will now be held on January 31, 2021) due to the corona pandemic.

The Chief Minister also announced the filling of 16,000 vacant government posts apart from creating three police battalions in the State. The three battalions will be christened Coochbehar-Narayani Sena as per the wishes of the local Rajbanshi population, Gorkha Battalion and Jangal Mahal battalion with 1000 personnel each.

AMU VC volunteers for Covaxin trial

Aligarh: Since the trail for Corona Virus Vaccine has entered in the decisive phase, the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Professor Tariq Mansoor has decided to lead from the front as he got himself registered to be the first volunteer for the Covaxin trials Phase-III developed by Bharat Biotech which began at JN Medical College and Hospital, AMU today. In order to motivate and inspire others to come forward, Prof Tariq Mansoor volunteered himself and said Covaxin Phase-III trial is aimed at evaluating the safety and efficacy of the Covid-19 vaccine study led in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Bharat Biotech. PNS

PARADIP PORT TRUST
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
 Name of the Work : "Development works with Paver Blocks in different locations of Port area". EMD cost : ₹ 2,98,883/-. Last date and time of submission of Bid : 27.11.2020 upto 17:15 Hrs. For details please refer our website : <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.
 Executive Engineer, Harbour Works Division No.1 PPT/PR/293/20-21 Dt.11.11.2020

Particulars	6 months ended 30 September 2020		6 months ended 30 September 2019		Year ended 31 March 2020
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	
Total Income from Operations	510,043	696,305	886,885		
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Extraordinary and/or Extraordinary items)	162,350	358,458	170,245		
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Extraordinary and/or Extraordinary items)	162,350	358,458	170,245		
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary and/or Extraordinary items)	121,632	264,844	55,484		
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	121,632	264,844	55,484		
Paid up Equity Share Capital	152,967	152,967	152,967		
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	1,498,898	1,586,627	1,377,267		
Net worth	1,651,866	1,739,594	1,530,234		
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	3,495,695	3,759,301	3,622,558		
Debt Equity Ratio *	2.38	2.57	2.47		
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
1. Basic :	7.95	17.31	3.63		
2. Diluted :	7.95	17.31	3.63		
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	321,640	399,716	344,312		
Debt Service Coverage Ratio **	0.07	1.10	1.47		
Interest Service Coverage Ratio *	2.79	3.69	2.31		

ReNew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited
 CIN : U40101DL2012PLC236227
 Regd. Office : 138, Ansal Chambers II, Bikaji Cama Place, Delhi-110066
 Corporate Office : ReNew hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase-V, Gurgaon, 122009, Haryana, Phone - 0124-4896 670/ 80
Statement of unaudited financial results for the period ended 30th September, 2020
 (Amounts in INR thousand, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated)

Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Credit Rating : IND AA+ (CE)
 Change in credit rating : No
 Asset Coverage Ratio : 139% (March 31, 2020 : 135%)
 Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above
 Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
 Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
 Previous due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not (as on September 30, 2020)
 Previous due date for the payment of interest : September 30, 2020 and the same was paid
 Previous due date for the payment of principal : September 30, 2020 and the same was paid
 Next due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities (as on September 30, 2020)
 Next due date for the payment of interest : 31 October, 2020
 Next due date for the payment of principal : 31 March, 2021
 Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable
 Net Worth : INR 1,651,866 (March 31, 2020 : 1,530,424)
 Net profit after tax : mentioned above
 Earning per share : mentioned above
 Debenture Redemption Reserve : INR 321,640 (March 31, 2020 : 344,312)
 There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7))
Notes :
 1 Ratios have been computed as follows :
 - Earning per share = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares
 - Debt Equity Ratio = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital, share premium, quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing but excluding unamortized fees)
 - Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / Total Interest Expense.
 - Debt Service Coverage Ratio = (PAT based on Project Revenues realised (excluding non-cash adjustments, if any) + Depreciation - Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents)) / (Interest + Principal Repayment + Guarantee fee).
 - Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets - Current Liabilities) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders)
 *As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 11 September, 2015.
 ** Generation based incentive have been included in computation of Project Revenues realised
 Net worth represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus.
 Reserves and Surplus includes Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance.
 2. The statement has been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies.
 3. The company is in the business of development and operation of wind power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".
 4. The above reviewed financial results have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 10-November-2020.
 5. India Ratings and Care Ratings has assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "IND AA+ (CE)" and CARE AA+ (CE) with stable outlook.
 6. "Due to outbreak of COVID-19 in India and globally, the Company has continued its assessment of likely adverse impact on economic environment in general and financial risks on account of COVID-19. Considering that the Company is in the business of generation of electricity which is an essential service as emphasized by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Power, Government of India and which is granted "Must Run" status by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), the management believes that the impact of outbreak on the business and financial position of the company is not significant. Further, MNRE directed that the payment to Renewable Energy power generator shall be done on regular basis as being done prior to lockdown and the company has generally received regular collection from its customer(s). The management does not see any risks in the company's ability to continue as a going concern and has been able to service all debts obligations during the half year without opting for moratorium as directed by Reserve Bank of India for interest and principal instalments falling due to banks. The Company is closely monitoring developments, its operations, liquidity and capital resources and is actively working to minimize the impact of the unprecedented situation."
 7. The Balance Sheet as at 30 September, 2020 and 31 March, 2020 as per Schedule III of the Companies Act, 2013 is attached as Annexure 1.
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of
ReNew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited
 Place : Gurgaon
 Date : 10 November, 2020
Balram Mehta, Managing Director, DIN- 06902711

Gujarat to reopen schools, colleges from Nov 23

Gandhinagar: The Gujarat government on Wednesday decided to reopen high and higher secondary schools and colleges in the state from November 23 subject to adherence of Covid-19 guidelines. However, there has been no decision on reopening of primary schools. The government said it will analyse the feedback on implementation of Wednesday's decision and then decide. Education Minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama said: "A Cabinet meeting chaired by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Wednesday decided to reopen schools and colleges in the state. Before that, I held discussions with my department officials, education experts, academics and other stakeholders on continuation of studies. "The Cabinet decided that after Diwali, from November 23, all high and higher secondary schools, colleges and universities will hold teaching in their respective premises. For this, they shall strictly follow the Standard Operating Protocol of the central government." IANS

NIA arrests K'taka man in WB LeT recruitment case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
 The National Investigation (NIA) has arrested an accused from Karnataka in connection with the Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) recruitment case of West Bengal. "Yesterday (10.11.2020), the NIA arrested accused Sayyad M. Idris, aged 28 years, resident of Uttara Kannada, Karnataka in West Bengal LeT Recruitment Case," the NIA said in a statement on Wednesday. The case arose out of West Bengal, Baduria Police Station FIR No. 150/2020 dated March 18, 2020 pertaining to Pakistan-based handlers belonging to proscribed terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Tayyaba using various social media platforms to radicalize and recruit vulnerable youth for sleeper cells, to propagate their ideology and for abetting and advocating unlawful activities, the agency said. The arrested accused Sayyad M. Idris was part of various social media groups run by Pakistani-based LeT handlers in their effort to recruit individuals for sleeper cells of LeT and for furthering terrorist activities, it alleged. The accused is being produced before the Court, Uttara Kannada and transit remand is being taken to produce him before NIA Court, Kolkata, it further said. In this case, chargesheet has already been filed against accused Tania Parvin of Kolkata on September 10 and further investigation in the case is continuing, it added.

STE held for molesting a girl at Aligarh railway station

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH
 At Aligarh railway station, STE (Senior Ticket Examiner) molested Prayagraj's girl on the pretext of ticket checking. The girl sat on the bench with her mother waiting for the train. STE ran away on her mother's reprimand. The victim has filed a case at the GRP police station. After this, STE was arrested. The Railways has suspended the STE and started an investigation. An 18-year-old girl from Prayagraj came to Aligarh for some work with her mother. When the girl and mother reached the station to catch the Rewa Express, STE Pramod Kumar checked the ticket at the entrance. The girl then moved to platform number 3/4 with her mother and sat on the bench waiting for the train.

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Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/O** Unknown, **R/O:** Unknown, **Age:** (About) 35-40 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built :** Thin, **Sex :** Male, **Face :** Oval, **Wearing:** Black colour pyjama & Black T-Shirt & Without Slipper in feet was found dead near Azad Market Chowk red light Delhi-6 PS Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi
 In this regard, **DD No. 68-A, dated 06.11.2020** has been lodged at PS Bara Hindu Rao. The dead body of the deceased has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary for 72 Hours. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.
SHO P.S., Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi
Ph. : 011-23528060, 23529707
 DP/714/N/2020

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 पत्रांक: 530 / 4 / पीएच-टीओ / 2020 / 21 दिनांक: 11.11.2020
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Dhanipur airstrip will be connected with Jewar Int'l Airport

Aligarh: For the Master Plan 2031, special attention is being given to industries. Preparations are going on to connect Dhanipur airstrip and its three flying clubs to Jewar International Airport to start air taxi and air ambulance up to Jewar and NCR in the future. In these flying clubs, drone cameras flying training, training of airport ground staff and air hostess will soon be started along with the training of commercial pilots. This will create new employment opportunities and after training in Aligarh, the people will be able to get different jobs at Jewar Airport. Aligarh can become a major hub in the region, as there are no three flying clubs anywhere else in the state. PNS

After Bihar polls, Tejashwi has emerged as a new face in Indian politics: Shiv Sena

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maintaining that it would not accept that RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav had lost the Bihar Assembly polls in which he fought valiantly against the formidable ruling NDA, the ruling Shiv Sena said on Wednesday that the "historic" polls had thrown up a "new face" in the form of Tejashwi in the national politics.

Heaping lavish praise on Tejashwi who led the RJD in the Bihar Assembly polls, the Shiv Sena in an editorial published in its official mouth-piece "Saamana" said: "We have to accept the verdict in the Bihar Assembly polls. But, we do not consider the poll outcome as the defeat of Tejashwi Yadav. The poll defeat can in no way be considered a debacle. Nor the success achieved by way of increasing the number through a jugaad (a flexible approach to solve a problem) can be called a victory."

"Tejashwi fought a valiant battle. The battle was both within the family and against a formidable ruling alliance. The ruling BJP in Delhi and the Bihar JD(U) did not lose any opportunity to defame Tejashwi during the campaign. Despite a no-holds-barred attack launched against him, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called him crown prince of Jungle Raj. But, Tejashwi did not lose his composure but went ahead with his campaign," the editorial stated.

"On the contrary, incumbent chief minister Nitish Kumar - apprehending defeat - made an emotional appeal to the voters, saying that this was his last poll he was fighting. He made emotional appeals to the voters. After having ruled Bihar for the past 15 years, Nitish was brought to knees in the poll campaign. This was because

"Tejashwi fought a valiant battle. The battle was both within the family and against a formidable ruling alliance. The ruling BJP in Delhi and the Bihar JD(U) did not lose any opportunity to defame Tejashwi during the campaign. Despite a no-holds-barred attack launched against him, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called him crown prince of Jungle Raj. But, Tejashwi did not lose his composure but went ahead with his campaign," the editorial stated

Tejashwi concentrated his campaign on issues like development, employment and education and defeated Nitish mid-way through the polls," the "Saamana" editorial stated. "No wonder that the Bihar polls were intensely fought. It was Tejashwi who brought intensity to the polls. He was undeterred in his fight against either a political bigwig like Narendra Modi or against an experienced political war horse like Nitish Kumar," the "Saamana" editorial stated.

"This Bihar Assembly polls will go into the history of Indian politics. The power may go into the hands of anyone after the polls, but the Bihar polls have given the country a new face in Tejashwi Yadav. Any amount of congratulations to Tejashwi is less for the manner in which he fought the Assembly polls," the Sena mouth-piece added.

The Shiv Sena's wholesome praise of Tejashwi Yadav should be seen in the context of the fact that the RJD emerged as the single largest party in the polls with a whooping 75 seats, as against 74 seats won by the BJP and 43 seats won by the JD(U).

NORTHERN RAILWAY
1st Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. 454-ACS/C/Vehicle/TKJ Dated: 03.11.2020

Name of work and location	"Hiring of 03 (three) Nos. Non-AC Vehicle such as 'Jeep, Gypsy, Tata Sumo type of vehicle' on the monthly basis for a period of 02 (Two) years for the officers working in the unit of Dy. Chief Engineer/construction, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi.
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1. The tender which was scheduled to be opened on 26.11.2020 will now open on 11.12.2020. Tender document will be available on <https://www.reps.gov.in>
 All other contents of the tender notice will remain unchanged.
 1st corrigendum is also available on www.n.indianrailways.gov.in
No. : 454-ACS/C/Vehicle/TKJ Dated: 10.11.2020 2490/2020
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ADMISSION NOTICE UNDER MANAGEMENT QUOTA for Academic Year 2020-2021
B.Tech. 1st & 2nd Shift (71 - 4 Yrs.), MBA (71 - 2 Yrs.) & BBA (71 - 3 Yrs.) B.Tech. (2nd Yr - LE - FTI)

Applications from Qualified candidates fulfilling the Educational Qualifications and eligibility criteria laid down in the Admission Brochure Part A for the Academic Session 2020-21 issued by Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), Delhi for "Management Quota" & respective guidelines of DTTE/DHE (For BBA Only) Govt. of NCT Delhi are invited for Admission under Management Quota under various categories of seats in the following Courses as prescribed by GGSIPU:

B.Tech. (1st Shift) (Code - 131)	B.Tech. (2nd Shift) (Code - 131)	B.Tech. (Lateral Entry) (Code - 128 & 129)
Computer Science & Engg.	Computer Science & Engg.	Computer Science & Engg.
Information Technology	Information Technology	Information Technology
Electronics & Comm. Engg.	Electronics & Comm. Engg.	Electronics & Comm. Engg.
Civil Engineering		Civil Engineering
Electrical & Electronics Engg.		Electrical & Electronics Engg.
Mechanical Engineering		Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical & Automation Engg.		Mechanical & Automation Engg.

Management Programmes : MBA -2Yrs. Programme (FTI) - BBA - 3Yrs. Programme (FTI)
 Application Forms (hardcopy only) can be notified from & submitted to the Admission Cell of the Institute during the working hours as collected by GGSIPU. Last date for submission of complete Application Forms shall be last day announced by the GGSIPU for above programmes respectively. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
 Admissions shall be on the basis of Merit. The Merit list of the Applicants will be displayed on the Website and Notice Board of the Institute within two days of closing date for receipt of management quota application forms. Accordingly the Counseling at the Institute's Campus will be held within 3 days of drawing up of the Merit List of qualified management quota applicants before the last date of Admission in the Academic Year 2020-21. The Candidates thus selected shall be required to complete all the Admission Formalities as per the provisions laid down by GGSIPU in its Admission Brochure 2020-21.
 Candidates must ensure to follow the COVID-19 guidelines dated 10-09-2020 issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Affairs, Govt. of India, during Counseling & Reporting. DIRECTOR

सार्वजनिक सूचना
 कृपया ध्यान दें: उम्मीदवार (बीटीएस और एमबीएस) को आर्मी इंटेल कोर में शॉर्ट सर्विस कमीशन-2021 के लिए इच्छुक हैं।
 महापिदेक सराख सेना शिक्षिका सेवा (DGAFMS), आर्मी इंटेल कोर में शॉर्ट सर्विस कमीशन-2021 के लिए अर्हक दत शरय शिक्षिक (बीटीएस और एमबीएस) के कमीशन वक 2021 के लिए अर्हक आमंत्रित करेंगे। दह फकिवा स्वास्थ और परिवार कल्याण नत्रालय के तवावधान में राष्ट्रीय सेवा परीक्षा (एनबीई), नई दिल्ली द्वारा आयोजित **NEET MDS-2021** के आधार पर होगी।
 (के) शॉर्ट सर्विस कमीशन के लिए इच्छुक उम्मीदवारों (बीटीएस और एमबीएस) को **NEET MDS-2021** के लिए परिचयना होना अनिवार्य होगा। उम्मीदवारों को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे **NEET MDS-2021** की अधिपुचना पर नजर बनाए रखें।
 (ख) **NEET MDS-2021** के रकोर के आधार पर, उम्मीदवारों को साक्षात्कार के लिए जाना/परिचयित किया जाएगा।
 (ग) शॉर्ट सर्विस कमीशन सेवा की वेबसाइट (www.joinindianarmy.nic.in) पर शिक्षक सभ्य पर उपलब्ध होगी। उम्मीदवारों को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे साईट पर जाएं और इन्फार्मेशन दुरुतिन को सावधानी से पढ़ें जब कभी इसे अपलोड किया जाता है।

PUBLIC NOTICE
ATTENTION ALL: CANDIDATES (BDS & MDS) DESIROUS OF GRANT OF SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION IN ARMY DENTAL CORPS-2021

Director Gen Armed Forces Medical Services will invite applications from Civilian Dental Surgeons (BDS & MDS) for Grant of Short Service Commission, for the commissioning cycle of 2021 on the basis of **NEET MDS-2021** to be conducted by National Board of Examinations (NBE), New Delhi, under the aegis of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoS.
 (a) Candidates (BDS & MDS) desirous for Grant of Short Service Commission will have to mandatorily appear for **NEET MDS-2021**. Candidates are advised to keep a lookout for the notification of **NEET MDS-2021**.
 (b) Based on the Score in **NEET MDS-2021**, candidates will be screened/shortlisted for the interview.
 (c) Further details will be available on the website of **INDIAN ARMY** (www.joinindianarmy.nic.in) in due course of time. The candidates are therefore advised to visit the site & to read the Information Bulletin carefully as & when it is uploaded.
 davp 106011/0011/2021

Single party rule

With the BJP wresting many seats from the Congress and reducing even regional parties to irrelevance, can federalism hold out?



Is the BJP well on its way to becoming the grand ruling party and the Congress the grand old — obsolescent would be more apt — party? Bihar may have just been the microcosm for the rest of India as the byelection results have largely borne out the two trends it has thrown up. First is the continued popularity and acceptability of Prime Minister Narendra Modi despite the bad year of the pandemic. People still believe he can deliver despite the lockdown-induced reverse migration, the sharp economic downturn and a moderate relief package that was mostly credit-based. The common voter has clearly responded to short-term stress alleviation measures like the welfarist doles of foodgrains and some direct cash transfers as symptomatic of the Government's larger concern and action. Of course, one doesn't expect the Modi aura to diminish within a year of a mammoth Lok Sabha victory but the pandemic threw an unprecedented challenge and if he has emerged relatively unscathed through troubled times, then he is expected to hold on to his leadership stock, no matter how flawed the pandemic management may seem. And through his repeated national address on each crisis and *Mann ki Baat* broadcasts, he has convinced ordinary voters that he was doing his best and was purposive enough about the responsibility they had given him despite his helplessness with resources. He has got the benefit of doubt. COVID is his booster shot considering the BJP lost Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Delhi before it. The Congress, in comparison, hardly seems a catalytic converter of serious issues, ranting rather than presenting a better alternative that makes sense to the voter. Second, Modi's persona is heaving down on the bread and butter agenda, making it look immaterial or secondary to the larger scheme of nationalism, which has been dressed up with Hindutva. In his election speeches, rarely did Modi mention joblessness, education or a national rebuild programme except the old tropes of Ram temple, Pulwama and guiltless majoritarianism. Local issues are always more real and Modi's monolithic swamping of regional parties and allies seems to have supplanted them with demagoguery and bombast, one that made Bihar voters forget the promises that he did not keep from 2015. Young Tejashwi Yadav may have been a generational disruptor, forcing Modi to confront economic realities of the State and holding him to account on performance rather than shaming, but without the power of governance, one wonders how feisty federal leaders will be, given the trampling narrative that is being played out across the country. Can federalism hold itself up to the BJP's centripetal force in State after State, almost making development hostage to the Central party's largesse and grace and the vote a transaction of mutual benefits rather than a democratic process? Yes there is defiance but that is an abstraction, not as palpable as the numbers needed on the board. And the BJP has clearly mastered arithmetic, ensuring all its voters turn out, deploying Modi as its magic wand in the last rounds of the campaign.

The BJP won 41 of the 59 seats across 11 States, including Madhya Pradesh (MP), where it stamped its rule, picking up 19 of the 28 seats. Contrast this with the one-time national party, the Congress, which had sitting MLAs in more than 40 seats but won 12 seats while two seats were won by the BJD. One seat each was won by the Samajwadi Party (SP), the JMM and the NDPP, and two went to Independents. The BJP wrested eight seats from the Congress in Gujarat, four seats in Manipur and retained its six constituencies in Uttar Pradesh (UP). It won two seats in Karnataka and one in Telangana. In Gujarat, the Congress, which had fought the BJP creditably in the last Assembly election and could have actually consolidated itself as a credible Opposition, instead lost MLAs to its rival. It paid a heavy price as five of those who won were once its own. This despite making Patidar leader Hardik Patel the State working president over senior claimants. This senior clout vs junior aspiration cost the Congress its Government in MP. And the byelection there, primarily necessitated by Jyotiraditya Scindia's exit with his loyalist MLAs, only proved why festering wounds can only bleed the party further. The bypolls became a prestige issue for Jyotiraditya with 16 seats in the Gwalior belt. First, he had to prove to the Congress that he commanded the ground on his personal merit and not because of the party or former Chief Minister Kamal Nath. Second, he had to convince the BJP that he deserved a place in the hierarchy of its State leaders. With his efforts, he won nine seats in his bastion as the BJP ended up getting more seats than it needed to stay in power comfortably. In Karnataka, the BJP wrested Sira and Rajarajeshwarinagar from the Janata Dal (Secular) and Congress respectively. The two-time Congress legislator, whose resignation had necessitated the byelection in RR Nagar, polled more votes as the BJP candidate. The BJP even opened its account in Sira, considered part of the Vokkaliga heartland, which, given that JD(S) leader HD Deve Gowda belongs to the same caste and the Congress has a sizeable voteshare, should have voted predictably. As for UP, SP leader Akhilesh Yadav may dream of a regime change in 2022 but can he afford to be unrealistic winning just one seat now? The Congress is now sadly a vote-cutter than a vote-getter and better rebuild its organisational matrix than chase verdicts. As for federal parties, they need to nurture even their known constituents, focus on State concerns and be as aggressive as Tejashwi has been in Bihar. They can be the only wall against the BJP's wanton march.

Let Virat do his thing

There is nothing wrong with the Indian cricket team captain wanting to be beside his wife when she delivers their baby



It is even tougher for many professionals. We even have women going back to work days after giving birth, let alone men.

Yes, many Indians do not have the luxury of taking maternity or paternity leave but in case they can afford that privilege, why do we bemoan it? So what if Anushka Sharma's husband happens to be the Indian cricket team captain and will leave a tour halfway to be with her when she delivers their child. Virat Kohli has achieved huge milestones in his career and owes nobody, other than his family, anything. Those who have come out and questioned his professionalism and patriotism are talking nonsense. We do not talk like this of other athletes, even cricketers, in developed countries. Yes, it is apparent that Sharma and Kohli can afford the best help money can buy but why shouldn't the two of them be together when they do the single most important thing that a man and woman do together, that is bringing a new life into this world? Kohli is assured of his talent and his place in the Indian team. However, if afterwards, he wants to quit the sport to be with his child, so what? He is unlikely to do that but we have to all grow up and understand that fathers have to play a bigger role in the child-rearing process. Maybe Kohli doing what he is doing will inspire other men to stand up and be a stakeholder in their child's development. Sharing the first few months of a new-born's life may not be remembered by the child when he/she grows up but will definitely be cherished by the father and mother for the rest of their lives. So let Virat do his thing.

Ripples beneath Cauvery

With Assembly elections five months away and discussions still woolly about possible alliances and vote combines, one cannot say the DMK will have it easy



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

River Cauvery, the lifeline of Tamil Nadu, flows quietly nowadays. The political waters in the State, too, resemble the flow of Cauvery, though the former may not be as pure and serene as the sacred river. There are many undercurrents and swirls beneath the calm that can even take a wild tusker down to the river bed.

Uncertainty is the hallmark of Tamil Nadu's political landscape as this article is being written. The main characters in the State's vast electoral arena are, as usual, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK). These two Dravidian majors have so far played the lead roles while national parties like the Indian National Congress and the BJP, along with other fringe parties, have been mere sidekicks.

The Congress, which ruled the State uninterrupted till 1967, is a pale shadow of what it was in the 1960s because both the DMK and the AIADMK have sucked the entire blood out of India's grand old party. It is left with more leaders than the cadre, according to political chroniclers like N Kalyanasundaram, a close associate of the legendary K Kamaraj.

The DMK has been out of power in the State since a political tsunami by the name of Jayalalitha, who obliterated the party in the two Assembly elections held in 2011 and 2016 and also in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. But Jayalalitha, who single-handedly took on all her political rivals, including M Karunanidhi of the DMK, is not around to lead the AIADMK. After her untimely death on December 5, 2016, the AIADMK has started disintegrating faster than expected. The powerful faction led by VK Sasikala, Jayalalitha's closest aide till she breathed her last, has come out of the AIADMK and formed a new entity by the name of Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK), claiming to be the true inheritor of *Puratchi Thalaivi's* legacy. The factions led by Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami (EPS) and deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam (OPS) are at each other's throat. There is no dearth of group wars in the AIADMK as another faction led by D Jayakumar, former Speaker, is also in the fray to usurp the party's leadership.

The AIADMK had an electoral



alliance with the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha election. Both EPS and OPS would not like to remember that experience because they violated the cardinal rule set by Jayalalitha that there should not be any kind of alliance with the BJP. The Hindutva party, which contested as a junior partner, drew a blank while the AIADMK had to be content with just one seat. The other alliance partners, the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK), the Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK), the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the Puthiya Tamilagam (PT), too ended up as also-rans.

This time the AIADMK is likely to keep the BJP out from its electoral strategy because it is afraid of losing the minority votes. The Muslims in Tamil Nadu are upset over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act as well as the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution. The tightening of the Foreign Currency Regulation Act and Foreign Exchange Management Act have throttled the revenue sources of the churches and this has affected many major initiatives like the anti-nuclear reactor agitation at Kudankulam and the evangelisation drive.

Except in the 1998 Lok Sabha election, the AIADMK-BJP alliance has been a total failure in Tamil Nadu. Though pro-DMK political commentators push the theory that the EPS Government is surviving because of the tacit support of the BJP, there are no visible signs of any deals between these two parties. During the 2019 seat allocation discussions, all that the BJP could get from the AIADMK were five seats. The

attitude of the AIADMK leaders towards the saffron brigade was "take it or leave it". The BJP did not get any seats during the biennial Rajya Sabha election from the AIADMK. EPS played his cards well and managed to get whatever he had asked from the Centre.

When he was sworn in as the Chief Minister in February 2017 with the blessings of Sasikala, who had to surrender at the Parappana Agrahara Prison following the Supreme Court's order upholding the sentence in a disproportionate asset case, Tamil Nadu was agog with apprehension about the longevity of the Government. Opposition leader MK Stalin repeatedly said that the EPS Government was in ICU and hooked on to the life support system provided by the BJP. But EPS slowly and steadily took control of the situation despite the wafer-thin majority in the House.

He survived many anxious moments when 18 MLAs, owing allegiance to Sasikala, withdrew their support to him but they were disqualified by the Speaker. The byelection necessitated by their disqualification saw the AIADMK managing to win nine seats though the DMK wrested the remaining nine. The AIADMK further consolidated its position in the House by wresting two more seats from the DMK and the Congress. But that is of academic interest only.

The AIADMK is, indeed, unlikely to repeat its performances in the 2011 and 2016 Assembly elections and the 2014 Lok Sabha polls anymore because of the absence of a charismatic leader like Jayalalitha. The internal struggle in the party would

time while she was just 43.

The allocation of seats to allies would be a major hurdle for Stalin in the run-up to the election. Though the alliance partners are yet to be finalised, it is almost sure that the DMK-led front would comprise the Congress, the Communists, the Muslim League and the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi. A question being asked is whether PMK, the Vanniyar dominated party, and Makkal Needhi Maiaam, the outfit launched by Kamal Haasan, would cast their lot with the DMK. Dr S Ramadoss, founder of the PMK, has only one mission in his life, to make his son Anbumani the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. And film actor Haasan has already declared that he would be the chief ministerial candidate of his party. On the other side, we have Vijayakanth, founder of the DMDK, who too has the same ambition.

There are only 234 seats at stake in Tamil Nadu. DMK would certainly pocket at least 130 seats because Stalin prefers to form a Government of his own and does not like to share power. Even in 2006, when the party won just 96 seats, M Karunanidhi kept the alliance partners at bay and ruled the State for five years with outside support extended by the allies. The Congress, the Muslim League, the VCK and the Communists are sure to ask their pound of flesh this time. So, Stalin is left with the task of winning 91 per cent of the seats to be contested by the DMK for realising his dream of becoming the Chief Minister.

The question that remains unanswered is Rajinikanth and his much talked about spiritual politics. Time is too short for Rajinikanth to emulate what NT Rama Rao did in Andhra Pradesh in 1982 by launching the Telugu Desam Party. The actor himself is on record stating that his doctors have advised him against heavy work and also to be careful about the pandemic. Rajinikanth has undergone a kidney transplant and at 70, is unlikely to gamble with his life. Moreover, he is more about hype and politics is cricket to him.

As things stand today, Tamil Nadu faces the prospect of a fractured Assembly and discussions are taking place about the kind of permutations and combinations the alliance Government would have after the election. It is too early to predict more than this as the political line-up is yet to be decided. The election is still five months away and even five days are too long a period in politics. Meanwhile, quiet flows the Cauvery.

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SOUND BITE

I called on member States to reiterate their commitment to fair allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine. We mustn't leave any country behind in the response.

WHO Director-General
—Tedros A Ghebreyesus



The remarkable performance of RJD to emerge as the single largest party in Bihar inspires confidence in our democracy.

DMK chief
—MK Stalin



We fought together with RJD and Left parties. We helped each other but were unable to reach at magical figure of 122. So, we are not satisfied with the numbers.

Bihar Congress chief
—Madan Mohan Jha



These next few months will be important for me and I hope I can prove my mettle ahead of the Olympic Games. It is not easy going about a set routine and living in a bio-bubble.

Hockey player
—Gurjant Singh



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congress blunder

Sir — The *Mahagathbandhan* or the grand alliance gave the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) a tough competition in the Bihar Assembly election and managed to win 110 seats. However, one cannot overlook the fact that it is because of the debacle of the Congress party that it lost a good opportunity to form the Government. Against the 70 seats allotted to the grand old party, it was able to win only 19, thereby spoiling the alliance's chances of victory. The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) must be regretting its decision to accommodate the Congress with such a huge number of seats.

The results of the Bihar election should be an eye-opener to the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), which also lost a fair chance of winning the 2016 Assembly elections mainly due to the abysmal performance of its ally, the Congress. The party managed to win only eight constituencies against a bulk of 41 seats it had demanded. The DMK missed the magic number of 117 by just 19 in the said election. The southern party has a very fair chance of winning the Assembly elections in 2021.

What Tejashwi needs to do now

Much against the predictions made in the exit polls, the Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has been able to retain power in the Bihar Assembly election. Despite the distress caused by the lockdown, which led to hundreds of thousands of the State's migrants returning home, there is a fundamental trust that a large segment of the citizens has in Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Make no mistake, if Modi had not been the face of the alliance, it would have been difficult for the NDA to retain its base. The fact that the BJP has emerged as the senior partner in Bihar, and has also won the majority of the bypolls across the country, indicates that the voters aren't holding the party responsible for the economic and humanitarian disaster caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) may have failed to oust the NDA but Tejashwi Yadav ran an energetic campaign focused on "economic justice" and emerged a key leader in his own right. The fact that the promise of Government jobs became an agenda of competitive



politics is a reflection of how the youth are seeking reforms that can generate employment. While this triggered disillusionment and voters wanted change, the nature of change was equally important. And this is where Tejashwi failed. Unconvinced about the nature of change, voters stuck to the status quo.

N Sadhasiva Reddy
Bengaluru

Delhi COVID scare

Sir — On November 10, Delhi recorded 7,830 fresh Coronavirus cases, the highest single-day spike till date, taking the infection tally in the national Capital to over 4.5 lakh with 83 fatalities, pushing the number of deaths to 7,143. The State Government should re-impose partial lockdowns in the city by

closing religious institutions, cinema halls, restaurants and other such places. With Diwali just around the corner, super-spreading events with attendees not adhering to COVID protocols must be prevented. Following Mumbai's system of complete lockdown on Sundays, the national Capital, too, needs to work out a similar model. There should be a complete

lockdown on weekends from 10 pm on Friday till 6 am on Monday.

Subhash Chandra Agrawal
Chandni Chowk

IPL 2020 ends

Sir — The Indian Premier League ended on a high note with Mumbai Indians winning the tournament. It is truly commendable how the Board of Control for Cricket in India and Emirates Cricket Board along with other stakeholders were able to pull off such an event during the ongoing pandemic. With strict COVID protocols in place and all the eight teams being kept in strict, bio-secure "bubbles" since landing in the UAE, the organisers made sure that the players and everyone else involved were safe. And though the stadiums were empty without spectators, the game didn't lose its vigour and excitement as millions of people followed it from the safety of their homes. It demonstrated how sport can survive in the new normal.

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FIRST COLUMN

A renewed focus on HR

'Talentship' is the term coined for decision science on staff talent resources. It is to HR what finance is to accounting and what marketing is to sales



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Human Resource (HR) management is considered secondary to finance and marketing. Corporate leaders do not spare as much time for talent management as they do for investment allocation, customer service, marketing, product line and technology. Hence, the HR function is limited to delivery of programmes like skill development, incentives, hiring, learning, development and so on. This limits its scope exponentially. Therefore, there is an urgent need for a paradigm shift to enhance the function of HR managers to include decision-making about talent, as one cannot emphasise enough the importance of relevant human capital for the success of any organisation. Current business trends like globalisation, adoption of digital technology, labour scarcity, mergers and acquisitions, expanding and scaling down simultaneously and the changing demographic profile of workers make this transformation vital.

Even when it performs well, traditional HR function falls short of expectations. Unlike finance, operation and marketing, there appears to be no clear distinction between strategic and tactical HR. While strategic HR is more of a vision to be considered the best employer in the industry, tactical HR concerns the daily operations of managing employee benefit programmes and various rules and regulations. There are several areas that are left unanswered in traditional HR, like a thin plausible association between the core business principle and the talent management process. Employee management goals are mostly general in nature, such as headcount, labour costs, standard HR programmes and so on. These have no correlation with competitive success and shareholder value.

Although sizeable investments are done in HR management techniques, like balanced scorecards, analytics and so on to enhance staff capabilities, they rarely play a significant role in mergers and acquisitions and new market entries. They also provide insufficient understanding of a company's competitive advantage developed through engaged employees. HR programmes are more like "one-size-fits all." For instance, in marketing, it cannot be suggested that all products should have the same number of hours of advertising. Because, how can that be? Some may require it more than others. However, this way of functioning is prevalent in HR, that is, "50 hours of quality training" can be a standard statement for all workers. This type of training is less precise and may not be fully effective. Hence, traditional HR functions do not help leaders make better decisions about those resources to drive organisational effectiveness.

Where does the solution lie? Many researchers believe that the key is better metrics. As discussed above, HR measurements are limited to Return on Investments of programmes, balanced scorecards and improvement in Six-Sigma scores. Metrics like HR accounting, quality, branding and balanced scorecards are, no doubt, useful systems, if applied correctly, but they rarely address the fundamental challenge of improving talent decisions. However, according to the Corporate Leadership Council (2001), the two most significant and crucial areas of HR measurement, that is to augment decisions about human capital and associate HR to strategy, are seldom taken care of. Decision science has long been used in marketing, finance and operations and can be extended to HR functions too. It helps by providing a valid, dependable and steady framework that boosts the decision-making capability at all levels. Similar to finance and marketing function, HR helps in another critical aspect — talent. For organisations to achieve success, effective and professional decision-making is required in finance, marketing and talent markets.

"Talentship" is the term coined for decision science on staff talent resources. In fact, "talentship" is to HR what finance is to accounting, and what marketing is to sales. It is believed that from the point of view of HR, organisational success can be improved by enhancing the decisions on talent resources. As this concept of talentship evolves, success will come to companies not because of HR practices but due to the improved decision-making quality about talent resources throughout the firm. Similar to the finance and marketing department, talent decisions exist at various levels within a firm, with supervisors and managers deciding about the available staff and their personal talent. To gain any say in influential and strategic business planning processes, HR should focus more on a unique approach, focussed on talent, with a perspective of improving decisions and not just a process of implementing decisions. Every firm must make the "talentship" decision science workable by creating tools that facilitate decision-makers to make the right choices and develop interlinkages with strategic success. Without a proper framework, it is easy to get lost in myriad information and opinions and lose sight of the key issues, and therefore, the strategic vision.

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ON JANUARY 20, WE'LL HAVE A TRANSITION, WHETHER IT'S TO A TRUMP ADMINISTRATION OR ONE LED BY FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT BIDEN.

—US SECRETARY OF STATE
MIKE POMPEO

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



SECRETARY POMPEO SHOULDN'T PLAY ALONG WITH BASELESS AND DANGEROUS ATTACKS ON THE LEGITIMACY OF LAST WEEK'S ELECTION.

—CHAIRMAN, FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ELIOT ENGEL

A wake-up call

The UP bypoll results have sent a message loud and clear to Opposition leaders. They need to revisit their election strategy and stitch up a mass connect



BISWAJEET BANERJEE

In an informal chat in April, the Samajwadi Party (SP) national president Akhilesh Yadav told this reporter that his party would win 350 seats in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh (UP) Assembly elections. "Anger is brewing among the masses against the Yogi Adityanath Government. They have made up their mind to oust the BJP Government in UP. We only need to channelise that anger to the polling booths and we will succeed," he had said gleefully. Theoretically he might be right but politics is all about sending the correct message across. This requires political leaders to shun their air-conditioned comfort and slog it out in the heat and dust on the ground, shoulder-to-shoulder with party workers. What happened in the recently-concluded byelections in UP clearly shows Akhilesh's disconnect with ground reality.

There is no doubt that people are angry with BJP Governments — both at the Centre and in the State — for various reasons, right from the poor law and order situation to the increase in economic woes. But the bypoll result shows that the BJP was able to placate that anger and convince voters that it was the only party which could work for the betterment of the masses. On the other hand, the Opposition failed to channelise that anger into votes.

The bypolls were necessitated by the deaths of sitting MLAs in Bulandshahr, Deoria, Malhahi, Nagaon Sadat and Ghatampur. The Tundla seat fell vacant after its MLA, SP Singh Baghel, was elected to the Lok Sabha, while the Bangarmau seat in Unnao fell vacant after the conviction of BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar in a rape case. The results show that the SP bagged just one seat, Malhahi, out of the seven it contested, by a margin of just over 3,000 votes, while the BJP retained six seats. As per the Election Commission figures, the BJP got a vote share of 36.7 per cent, followed by 23.6 per cent by the SP, 19 per cent by the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), 7.5 per cent by the Congress and 11.4 per cent by others.

Seven is a minuscule number when you compare it with the total strength of the UP Assembly which stands at 403. But the number is enough to gauge the mood of the voters, particularly when the election was held in the backdrop of the Hathras incident where a Dalit girl was gang-raped and beaten up, leading to her death after a prolonged struggle for life in hospital. The incident raised a hue and cry across the country and was equated to the Nirbhaya case in Delhi. The Opposition even demanded imposition of President's Rule in UP, saying the law and order situation in the State was at its nadir and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had lost the moral right to rule.

Besides, the Opposition built a narrative of the Thakur Chief Minister being anti-Brahmin after the incident in Kanpur Dehat where ganglord Vikas Dubey gunned down eight policemen and was later killed in a police encounter while in transit from Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh to Kanpur. The election in Deoria, in eastern UP, where all the parties had fielded Brahmin candidates, carried the tag of "a contest for Brahmin samman (pride)." It was said that a loss in Deoria would prove the anti-Brahmin

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credentials of the UP Government.

Then there was the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the reverse migration of labourers from the cities to their native villages in UP and Bihar. This, and the rise in prices of essential commodities in the recent past, also added to the woes of the ruling party. In this scenario, the BJP's loss in the byelections would have lent credence to the Opposition's allegations that the popularity of the saffron party was on the wane. But that did not occur.

So what happened? Many factors could have led to the victory of the BJP in the byelections. One of them could be the BSP entering the fray and forcing a four-cornered contest, fragmenting the negative vote. The BSP did not have anything to lose in this bypoll as the party had not won a single seat in these seven constituencies in the 2017 Assembly elections. At that time it got 23.62 per cent votes and this time, it got just about 19 per cent votes. Though there has been a dip in the percentage, by and large the party has been able to retain its core vote-bank of Dalits. In western UP, Muslims, too, voted in favour of Mayawati in patches despite her suicidal statement about a secret deal with the BJP to ensure the SP's defeat in the UP Legislative Council elections.

But the biggest sufferer is the SP, despite clocking 23 per cent votes. Though it won Malhahi in Jaunpur, it came second in the three seats of Nagaon Sadat (Amroha), Tundla (Firozabad) and Deoria. Shockingly, the party was pushed to third position in Bangarmau (Unnao) and fourth place in the Ghatampur (Kanpur) seat.

Just a few days before polling, the SP had roped in former Congress MP from Unnao, Annu Tandon, but this failed to give the party an impetus in Bangarmau. In the 2017 Assembly elections, the SP had got 25.27 per cent votes in these six seats. So its voteshare declined by around two per cent in this bypoll.

The SP had left the seventh seat of Bulandshahr for its ally, the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), which could manage only 7,286 votes. In the 2017 Assembly elections, the party had got over 17,000 votes from this constituency but in the byelections, both the RLD and the SP failed to transfer their votes. The Congress, on the other hand, did comparatively better than the main Opposition parties like the SP and the BSP. The party contested six seats and got only 7.5 per cent votes but in three constituencies, the Congress did better than the SP. In Bangarmau and Ghatampur, it was in second position while in Bulandshahr it was in third place where the alliance partners RLD and SP came in fourth.

So the big question is if complacency cost the Opposition parties dear. The answer could be found in a comparison of the election strategy of the BJP with that of the Congress, the SP and the BSP. Aware that it was facing an anti-incumbency factor, the BJP did not leave anything to chance. In the saffron party, Yogi Adityanath took the lead and campaigned in all the seven constituencies. Eight Ministers were made in-charge of seven constituencies and other Ministers and senior party leaders were asked to carry out intensive election campaigns where they talked

about the policies of the Central and State governments and how they had benefited the poor.

In comparison, Akhilesh and Mayawati did not address a single meeting, perhaps because they feared the Coronavirus outbreak. In Mayawati's absence, Satish Chandra Mishra, who is the BSP's Brahmin face, led the party's campaign. In the grand old party, only State Congress president Ajay Kumar Lallu addressed some meetings while senior leaders in Delhi "operated" through tweets and statements.

The style of campaigning of political parties reflects the seriousness of the leaders in the elections. Yogi led the campaign by addressing public meetings in all the Assembly constituencies. The narrative of the bypoll was very simple and Yogi only concentrated on the work his Government had done in the last three-and-a-half years. The election results have put a stamp of approval on the development-oriented approach of his Government.

The UP byelection results have sent a message loud and clear to the Opposition. Its constituents need to revisit their election strategy. Senior SP, BSP and Congress leaders need to come out of their comfort zone and toil with party workers in the field. This will not only invigorate their cadres but also make these leaders understand the ground realities. If they fail to redesign their strategy, it would be next to impossible for them to arrest the BJP's surge in UP in the 2022 elections. The time is now, for them to learn some lessons in politics.

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A flawed system that needs to change

Taking the votes on party lines for granted, the rationale of having an Electoral College inspires little confidence as it has become antiquarian and pointless



DEVENDER SINGH ASWAL

When Americans cast their ballot for the President on November 3, they weren't voting directly for Joe Biden or the incumbent, President Donald Trump, but rather for their State's electors. In the US, a candidate becomes President by securing the most "electoral" votes rather than by winning a majority of the national popular vote. Electors generally cast their vote for the winner of the popular vote in their respective States. They are slated to meet on December 14 and the winner must get a minimum of 270 votes.

In case no one receives the minimum prescribed votes, the House of Representatives elects the President and the Senate elects the Vice-President. The Electoral College and its procedure was established by

Article II of the US Constitution and the 12th and the 23rd Constitution Amendments. Though Joe Biden has clearly won and is now the President-elect, the outgoing President has put unsubstantiated charges of electoral fraud and embroiled the process in court cases. Trump's campaign on November 9 filed a lawsuit in a Pennsylvania federal court, seeking to block State officials from certifying Biden's victory there.

In any case, the declaration of formal victory will have to wait as the 538 members of the Electoral College will cast their votes on December 14 and the votes will be counted and certified by the Congress in a joint sitting to be held on January 6, 2021 in a session presided over by the Vice-President. The President-elect will be sworn in on January 20, 2021.

The question that agitates the people across the world is why the founding fathers of the US enshrined such a complex electoral system in the Constitution. There are many presidential electoral systems to choose from. For instance, in India — a parliamentary system — the President is elected by an Electoral College comprising the elected mem-

bers of both the Houses of Parliament and the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of the States. In France, the President is elected by popular votes based on the two-round election system since 1965, if no candidate wins a majority of the votes in the first round. Many other countries, like Brazil, Bulgaria, Iran, Poland, Russia, Turkey and so on, have the two-round system or second ballot/runoff ballot, if no candidate receives the stipulated number of votes in the first round. Sri Lanka has a variant of the contingent vote system to elect the President. If no candidate receives an overall majority of first preference votes on the first count, then all, but the two leading candidates, are eliminated and their votes redistributed to help determine a winner in a second and final round.

However, the US Presidential electoral system is an amalgamation of popular election — that is popular votes and indirect election — comprising the Electoral College. Alexander Hamilton, one of the main architects of the US Constitution, wrote in *The Federalist Papers* about the key advantages of the Electoral College, "The electors

come directly from the people and for that purpose only, and for that time only. This avoided a party-run legislature or a permanent body that could be influenced by foreign interests before each election." The makers of the Constitution believed that since the election would take place among all the States, so no corruption in any State could taint "the great body of the people" in their selection. It was also felt that the "electors" meeting in the State capitals would be able to have information unavailable to the general public." Besides, it was argued that "since no federal officeholder could be an elector, none of the electors would be beholden to any presidential candidate."

Another consideration was that the decision to elect the President by the members of the Electoral College would be made without "tumult and disorder", as it would be a broad-based one, made simultaneously in various locales where the decision-makers could deliberate reasonably, without threat or intimidation. "If the Electoral College did not achieve a decisive majority, then the House of Representatives was to choose the president..." The Constitution makers were apprehensive about some-

body unqualified but with a talent for "low intrigue, and the little arts of popularity" attaining high office, and, therefore, conscientiously struck a novel compromise between the two systems. However, in actual practice, the process of forming the Electoral College has little significance as the voters choose the presidential candidate and his running mate and the winner takes all the votes assigned to a particular State, regardless of any narrow gap in the popular votes secured.

For instance, the State of Georgia is allocated 16 members in the Electoral College. As per the last count (final count awaited), Joe Biden secured 49.5, Trump 49.2 and Jo Jorgensen 1.2 per cent votes. If after the final count, Biden retains the lead, there will be no proportional distribution of the votes secured and all the 16 members thus elected will be of the Democratic candidate led by Joe Biden, giving credence to the dictum the "winner takes it all."

The States of Maine and Nebraska are two exceptions where, instead of a winner-takes-it-all system, the vote goes through what's known as the "Congressional district method." This system — used in

Maine since 1972 and in Nebraska since 1992 — allocates two electoral votes to the Statewide winner but allows each Congressional district to award one electoral vote to the popular vote winner in its locality. In Maine, this means that two out of four electoral votes can go to someone other than the Statewide winner; in Nebraska, three out of five electoral votes remain in play.

The members of the Electoral College, with rare inconsequential exceptions, do not disregard the popular vote by casting their vote for someone other than the party candidate. They hold, generally, a leadership position in their party or are trusted party loyalists who will uphold their pledge. A majority of the States have their own laws against faithless electors. Taking the votes on party lines for granted, the rationale of having an Electoral College inspires little confidence as it has become antiquarian and pointless.

As far as the federal character of the votes is concerned, that is guaranteed by the number of seats allocated to each of the States and territories, including District Columbia, for the presidential election, based on the twin principles of federalism and

population. This is reflected in the composition of the Senate, which has 100 members, two from each State regardless of its size and population and the House of Representatives, comprising 435 members, elected by each of the States and territories. California sends 53 members and smaller States like Delaware have one member.

In 2000, Democrat Al Gore received 50,999,897 votes; Republican George Bush received 50,456,002. In the Electoral College count, however, Bush, who tallied 271 electors to Gore's 266, became the President. In 2016, Hillary Clinton received 65,853,514 votes to Donald Trump's 62,984,828, but Trump got 304 electoral votes and Hillary Clinton 227.

The Electoral College system distorts the campaign as candidates give extra consideration to swing States, often compromising governance, and give over-representation to smaller States. Moreover, till the final count by the Congress, there is a long, eerie silence and speculation about a possible tie. But perhaps the people of the US are happy and content with this.

(The writer is former Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha)

TRUMP'S DEFEAT

Refusal an embarrassment: Biden

Washington: Donald Trump not conceding defeat in the US election is "an embarrassment" and that "will not help the President's legacy," President-elect Joe Biden has said, asserting that his transition plans have remained unaffected and he has started talking to world leaders.

Trump has declined to concede the closely-fought November 3 presidential race to Democrat Biden and is mounting legal fights in several states, but there has been no evidence of voter irregularities or widespread fraud in the election — billed as one of the most divisive and bitter in recent American history.

The president-elect was asked by a reporter on Tuesday what he thought of President Trump's refusal to acknowledge defeat.

"I just think it's an embarrassment, quite frankly," Biden



said in his hometown in Wilmington, Delaware. "The only thing that, how can I say this tactfully, I think it will not help the president's legacy," 77-year-old Biden said.

The Trump administration's refusal to initiate the transition process "does not change the dynamic at all in what we're able to do," Biden said.

"We don't see anything that's slowing us down, quite frankly," he said.

"At the end of the day, you know, it's all going to come to fruition on January 20," he added,

referring to inauguration day.

"Between now and then my hope and expectation is that the American people do know and do understand that there has been a transition. Even among Republicans... Who voted for the president, I understand the sense of loss. I get that," he said.

Biden hoped that those who voted for him and those for Trump would come together.

"I think they're ready to unite and I believe we can pull the country out of this bitter politics that we've seen for the last five, six and seven years," he said.

The President-elect said that he has already begun the transition. "We are well underway. The ability for the administration in any way by failure to recognise our win does not change the dynamic at all in what we're able to do," he said, noting that a day earlier he has announced his COVID-19 advisory board. **PTI**

Joe Biden has won the election decisively: Kamala

Washington: Vice President-elect Kamala Harris has said that Americans have made a clear choice in favour of Joe Biden, who won decisively against incumbent President Donald Trump with more votes than ever cast in the country's history.

President-elect Biden received more than 76.4 million votes and so far, has 279 of the 538 electoral college votes, according to The New York Times.

Counting of votes for 45 electoral college votes are still going

on. To win the race for the White House, a candidate needs at least 270 electoral college votes.

Trump, 74, has refused to concede the election, while the mainstream US media has declared 77-year-old Democratic presidential candidate Biden as the winner, who is now the President-elect.

In the US electoral system, traditionally it is the major media networks which declare the winner while certified election results are declared weeks later. This is unlike in India, where the Election Commission is the only authority to declare the winner of an election. **PTI**

Hong Kong's pro-democracy lawmakers resign en masse

Hong Kong: Hong Kong's pro-democracy lawmakers have resigned en masse following a move by the city's government to disqualify four pro-democracy legislators.

The pro-democracy camp announced their decision in a news conference Wednesday, hours after the Hong Kong government said it would be disqualifying four pro-democracy legislators — Alvin Yeung, Dennis Kwok, Kwok Ka-ki and Kenneth Leung — from the legislature.

The disqualifications came after China's National People's Congress Standing Committee, which held meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, passed a resolution stating that those who support Hong Kong's independence or refuse to acknowledge China's sovereignty over the city, as well as commit acts that threaten national security or ask external forces to interfere in the city's affairs, should be disqualified.

"Today we will resign from our positions, because our partners, our colleagues have been disqualified by the central government's ruthless move," Wu Chi-wai, convener of the pro-democracy camp, said at



Hong Kong's pro-democracy legislators pose for a photo before a press conference at the Legislative Council in Hong Kong on Wednesday. **AP**

the news conference. "Although we are facing a lot of difficulties in the coming future for the fight of democracy, but we will never, never give up," he said.

Wu said that the pro-democracy legislators will hand in their resignation letters on Thursday. During the news conference, pro-democracy lawmakers chanted "Hong Kong add oil, together we stand" while holding hands.

Earlier in the year, the four now-disqualified pro-democracy lawmakers were barred from running for legislative

elections originally scheduled for September, prior to the government stating that it would postpone the elections by a year due to the coronavirus situation. The four lawmakers later remained in their posts following the postponement.

The elections postponement was criticised by the pro-democracy camp as an attempt to block them from taking a majority of seats in the legislature, after they had held an unofficial pro-democracy primary participated in by over 600,000 voters to decide which candidates to field. **AP**

Trump loyalists get top Pentagon jobs after Esper firing



Washington: A day after President Donald Trump fired Defense Secretary Mark Esper, three staunch loyalists to the president were named to top defense jobs. Among them was a former Fox News commentator who failed to get through Senate confirmation because of offensive remarks he made, including about Islam.

The abrupt changes sent reverberations through the Pentagon as nervous civilian and military personnel waited for the next shoe to drop. And they fuelled worries of a wider effort to drum out anyone considered not loyal enough to Trump. **AP**

Some big, early shifts on immigration expected under Biden

Washington: Some dramatic moves on immigration are expected in the early days of the Biden administration. Joe Biden will likely use executive orders to reverse some of President Donald Trump's most controversial actions, rolling back moves that were a central feature of his administration and important to his base.

The Biden administration plans to restore protection for people brought to the US illegally as minors and stop using Pentagon funds to build a border wall.

Biden unveiled a detailed, highly ambitious plan on immigration, but it will take time to undo many actions taken by Trump. The incoming president will also likely face a divided Congress, making it difficult to enact any kind of sweeping, comprehensive

changes to the nation's immigration system.

Restricting immigration was a signature issue for Trump, who famously called Mexicans rapists as he pledged to build border wall in launching his campaign. His administration banned travellers from some predominantly Muslim countries as one of its first acts, took many steps to limit legal immigration and cut the number of refugees allowed in the country by 80 per cent.

Biden has said "immigration is central to who we are as a nation," noting that most Americans can trace their ancestry to immigrants, but it isn't a core issue. It's not even mentioned on his transition website's top priorities: COVID-19, economic recovery, racial justice and climate change. **AP**

Sudan braces for up to 200,000 fleeing Ethiopia fighting

Nairobi: Up to 200,000 refugees could pour into Sudan while fleeing the deadly conflict in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region, officials say, while the first details are emerging of largely cut-off civilians under growing strain.

Long lines have appeared outside bread shops in the Tigray region, and supply-laden trucks are stranded at its borders, the United Nations humanitarian chief in the country told The Associated Press in an interview.

"We want to have humanitarian access as soon as possible," Sajjad Mohammad Sajid said. "Fuel and food are needed urgently." Up to 2 million people in Tigray have a "very, very difficult time," he said late

Tuesday, including hundreds of thousands of displaced people.

Communications remain almost completely severed with the Tigray region a week after Ethiopia's Nobel Peace Prize-winning Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced a military offensive in response to an alleged attack by regional forces.

He insists there will be no negotiations with a regional government he considers illegal until its ruling "clique" is arrested and its well-stocked arsenal is destroyed.

The standoff leaves nearly 900 aid workers in the Tigray region from the UN and other groups struggling to contact the outside world with pleas for help. **AP**

Shahbaz Sharif, his son indicted in money laundering case

Lahore: Pakistan's Opposition leader and PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif and his son Hamza were indicted in a money laundering case by an accountability court here on Wednesday.

The country's anti-graft body, National Accountability Bureau (NAB), framed the charges against Shahbaz, who is the younger brother of deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif, and Opposition leader in Punjab Assembly Hamza in the accountability court of Judge Jawadul Hasan.

Both the father and son have denied the charges and pleaded for innocence.

Shahbaz told the court that his political opponents, referring Prime Minister Imran Khan,

had instituted false cases against him and his family members.

"I had saved only Rupees 81 billion from the Lahore metro train project and in 10 years as chief minister of Punjab I saved trillions of rupees in different development projects. If a single rupee corruption is proved against me even after my death, take me out of the grave and hang me," he said.

He said the NAB was being used for political engineering against the Opposition.

"NAB has yet to bring forth any evidence against me and my family members," Shahbaz said and informed the court that he had severe backache, but the jail authorities ignored this and brought him to the court in an armoured car. **PTI**

Around the Globe

Yerevan: Thousands of people gathered in the capital of Armenia on Wednesday to protest the country's agreement with Azerbaijan to halt weeks of fighting over Nagorno-Karabakh. The deal calls for the deployment of nearly 2,000 Russian peacekeepers and territorial concessions.

Athens: A fire has burnt through tents and some structures in a refugee camp on the eastern Greek island of Samos. There were no immediate reports of any injuries. The fire department said the blaze was limited in size and was tackled by 18 firefighters using nine vehicles.

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020				
(Rs. in lacs except per share data)				
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended	Year to date	Corresponding Quarter ended in the previous year
		30 th September 2020	30 th September 2020	30 th September 2019
		Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited
1.	Total income from operations (net)	26.001	52.035	26.034
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(386.928)	(373.407)	158.605
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(386.928)	(373.407)	158.605
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(390.394)	(381.046)	173.547
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(390.394)	(381.046)	173.547
6.	Equity Share Capital	10065.45	10065.45	10065.45
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-
8.	Earnings Per Share (face value of Rs. 10 each) (before and after extraordinary items) -			
	1. Basic:	(0.39)	(0.38)	0.17
	2. Diluted:	-	-	-

- Notes:**
- These results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard (referred to as "Ind AS") 34 Interim Financial Reporting prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules as amended from time to time and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations. These results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on November 11, 2020 and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on November 11, 2020. The statutory auditors have expressed a qualified conclusion on these results.
 - The Company has only one reportable segment namely "Jewellery retail".
 - The Company's operations and financial results for the quarter have been adversely impacted by the lockdown imposed to contain the spread of COVID-19. Further to declaration of COVID 19 as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020 and the nationwide lockdown announced by the Government of India on 24 March 2020, the operations of the Company were severely disrupted resulting in significant loss of revenue with retail operations remaining closed for the major part of six month period ended 30 September 2020. Even with the partial lifting of lockdown the retail scenario remains grim due to negative consumer sentiments, low discretionary spends, high gold prices, most of the employees working from home among other factors. The Company has assessed the impact of pandemic on its financial results/position based on the internal and external information available up to the date of approval of these financial results and expects to recover the carrying value of its assets.
 - During the period ended 30 September 2020, the Company has renegotiated with certain property owners on the rent reduction/waiver due to COVID 19 pandemic. The Management believes that such reduction/waiver in rent is short term in nature and meets the other conditions in accordance with the notification issued by the Central Government in consultation with National Financial Reporting Authority dated 24 July 2020 as Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2020 with effect from 1 April 2020. Thus, in accordance with the said notification, the Company has elected to apply the practical expedient available and the reduction/waiver does not necessitate a lease modification as envisaged in the Standard. Accordingly, the Company has recognised Rs.20,000 during the quarter (Rs.2.11 lacs for six months period) in the statement of profit and loss.
 - The Indian Parliament has approved the Code on Social Security, 2020 that would affect the contributions by the company towards Provident Fund and Gratuity. The effective date from which the changes are applicable is yet to be notified and the rules for quantifying the financial impact are yet to be framed. The Company will assess the impact of these Codes and give effect in the financial results when the Rules/Schemes thereunder are notified.
 - Response on basis for qualified conclusion in limited review report -
 - Trade Receivables are classified as Financial Instruments under Ind-AS 109 and the Company is required to provide for impairments/obligations as per "Expected Credit Loss (ECL) Method". Since the matter is still being decided by the Honourable Court, the Company is presently not in a position to quantify the impairment amount as per the said accounting standards and hence has decided to wait for the Court's outcome before providing for any "Expected Credit Loss" under Ind-AS 109.
 - Management is of the view that notional foreign exchange gain or loss does not have any material impact on the Cash flows or going concern, as the same is provided as per the requirements of Ind-AS 21.
 - As regards reliance on cash sales, it is correct as the Company presently does not have any external borrowings primarily due to the reason that the Promoter's has been unable to actively manage the Company as his open offer application is pending before SEBI from 2014 onwards and as a consequence his entire shareholding remains locked in an escrow account as per SEBI guidelines. We are given to understand that the promoter has filed a settlement application with SEBI. Any favourable resolution will have a positive impact on the Company both financially as well as operationally.
 - Figures relating to the previous periods/year have been regrouped / reclassified wherever considered necessary.
 - The results for the quarter and six month ended September 30, 2020 are available on the BSE Limited website (URL: www.bseindia.com/corporates) and on the Company's website (URL: www.atlasjewelleryindia.com).

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
ATLAS JEWELLERY INDIA LIMITED
Sd/-
Nanda Kumar Putezhath
Whole Time Director
DIN: 02547619

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



CHHEMANAND MISHRA

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

Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



Unknown

General public is hereby informed that one male name & address unknown. Age: about 30 Yrs, Height: 5'4", Face oval, Complexion: Fair, Thin Build, black hair, white small beard, wearing grey colour T-shirt & sky blue underwear was found dead under Tilak Nagar Flyover in front of Crown Optical Shop Shivaji Market, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi on 29.10.2020.

In this regard a DD No. 66-A, dt. 29.10.2020 has been lodged at PS Tilak Nagar, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in DDU Hospital Mortuary, Hari Nagar, New Delhi for identification.

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

S.H.O.,
P.S. Tilak Nagar, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-25407800, 25409290
DP/265/WD/2020

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

BID No. E-54/2020-21 E-TENDERS Date: 04.11.2020
E-Tenders are invited for & behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only E-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence- S. No., Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity.
S.N. 1. 05205254C (24.11.2020), Compressed Air Unit, 03 Nos., S.N. 2. 05201706B (25.11.2020), HSS T/S Extra Long Drill, Part No. 72219002, 06 Nos., S.N. 3. 05201758 (25.11.2020), Oxygen Regulator Brass Body, Part No. 76218892, 82 Nos., S.N. 4. 05205319 (25.11.2020), New Generation Reversible Magnetic Drilling Machine, 01 Nos., S.N. 5. 05205256A (25.11.2020), Three Phase Sq. Cage Induction Motor, 01 Nos., S.N. 6. 05205310 (02.12.2020), Premium Rotary Screw Compressor Fluid, 60 Ltr., S.N. 7. 05205313 (02.12.2020), Retort for Furnace, 01 Nos., S.N. 8. 05205314 (02.12.2020), Air Operated Cylinder, 01 Nos., S.N. 9. 05205315 (02.12.2020), Non Return Valve, 01 Set., S.N. 10. 05201759 (03.12.2020), Double Stage Brass Body, Part No. 76218790, 112 Nos., S.N. 11. 05205316 (03.12.2020), Spare Parts for Ace Fork Lift, 01 Set., S.N. 12. 05205317 (03.12.2020), Pressure Bogie Assembly, 15 Nos., S.N. 13. 05205318 (03.12.2020), STEEL CAP PISTON PL No. 10143014, 93 NOS. S.N. 17. Only e-reverse auction-offer will be accepted- 09201141, (30/11/2020), Set of Connectors for Loco WAG-9 to PL No. 29615495, 132 Sets. The details of above tenders are available in www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in PR/BLWS-60 PCMM

PSPCCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala)
Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033813
(www.pspcl.in)

Type of Tender	Open E-Tender
Tender Specification No.	265/H/PS/ED-III/RSD-103 dated 10-11-2020
Short Description of Work	Design, manufacturing, supply, installation and commissioning of 04 nos. Automatic Float (220V/50A) and Float cum Boost (220V/50A) Battery Chargers for 220V/DC, 600AH Battery Banks at Power House No.3 and 4 of Mukerian Hydel Project, PSPCL, Talwara and Design, Manufacturing, supply, Supervision of installation, testing and commissioning of 2 nos Float cum Boost Charger for 2 nos 220V, 2000 AH Battery banks of RSD Power House Shahpurkandi.
Start Date for down loading of specification/ Tender documents	17-11-2020
Last date for down loading of Specification/ Tender documents	16-12-2020
Last date for Bid submission	16-12-2020 (11.00 a.m.)
Bid Opening Date	22-12-2020 (11.30 a.m.)
EMD	@2% of Tender value rounded off to a multiple of Rs.10/- on the higher side subject to a min of Rs.10,000/- and a max. of Rs. 20 Lac
Payment Mode	Online (via e-payment gateway of https://eproc.punjab.gov.in)

1. Tender Specification along with detailed terms and conditions can only be downloaded from website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and get conversant with the process of on-line submission to tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by the due deadline. No request for extension in due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained. The bidder may contact <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> at contact nos 0120-4001002/0120-4200462/ 01200-4001005/0120-6277787. It may be noted that no hard copy of the specification will be issued by this office and specification can only be downloaded from the above mentioned website. Corrigendum, if any after the publication of this tender enquiry shall only be uploaded on website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and will not be published in newspapers.

2. One hard copy of the part-II of uploaded tender duly sealed shall be submitted by the bidders in this office.

SE/ HSPCL Projects, PSPCL, Patiala

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CIN : L17100HR1983PLC033466, Website: www.ulifltd.com, Email: investorrelations@ulifltd.com, Phone: 011-26258237, 49075251
Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2020

Sl. No.	Particulars (Refer Notes below)	(Rs. in lacs, except per share data)					
		30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	158.94	1.49	39.58	160.13	82.92	235.45
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	80.45	(84.87)	(6.75)	(4.42)	(22.90)	22.48
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	80.45	(84.87)	(63.48)	(4.42)	(79.62)	(34.24)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	80.45	(84.87)	(63.48)	(4.42)	(79.62)	(34.24)
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)	-	-	-	-	-	-
a) Basic		2.68	(2.83)	(2.12)	(0.15)	(2.65)	(1.14)
b) Diluted		2.68	(2.83)	(2.12)	(0.15)	(2.65)	(1.14)

Notes:
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended September 30, 2020 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended September 30, 2020 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.ulifltd.com.

For United Leasing & Industries Ltd. Sd/- Anil Kumar Khanna (Director) DIN : 00278329

Place : Gurugram, Haryana
Date : November 11, 2020

Sensex rallies 316 pts to finish at fresh peak; Nifty crosses 12,700

Mumbai: Rallying for the eighth consecutive session, equity benchmark Sensex surged 316.02 points to close at a fresh lifetime high on Wednesday, tracking largely positive cues from global markets and strong foreign fund inflows.

After touching its all-time peak of 43,708.47 during the session, the 30-share BSE index settled 316.02 points or 0.73 per cent higher at 43,593.67.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty touched a fresh intra-day high of 12,769.75. It finished 118.05 points or 0.93 per cent up at its closing record of 12,749.15.

Tata Steel was the top gainer among the Sensex constituents, surging around 8 per cent, followed by Axis Bank, Bajaj Finserv, ITC, Infosys, Sun Pharma, Kotak Bank, ONGC and UltraTech Cement.

On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, Reliance Industries, Titan, Asian Paints and HDFC Bank were in the red.

Domestic markets **PTI**

remained upbeat and extended gain for the eighth consecutive day as positive sentiments among investors following clarity of coronavirus vaccine by BioNTech-Pfizer and strong 2Q corporate earnings persist, said Arjun Yash Mahajan Head Institutional Business at Reliance Securities.

"While market witnessed some amount of volatility today led by profit booking in some of heavyweights, a sharp rebound in pharma, metals, IT and auto stocks supported market rally," he added.

Additionally, NDA's win in Bihar assembly elections bode well for domestic equities, he noted.

Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the red, while Seoul and Tokyo closed with gains.

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

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 3.12 per cent higher at USD 44.98 per barrel.

PTI

Rupee slumps 18 paise against US dollar to 74.36

Mumbai: The rupee declined by 18 paise to close at 74.36 against the US dollar on Wednesday, tracking a strengthening American currency in the overseas market and higher crude prices.

However, a strong rally in domestic equities and unabated foreign fund inflows restricted the slide of the domestic unit, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened on a weak note at 74.24 and swung between the day's high of 74.18 and a low of 74.50 to the US dollar.

The rupee finally settled at 74.36 against the greenback, down 18 paise over its previous close.

The rupee had ended at 74.18 on Tuesday. **PTI**

India has shifted from tax terrorism to tax transparency, says Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday underscored tax reforms of the past six years to say India has moved from tax terrorism to tax transparency.

Speaking at the inauguration of an office-cum-residential complex of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal at Cuttack, Modi highlighted the reduction in the corporate tax rate, simplified rate structure for individual taxpayers, faceless appeals and quick refunds.

"Tax terrorism was a common refrain during past governments. The nation has left that behind and moved towards tax transparency," he said.

"The change from tax terrorism to tax transparency has happened because we have propagated the concept of reform, perform and transform," he emphasised.

The Prime Minister further said not much happened post Independence to change the exploited and exploiter relation between the taxpayer and tax collector.

But now change is happening, he said and went on to cite measures like faceless appeals, quick refunds and dispute resolution mechanism.

"We are reforming rules and procedures and using technology," he said, adding the tax administration is being transformed.

India, he said, is among the select few nations which have codified rights and responsibilities of taxpayers. "This is an important step in restoring trust and transparency between taxpayer and tax collector."

Stating that wealth creators should be honoured, he said easing their problems will help in growth of the economy.

Acceptance of as many as 99.75 per cent of the tax returns without a doubt is a step towards trusting the taxpayer, he added. **PTI**

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday approved the revamped viability gap funding (VGF) scheme envisaging a total outlay of Rs 8,100 crore for encouraging investment in social as well as economic infrastructure projects. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved continuation and revamping of the scheme for financial support to public-private partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure VGF scheme till 2024-25, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar told reporters here.

The revamped scheme will provide financial support to PPP projects in the infrastructure sector spread over a period of five years ending 2024-25.

Of the total amount of Rs 8,100 crore, Rs 6,000 crore has been earmarked for PPP projects in the economic infrastructure segment and remaining Rs 2,100 crore for social infrastructure projects, said an official release after the Cabinet meeting.

The earlier VGF scheme was limited to projects concerning economic infrastructure. The revamped VGF scheme will attract more PPP projects and facilitate private investment in the social sectors (health, education, waste water, solid waste management and water supply, among others).

Creation of new hospitals and schools will create many opportunities to boost employment generation, according to an official release. **PTI**

Textile industry thanks PM for output linked incentive scheme

Coimbatore: Indian Textpreneurs Federation (ITF) on Wednesday thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for introduction of the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for 10 key sectors, including textile products.

The scheme would enhance manufacturing capabilities and exports under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan for a period of five years.

Under the scheme, Rs 10,683 crore have been allocated for textile products — man-made Fibre (MMF) segment and technical textiles.

ITF convener Prabhu Dhamodharan said the scheme would help the apparel sector build the much-needed scale and bring specialisation as a strategy to garner focus on top MMF products which are in great demand globally.

MMF apparels is a Rs 3-lakh crore market in the US alone, he said in a press release.

The industry is confident of the Indian apparel sector using the opportunity to build capabilities in MMF sector to achieve double-digit growth in exports, he said.

Meanwhile, Southern India Mills' Association chairman Ashwin Chandran also thanked Modi and Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani for including textile industry and allocating budget for improving manufacturing capabilities and boosting exports. **PTI**

After FM pitch for promoting RuPay, Visa says competition offers innovation, choice to customers

Mumbai: Global payments major Visa on Wednesday responded to the Indian government's push for adoption of RuPay cards, saying presence of all kinds of players fosters innovation and offers customers a choice.

A day after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked banks to "only promote" RuPay cards, Visa's country manager for India and South Asia T R Ramachandran said that digital payments penetration is very low in India at only 18 per cent of overall personal consumption expenditure.

"We all have our roles to play," Ramachandran, whose company along with peer Mastercard competes with the RuPay alternative offered by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), said.

Talking to reporters, he said that India is a large country and unlike the western countries, where it is a zero-sum game, where somebody has to lose for somebody to win.

"Given the statistics... That under 18 per cent of private consumption expenditure is digitised, I would argue it takes

all kinds of players, domestic, international etc because that fosters innovation, that fosters customer choice," he said.

Addressing the annual general meeting of the Indian Banks Association on Tuesday, Sitharaman had asked lenders to "only promote" RuPay cards to their customers.

"RuPay card will have to be the only card you promote. Whoever needs a card, RuPay will be the only card you would promote," she had said in the remarks which come at a time when self-reliance has become a key policy goal for India. **PTI**

Cabinet approves revamped VGF scheme with outlay of ₹8,100 cr

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BITES Q2FY21 revenue ₹500 crore

Gurugram: RITES Ltd, the leading Transport Infrastructure Consultancy and Engineering company, reported its standalone and consolidated financial results for the Quarter and Half Year ended on 30th September, 2020.

Total Revenue stands at ₹500 crore against ₹888 crore in Q2FY20, while Q2FY21 revenue increased by 33% over Q1FY21 showing strong recovery.

EBITDA stands at ₹189 crore with sustained margin of 37.9% against ₹339 crore in Q2FY20.

Profit After Tax stands at ₹132 crore with margin of 26.5% against ₹237 crore in Q2FY20.

Order Book at new high of ₹6661 crore with order inflow of ₹ 948 crore in Q2FY21.

Total Revenue stands at ₹488 crore against ₹874 crore in Q2FY20.

EBITDA stands at ₹183 crore with sustained margin of 37.4% against ₹328 crore in Q2FY20.

Profit After Tax stands at ₹131 crore with margin of 26.8% against ₹233 crore in Q2FY20.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Rajeev Mehrotra, Chairman and Managing Director, RITES Limited, said, "Despite current scenario, Q2FY21 revenue has increased by 33% over the previous quarter. The company continued to focus on project execution,

order book consolidation and sustaining margins."

Revenue and Profit for Q2FY21

The consolidated revenue in Q2FY21 has decreased to ₹500 crore as against ₹888 crore in Q2FY20 mainly on account of export deliveries not scheduled during this quarter and final settlement amount of ₹91 crore from a foreign client during Q2FY20.

Similarly, operating revenue, excluding other income, stands at ₹439 crore in Q2FY21 as against ₹746 crore in Q2FY20. EBITDA and PAT stand at ₹189 crore and ₹132 crore against ₹339 crore and ₹237 crore, respectively, in Q2FY20. EBITDA and PAT margins are sustained and stand at 37.9% and 26.5%, respectively due to expeditious execution and timely implementation of cost control measures.

The total revenue on YoY basis in Q2FY21 has decreased by 44.1% to ₹488 crore. Similarly, operating revenue, excluding other income, stands at ₹422 crore in Q2FY21 against ₹726 crore in Q2FY20. If exports are excluded, operating revenue has fallen by 9% on YoY basis.

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Claims through Affidavit Form no longer required now under Atal Beemid Vyakti Kalyan Yojana of ESIC

The ESIC Corporation in its Meeting held on 20.08.2020 had extended the Scheme, 'Atal Beemid Vyakti Kalyan Yojana' from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021. It was also decided to enhance the rate of relief under the scheme from present 25 % of the average daily earning to 50% of average daily earning and also relax the eligibility conditions for the period 24.03.2020 to 31.12.2020 to provide relief to the workers who have become unemployed during COVID-19 Pandemic.

While analysing the response of the beneficiaries to the Scheme under relaxed conditions, it was found that the condition of submitting the claim in Affidavit Form is causing inconvenience to the claimants. Considering the difficulties faced by the beneficiaries, it has now been decided that the claimant who has submitted the claim under Atal Beemid Vyakti Kalyan Yojana online and uploaded the scanned copies of the required documents i.e. copies of Aadhar and Bank details need not submit the physical claim. If the documents are not uploaded at the time of online filing of the claim, claimant will submit the printout of the claim duly signed along with the required documents. Condition for submitting the claim in Affidavit Form has been dispensed with.

ESI Scheme in India

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like reasonable Medical Care and a range of Cash Benefits in times of need such as employment injury, sickness, death etc. It is covering about 3.49 Crores of family units of workers and providing matchless cash benefits and reasonable medical care to its 13.56 crore beneficiaries. Today, its infrastructure has increased many folds with 1520 Dispensaries (including mobile dispensaries)/307 ISM Units and 159 ESIC Hospitals, 793 Branch/Pay Offices and 64 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices. The ESI Scheme today stands implemented in 566 districts in 34 states and Union Territories of the country.

Competition Comm approves Google-Jio deal

New Delhi: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Wednesday said it has approved internet major Google's proposed purchase of 7.73 per cent stake in Jio Platforms. The transaction will facilitate Google and Jio Platforms Ltd (JPL) to develop and launch a new smartphone in the country. In July, it was announced that Google has agreed to invest.

The other states include Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

"Twelve major state governments may have to undertake an aggregate cut of Rs 2.5-2.7 trillion in their budgeted capital spending in FY2021, on account of the pandemic-induced strain to their revenue receipts," Icrs said.

It has projected the aggregate debt of these 12 states to deteriorate sharply to 28.9 per cent of Gross State Domestic

Product (GSDP) in FY2021 from 21.9 per cent of GSDP in FY2019, and an estimated 22.3 per cent of GSDP in FY2020. According to Icrs's group head (corporate sector ratings) Jayanta Roy, "The pandemic has dealt a sharp revenue shock to the state governments in the current fiscal. "While the gap in GST compensation is largely proposed to be financed through additional borrowings, the expected substantial shortfall in central tax devolution would severely restrict the ability of the states to undertake growth-reviving capital expenditure in FY2021," Roy added.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is hereby informed that one girl **Name: Ruchi Pandey, D/o: Sh. Dinesh Chandra Pandey, R/o: H. No. RC 208, Rajashan Colony, Baba Farid Puri, West Patel Nagar, Anand Parbat, New Delhi, Age: 15 years, Height: 47", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Hair: Long, Wearing: Yellow Colour Suit, Dark Blue Colour Payjama and Black Colour Sandal in Feet has been missing/kidnapped since 10.10.2018 from the area of P.S. Anand Parbat, Delhi.**

In this regard a FIR No. 269/18, U/s 363 IPC, dated 11.10.2018 has been registered at P.S. Anand Parbat, Delhi.

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

Any person having any information/Clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Website: http://cbi.nic.in **P.S. Anand Parbat, New Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph. 011-28762468/4807, 8750870428**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **DP/458/CD/2020**

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Name: Aanchal D/o Shri Bhagwan R/o Matke Wali Gali, Nehru Enclave, Alipur, Delhi** has been missing since 22.10.2020 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 108A dated 22.10.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Alipur, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age : 19 Years, Height: 5', Complexion : Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing : Red Colour kurti-payjama and hawai chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Alipur, Delhi at E-mail Id – **cic@cbi.gov.in** or Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**

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EXTRACT FROM STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

PARTICULARS	Quarter ended 30.09.2020	Quarter ended 30.09.2019	Half year ended 30.09.2020	Half year ended 30.09.2019	Previous year ended 31.03.2020
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	7.52	7.84	15.61	15.69	32.37
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and or Extraordinary Items)	1.43	1.07	2.84	2.72	5.90
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and or Extraordinary Items)	1.43	1.07	2.84	2.72	5.90
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and or Extraordinary Items)	1.14	0.49	2.08	1.49	4.45
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	1.14	0.49	2.08	1.49	4.45
Equity Share Capital	287.67	287.67	287.67	287.67	287.67
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	70.60
Earnings per share (before extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each) Basic & Diluted :	0.04	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.15
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Note:

- The above financial results have reviewed and recommended by the audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 11.11.2020
- The Company has not received any complaint from investors during the quarter ended on 30.09.2020
- As the source of income comes from single segment of finance and investment, hence the segment reporting as under AS-17 is not applicable.
- This Statement is as per Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015.
- Figure of previous period are re-grouped/re-classified/re-arranged, wherever necessary to correspond with current period.

For and on behalf of the Board
 Sd/-
Vinod Gupta
 (Whole Time Director)
 DIN: 00381782

Place : Delhi
 Date : 11th November, 2020

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UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended	
		30-Sep-20	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20	30-Sep-19
1	Total Income from Operations	1502.54	2103.43	1502.62	2103.43	211772.27	175373.76	367932.89	354034.68
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (including discontinued operations)	1437.81	2064.62	1396.87	2022.74	43425.56	36700.02	66045.81	61109.64
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (including discontinued operations)	1265.83	2064.62	1224.87	2022.74	31515.83	29948.75	49162.74	49138.62
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1265.72	2064.58	1224.37	2022.36	34335.30	28882.62	57330.81	48279.78
5	Paid up Equity Share Capital	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26
6	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -								
(a) Basic :		19.62	32.00	18.98	31.35	255.33	241.42	398.30	398.87
(b) Diluted:		19.62	32.00	18.98	31.35	255.33	241.42	398.30	398.87

Note: 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 Financials Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.kamaholdings.com).

For and on behalf of the Board
Ekta Maheshwari
 Whole Time Director, CFO & Company Secretary
 (DIN: 02071432)

Place : Gurugram
 Date : November 11, 2020

Trend
Blazer

'Bollywood glamour back in my life'

Actor **SUNNY LEONE** is happy to be back in the world of glitz and glamour as she resumes work.

She shared a picture on Instagram where she is seen posing in front of the camera, dressed in a sparkly outfit.

"Work mode. Bollywood glamour is back in my life," she captioned the image.

Recently, Sunny found a way to stay safe during her shoots without ruining her make-up amid the pandemic. In an Instagram image she posted, she is seen wearing a transparent face mask.



'I have been living out of my suitcase for months now and I will be doing so in the coming months too. Honestly, I'm not complaining because I have been fortunate enough to be working even in the midst of a pandemic. I haven't met my parents and sister in ages and I have been living in a hotel room for months but that's the new normal for us actors.'

—Vaani Kapoor



A few days after releasing a gritty teaser with **TIGER SHROFF's** silhouette against a dystopian setting, Pooja Entertainment & Good Co. have unveiled the intriguing poster of their forthcoming action thriller *Ganapath*.



The poster features the film's star in a grungy, raw avatar, oozing his trademark charisma against a blurred cityscape hemmed in with barbed wire, while a cloud of smoke lingers in the air.

The makers have hinted at an action packed, multi-part film franchise that will match and rival the standards set by Hollywood's genre defining action films.

What kept Nick busy during lockdown

Pop star **NICK JONAS** loved spending lockdown with wife, actor **Priyanka Chopra**, and the outcome is it has led them to starting a family business.

Nick also gushed about his infant niece Willa Jonas, daughter of Sophie Turner and Joe Jonas, who was born in July.

Now, Nick has shared that he has finally met little Willa and is in love with her. "I have (met her). It's, you know, Joe and Sophie's thing to speak about or not but she's the best," said Nick.



Kaftan or caftan isn't only a new wardrobe essential but also the most relaxed silhouette, and stylists are all in for this look. Fashion icons are sporting the timeless maxi-design, making the netizens dream of a proper bohemian look. From Christina Hendricks to Jennifer Lopez and Kareena Kapoor Khan, sweatpants are being ditched over paisley printed kaftans. However, the question is — what has brought this comfy, Persian classic back in vogue? Well, going by the popular notion — kaftans are timeless. Here are a few reasons why they epitomise an absolute chic and gracious look.

COMFORT LEVEL
Kaftans have regularly been associated and produced with a one-size-fits-all (free-size) fitting, given its comfort attribute. However, this doesn't consider the positivity of portraying a woman's guise. In the interest of accentuating women's shape, fitted kaftans, ranging from small to 3XL, are now

Hello, Bohemian season!

Here are a few reasons why kaftans can still create an absolute chic and timeless look for style mavens. By **TEAM VIVA**



being introduced. These fitted silhouette kaftans provide the right style image without compromising on its appeal for comfort.

Stylists are simply sauntering sporting the comfortable kaftan, with a pair of white sneakers. Well, if it's not the fitted one, or too oversized or flowy, one can opt to tie a full-sleeved cape around the waist to flaunt your curve.

FASHIONABLE FABRICS
A variety of prints that are a perfect match for the type of kaftan being created makes all the difference, which is why, this summer, sweatsuits were certainly replaced by comfort kaftans at home during the lockdown. With a

plethora of styles and prints to choose from, the kaftan stays modern, classy, glamorous as well as trendy. The Kaftan Company's, as it highlights, in-house digital prints showcase a range of beautiful and inimitable prints that add uniqueness and exclusivity to each and every kaftan.

ALWAYS IN VOGUE
While tracing the history, as per Niloo Paydar, curator of textile and fashion arts at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the term, Kaftan, is Persian and translates to a battle garment worn by soldiers. However, it is believed that the garment has been considered wearable and special beyond the

battlefield. Owing to its simple structure, it was worn by everyone from the peasant to the upper class. And much like then, even today, it allows for embellishments and adornments depending on one's means.

Following this global fashion calendar, the kaftans easily set the trend through their vibrant digital prints and timelessness.

EVOLVES WITH EVERY CHANGE

No matter their deep-rooted style history, kaftans continue to change with the times. Well, we certainly remember how the style has been adopted into a symbol of the bohemian elite that trickled down to mainstream fashion in the 1970s. Each time, they come with newer embellishments and diverse patterns, offering a more feminine silhouette. Now, as before, these drapery dresses appeal to diverse audiences, from starlets on the red carpet to diplomats at State Dinners to summer music festival-goers.

WATCH YOUR BACK



Presenter **STEVE BACKSHALL** shares his experience of meeting fierce wild elephants and killer beasts in his mission to find the world's deadliest animals for the show *Deadly 60, Series 4*. By **TEAM VIVA**

In the show *Deadly 60, Series 4*, explorer Steve Backshall comes face to face with lethal beauties and killer beasts in his mission to find the world's deadliest animals. He meets fierce forest elephants in the wilds of Gabon, searches Bali for the elusive sunfish and experiences the ferocity of the South African serval. The series also looks at the perilous future facing some of these deadly animals and reveals the work being done by wildlife conservationists to protect them. With stunning footage and fascinating facts, it brings you close with some of the world's most fearsome creatures. Just don't forget to watch your back. Excerpts:



During the filming of the show Deadly 60, did you have any heart-stopping animal encounters?

There were certainly some nervy moments. Being charged by a furious matriarch Elephant had hearts in mouths, as did the snarling spitting Bengal tiger that gave us a fright in India. However, after another year in close proximity to some of the world's most feared animals, I can still say with confidence that people are at far more danger from other people than they are from supposedly fierce wild animals.

Can you chalk down some personal highlights from the show?

There were too many highlights to mention, although seeing my first ever great hammerhead shark at a distance of about half a meter would be up there, as would being the first film crew ever to film vampire-esque ghost bats in an abandoned gold mine in Australia. But a lowlight would have to be losing my swimming trunks when trying to emulate the aquatic acrobatics of the yellowfin tuna.

Were there any creatures that you found unappealing?

The flesh-eating cockroaches and venomous centipedes in the Gomantong cave in Borneo were pretty unsavoury. They turn the floor of the cave, which is itself the world's largest pile of bird and bat poo, into a seething mass of invertebrate horror! It's a pretty creepy place but I still found the animals more fascinating than repulsive.

With just 60 creatures to narrow down from millions around the world, what criteria did you use when selecting the animals for the list?

For me, it's about animals that are the absolute best at what they do — being sublime predators within their world. Every creature right from ants to elephants was considered. The list itself is mine and entirely subjective. Many of our Deadly 60 stars were essential creatures we set out to find, others were ones we happened upon during wild searches and just had to include. There's no way we could have come up with an exhaustive list in the time we had, and there are still so many more animals that are worthy of inclusion.

You seemed to break your back last year in a climbing accident. Did it affect your confidence in climbing?

Climbing is never going to be 100 per cent safe but the one



I do while working is under much stricter guidelines than the climbing I do in my spare time. The accident could never have happened whilst I was at work because I wouldn't have been pushing the envelope as seriously as I was. That said, I am very lucky to be alive and walking, and will probably never get my confidence back to where it was before my fall — Although I am

already back climbing again.

You have a successful career in TV and writing, travelling the world — doing exactly what you love. Did you always harbour dreams of a life of adventure?

I had never dreamed all this as a kid. I wanted to be a ranger in an African safari park, an explorer, then a writer. They

all seemed like impossible dreams back then and I can remember the face of my school's career teacher now as he suggested I should be a fireman. Somehow, I seem to have managed something even more extraordinary. I'd love to catch up with that careers adviser now.

(The show premieres on November 16 at 9 pm on Sony BBC Earth.)



Defining new realities

Actor **TAHIR RAJ BHASIN**, who has been prepping with **TAAPSEE PANNU** for their romantic film *Loop Lapeta*, feels that Zoom readings can never replace on-set interactions

Actor Tahir Raj Bhasin is thrilled to be starting his next *Loop Lapeta* next month. The actor has been paired opposite actor Taapsee Pannu and it promises a fresh chemistry on screen. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Tahir has been rehearsing over video calling platforms. The actor opens up about how it can never replace the face-to-face preparation meetings that actors have been doing for ages.

Tahir says, "I'm so excited that we're finally going on floor with *Loop Lapeta*. It's a romantic heist with a twist and will be super fun to do. During the lockdown, I was sure I wanted to remain in touch with the material and so the production would send me evolving drafts of the script. Aakash Bhatia, the director and I would exchange references over WhatsApp and zoom. When we finally met for our first face to face reading, the connect we formed over the lockdown had paid off since it didn't feel like we were starting from square one."

Ask him if it is more challenging for actors to get into character because one would primarily be doing readings over video calling platforms these days and he says, "Zoom readings were a bridge to stay connected to your work. In no way can they replace being in the room feeding off your co-actors energy but they helped me remain connected to the pre-production process of the film. Our director is an advertising whizz and being in the first real world reading with him, enhanced the experiencing of understanding the character since he ran us through the milieu of the world we will be creating."

Tahir's film is all about the chemistry of the lead pair. In a non-proximate world of rehearsals, he opens up about how Taapsee and he are prepping to deliver this knock out chemistry on screen.

"A lot of the chemistry one sees on screen comes from how one plays off the other actor. Having Taapsee as a co-star elevates this process and I'm certain will lead to the chemistry. I'm looking forward to be pairing up for a romantic lead opposite her. Keeping in mind all safety protocols, we've started our face to face readings this week. It's great to meet the people you will be working with outside of the windows of Zoom. Coming together with ideas about the script and workshoping them is half the fun of making a film," informs Tahir.



BAGHEL CREATES 23 NEW TEHSILS

The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel, inaugurated 23 new tehsils in the state. On the occasion, he said that formation of these new tehsils would improve revenue administration in the state and would also accelerate the development work. The common people would be able to access administration facilities more conveniently. Besides, farmers and beneficiaries of public welfare schemes would be able to avail better services. At this inaugural programme, Baghel approved construction of official buildings for 23 new tehsils and four old tehsils. He also announced sanction of one vehicle for each of these districts.

lakhs for vehicles for these tehsil offices. Each of the office would be constructed at the cost of ₹71.12 lakh and ₹6.50 lakh would be sanctioned to each office for purchasing the vehicle.

These 23 new tehsils have been formed for convenience of common people in the 15 districts of the state. These include formation of Kharora and Gobra Navapara in Raipur district, Bhakhar in Dhamtari district, Bori and Bhilai in Durg district, Gandai in Rajnandgaon district, Arjunda tehsil in Balod district, Sakri, Ratanpur and Belgahna tehsils in Bilaspur district, Lalpur thana tehsil in Mungeli district, Saragaon, Bamhndih and Baradwar tehsils in Janjgir-Champa district, Darri and Hardibazar tehsils in Korba district, Darima in Sarguja district,

Ramchandrapur and Samri in Balrampur-Ramanujan district, Kolhari tehsil in Koriya district, Latori tehsil in Surajpur district, Sanna in Jashpur district and Gaadiras in Sukma district.

The inaugural programme was attended by Vidhan Sabha Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant, Health Minister TS Singhdeo, Revenue Minister Jaisingh Agrawal, Industry Minister Kawasi Lakhma, MP Jyotsana Mahant, MLAs — Mohan Markam, Dhanendra Sahu, Purushottam Kanwar, Rashmi Singh, Anita Sharma, chairman of Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation Girish Dewangan, State Food and Civil Supply Corporation Ramgopal Agrawal, Advisor Duo to Chief Minister Rajesh Tiwari and Vinod Verma.

that after formation of the new government, new district Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi and 25 new tehsils were announced on August 15, 2019. On February 10, 2020 Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district was made and development works worth ₹500 crores were sanctioned. These works accelerated the development of this district. Out of 25 new tehsils announced before, 23 tehsils were inaugurated. He congratulated the people of these newly-formed tehsils. Extending hearty Diwali greetings to people of the state, he said that this time, COVID-19 pandemic has overshadowed our festivals. Hence, we should take all the precautions to avoid infection, while celebrating our festivals enthusiastically.

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The CM has requested the people of the state to purchase *diyas*, idols and materials used in puja from local vendors and craftsmen. He appealed them to buy goods and food items manufactured by the self-help groups as this would empower the economy of the state. He told that the all kinds of market charges have been waived off for the traditional vendors. District Administration and Municipal Corporation have been directed to make seating arrangements for vendors near stadium, market and grounds owned by municipal body/government.

It is noteworthy that as per the vision of Baghel, state government has fulfilled the long-pending public demand of reorganising tehsils. Formation of these new tehsils would make it easier for villagers and farmers to get their revenue affairs redressed.

AN ODE TO ART

The Hunar Haat was inaugurated by the Ministry of Union Minority Affairs at Delhi Haat, Pitampura, after seven months of lockdown



The Hunar Haat was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Ministry of Union Minority Affairs, at Delhi Haat, Pitampura, yesterday, along with Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (I/C) and Minister of State for Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju. The fair will go on till November 22.

Naqvi said that the magnificent indigenous products of master artisans at the haat are Local Pride and Global Praise. He added that the haat is becoming an effective platform to strengthen the 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' plan and the 'Vocal for Local' by promoting and encouraging indigenous products of master artisans and craftsmen.



Naqvi said that lakhs of master artisans and craftsmen from across the country are happy and excited that the Hunar Haat has been organised again after a gap of about seven months due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

He pointed out that the indigenous exquisite products made from *maati* (clay), metal and *machiya* (wooden and jute products) are the major attraction at the fair. Rare exquisite products made from clay, different metals and wooden products, things made from cane-bamboo, mesmerising pottery work, etc, are available for display and sale here.

The haat's products are now available online also at <http://hunarhaat.org>. The Union Minority Affairs Ministry is registering these artisans and their indigenous products on "GeM" (Government e-Marketplace) for the trade to work digitally, too.

Naqvi said that every corner of the country has a traditional and ancestral legacy of indigenous products. This legacy, which was on the verge of extinction, has got a boost after Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised on 'Swadeshi'. The Indian indigenous industry has got tremendous boost after PM Modi advocated the need for 'Vocal for Local'. The artisans involved in making these indigenous products are also being extended help through various institutions for attractive packaging of Swadeshi products.

Naqvi said, "Every corner of the country is endowed with diversity of indigenous products made with wood, brass, bamboo, glass, cloth, paper, clay etc. Hunar Haat is an enormous platform providing the market and opportunities to master artisans who prepare these indigenous, exquisite handmade products. Focus this time will be on use of technology and innovation and also towards manufacturing quality products that meet global standards."

More than 100 stalls have been set up at the Haat. Dry flowers from Assam; *Pochampally Ikkat* from Andhra Pradesh; *Munga Silk*, Madhubani painting and artificial jewellery from Bihar; wooden lacquerware toys from Karnataka; toys from Manipur; wooden and glass toys from Uttar Pradesh; calligraphy paintings from Delhi; hand-block print from Goa; *Ajrakh* from Gujarat; Pashmina from Jammu-Kashmir; Tussar silk and cane-bamboo products from Jharkhand; herbal products, Bagh print, Batik from Madhya Pradesh; cane and bamboo products from Maharashtra, handloom textiles from Nagaland, toys of different states made from clay, metal, etc, are available for display and sale at the fair. Besides, people will also be able to enjoy traditional delicacies from Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu-Kashmir, Delhi, Haryana, etc. Different cultural programmes will be presented everyday by renowned artists, which will also be a major attraction.

Naqvi said that the Haat, which has provided employment opportunities to more than five lakh Indian artisans, craftsmen, culinary experts and other people associated with them in the last five years, has become popular among the people. The Haat provides market to artisans and craftsmen from remote areas of the country, and has now become a credible brand of rare, indigenous handmade products.

In the coming days, the Hunar Haat will be organised in Jaipur, Chandigarh, Indore, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Lucknow, India Gate, New Delhi, Ranchi, Kota and Surat or Ahmedabad.

Social distancing and other guidelines owing to COVID-19 are being strictly followed. Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs P K Das and other senior officials of the Ministry were also present at the inauguration.

New integrated terminal building at Agartala airport



The only airport of Tripura, Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport, Agartala, is soon going to have a new integrated terminal building. As the existing terminal building was saturated and there was no further scope of expansion, the Airports Authority of India has undertaken the work at an estimated cost of ₹438 crore.

With built up area of 30,000 sqm, the new terminal building will be equipped with 20 check-in counters, conveyor belts and passenger-friendly modern facilities and amenities. The terminal has been designed to process 1,000 domestic and 200 international passengers during peak hours, making the annual handling capacity of 3.0 million passengers.

The development work also includes construction of the apron having capacity to park six aircrafts at a time.

The terminal building of the airport will depict local art and heritage through its architecture. The design manifests sweeping roof profile that envelopes the entire airport terminal spanning across 30,000 sqm and procures its form from the hilly terrain of the state of Tripura. The objective was to create an overall free flowing terminal which is simple and easy to construct, while being a perfect mix of ecological infrastructure, art and building technology. Advanced Intelligent Building Management Systems have also been used to optimise the consumption of energy.

The planning approach for the terminal is based on airport procedure and passenger flow, integrated with landscaping and retail to increase user experience and at the same time ease the movement in the building. Bamboo is used as a widespread local material in the state for construction whereas tribal art work and crafts are included to promote cultural tourism. The art and craft work is displayed all over the terminal in form of sculptures, *jaali* work, furniture and murals.

Jaalis are an eminent functional design feature, which can be seen in traditional households as well as in royal forts and palaces. It restricts excessive solar radiation and permits optimum

daylight to increase internal efficiency. Along with their use, skylights have also been introduced in the design to maximise the natural daylight within the building.

Further, bamboo architecture is represented in the facade of the terminal building by way of a floral *jaali* pattern depicting the forests and greens of the region, placed equidistant from each other. Depiction of local motifs in metal cladding will create vibrancy while showing the glimpse of the local art to the passengers.

More than 90 per cent of the project work is completed and new building of AAI's Agartala airport is scheduled to be ready by the beginning of next year — 2021.

Customised health insurance for Freepay's members

Freepaycard, online prepaid card trading platforms, will now offer coverage under a customised health insurance scheme for its existing members. This scheme has been underwritten and serviced by Care Health Insurance.

On this development, Richard Andrew, founding managing director and CEO, Freepaycard India Pvt Ltd said, "In view of the changing attitude towards preventive healthcare, ensuring the COVID outbreak, we are convinced that affordable health/medical insurance is the need of the hour. That said, this association is a humble endeavour towards our members, facilitating access to affordable healthcare schemes."

The scheme will offer three different types of solutions — a 7-in-1 vector borne disease cover, hospicash health insurance cover and a personal accident cover. These have features such as short initial wait-period of just 15 days, direct cashless claim settlement, upto two per cent sum insured for room rent and much more.

Anuj Gulati, founding managing director and CEO, Care Health Insurance, said, "The present situation has resulted in increased awareness towards health insurance, which is now seen as a necessity instead of just a 'good-to-have' option. We are pleased to associate with Freepaycard in this initiative of extending health coverage to their members backed by technology-driven processes and quality servicing."



NHPC successfully restored 100 MW Unit#2 of its 300 MW Chamera-II Power Station located in Chamba district, Himachal Pradesh. It has successfully synchronised with the Northern Grid. Final tests and synchronisation activities were successfully carried out in-house by the team of NHPC engineers. Unit#1 of Chamera-II Power Station was already synchronised and with the restoration of Unit#2, all the three units (3X100 MW) are now available for generating the power. Unit#1 and Unit#2 of Chamera-II Power Station were under outage due to fire incidents in which stators of both the units were damaged. The restoration work was a herculean task as it involved integrating new components into around 17 years old units. NHPC through its in-house competencies accomplished the task despite various odds and once again proved its worth in the area of testing and commissioning of Hydropower Units.

Awas Adhikar Yojna (PM-UDAY) scheme was launched to confer ownership rights to residents of 1,731 unauthorised colonies. Approximately 3,51,191 persons have registered, 42,167 applications have been filed and 2,193 ownership rights have been conferred to the residents of unauthorised colonies in Delhi till now.

In order to reach out the residents/beneficiaries of this PM-UDAY scheme, an awareness programme for the councillors of North Delhi Municipal Corporation was conducted at Civic Center. The programme was attended by Jai Prakash, Mayor of NDMC and councillors. Everybody was informed about the process of registration, filing application, its processing under PM-UDAY and the benefits that the residents of the unauthorised colonies will get after the conferment of ownership rights. Similar such workshops are scheduled for South MCD and East MCD.

IN SHORT

Ashutosh Gangal, GM of Northern Railway, inspected the Delhi Jn. railway station today. He was accompanied by SC Jain, Divisional Railway Manager, Delhi and senior officers of Northern Railway headquarters. He inspected the circulating area, FOBs, platforms and the passenger amenities at the railway station. Gangal was briefed by DRM regarding the arrangements for crowd management in view of the forthcoming festivals. He instructed that cleanliness at station premises must be maintained at any cost. He said that importance should be laid on crowd management.



Virendra Nath Datt, C&MD, NFL, exchanging the MoU documents for the year 2020-21 with Chhabilendra Rouf, Secretary (Fertilizers). Under the MoU, NFL has set a target to achieve higher market share in 2020-21. Dharam Pal, Addl. Secretary (Fertilizers) and YP Bhola, Director (Finance), NFL, are also present on the occasion.



To make Uttar Pradesh's largest Nandi Park *Gaushala*, near Hindon River, the Municipal Corporation has started making eco-friendly lamps, idol of lord ganesha, *laxmi* and other decorative items under the *kamadhenu* avatar campaign. All the items will be ready by Diwali. Municipal Commissioner Mahendra Singh Tanwar said that this is the first cow shed where the project to prepare lamps and other goods from cow dung has been started. While unemployed people have got employment in this project, it will also help in reducing pollution. "The special thing about cow dung is that as long as the flame keeps burning in the lamp, the smoke will not rise and the cow dung will not burn," he added. The preparations are being done to install these products in the municipal campus for selling.

Execution was perfect from all bowlers: Rohit

PTI ■ DUBAI

His fluent half century made the chase look effortless in the IPL final but Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma said it was his bowlers who set up the crushing win over Delhi Capitals, which fetched an unprecedented fifth title for the side.

"We got a wicket on the first ball and we got a couple more after that. We just wanted to keep the pressure, the execution was perfect from all the bowlers," Rohit said at the post-match press conference. "We knew Stoinis and Dhawan are Delhi's key batters, so we wanted to bowl our key bowlers at them, getting early wickets was the key, we wanted to take early wickets, when you have the best new ball bowler in your squad, why not go with that?" he said.

Rohit applauded each and every bowler for his contribution in the team's success throughout the tournament. Boult (25) and Jasprit Bumrah (27) were at their lethal best the entire season.

"Boult has been fantastic for us this season and so has Bumrah. They are the ones who kept us in the game throughout. (James) Pattinson, (Nathan) Coulter-Nile, (Rahul) Chahar, and Krunal Pandya also did their job."

Coulter-Nile was brilliant during the slog overs on Tuesday. He got rid of Rishabh Pant at a crucial juncture and also sent back Axar Patel, crushing Delhi's hopes of posting an imposing total on the board.

The captain, who missed a few games due to a hamstring injury, led the chase with a master-class.

Asked if it was his strategy to attack off-spinner R Ashwin, Rohit

said, "There was no strategy as such. I just wanted to be positive in my thought process."

"Ashwin is their key bowler and I just wanted to put pressure on their key bowler. He is a quality bowler, it came off."

"When you are chasing a target like that, you want to get off to a good start, you want to make sure there is no pressure at the back end, we just wanted to capitalise on the first three-four overs," he explained.

Young batsman Ishan Kishan (516 runs) and Suryakumar Yadav (480 runs) scored heavily

in MI's winning campaign. Rohit praised both of them heartily.

"Surya and Kishan have been superb with the bat, we saw the results on the ground, they played with a lot of freedom, they are very talented in shot-making."

"It was important for us to give them freedom, the owners also gave them real confidence to go out

there and express themselves." The organisers pulled off a successful league amid a raging COVID-19 pandemic and MI skipper was pleased with the way it went off.

"Firstly we are very happy to be on the ground, everyone did a good job to get the tournament going, the safety of players was taken care of."

"I would like to congratulate all the franchisees as well regarding no hiccups in terms of the bio-bubble created, all franchisees were very disciplined in order to make IPL this year a huge success."

"I hope this championship we have won is something that brings joy to people back home," he signed off.

'I don't run behind my players with stick in hand'

PTI ■ DUBAI

Rohit Sharma believes that his style of leadership is not a dictatorial one, which is precisely the reason behind Mumbai Indians' stupendous success in the Indian Premier League.

A peerless Rohit led from the front in defending champions Mumbai Indians' demolition of Delhi Capitals in the summit clash of the short-form extravaganza here Tuesday, giving them an unprecedented fifth title.

"I'm not someone who'll run with a stick behind someone. The only way you can do it is by giving them confidence. So you have to strike that right balance," Rohit said.

The humble leader remembered the backroom staff and praised them for the work that goes behind the scene.

"We couldn't have asked for anything more, right on the money from ball one and we never looked back. I think a lot of credit goes to the people who worked behind the scenes - often they go unnoticed."

"Our work started long before the IPL started, and we wanted to make sure we filled the gaps in previous seasons," Rohit added.

Skipper Rohit led from the front with a 51-ball 68 as MI chased down a target of 157 18.4 overs, after Trent Boult (3/30) had reduced the Capitals to 22 for three with an excellent display of fast bowling.

Rohit regretted the run out of the in-form Suryakumar Yadav who was looking in good nick.

"The kind of form he was in, I should have sacrificed my wicket for Surya. But throughout the tournament he has played some incredible shots."

The entire tournament was played behind closed doors in the UAE amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't have the fans at the stadium. We missed playing at the Wankhede and hopefully we can get back there next year," Rohit said.

Thanks to pandemic, the lucrative event was held without its customary glitz and glamour.



I should've sacrificed my wicket for Surya: Rohit

PTI ■ DUBAI

"I should have sacrificed my wicket for him," said Rohit Sharma as he regretted rising batsman Suryakumar Yadav's dismissal in the IPL final while attempting an improbable single that was actually called by the Mumbai Indians skipper.

"The kind of form he was in, I should have sacrificed my wicket for Surya. But throughout the tournament he has played some incredible shots," Rohit said.

Yadav said he didn't mind the sacrifice as he knew the skipper would lead the team through.

He said no to the run when Rohit called for it in the 11th over but crossed over nonetheless when he realised that the captain would be dismissed if he didn't.

"...He was batting really well. Most importantly, he's been anchoring well since the first game. I don't mind sacrificing for him at all," he said.

Pollard leaves Bravo behind after winning 15th T20 trophy

2020. On Tuesday evening, the Rohit Sharma-led side won their fifth IPL trophy as they defeated Delhi Capitals by five wickets in the summit clash.

"Dwayne Bravo you are behind me now (about number of T20 titles), I have to say that on camera," Pollard said.

Pollard now has 15 T20 titles, five of which has come for him while playing for the Mumbai-based franchise. Bravo, on the other hand, has 14.

Pollard also said that the title win meant a lot to him and also termed Mumbai Indians as the best T20

team in the world at the moment.

"It's a great feeling, means a lot. Fifth trophy...Have been here for 11 years. We have a quiet celebration. The amount of trophies, the amount of talent that's there, you can say MI is the best T20 team going around," he said.

Apart from Mumbai Indians, no other franchise has won so many titles in IPL's 13-year history; the second most successful team is Chennai Super Kings, who have won the title three times.

IANS ■ DUBAI

West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard has now become the player with most T20 titles following Mumbai Indians' win in Indian Premier League (IPL)



It'll be India's loss if Ro doesn't captain India: Gambhir

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Cricketer-turned-politician Gautam Gambhir and England's Michael Vaughan have called for Rohit Sharma's elevation to India's T20 captaincy with the former national team opener going to the extent of saying that it would be a "shame" if the star batsman does not get the role.

Rohit led Mumbai Indians to a fifth IPL title on Tuesday, impressing not just with a graceful half century but also shrewd captaincy. He is currently the national vice-captain for the white-ball formats.

"If Rohit Sharma doesn't become India's captain, it's their loss, not Rohit's," Gambhir told ESPNcricinfo's T20 Time Out programme.

"Yes, a captain is only as good as his team and I completely agree with that, but

what are the parameters to judge a captain on who is good and who isn't? The parameters and benchmark should be the same. Rohit has led his team (MI) to five IPL titles."

MI won an unprecedented fifth IPL title by beating Delhi Capitals by five wickets in Dubai on Tuesday night.

"We keep saying MS Dhoni is India's most successful captain. Why? Because he has won two World Cups and three IPLs," Gambhir said.

"Rohit has won five IPL titles, he is the most successful captain in the history of the tournament. Going forward, it'll be a shame if he doesn't get India's white-ball or just T20 captaincy."

"Because he can't do much more than this. He can only help the team he captains to victories. So if he doesn't become India's regular white-ball



Rohit Sharma celebrates after half century

IPL20.com

captain, it will be their loss," he added.

Gambhir had earlier said that Virat Kohli should be made accountable for Royal Challengers Bangalore's failure to make the IPL finals in 13 efforts, eight out of which were under Kohli's leadership.

But the cricketer-turned-politician clarified that he never meant Kohli's captaincy is "poor", instead he only suggested that split captaincy model is the need of the hour.

"They can also consider split-captaincy. No one is poor. Rohit has shown in white-ball cricket how big the difference is between his and Virat's captaincy. One player had led his team to five titles, the other hasn't won yet," said Gambhir, who led Kolkata Knight Riders to two IPL titles.

"I'm not saying this because Kohli is a poor captain. But he has received the same platform that Rohit has, so you have to judge both of them on the same parameters."

"Both have been captains in the IPL for the same length of time. I feel Rohit stands out as a leader."



Indian players pose for photo together before leaving for Australia on Wednesday

BCCI/Twitter

No place for Malik, Amir in NZ bound squad

PTI ■ KARACHI

The Pakistani selectors on Wednesday dropped veteran all-rounder Shoaib Malik and pacer Muhammad Amir from a 35-member squad for the upcoming New Zealand tour.

The Pakistan Cricket Board announced a combined squad, which includes players for the senior team and the Shaheen's side. It did not specify which player belongs to which squad.

Pakistan play three T20Is on December 18, 20 and 22 before their ICC World Test Championship fixtures to be held in Mount Maunant, Maunant and Christchurch from December 26-30 and January 3-7 respectively.

The scheduled of the Shaheens is yet to be confirmed by New Zealand Cricket though it is expected to be played concurrently. The squad will depart for New Zealand on November 23.

Babar Azam has already been announced Pakistan captain in all formats. His vice-captain in Tests will be Mohammad Rizwan in the tour which will be staged in a bio-secure environment in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The PCB said both 38-year-old Malik and 28-year-old Amir were left out as the "selectors prefer youth" over them.

The dropping of former captain Malik, who now plays only T20 cricket, could mean that the selectors don't have him in mind for next year's T20 World Cup in India. He played in the T20I series against England in September but was not in the Pakistan T20I team in the just concluded home series against Zimbabwe. Left-arm pacer Amir was also not considered for the recent home white ball series against Zimbabwe. He last played a Test in January 2019. He, however, played in the T20 International series against England in August-September this year.

Another senior player Asad Shafiq, who has played 77 Tests, was left out "due to lack of form."

Uncapped Amad Butt, Danish Aziz, Imran Butt and Rohail Nazir were named, as also Abdullah Shafique and Usman

Qadir in the squad which has an average age is 27.4.

"... Test players not involved in the T20Is in the first half of the series against New Zealand will be available for selection for Shaheens (Pakistan A), who are expected to be playing four-day matches against New Zealand A during that period," the PCB said.

"Likewise, when the national side is involved in the ICC World Test Championship matches against New Zealand, national men's team players not part of those matches will be available for selection for the Shaheens, who are expected to be involved in 20-over games against New Zealand A during those days."

The Pakistan squad will spend 14-days in quarantine and isolation after reaching New Zealand which is already hosting the West Indies.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER, 2020 (Rs in Lacs except for Earning per share)							
Sr. No	Particulars	Quarter ending 30.09.2020	Quarter ending 30.06.2020	Quarter ending 30.09.2019	Half year ended 30.9.2020	Half year ended 30.09.2019	Year ended 31.03.2020
1.	Total Income from Operations	9810.28	6209.33	10926.62	16019.61	19914.15	16019.61
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary item)	300.65	24.65	317.25	325.3	470.9	325.3
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (After Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	300.65	24.65	317.25	325.3	470.9	325.3
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) after Tax (After Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	202.10	15.69	230.79	217.78	338.93	217.78
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and other comprehensive income (after tax)	202.41	14.76	232.84	217.17	343.02	217.17
6.	Equity Share Capital	2043	2043	2043.00	2043.00	2043.00	2043
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) and shown in the balance sheet of the previous year				5418.98		5418.98
8.	Earning per share (Of Rs.10/-) each (for continuing and discontinuing operations)						
	Basic	0.99	0.08	1.13	1.07	1.66	2.05
	Diluted	0.99	0.08	1.13	1.07	1.66	2.05

Note
 i) The Company has adopted Indian Accounting Standards (IndAS) with the transaction date of 01.04.2019. Accordingly the financial for the quarter/six months ended 30th September, 2019 and 30th September, 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in IND AS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules thereunder and in terms of regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing obligation and disclosure requirements) Regulation 2015 and SEBI circular dated 5th July, 2016
 (ii) The unaudited financial results for the quarter and six months ended 30th September 2020 were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 11 November 2020.
 (iii) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange website :- www.bseindia.com and on company's website: www.tastydairy.com.
 Place: Kanpur
 Date : 12-11-2020

For Tasty Dairy Specialities Ltd.
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 Atul Mehra
 Chairman & Whole time director